



IN REMEMBRANCE

Choco Gonzalez-Meza (1988 SAWHOF Inductee) was well-known throughout the community and beyond as a passionate organizer for the Democratic Party and a longtime fixture in West Side politics. Most recently, she served as an organizer for the local Hilary Clinton campaign headquarters, and upon her passing Clinton tweeted her condolences calling Meza “a historic figure in Texas politics.” Meza served as a member of the Democratic National Committee, chief of staff for District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales and Chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party. She also worked for a variety of other institutions, including the San Antonio Housing Authority, after serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros in the 1990s.

Donna Muslin (2011 SAWHOF Inductee) was a beloved volunteer, fashionista, businesswoman, mother and wife. She was a presence on the local fashion scene and in PR circles for approximately 30 years. Early in her career, Muslin served as the Southwest Regional PR Director for JC Penney, and upon her retirement she started Muslin & Associates, specializing in fashion event production and consulting. Muslin will be remembered most for her big heart, as she supported many worthy causes including the University of the Incarnate Word, CTRC, SWELL and the American Cancer Society.

Esther Vexler (2000 SAWHOF Inductee) lived a very full life as a mother, wife, volunteer, philanthropist, yoga advocate and much more. She helped lead many nonprofit organizations, including the Texas League of Women Voters, Texas Mental Health Association, National Council of Jewish Women and Family Violence Center. Vexler was the first woman president of any Jewish Social Service Federation in the country. In 1963, she was invited to the first White House Conference on Women and Children. She was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to direct the Southwest region of the Girls Job Corps, and was lauded by President Lyndon Johnson for setting up training programs for low-income teens. Her influence in the San Antonio yoga community was recognized with the establishment of the Esther Vexler School of Yoga in 2014.

Wanda Marie Chandler Rehm (2001 SAWHOF Inductee) is being remembered as a wonderful mother, friend, businesswoman, civic leader and volunteer. She owned her own business, Presto Printing, which specialized in a revolutionary printing process at the time. And she put her business experience and skills to work for many nonprofit organizations, including Women in Business, Network Power, the National Association of Women Business Owners, Business Opportunities of Texas, the Women’s, Greater and North San Antonio Chambers of Commerce, the State of Texas DIR and the Ronald McDonald House. Because of her success in business and the community, she was recognized with the Alice Franske Award by the Women’s Chamber and the Small Business Leader of the Year award by the Greater Chamber.