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## **The Conservation Society of San Antonio elects Chairman of 2020 NIOSA®** *Festival of food, drink and music celebrates and funds historic preservation*

Terry Schoenert--long-time volunteer with The Conservation Society of San Antonio/NIOSA® --is taking on a new role in her deep legacy of service and volunteerism. After three decades as a member of the Society and volunteering at NIOSA, Terry was recently named Conservation Society Fourth Vice President, which means she has the very important role of 2020 Chairman for "[A Night In Old San Antonio](#)®."

She began volunteering at NIOSA 35+ years ago in a pasta salad booth and moved onto a beer booth in Mexican Market. After several years, she was asked to help in NIOSA's Sauerkraut Bend area and recruited family and friends to volunteer with her—all who became Society members. In 2000, she was asked to chair Sauerkraut Bend Area at the last minute and has continued in that capacity through the 2019 NIOSA.

Now, she is whole-heartedly taking over as 2020 NIOSA Chairman with her team of vice chairs—also all volunteers: Dee Wright, Julie Terrell, Lisa Pierce, Deborah Lund and NIOSA Treasurer Jana Foreman. "I love giving my time to NIOSA because of the people that volunteer, and the thousands of people that visit," says Schoenert. "It is so fun meeting people and explaining NIOSA and how the money that is raised goes to preserve many San Antonio and surrounding area properties. The purpose of the Conservation Society is very important to me. NIOSA keeps that purpose alive."

["A Night In Old San Antonio](#)®" (NIOSA®) is a four-night festival that will occur Tuesday through Friday, April 21-24, 2020 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the heart of downtown San Antonio. It celebrates the city's diverse cultural legacy for more than 85,000 revelers annually during the city's [Fiesta San Antonio](#)® celebration. Through the magic of 200-plus food, drink and atmosphere booths; 14 continuous live musical acts; children's games; decorations; souvenirs; and more than 10,000 volunteers, NIOSA brings the city's heritage alive in 15 areas.

Celebrating its 72nd anniversary in 2020, NIOSA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the United States—living up to its motto as a "Celebration for Preservation." It is solely produced by and benefits [The Conservation Society of San Antonio](#) (one of the nation's oldest and most active historic preservation organizations).

NIOSA occurs downtown on the grounds of La Villita National Historic District, bounded by the San Antonio River and Alamo, Nueva and Presa streets (approximately five acres).

Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Discount advance tickets and e-tickets will be available at [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org) and at locations around San Antonio as of March 1, 2020. Visit [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org), contact (210) 226-5188 or [niosa@niosa.org](mailto:niosa@niosa.org) or follow NIOSA on [Facebook](#).