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## *Thank You, TFWC!*

We had a delightful meeting in Austin. If there was a glitch, it was turned into an opportunity. The South Central Region Conference attendees arrived expecting a good meeting and it is felt they left feeling like their expectations were met. The members and guests were all complimentary. The visiting officers, both GFWC and SCR, were delightful and informative. The State Night Banquet was the "icing on the cake" as we all were reminded to remember the "I can do that" spirit by our nationally known speaker, Suzie Humphreys. The four day weather was ordered just for us and our Headquarters building wowed every visitor. This "Heart full of Thanks" is for all of the Texas ladies who worked to make this a very successful SCR Conference.

Janelle Holden

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# CALENDAR

## OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### GFWC

Nov. 29-Dec.1 GFWC Board of Directors, 2012, Alexandria, VA

#### TFWC Districts & Clubs

Dec. 1 Magnolia District, Silsbee Woman's Club, Christmas Bazaar, Raffle, Yard Art Sale

Dec.2 Pioneer District, Decatur Woman's Club, Annual Tour of Homes, 1 - 5 p.m., Decatur

Dec. 3 Pioneer District, The Amity Club, Bowie, Free Concert via The Piatigorsky Foundation

Dec. 6 Magnolia District, Jasper Woman's Club, Bake Sale

Dec. 10

Dec. 14 Magnolia District, Woman's Civic Club, Kirbyville, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### JANUARY

#### TFWC

Jan. 10 Magnolia District, Coterie Club, Liberty, 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Jan. 14 TFWC Historical Foundation Meeting, Austin

Jan.15-16 TFWC Executive Committee, Austin

Jan. 18 Magnolia District, Beaumont Woman's Club, Beaumont, 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jan. 23 Magnolia District, Woman's Club, Kountze, 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### FEBRUARY

#### TFWC Districts & Clubs

Feb. 1 ••• Deadline for Club Reporting •••  
••• Deadline for *The Texas Clubwoman* •••

Feb. 14 Magnolia District, Woman's Civic Club, Kirbyville, Art & Youth Art Contest

Feb. 20 ••• Deadline for District Judging and Reporting •••

### MARCH

#### TFWC

March 1 ••• Deadline for State Judging •••

#### TFWC Districts & Clubs

March 2 Pioneer District Spring Convention, Alvarado

March 9 Key District Spring Convention, Pittsburg

March 13 Capitol District Spring Convention, Georgetown

March 14 Magnolia District, Woman's Civic Club, Kirbyville, Sew and Deliver 600+ pillows to M D Anderson Cancer Center

March 14 Magnolia District, Beaumont Woman's Club, Style Show & Luncheon

March 16 Caprock District Spring Convention, Lubbock

Mesquite District Spring Convention, Haskell

March 21 Magnolia District Spring Convention, Jasper

March 22 San Jacinto Spring Convention, Galveston

March 22-23 Alamo District Spring Convention, Beeville

March 22-23 Magnolia District, Woman's Club, Liberty, Liberty Jubilee with Liberty Library Friends' Book & Bake Sale

March 23 Trinity District Spring Convention, Whitewright

*Contact Club / District Presidents in Directory for more information*



**From the Desk of  
2012-2014 TFWC President**

*Janelle Holden*

*From My Heart*

The first quarter of the 2012-2014 administration has raced past. It has been a great time of adventure. Before the New Year arrives we will be planning the January 2013 EC meeting, the HF meeting and the Budget Committee meeting.

We have had reports of great projects. The desire to raise money for the needs of others is still very strong. The Shot@Life project, investing in the health of children around the world is a campaign that is growing daily. The healthier our children, the healthier our world. Let's all find ways to making our world a better place for everyone. The future depends on the actions we take now.

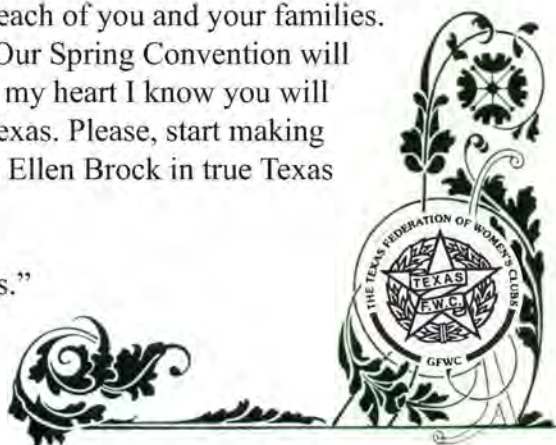
The Fall board in September and the October South Central Region Conference, which Texas hosted, were wonderful, successful events. Ladies, you are the best membership in Federation.

The next two months will have very exciting meetings. The 100th Year Anniversary Celebration will take place in El Campo, San Jacinto District and the GFWC BOD meeting will be in Alexandria, VA.

I feel like we have had the Christmas season because of the good will among our conference attendees. The calls and notes have all been positive. Once again, many thanks to all of the Texas membership for your participation. You gave and gave and gave. Each district clearly showed their desire to support Texas as we met our obligation to host South Central Region.

The year will end with me wishing the very best life has to offer for each of you and your families. My only request is that we arrive in Amarillo safe, well, and happy. Our Spring Convention will find us hosting Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC Second Vice President. In my heart I know you will love her and make her welcome. She is very excited about visiting Texas. Please, start making plans to be in Top of Texas in the Spring. We want to welcome Mary Ellen Brock in true Texas Style.

Remember, "Open doors---open hearts---and bring us new volunteers."  
Janelle.



TFWC President-elect

*Sandi Conway*

*Be the Key*



As we begin our 2012-2014 administration, it is a time for renewal in our leadership goals. We are all leaders and each one of us is needed to make our organization the best it can be. We are women volunteers serving our communities and representing our state to meet their needs. It's time we stopped looking at life through key-holes — open that door to opportunities — get involved — assume a leadership role. Be the key to the door and open it up with passion and enthusiasm for GFWC/Texas.

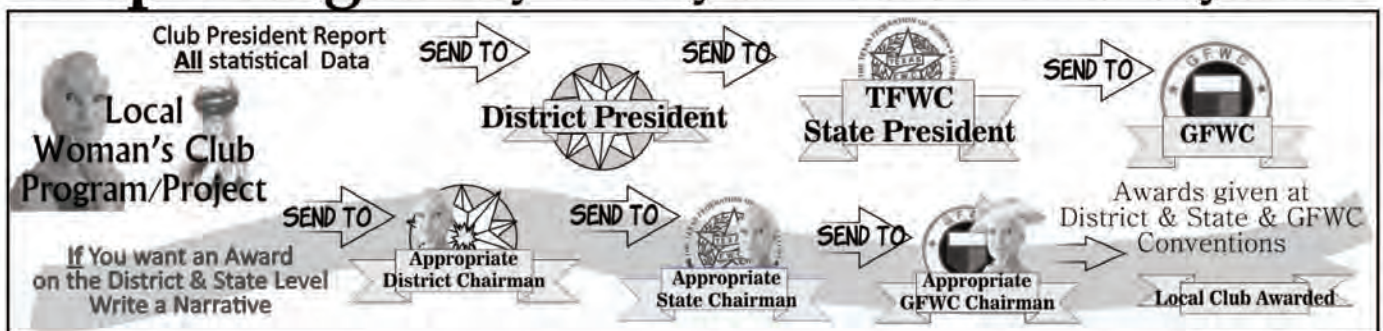
As we move forward in this administration, the best gift we can give is to increase our membership. Ask your neighbors, family members, co-workers to name a few, to join the greatest woman's volunteer organization. Each of us has special skills and talents and we can be creative in developing our programs and projects.

As leaders it is important for us to serve together; we are equal partners in volunteer service. We must be mindful about respecting other's ideas. Let us value the input and listen to what others have to say. We have measurable goals set and our best service is yet to come. This officer is here to serve you, am eager to join with you, however we may bring opportunities or contributions to the power of WE. We are all part of a family heirloom, given to us to grow and support. We are all members of a global network and part of the Federated family.

May we work together to strive to bring in another generation of leaders through our Juniorette Clubs. They are the future of our organization. May we be the leader and mentor to these young women and teach them the skills to learn how to be our future leaders of GFWC/Texas.

**It's about *THAT* time . . .and, you now have two options!**  
**Learn how easy it is to report, and how to download forms by going to [www.texfwc.org](http://www.texfwc.org). *Please participate, there's no good excuse not to.***  
**THANK YOU, Jer Giles, The Artist Cottage, Lancaster, TX, for this wonderful graphic!**

## Reporting ... They're not your mothers forms anymore



Graphic Art by Jer Giles 2012



TFWC Parliamentarian

*Margaret Kreigel*

*Parliamentary Notes*



“What Value is there in Parliamentary Procedure?  
You learn to respect another’s view point.  
You discover you can even “disagree” agreeably.  
You school yourself in Patience.  
You gain dignity and self-control,  
You learn that a quiet answer turns away wrath.”

Questions such as the following arise frequently.

**Question:** Our club has a requirement on attendance. A member must attend seven of the nine monthly meetings per year and must participate in all but one of the club fund raisers during the year in order to remain a member. Can a member be dropped from the club because they have not fulfilled these requirements?


**Answer:** **This can be done only if it is spelled out in the club’s bylaws as a requirement for membership.** The club’s bylaws are the rules the club has adopted and will supersede Robert’s Rules of Order. If things are not spelled out in the club’s bylaws we follow Robert’s Rules of order. If Robert’s Rules of Order do not address the item in question, then a member cannot be deleted from the membership roll.

**Greetings at Christmas!** ♦




**Beth Lewellen**  
TFWC  
Pioneer District  
President

**Happy Holidays!** ♦




*Jannelle Holden*  
TFWC President  
2012-2014

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
to all my  
Federation  
friends.** ♦



**Barbara Menking**  
Capitol District  
Historical Foundation  
Representative

**” I do wish All  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS,  
from Turkey to Hams.  
2013 shall be Our Best Year!”**



**Janice Brundrett**  
TFWC Second Vice President

# What TFWC Districts and Clubs Want to Share

## Capitol District

### *The 36 Club, Lampasas*

#### **District President's Wounded Warrior Project Gets Boost**

LAMPASAS -- The '36 Club, held a fundraiser at the annual Herb & Art Fall Festival downtown Lampasas in support of the Capitol District President's Special Project raising awareness and many funds for a very worthy cause. Monetary donations were collected, and donors were given a token of thanks - a baked item, as well as an item related to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Jean Holden, Parliamentarian of the San Gabriel Woman's Club of Georgetown, and Crystal Hammett, President of GFWC Texas Capitol District



The 36 Club of Lampasas shows it's support for their District President's Special Project - The Wounded Warrior Project.

### *San Gabriel Woman's Club, Georgetown*

#### **Hammet Spreads the Word about Her President's Project**

GEORGETOWN -- The San Gabriel Woman's Club of Georgetown hosted Crystal Hammett, President of GFWC Texas Capitol District, at their regular October Meeting. President Hammett shared information about the Wounded Warrior Project which focuses on the rehabilitation and care of our nation's wounded soldiers.

President Hammett has chosen the WWP as her President's Project for 2012-2014, and she encourages everyone to become an active participant in helping those who have given mentally and physically to help preserve our nation's freedom. For information on becoming a contributing member of the Wounded Warrior Project please visit their website at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).





## *Pierian Club, Lampasas*

# 110th Anniversary of Pierian Club Celebrated In Style

LAMPASAS -- The Pierian Club of Lampasas recently observed its 110th anniversary with traditional faire of punch, cake, nuts and mints served from crystal and silver. But members didn't rest on their laurels long before they began rolling up their sleeves to launch a fall fund raiser to benefit two of their longstanding projects: the Lampasas Public Library and the annual Pierian Scholarship.

Money raised during the 2012-2013 club year will mark Pierian support for the local library – including its very founding – since 1904. The photo of early club members dates from 1904 and was inspiration for the 110th birthday cake.

The annual Pierian Scholarship had its origins as a student loan program in the 1930s, and has since helped more than 70 deserving young students further their educations.

Pierian Club members see themselves as part of continuum of service that began in 1902, when club was organized in Lampasas and affiliated that same year with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



The 1904 Pierian Club of Lampasas. The same group of women who joined with four other organizations to found the Lampasas Public Library.



The Pierian Club's 110th birthday cake, which features the 1904 club's photo in butter cream icing.



The 110th birthday celebration was observed in the time-honored custom of afternoon tea with fresh flowers.



The table was beautifully arranged and elegantly appointed.

## **Caprock District**

### *Las Fidelis Study Club, Levelland*

## **Texas Tech's Southwest Collection Toured**

LEVELLAND -- The Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland toured the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech in Lubbock. This facility has collected memorabilia from all facets of the Southwest. There is also a very extensive collection from the Viet Nam War era.

The club was privileged to see recent donations from the Rick Husband and Willie McCool families that have just been brought to the Southwest Collection. The club was shown the system of the preservation and the temperature controlled storage areas. The Southwest Collection seeks to preserve history that just might be otherwise thrown away. Many researchers use these facilities to study the way of life during certain time periods.

The club donated scrapbooks and yearbooks from the sixty years that Las Fidelis has been a study club.



**Pictured: Diane Bridges, Suzanne Leggitt, Betsy Moreland, Lunette Dickson, Mac Buster, Monte Monroe (from the Southwest collection), Floriene Stern, Maxine Cook, Tina O'Connor, Kaye Brown, Georgia Decker, and Paula Dunn**



**Pictured: Paula Dunn, Tina O'Connor, Floriene Stern, Georgia Decker, Lunette Dickson, Maxine Cook, Suzanne Leggitt, Betsy Moreland, Kaye Brown, Mac Buster and Diane Bridges.**

### *1946 Study Club, O'Donnell*

## **Club Readies for the New Club Year with Program and Yearbook**

O'DONNELL -- The 1946 Study Club of O'Donnell celebrated its first meeting of the 2012-2013 year Saturday, September 15, 2012 in the home of Donna Forbes with 11 members present.

After a traditional brunch, Vice President Carolyn Stephens welcomed the group and introduced the program which was a preview of the coming year's activities.

President, Stephanie Stephens, chose the theme, "Club Caring for Community." Donna Forbes sang the familiar and appropriate "I Love Those Dear Hearts and Gentle People." Pledges and prayers were led by Carole Edwards. The meeting closed with reciting the "Club Collect," a prayer written by Mary Stewart.

### *Phebe K. Warner Study Club, Tahoka*

## **New Study Club Year Planned**

TAHOKA -- The Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka began their 2012-2013 Club Year at 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, September 11, 2012 in the home of Club President Deloris Short.

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President Short gave the welcome, and Caprock District President Stephanie Stephens gave a Federation Program. President Short later passed out the new Study Club books that were filled with this year's upcoming events and exciting plans.

## **Magnolia District**

### **No Clowning Around - This Was Magnolia District's Fall Board Meeting!**



**Woman's Civic Club of Jasper members Diane Gretencord and Becki Mayhar kick off the Magnolia District Fall Board Meeting October 25, 2012.**

JASPER -- Do these ladies know how to get your attention at 9:00 a. m. or what? All of this effort to make sure that none of those attending would fall asleep in the morning or after a huge, wonderful lunch. To make sure that everyone was paying attention we were met with several obstacles right out of the gate. Add that to the current executive committees' inability to adhere to the status quo of ". . . the way it has always been done" and you have the beginnings of a very "special" meeting .

Our District 1st Vice-President, Emily Holt of Silsbee, was stranded for an hour or better; our guest speaker Jasper Mayor Mike Lout, an early entry on the program, was delayed by a city emergency; and within the hour of the meeting start, we learned that the 220 outlet that was requested from the city for the caterer at the Clubhouse was not done but that lunch could, or could not, be available around the designated hour if indeed the caterer who was wiring in the 220 was successful. How funny is it to hear that not everything was perfect? We hear of meetings that were wonderful and exciting and educational but we never hear about all the things that went wrong. Well now you have, and as you already knew these meetings are never perfect. They are flawed, but it certainly is not for a lack of trying on those organizing the event.

In the end the Jasper ladies served a wickedly fabulous lunch of gumbo with crawfish balls, fried shrimp, fried fish and grilled chicken, along with sides and, as a perfect finale for an over the top day, we had fried Twinkies for dessert.

51 Magnolia members were in attendance. PowerPoint presentations were given of each chairman, and reports

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were heard from those chairmen that had program or project changes. A presentation of the new reporting forms was made as well as information for each chairman of what to expect at reporting time, i.e. what they were to receive from clubs, who they were to send their reports to and the correct forms and examples to be used were discussed. Since the meeting, every chairman has received a specially tailored "kit" with a detailed outline of what to do when, examples of how to do it, and contacts were made available if any questions were unanswered.

Don't think for one minute this was a long boring meeting. We started later, at 9:30 a.m. to give those traveling time to arrive without having to get up at 4:00 a.m. and ended early at 2:30 p.m. so that members would have time to make it safely home. We laughed at ourselves and cheered for each other. We all sat with ladies that we didn't know during the meeting, as a change, supporting the GFWC initiative of "The Sole of Federation." We enjoyed a Free-Cycle instead of giving door prizes. This way everyone went home with something that they actually wanted, and, as always, our ladies supported with vigor, our Silent Auction, that in the Fall funds our District Scholarship. 29 items were generously donated, raising \$620.00 for the Magnolia District Scholarship Fund.

Many comments, emails and notes have arrived praising the meeting and personally that is enough for me. We had fellowship, friendship and ownership....what else could a President ask for?

**Submitted, With Gratitude to the Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, the Magnolia District Executive Committee and precious Magnolia District members. Sincerely Helen Lamberth, Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District.**

### *Woman's Club, Silsbee*

## **Silsbee Woman's Club honors Mae Pearl Ernst - In Memorium**

**EDITOR'S NOTE -- This story was written by Barbara Post and published in *The Silsbee Bee* on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Some editing has been done by *The Clubwoman* but no cuts . . . this tribute is too important to do that.**

SILSBEE -- On October 31, 1957, a group of 15 Silsbee women sought to enrich their own lives and that of their small East Texas town by forming a woman's club. Among them was Mae Pearl Ernst, a regal lady with twinkling eyes and a quiet confidence. Decisions were made that very day to form the club.

The club would be affiliated with the Magnolia District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Membership would be limited for no meeting space was available except for the livingrooms of private homes.

When the time came to elect officers, all eyes turned to Mae Pearl. Soft spoken, immaculately dressed from hat to heels she exuded confidence. Elected President, her leadership set the tone for the club's remarkable success as it grew and prospered along with the city.

Mae Pearl was not a native of this small town dominated by timber and paper industries. Born in Leon County on April 11, 1910, Mae Pearl went from a two room school house to the dawn of the digital age.

Her family moved from Middleton to Centerville, where Mae Pearl graduated from high school. Her parents owned and operated a combined boarding house/hotel. It was there she met a young German immigrant who was doing geophysical work in the region. The two fell in love and married on July 11, 1931.

The couple lived in various locations in Southwest Texas and Southwest Louisiana during the first years of their 57 year marriage. During these first years, the couple welcomed the birth of their daughter Gretchen. In 1941, the family settled in Silsbee where Mae Pearl lived for 65 years.

A homemaker and avid gardener, Mae Pearl was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the

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Order of the Eastern Star, as well as a member of the Christian Church.

In 2005, and now a widow, she moved to Midland to be near her daughter. Mae Pearl died at the age of 102 on August 14, 2012. It was Mae Pearl's presidency that launched the Silsbee Woman's Club as a worthy supporter of education, the arts and civic improvement. Her legacy lives on to this day.

### *The Seven Clubs of Liberty County*

## **County Federated Clubs Join Together to Support Area Children in Need**

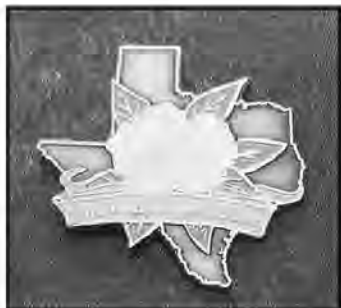
LIBERTY -- Liberty, County, Texas is home to seven Federated Woman's Clubs, all members of the GFWC-Texas Magnolia District. These women joined together for the 2nd Annual, technically, combined meeting on October 9th in Liberty. These Clubs have always worked together to help those in need in the community but there has been a much greater level of joint activities and simple sharing and cooperation between the clubs since the joint meeting was organized in 2011. It is impressive how much closer the members have become. Members look forward to this meeting more than any other during the year and plans have already been put in motion for a comedy show as next years entertainment.

The county's seven clubs includes three Liberty Women's Clubs, three Dayton Women's Clubs and the Woman's Club of Cleveland. Each year a project is chosen to be highlighted. This year it was Children's Protective Service/Prevent Child Abuse America. Last year it was "Know Your Lemons", a breast cancer awareness program given to show women a funny way to learn about and to watch for changes in their breast that might be a precursor to cancer.

Fifty-seven members attended the meeting helping to raise \$800.00 that was then presented to CPS board members of Liberty County. Liberty County Children's Protective Service has more than 180 children currently in its care with more projected as the holidays approach. CPS is one of the many projects supported by the TFWC clubs.

The meeting is free for all members and guests. Entertainment is provided. This year's entertainment was a magician. And all the food is prepared by the attending members and served in a buffet setting. It is a fun, relaxing and totally enjoyable evening of friends and fellowship with no pressure to attend or provide anything beyond a dish. This is a great novelty and a welcomed change of pace for club women, who are always asked to, and do, so much for others.

Proceeds for the donations were raised from the sale of raffle tickets for a quilt. Made in cool and calm colors in the Zen pattern, the quilt was made and donated by Roberta Howard of the Woman's Club of Cleveland. A special thank you to Roberta for so generously donating the quilt, and to Billie Williams, President of Coterie Club of Liberty for providing the decorations, printing and providing the meeting programs.



Magnolia District has a new pin! BEAUTIFUL!!!

The quilt (pictured right) was won by Claire Barker of the Woman's Club of Cleveland. Pictured (left to right): Helen Lamberth of Liberty, Magnolia District President; raffle winner Claire Barker; and Roberta Howard, who made and donated the quilt. Picture by Claire Garrett.



## Pioneer District

### **Historic Twentieth Century Club Hosts Pioneer District Fall Board**

**Submitted by Pioneer District President Beth Lewellen**

WEATHERFORD -- The Pioneer District Fall Board met in Weatherford on September 29th. Despite the drenching rain, almost fifty people showed up for the meeting including those ladies from as far away as Iowa Park and Comanche. The historic Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford building was decorated in a fall festival theme by President of the Twentieth Century Club, Karren Lucas and her team of wonderful club members. Frances Skiles attended and helped with the event in her capacity as a Twentieth Century Club member and former GFWC/TFWC State President and former Pioneer District President. Mary Whatley, Pioneer District Chaplain, gave an uplifting devotional that added warmth to the room and hearts of those seated inside.

Guest Speaker GFWC/TFWC First Vice-President Patti Poe reviewed changes made in reporting. She gave a detailed power point presentation to all the members on the new forms. Patti and her assistant, Pioneer District President-Elect Carolyn McLeod, fielded questions from the ladies present. A welcomed and concerted effort was made to inform the district of the changes made in order to make reporting easier and more streamlined for the clubs.

All listened attentively as district reports were made by Julie Myers, Parliamentarian; Lynn Long, TFWC Trustee and Scholarship Representative in Kay Mara's excused absence; Melva Bowles, Treasurer; Linda Mesler, Secretary; Bobbie Brownlee, Second Vice President; Tessa Buckley, First Vice-President; Carolyn McLeod, President-Elect; and Beth Lewellen, President. Bobbie Brownlee gave a very informative part of her report on the significance of the colors in GFWC/TFWC pins that had her audience beaming with pride and newfound knowledge.

Carolyn McLeod, also GFWC/TFWC Fundraiser, set up a table with pins for sale at the meeting. These pins were purchased by many of the ladies present. Some of the ladies had never been to a meeting outside the district and were happy to get some of the newer pins available. Elaine Davis also brought cute money jars she designed for each club to collect peppermint money for UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

After a delicious lunch and dessert provided by the club, Lynn Long, also GFWC South Central Photographer, took pictures of various groups of the members present. Carolyn McLeod then invited members to the South Central Region's Conference in Austin. Melva Bowles quickly followed with an invitation to the March 2, 2013, GFWC/TFWC Pioneer District Spring Convention in Alvarado and an invitation by Beth Lewellen to the April 18-20, 2013, GFWC/TFWC Annual Spring Convention in Amarillo. Karren Lucas, President of Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford, ended the special day with a recital of the Club Collect. Beth Lewellen adjourned the meeting with wishes for a safe trip home in the much needed rain.



**Members of the Pioneer District Fall Board Meeting Host Club - The Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford.**



**Pioneer District members enjoy visiting over lunch.**



Pioneer District members listen to officers explain new things for this coming reporting year.



Past TFWC President Frances Skiles shares a table with members from Iowa Park who traveled one of the longest distances to get to the meeting.

### *The Amity Club, Bowie*

## Opening Dinner Marks Observance of Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

SAINT JO -- As is customary with the first meeting of the new club year, Amity Club members gathered together to dine and enjoy beautiful scenery while planning the upcoming year's activities. Being the club's 60th anniversary year to the month, something different and special was planned. The club journeyed to Saint Jo, known for its reputation of being "Texas's other 'Hill Country'" and drove the winding, climbing roads to what has also become Montague County's wine country. The club visited the newest vineyard in the area, Blue Ostrich Winery which celebrated an anniversary by turning one year old this September, also. They took an interesting tour of the facility and enjoyed a wine tasting.

After the tour, and shopping the gift shop, they dined out on the patio of the winery and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of rolling hills and the vineyard. Members brought the food and decorations under the direction of Vice President Carolyn Hankins. President Linda Mesler conducted the business meeting. Afterwards a cake was served that commemorated the special anniversary in the club's colors of yellow and brown with the club's flower, the bronze chrysanthemum. The ladies enjoyed the open fresh air and the relaxed atmosphere as they watched the sun set over the valley. And, yes, there was some mention of the old adage, "... fine wine gets better with age" -- and so do Federated clubs!



The Amity Club is given instructions on how the wine tasting and the tour will be conducted before their meeting and dinner. The cake (lower right) was decorated in the club's colors of yellow and brown with bronze mums for decoration.



After their meal on the patio, the business session of the meeting was conducted and the anniversary cake was served to members and guests.



## **South Texas District**

### ***The Woman's Monday Club, Corpus Christi***

## **Club Begins New Year In Park "Digging Up" Its' Roots**

CORPUS CHRISTI --The Woman's Monday Club of Corpus Christi started their new club year strong by visiting their roots. Artesian Park is the oldest park in the city of Corpus Christi and was at one time THE meeting place for the "who's who" of Corpus Christi. In 1907, the Woman's Monday Club held fundraising events to make an expansion to the park. Artesian Park is a place where generals camped and presidents spoke. Children played and music wafted to the bay in the park's early days. The earliest recorded history of the area was the occupation by General Zachary Taylor as he stationed his troops there prior to the Mexican War around 1845. Our club, now 14 members strong -- up from 10, spent our meeting learning about the communities in which each member was born. Our look back at the club's and member's histories proved to be a great meeting.

**Pictured left to right: Irene Irey, Barbara Kain, Marsha Wellman, Carolyn Nossell, Nelda Lee, Genie McLell, Elaine Wilde, and Lonnie Matthew. Taking the picture and not pictured is Nancy Allen.**



### ***The Woman's Club of Kingsville, A.W.A.R.E. Department***

## **Fundraiser A Big Success For Breast Cancer Research**

KINGSVILLE -- The A.W.A.R.E. Department of the Woman's Club of Kingsville held a fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, 2012 to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Metastasis Research being conducted by Dr. Anthony Lucci at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. Sylvia Woelfel was general chairman for the 2012 "Designs for a Cure". Held at the Texas A&M University, Kingsville the event included gorgeous tabletop designs, dinner, silent auction and live auction. The 28 tabletop designs were designed and decorated by individuals, civic organizations, and businesses in the South Texas community. Over 220 were in attendance and over \$50,000.00 was raised to send to the research being done by Dr. Anthony Lucci and his department.

The live auction was an exciting part of the evening with heavy bidding for the following items:

- A condo on the beach at Port Aransas
- Original floral watercolor by local artist, Dolores Price
- Saltwater Fly Fishing Lessons and Fly Fishing Trip on the Lower Laguna Madre
- The tabletop items from the table decorated by Riviera Telephone Company
- Nu-Flame "Ardore" tabletop Fireplace
- Nilgai Hunt
- Buckhorn Cabin on Frio River
- Dinner for 8 in the Bynum Trophy Room
- Fanciful Santa made and hand painted by Peggy West



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brook • A 3 Day stay at the Fish House II in Flour Bluff, Texas •

One of the highlights of the evening was the live auction of guitars decorated by local celebrities:

1. Dr. Steve Tallant, President of Texas A&M University, Kingsville
2. Ed Blaha, Superintendent Kingsville Independent School District
3. J.M. Lozano, Texas State Representative, District 43
4. Sam Fugate, Mayor of the city of Kingsville
5. John Hubert, Kleberg Kenedy County District Attorney

The last item of the live auction was a designated item from which all proceeds would be donated to pediatric cancer research in honor of Brooke Hester, local child being treated for stage IV Neuroblastoma cancer. This item was a framed poem written by Jessica Hester, Brooke's mother. The poem reflected Jessica's thoughts and feelings during the past 2 years of Brooke's treatment. This item raised \$35,000.00 for pediatric cancer research through the "Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Research". Both Brooke and her mother, Jessica, were able to be in attendance during the evening.



The A.W.A.R.E. Department of the Woman's Club of Kingsville is compiled of 28 members with Jean Stewart, President. The Woman's Club of Kingsville is composed of 9 departments of which all participated in the 2012 "Designs for a Cure".

The evening was filled with excitement and support for the research being conducted to help with the search for a cure for the dreaded disease of cancer. We want to continue doing our part to help!

**Just a few of the tables decorated for the A.W.A.R.E. Department of The Woman's Club of Kingsville's fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research.**



**FOR THE CURE!**



*Dream It,  
Plan It,  
Then, DO IT!  
You can breathe  
when it's over. -- L. M.*

## Western District

### *GFWC Junioresettes, Alpine*

ALPINE -- Annually, the GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine elect club officers in October for a one-year term. Elected officers for the 2012-2013 term are: Jacky De La Garza, President; Rebecca Garcia, Vice President; Destany Gooch, Secretary; and Madison Leeman, corresponding Secretary.

The club is also preparing to host the Annual "GO Texas" Fall Festival on Nov 17, 2012 in conjunction with ARTWALK Alpine 2012 in downtown historic Alpine. This annual fundraising is about promoting Texas products, arts & crafts, produce, services, our culture and community. The club invites artisans, manufacturers, producers & everyone to support this wonderful event in far West Texas to benefit the Alpine Junioresettes.

Reservations are required to participate and this is on a "first come, first served" basis until spaces are filled at the Transpecos Bank parking lot.

The Alpine Junioresettes have selected Keep Alpine Beautiful as their CIC project 2012-14. The KAB is affiliated with Keep Texas Beautiful and covers beautification, litter prevention and waste reduction. As a starter, the Junioresettes, in cooperation with Alpine High School, NHS & SC will work hand in hand to request businesses in Alpine to use recycled bags and eliminate use of plastic bags here. Grant applications, further discussions and implementation of target plans are set. The Junioresettes are excited to make Alpine the city that everyone loves more and more!

For further information, please call 432.837-9188 or email: [GFWCApAlpineJunioresettes@yahoo.com](mailto:GFWCApAlpineJunioresettes@yahoo.com)



New Junioresette Officers for the 2012-2013 club year are, left to right: Destany Gooch, Secretary; Madison Leeman, Corresponding Secretary; Jacky De La Garza, President; Rebecca Garcia, Vice-President; and Mimi Vargas, Treasurer.



## **Alpine Kiwanis Club Invites Junioresette Sponsor to Speak at Meeting**

By MARY VONGSAVATH, GFWC TEXAS Junioresette Chairman

ALPINE -- Without hesitation, but with passion and great joy, Mary Vongsavath accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker of the Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting on September 26, 2012, held at the SRSU University Center meeting room. Kiwanis members are a notable group of SRSU professors and community leaders, men and women.

Speaking on Junioresettes in general, and specifically on the GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine, Mary provided infor-

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mation on who, what, and the how of the young ladies making a difference in our school and community.

Mary answered the first question from Kiwanis member Sheriff Dodson on, “. . . where do the Juniorettes go after high school?” Mary answered a Junior club, or maybe soon, a Cyber Club that is being developed in GFWC Texas.

Professor Paul Wright asked “. . . if boys can join?” Straightforward, Mary answered, “We call them ‘Boosters.’ Also, there are no stated rules that prohibit them to join.”

Dept. Chair of Fine Arts & Communication, Esther Rumsey inquired about numbers of membership? “A club can start with 10 members. In Alpine, we’ve 14 Chartered Members and every year about 12 to 20 members join, and there’re new members joining every year. Members do actively recruit their classmates or friends.”



Mary Vongsavath

Dr. Jim Case, Dean of Arts & Sciences, was generous in his praises on what women's clubs had done for Native Americans and other social issues facing women. He knows the local club wherein his mother is a member and was a club past president and another club that has dissolved. The club viewed the website of [www.GFW-CAlpineJuniorettes.bythost7.com](http://www.GFW-CAlpineJuniorettes.bythost7.com) briefly before adjournment.

Also present were Rhonda Cole & mom, Shirley, SRSU DPS Director Johnnie Holbrooks, Dr. Mark Saka, Dr. Kathy Stein, Chair of Academic Center of Excellence, Dr. David Martin, Chair of Computer Science & Mathematics, Chris Ritzi, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Filemon Zamora, Dr. Dale Christopherson, and Kiwanis Club President Dr. Rafael Azuaje, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science.

For information please email Mary Vongsavath, [GFWC\\_Juniorettes@yahoo.com](mailto:GFWC_Juniorettes@yahoo.com)

Ladies --

**THANK YOU!!!! You SHARED!!!! AND, you bought ads for Christmas!!!**

***The Clubwoman is about YOU . . .and what YOU DO.*** We all learn and inspire one another to step outside our comfort zones and try harder to be all that we can be for the sake of our communities and the general condition of our fellow man. What a blessed energy FEDERATION is!

Please allow *The Clubwoman* to share your stories. And, please also know that every effort is being made in getting your story told. Some things submitted were not used this issue but will be in the next. Two for example are about domestic violence. What has your club done in that vein? Send your story and pictures if you have them and you will find it in the next issue along with others dealing with that topic. It should be interesting and inspiring to find out just how women's clubs are taking not only a stand but also a leadership role in this long-standing battle.

Also, during this season of “GIVING” please remember our sister clubs on the East Coast who have had to bear unthinkable hardships, sorrows, and damages done to their families, homes and livelihoods. Let us be reminded that New Jersey FWC sent \$10,000 to TFWC after Katrina. Shouldn't we, TFWC, be doing something for them? **With the technology available, we could get something rolling FAST. . . AND SHOULD!!!** Don't get too comfortable on these cold nights. . . some still have no heat. . . nor coats. And, Christmas?

Something not to just ponder, sweet friends . . .but to act upon with FEDERATION energy and spirit.

Yours in Federation --

Linda Mesler



# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE



October 19-20, 2012  
Holiday Inn Town Lake  
Austin, Texas

Friday, October 19



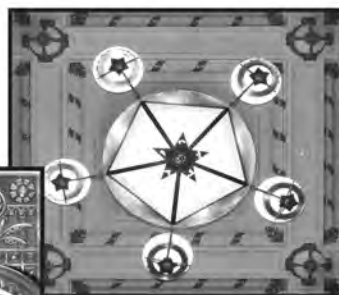
Guests were warmly welcomed by Barbara Menking as they check in and receive their gift tote bags that were generously filled and provided by Capitol District.



Tours were taken at the Texas Capitol building.



Standing in the Rotunda and looking up into the dome (above).



Light fixture in Senate Chamber (above) and door knob detailing. (left)



Lunch and walking tours of The Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center were enjoyed, as well as the wonderful gift shop there.



to TFWC  
*Welcome* Headquarters



Attendees enter through front entrance.



The Pink Room (above) and Mrs. Pennybacker (right)



Tours begin and refreshments served in dining room. (right)



Docent points out things of interest in the doll collection.



Melisa Araiza Hayes  
 TFWC Office Mgr.



Bob Brown  
 Clubhouse Operations

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Friday,  
October 19  
thru  
Saturday,  
October 20**



**We listened and learned,  
looked and laughed . . .  
and found "the great,  
common human heart of us all."**

*We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 -- and a Happy New Year!*

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| <p><i>Happy Holidays</i><br/>         from the<br/> <b>Woman's Club of Cleveland</b><br/>         TFWC Magnolia District</p>                                                      | <p><i>Merry Christmas<br/>         and a Happy New Year!</i><br/> <i>Margaret Kriegel</i><br/>         TFWC Parliamentarian</p>                   |
| <p><b>Season's Greetings</b><br/>         from<br/> <b>TFWC Capitol District</b></p>                                                                                              | <p><b>Merry Christmas<br/>         and a Happy New Year<br/>         to all our friends in Federation!</b><br/> <b>TFWC Magnolia District</b></p> |
| <p><i>Merry Christmas<br/>         and Best Wishes for a<br/>         Happy New Year!</i><br/> <b>Carolyn McLeod</b><br/>         TFWC Fundraising, Pioneer Dist. Pres.-elect</p> | <p><b>MERRY<br/>         CHRISTMAS<br/>         TO ALL!</b><br/> <b>Woman's Club, Silsbee</b></p>                                                 |
| <p><b>Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas<br/>         &amp; A Happy New Year!</b><br/> <b>Melisa Araiza Hayes<br/>         and Bob Brown</b></p>                                   | <p><i>Merry Christmas<br/>         &amp; A Happy New Year</i><br/> <b>The Amity Club, Bowie</b></p>                                               |
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**The TFWC 116<sup>th</sup>  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Holiday Inn Town Lake  
Austin, Texas  
September 14-16, 2012**

**Janelle Holden, TFWC President**



President Holden calls the meeting to order in a room of attendees all dressed in red in support of the TFWC President's Special Project: The Healthy Heart/ Stress Free Volunteers."



One attendee had problems getting to the meeting. But she was able to hitch a ride with other members from the Panhandle making the trip. Her exploits were recapped for the meeting attendees.



The TFWC District Presidents all in a row... now known as "Janelle's Jewels."



Patricia Stevens accepts Creativity Award for Legislation & Public Policy for Women's Club of Pleasanton

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Cindy Simmons - Accepts Award for the Signature Project Fundraising

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Lynn Long - Accepts Award for World in Photography





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Our gems represent our Districts in Texas, were honoured by your presence  
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Which includes our GEMS, and a diamond jubilee.... And...all... our... jewels.

From Alamo, Capitol and Caprock too...(Clap-Clap)  
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From San Jacinto, South of Texas, too, Top of Texas, Trinity, and Western, too,  
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GFWC is Big Sis you see, TFWC is where our DPs will be  
Join our Sparkle for TFWC, AND... ALL... OUR... JEWELS...(Clap-Clap)...  
AND ALL OUR GEMS...

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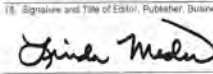
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