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CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

TFWC

September 19 - 21

TFWC Board of Directors Meeting, Austin

Magnolia District

September 12

Woman's Civic Club, Jasper. Arboretum/Outdoor Learning Center/
Butterfly Gardens: Local Butterfly Migration.

OCTOBER

GFWC SCR

October 18 - 20

Conference - 2013, Tempe, AZ

TFWC

Alamo District

October 11-12

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Pleasanton

Capitol District

October 9

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Killeen

Caprock District

October 5

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Lubbock

Magnolia District

October 10

Woman's Civic Club, Jasper. Gem and Mineral Society Educational
Program

October 24

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Dayton

Mesquite District

October 5

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Stamford

Pioneer District

October 5

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Sanger

October 17

Twenty-Three Study Club, Iowa Park, celebrates its' 90th Anniversary!

San Jacinto District

October 4

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Edna

South Texas District

October 12

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Kingsville

Top of Texas

October 11

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Prospectus Study Club, Stratford

Trinity District

October 5

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Jacksonville

Western District

October TBA

2013 Fall Board Meeting, TBA

NOVEMBER

GFWC

November 14-16

2013 Board of Directors, Pittsburgh, PA

TFWC

Key District

November 2

2013 Fall Board Meeting, Winnsboro

CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

Magnolia District
November 14

Woman's Civic Club, Jasper. Public Issues Program/Veterans' Program

Please contact Club/District Presidents in Directory for more information.



GFWC Arizona welcomes GFWC South Central Region to Fall Conference, October 18 - 20, 2013.

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center
60 East Fifth Street; Tempe, AZ 85281

480.894.1400 Ask to be transferred to Reservations

Booking Block: **GFWC - Arizona**

Hotel Room Cut-off Date: September 18, 2013

Group Rate: \$129 + 15.27% tax per night for single, double, triple or quad. Tour: October 18 - buses leave hotel at 9:00 a.m..



Congratulations Iowa Park!



Christmas Greetings

may be viewed on
The Clubwoman
website under
"Advertising."
Instructions on
how to place one
for the Winter
issue will also be
there.

PURSES
with a Plus +
GFWC Texas Fall Board Silent Auction

Remember to bring a new or gently loved purse with a surprise inside to be included in the silent auction fundraiser for GFWC Texas.



The surprise inside will remain just that until the winner of the bid opens her new handbag to check out its' contents.

NO PEEKING!



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

Janelle Holden

From My Heart

July 27, 2013

Dear Members of the Texas Federation,

This President's note to you is written with a heart full of admiration for this organization. The thought in my mind and the feeling in my heart is about our Past – Present and Future.

The past speaks for itself. The membership numbers were very high with 30,000 members at one point in time.

The present is not as good when considering membership. The numbers have dropped and dropped. We are not seeking to dwell on the "whys" nor will we seek to place "blame". We must all take this time to seek the future.

The future is now: will we have growth or stagnation? Do we want to have growth and the ability to be a vibrant part of an International Organization? Hopefully, you are answering "yes." This is the time to join forces and seek the future.

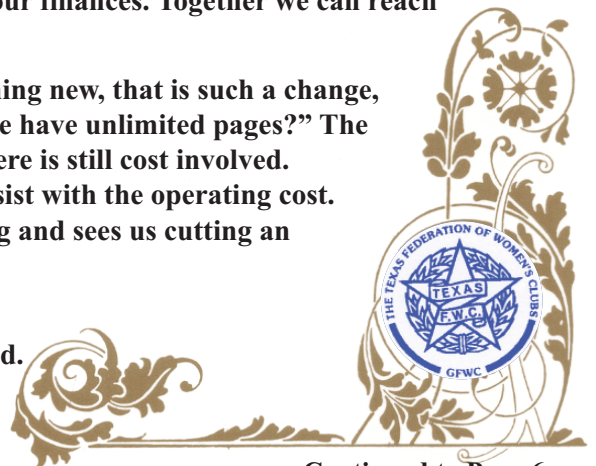
The future will be reached in accordance with our actions and attitudes. We are seemingly on the right track. The year of 2012-2013 has seen many, many positive things take place. We are not dwelling on any negatives from the past. There is only room and time for team builders and team players.

We work and confer almost daily on ideas to implement and improve the way business is enacted. The idea is to be updated and have a more professional office. We must always keep in mind the needs of individual members and clubs. The individual clubwoman is the "sole" of our organization.

There is exceptionally good news to share. The Profit and Loss Statement for the year 2012-2013 shows us firmly in the black. This report certainly is a reason to celebrate. The first consideration in all things is based on need and cost. The efforts to repeat this positive report will continue. The challenge is great; the goal was reached because of the responses of the membership. Our Office Manager has assumed many duties over the years and has been vigilant in her attention to our finances. Together we can reach this goal again.

Many questions have arisen about the new online *Clubwoman*. Anything new, that is such a change, will have a period of adjustment. The most asked question is, "will we have unlimited pages?" The answer is NO. The Standing Rules are very clear on this subject. There is still cost involved. Nothing is free. We will certainly appreciate the \$1.50 donation to assist with the operating cost. This will not cover all the cost, as anyone can see, but it is a beginning and sees us cutting an enormous expense by a great deal. There will be reviews as we move along.

Our attendance during the GFWC Texas meetings has been very good. This is really encouraging. Thank you to everyone for your help in making the meetings informative and fun.



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Our Fundraising has been successful. The committee has surprised us with new and fun ideas. Always be on the lookout for the new item. Also, remember our own Market Place.

The plan to have a state project that is unifying is developing. We hope to continue with an award that will assist the needs of those victims of Domestic Abuse. It was suggested that showing our commitment will enable us to apply for grants that will make our awards program more effective as we contact outside sources.

The Reporting and Awards session during Convention 2013 was very exciting. Excitement is contagious and Reporting 2014 should see even more winners.

We had sixteen TFWC members present in Florida for the GFWC Convention. The great news is that GFWC Texas brought home (8) eight awards. Ladies, you have excelled!

This is an exciting time at our GFWC HQ. The President's Office and President's Suite has a new look. When we are in Austin, stop for a visit. The view into the courtyard is beautiful from the office and the President's Suite is really special. Thank you to all who worked to make these improvements.

Never forgetting that you have been ask to "Open Your Hearts and Open Your Doors" this President once again thanks each of you for allowing me to serve our organization.

This time is an unexpected honor and one to cherish.

Janelle Holden, President
TFWC 2012-2014.



Sandi Conway

2012-2014 TFWC President-elect

August 1, 2013

We, as GFWC Texas officers, are busy in our volunteer service. Our spring convention in Amarillo was a true success, especially the big treat of riding in the limousines to eat at Big Tex. The ladies of Top of Texas did a great job. Only a short time passed and we were off to Hollywood, Florida, for the GFWC 122nd International Convention. This was a fun time; and, a very memorable one for me as my daughter flew from Tampa and joined me and was a first time attendee. We shared a special time together, and the honor was mine to introduce her to our federated family. One night, the Red Dress Fashion Show, was a highlight for me. It was so much fun getting make-up and having our hair fixed by such talented women. Walking on the runway in our red dresses made us all feel special. I do hope someone got a picture of the lovely Carol Hapgood. . . The "best of the best" were the AWARDS we brought back home. Sitting up front was an added surprise, and it felt really good to be able to see what all was going on. We had an awesome time together and look forward to many more opportunities of being together.



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This is part of working together as a federated family of leaders. Our focus has to be on membership. Without them we cannot exist. We have much to do in order to continue down our federated path. Our journey must flourish with each of us reaching out beyond the box to get women to hop on the band wagon and travel with us.

Leadership is a group function. Nobody can lead unless there is someone to lead. The aim of leadership is to get people to work together. We do not all think alike, but we can appreciate others' thoughts. That is what you do when you are on a team. A good leader is a treasure in any club. Learn to cultivate leadership and appreciation of leadership will be your best tool.

A club belongs to its' members. Be involved, participate, step up to the plate. Don't wait for someone else to do it. Members are needed to contribute their talents, skills, and knowledge. Probably the greatest dividend of club participation is friendship from being together. Remember what we do is a group process. And, all officers need to support one another. Let us grow in responsibility and wisdom.

MEMBERSHIP CLUB PRIORITY

1. Pool our resources and reach toward a common purpose.
2. Club agree on service project or projects, then channel our energies and talents toward that purpose.
3. Working together we can apply our abilities and be able to do more.
4. Retaining our members, while trying to get younger people.
5. Membership is a critical issue. The more members we have, the more service we can provide. Let's commit to membership growth.
6. Maintaining and enhancing membership is a form of valuable service.

The key to our preserving is by understanding our "true value." We will put forth the energy to work hard in attracting new members to add more hands to our service. Our club efforts add to ensure all our club members realize and appreciate the value of their membership. Be proud of who we are and what we do.



Margaret Kriegel

2012-2014 TFWC Parliamentarian

From the Parliamentarian.....

PERTINENT POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Parliamentary procedure is the application of parliamentary law to the business of a meeting. Its purpose is to insure order, expedite business, and maintain justice.
2. One of the first things to learn is the correct way to make a motion. After being recognized by the Chair: "I MOVE THAT....."



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NOT: I want to make a motion, and NOT: I so move.

3. A motion is a declaration that the maker favors a proposition which he wishes the assembly to consider. The maker of a motion may vote against his motion, but is not permitted to speak against it.
4. A motion that limits, or interferes with the privileges of a member, or of the Assembly requires a 2/3 vote.
5. Voting in most Assemblies is done VIVA VOICE (by voice), unless the rules of the organization specify some other method such as BALLOT, RAISING OF HANDS, RISING etc.
6. The President may vote when his vote will change the results, i.e. he may vote when the vote is by ballot, and when his vote will make or break a tie.
7. The gavel is used to call a meeting to order (one tap) and may be used to adjourn the meeting (one tap).
8. When the Secretary calls the roll be certain to say: "Present" not HERE. In the army the men shout: "Here Sir."
9. A quorum is the number of members required to transact business. If not specified in the bylaws, a majority of the membership is considered a quorum. A majority is one more than half.
10. The recording Secretary rises to read the minutes. It is not necessary that she address the Chair, being called on by the chair is sufficient recognition.
(to be continued)



On page 19 of the Summer issue of *The Texas Clubwoman*, Sue Miller was incorrectly identified as the Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer. It is Sylvia Woelfel. We are sorry for the confusion.

Texas Federated Women's Clubs Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer



Sylvia Woelfel

Woman's Club of Kingsville
South Texas District



Perfect For Fall

Now you can show your TFWC PRIDE - anytime, anywhere!

*Would be great to take to the
SCR Fall Conference in Tempe, Arizona in October!*

Black Cardigans with "GFWC Texas"
stitched in white on the upper left front.

Get yours now while size selections are available.

Sizes Small - XL \$35.00 2XL and 3XL \$37.00



Find them at the TFWC Fall Board Meeting at the TFWC Fundraising
Table or contact Carolyn McLeod 817/578-4686.

Official Call and Tentative Agenda:

TFWC President Janelle Holden and TFWC Recording Secretary Cindy Simmons

cordially invites you to



TFWC 117TH Board of Directors Meeting

September 20TH-22ND, 2013 – Holiday Inn Ladybird Lake– Austin, Texas



Committee Meetings start at 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20TH, 2013.

Friday, September 20th, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hotel Lobby
9 – 10:30 a.m.	TFWC HF Trustees	Azalea Room
10 – 11:00 a.m.	TFWC Scholarship Committee	Bluebonnet Room
9:– 10:30 a.m.	Long Range Planning Committee	Board Room
11 -- 12:00 noon	Nominating Committee	Azalea Room
11 – 12:00 noon	Executive Committee	Board Room
11 – 12:00 noon	ESO	Bluebonnet Room
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Individual Choice
1:30 -1:45 p.m.	Depart for Headquarters	2312 San Gabriel
2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Tea	2312 San Gabriel
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Celebration Day	2312 San Gabel
4:00 p.m.	Depart for Hotel	Holiday Inn Ladybird Lake



Formal Opening of the TFWC Board of Directors Meeting

“Open Door / Open Hearts / Be A Volunteer”

OPENING 6:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner**Sunflower/Marigold Room
(Sunday Dress) (Lower Head Table TFWC District Presidents)

Opening (Call to Order)	TFWC President Janelle Holden	
Invocation	Mary Beth Guy	
National Anthem	Barbara Winingham/Robin Hogue	
Pledge to American Flag	Barbara Winingham	
Pledge to Texas Flag	Janice Brundrett	
“Texas Our Texas”	Barbara Winingham/Robin Hogue	
Welcome to Austin	Dixie Gilley	
Response	Jeri Harkins	
Introductions of those seated at Head Table	Sandi Conway	
Introduction of Special Guest	Patti Poe	
Dinner , Tentatively 6:30 p.m.	<i>Enjoy Your Meal</i>	Sunflower/Marigold Room

Business Session

Presentation of Program, Tentatively 8:00 p.m.	Linda Mesler
Rules and Procedures	Margaret Kriegal, TFWC Parliamentarian
Preliminary Registration	Barbara Menking
Presentation of LEADS Graduate	Stephanie Stephens
GFWC LEADS Graduate’s Report	Tessa Buckley
Awards from GFWC	Patti Poe



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Introduction of Special Award	Janelle Holden TFWC President
Introduction of Nominees - Jennie Awards Contest	Jackie Hendricks / JoAnn McClurg
President – Announcements :	Janelle Holden TFWC President
Executive Committee TBA	Room # 1406
Declare Meeting Recess	
Recess: General Meeting	Reconvenes on Saturday, September 21 st



Saturday, September 21st, 2013

9:30 – 12 Noon	Registration	Hotel Lobby
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Sunflower/Marigold Room
8:15 a.m.	Past District Presidents Meeting	Sunflower/Marigold Room
9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting Reconvenes	Sunflower/Marigold Room

(Business Casual) (Lower Head Table: TFWC Historical Foundation, Committee Chairman Patsy Troell)

Meeting Reconvenes 9:30 a.m.	TFWC President Janelle Holden Presiding
Thought for the Day	Mary Beth Guy
Recommendations - Executive Committee	Cindy Simmons TFWC Secretary

Reports from the Executive Committee

President	Janelle Holden
President-elect	Sandi Conway
First Vice President	Patti Poe
Second Vice President	Janice Brundrett
Secretary	Cindy Simmons
Trustee Chairman	Patsy Troell
Scholarship Chairman	Gloria Joswiak
Financial Officer’s Report	KerryKay Cook
Short Break	Shop and Refresh and Visit
Reporting Update – New Forms for 2012-2014	Reports Chairman, Patti Poe, First Vice President
GFWC Community Service Programs and Projects	Introductions Patti Poe, First Vice President



Lunch 12:00 NoonSunflower / Marigold Room

(Lower Head Table Seating: TFWC Scholarship Reps., Gloria Joswiak, Chairman)

Table Grace	Mary Beth Guy
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Enjoy Your Lunch

Special Introduction	Janelle Holden President
Program: Special Recall – M.D. Anderson	Minnie Simmang
Report from GFWC Convention Florida	Stephanie Stephans, Brenda Grimes, Shirley Bagley

Program Special Projects

TFWC Club Grant Applications	Dorothy Roberts
Advocates for Children	Brenda Grimes
Texas Heritage	Patsy Troell, Peggy Kelton
Juniorette Chairman	Mary Vongsavath



Break 15 minutes

Chairman continue	
Community Improvement Contest	Martha Flowers – Magnolia District
Leadership Program	Sandy Conway
Fundraising	Carolyn McLeod
Legislation / Public Policy	Barbara Winingham

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Public Relations / Communications	Shawnee Harding
Protocol	Jeri Harkins
Women's History Resource Center	Ann Barton
Year Books	Gloria Joswiak
<i>The Texas Clubwoman</i> magazine - online	Linda Mesler
Dollars for Delegates	Irene Irey



ESO Epsilon Sigma Omicron Germaine Carney



Recess

Dinner 6:30 p.m., Sunday Dress

Welcome	Janice Brundrett
Invocation	Mary Beth Guy

Enjoy Your Meal

Parliamentary Procedure	Margaret Kriegel
TFWC New Award Project	Introduction Janelle Holden, Introduction of Nelda Lee
Introduction: Guest Speaker	Peggy Sofyanos
Dinner Speaker	Debbie Tate, Director of Development and Community Relations for the Center of Child Protection
Closing Remarks	President
Counter Parts Meetings	To Be Announced

Recess Until Sunday Morning, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 22nd, 2013

8:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Prayer/Music
9:00 a.m.	Message/Devotional
	"Be a Gem...Sparkle As A Volunteer"

Sunflower



Nelda Lee
"Janelle's Jewels"

9:20 a.m.



Report from District Presidents

President of District Presidents	Crystal Hammett
Alamo President	Pat Stevens
Capital District President	Crystal Hammett
Caprock President	Stephanie Stephens
Key President	Anne Leslie Tijerina
Magnolia President	Helen Lamberth
Mesquite President	Bennie Parker
Pioneer President	Beth B Lewellen
San Jacinto President	Marshia Foster
South Texas President	Sue Miller
Top of Texas President	Cindy Jackson
Trinity President	Germaine Carney
Western President	Shirley Bagley
Final Registration	Barbara Menking
Fund Raising Reports	Carolyn McLeod
Invitation to Spring Convention	Mesquite District, Hosting, Abilene, Texas
"Club Collect"	In Unison
"Bless Be the Tie that Binds"	Barbara Winingham/Robin Hogue
Adjournment	TFWC President Janelle Holden
Time:	



Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn -- Ladybird Lake
 20 N. IH 35
 Austin, Texas 78701
 (512) 472-8211

Use the below # to make reservations
1-888-615-0509

Code: **Texas Federation of Women's Clubs
 Fall Board Meeting**

Room Rate: \$125.00 per night,
 plus 15% occupancy tax per night



• • • Cut Off Date for Group Rate is August 29, 2013 • • •

TFWC 117TH FALL BOARD MEETING – Official Registration Form

September 20-22, 2013 Register NOW! Open to all TFWC Members

TFWC Board of Directors Registration* POSTMARKED EARLY DEADLINE: September 3, 2013

*Early **Online** registration Deadline if using **PayPal** is September 3, 2013

Please fill out a form for each person attending.

(Check One) Board Member _____ Club Member (nonvoting) _____ Guest _____

Name _____

Address _____

Title / Board Position _____

District _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATION AND MEALS

Registration: Early \$10 or Late \$13 \$ _____

Friday Dinner (Chicken Monterrey) \$30.00 _____

Saturday Continental Breakfast \$20.00 _____

Saturday Lunch Grill. Chick. Swich. \$25.00 _____

Saturday Dinner (Petite Filet/Scampi) \$33.00 _____

Sunday Southwest Breakfast \$21.00 _____

Total _____

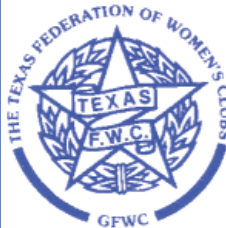
If you have dietary restrictions please notify Protocol Chairman Jeri Harkins by September 3, 2013
 Jeri can be reached at (254)-580-2652 or Email Leeharkins@sbcglobal.net

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE _____

(Please Check If Yes)

Mail the Registration Form with your check to:

TFWC Headquarters
2312 San Gabriel
Austin, Texas 78705-5014



*By registering and attending the TFWC Board Meeting you consent to being photographed or video taped for use by TFWC and / or its agents for publicity purposes in The Texas Clubwoman, The GFWC Clubwoman, and other publications deemed appropriate by TFWC.



Alamo District

Pat Stevens, President

Come along with me as we travel through Alamo District in the fall, winter and early spring and we'll visit some of the outstanding activities the clubs have had during this time.

In the fall, we traveled to San Antonio as the leaves were beginning to turn and had a terrific Fall Board Meeting at the San Antonio Women's Federation Club House. The focus was on the changes to GFWC Texas organization with the main stay being Club Reporting. We had round table discussions, and every member could participate.

At the beginning of winter, The Decora Study Club had a social field day as a stress reliever and traveled to Curio to shop and have lunch. The Pleasanton Woman's Club visited the GFWC Texas headquarters where they enjoyed a tour of our beautiful facility and learned about the history of the organization.

In the Cold winter months, Alamo District concentrated on making Christmas a happy time for children. The Pleasanton Woman's Club donated \$2000 for Christmas gifts for the needy, donated a Christmas Tree for the City Hall lawn, continued to donate items from the Thrift Shop to needy students and to needy families in Mexico. The Decora Study Club donated \$400 to the Toys for Tots Program. While this was happening, The Port Lavaca Study Club and the Woman's Club of Cotulla members were emphasizing education for the young and old.

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">CREDENTIALS CARD</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><u>Deadline: Must be postmarked by Sept. 3, 2013</u> <u>Emailed Credentials will not be accepted.</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">TFWC 117TH Fall Board Meeting September 20-22, 2013 Austin, Texas</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____</p> <p>NAME OF CLUB _____</p> <p>NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____ DISTRICT _____</p> <p>CHECK ONE:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> State Officer</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> State Appointed Chairman of Programs / Projects</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Elected District Officer</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Standing Committee (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Past President</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Appointed Project / Contest Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Trustee (1 per district)</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Convention Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Scholarship Rep. (1 per district)</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Committee</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Life Member / Emeritus Member</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate (1 per 15 members of club)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> State Appointed Chairman of Programs / Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Elected District Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Standing Committee (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance)	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Past President	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Appointed Project / Contest Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Trustee (1 per district)	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Scholarship Rep. (1 per district)	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Life Member / Emeritus Member		<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor		<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate (1 per 15 members of club)		<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">Mail to:</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; margin: 0;">Nan Park, Chairman P.O. Box 84 Bowie, Texas 76230</p>
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2013 GFWC Annual Convention Hollywood, Florida

June 30 - July 2



The TFWC delegation in attendance for the States' Procession. TFWC President Janelle Holden walks behind TFWC Vice President Sandi Conway as she carries the Texas flag.



GFWC South Central Region President Rena Labot carries the SCR banner in the procession while Texas delegates enjoy the excitement.



Margaret Reed and Tessa Buckley, TFWC Leads Rep., wait for the procession to begin.



SCR Secretary Marion Gamertsfelder is introduced (left) and addresses SCR (below)

Bringing back GFWC awards for TFWC! Happy, happy, (above) Rory Kennedy, author and independent documentary filmmaker, Emmy-Award winner, daughter of Robert and Ethel Kennedy was guest speaker (below and right)



GFWC President Laister welcomes guest speaker Rory Kennedy (above)



TFWC President Holden address SCR (above) GFWC SCR Secretary Marion Gamertsfelder and Margaret Reed (left)



Winning is always GOOD!! (above) GFWC President Mary Ellen Laister, Nelda Lee, Lynn Long, TFWC First Vice President Patti Poe and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber.

Another picture of our Texas delegation with GFWC President Mary Ellen Laister and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Becky Weber (right)





Janelle Holden



Carol Kappgood



Nelda Lee

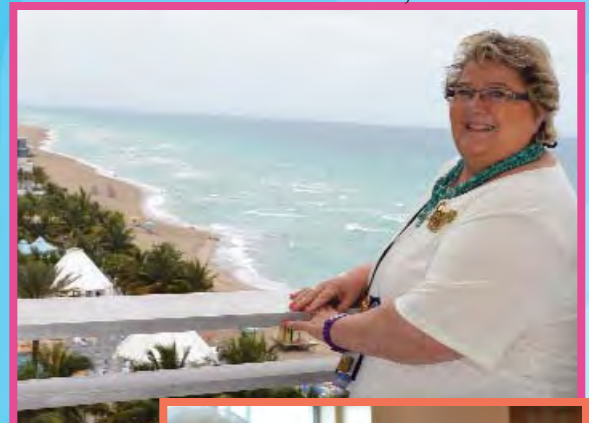


Sandi Conway

GREAT PICTURE - Look, no hat!!



GFWC Ladies in Red



Ready for the States Dinner, President Janelle Holden is all smiles (right)



Brenda Grimes and Sandi Conway visit while Stephanie Stephens looks on (above)



Nelda Lee and TFWC President Janelle Holden (top)

No, Nelda Lee... you can't take it home with you! (right)



TFWC President Janelle Holden visiting with GFWC Florida President Pat Zazzarino (above)



GFWC President Mary Ellen Laister (left), TFWC President Janelle Holden (middle) and Becky Weber (right), GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

Shirley Bagley and Nelda Lee view things through flamingo glasses (round frame)

Patricia Siegfried-Giles makes presentation (below)



Texas wins Signature Project - Domestic Violence. Lynn Long accepts (left)

TFWC Delegation in their matching cardigans (left) GFWC President Mary Ellen Laister looking through flamingo glasses.



The Pierce Arrows



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And The 2013 GFWC TEXAS Winners Are:



“A Year In Pictures - May”
“Heaven’s Wisteria”
Shari Gunter, Magnolia District



“World In Pictures - Living Things - Color”
“I Love Watermelon” - Third Place
Patti Poe, Pioneer District



“World In Pictures - Living things - B & W”
“Pappa I Can Do It” - First Place
Germaine Carney, Trinity District

(Not Pictured)

PHOTOGRAPHY:

“World In Pictures - Still Life - Color”

“Old Mingus Mill”- Third Place by Marilyn Pierce

“World In Pictures - Still Life - Color (High School)”

“Nutcracker” - Second Place by Shelby Sult
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Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness And Prevention Fund Awards State Federation Texas

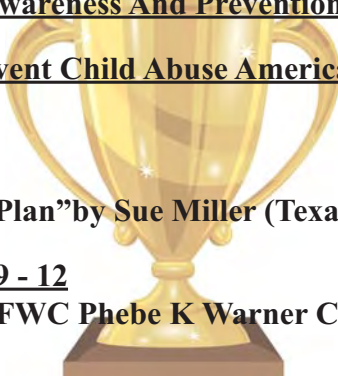
Signature Project Partner Awards: Prevent Child Abuse America Pinwheel Creativity Award
GFWC Liberty Woman’s Club (Texas)

Writing Contest, Short Stories

Third Place (tie) “Riley’s Dinosaur Plan” by Sue Miller (Texas)(See re-print below)

Youth Writing Contest, Poetry, Grades 9 - 12

“Lifes’ Little Plan” by Sarah Freitag, GFWC Phebe K Warner Club (Texas)



Riley's Dinosaur Plan

by Sue Miller

My grandson Riley and I visit the local library quite often. He picks out his favorite books then while he plays with all of the toy dinosaurs in the children's section, I pick out my books. We often sit in the children's section later and talk about

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the dinosaurs, and I get to answer the usual questions about dinosaurs.

"Grandmother, do you know what kind of dinosaur this is?" Riley asks, holding up a gray plastic toy. Knowing about dinosaurs seems to be a boy-thing, even when the boy is only 3 1/2 years old! I hated to tell him I did not know what it was, so I guessed.

"Is it a T-Rex?" I asked because that is one of the few dinosaurs I really recognize. Of course it was not, and I knew that. Riley had to patiently explain that it was 'actually' (He uses the word actually a lot because right now it is his favorite word.) a Triceratops, and he told me I could recognize them because they have three horns. Of course. I knew that, too!

"Grandmother, where do dinosaurs live?" Trying to tell a young child where they lived all over the world is something he would not understand, so I kept it local. I told him, "Some of them lived right here in Texas. Lots and lots of them also lived around Montana and Idaho, and we know that because they have found many, many dinosaur bones buried there."

Of course the next questions were, "Where is Montana?" and "Will it take us long to get there?" We looked at the rug map of America on the library floor, and I showed him where Montana and Idaho actually were. We talked about how long it would take for us to get there if we drove in my car: three whole days. That seemed a very long time to Riley, so he had to think about it a little bit.

Next came the question that all grandparents get. "Grandmother, what kind of dinosaur did you have as a pet when you were little?" I explained that the dinosaurs had all died off long before I was even born, but darn it! Riley looked at me like he knows no one, and nothing, could really be older than his grandmother.

Then came another question. "Why? What did kill all the dinosaurs?" Wow! Scientists do not even know and my sweet, adorable grandchild was asking his grandmother to give him the answer. I talked about the changing weather patterns, maybe caused by a meteor, and then the earth got covered up by ice and snow, and it got too cold, actually, so then all of the dinosaurs got dead! The ice, snow, and cold made a big impression on Riley because he has never seen snow.

Several days later, Riley was at my house looking at his big dinosaur book. I knew he was very sad that there were no real live dinosaurs left for him to see. He worried about them a great deal.

"Grandmother," Riley said. "I have a plan to save the dinosaurs."

"You do? Wow, Riley, that's great. What's your plan?" I asked.

He said, "we could go over to your kitchen, and you could make a potion. Then we're going to take that potion to Montana and put some in the mouth of every dinosaur, then the cold weather would not bother them and they would not get too cold and die."

This was a plan, a very good plan, coming from a 3 1/2 year old! I didn't even know he knew what a potion was, and maybe he doesn't, but I do wish for his sake it was a real, workable plan. I would love to see a real dinosaur, too. Hoping I could discourage him a little bit, I said, "Riley, I'm not going to put any potion in the mouth of any Tyrannosaurus Rex! They're way too big, and they scare me."

"Don't worry grandmother!" Riley said. "I'm not scared. I'll handle the T-Rex!" that settled that.

After careful consideration of Riley's Dinosaur Plan, I explained to him that it was already getting really, really cold in Montana, and it might be pretty hard to find the dinosaurs when it snowed. Besides, school was going to be starting the next week, and he was going to be going to Pre-K. He didn't want to actually miss the first day of school, did he? For now Riley and his plan to save the dinosaurs are on hold, although he has reminded me several times that I needed to be working on a potion to take to Montana when it gets warm.

But just in case he insists on going to Montana, does anyone have a really, really old cookbook, with maybe a Dinosaur potion recipe in it?

I have a feeling I'm going to need it when the snow melts.

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In January, The Woman's Club of Pleasanton made over 35 pillowcases in just 2 hours for the children of Ronald McDonald House and later took a tour of the facility. Beeville Rosetta Club held a highly successful Table Scape Fund Raiser to support their scholarships, library and museum.

In the early spring, The San Antonio Women's Federation began planning for their participation in Fiesta activities such as their sponsoring of the Miss Teen Fiesta Gala, their "Hat" luncheon, "Flower" event, and other activities. The Morning Study club of Victoria organized a "Games" party as their fund raiser and made \$2,000 to fund their scholarships and activities. Collectively, the Clubs of Victoria hosted a Friendship Tea at their club house. Decora Study Club held an old-fashioned orientation which was an eye opening event for the new members. The Woman's Club of Pleasanton held a "Fancy Nancy" Tea for young girls, they had a member read the Fancy Nancy book to the guests, the girls decorated dresses club members had donated with sparkles and beads. The guests and members participated in having high tea.

The highlight of Alamo District activities was the spring convention held in Beeville that was enjoyed by all attending. Featured was a Red Carpet Awards Ceremony with a glamorous host, also known as District First Vice President Moad, a red carpet and a spotlight—you just had to be there to experience it.

Magnolia District

Cleveland Woman's Club Member aids Community Chamber of Commerce to host TV's A & E's Duck Dynasty and Buck Commander alum as guest speaker

Cleveland -- Cleveland Woman's Club member Jean Mc Adams managed to arrange, for the monthly Chamber meeting, a special guest speaker; Grant Taylor of Duck Dynasty and Buck Commander cast manager. More than 200 citizens were invited to the July meeting but the number far exceeded the amount anyone expected. Early attendance numbers put the members and guests at 230 but late arrivals increased that number. Final figure not known.

Grant answered many audience questions, some even before they were asked. He offered a humorous program and provide a great deal of information about the cast, program and the companies that he manages, gave attendees an amazing sneak peek preview of a video clip from upcoming episodes and graciously stayed for photos after the meeting.

If you are looking for a fun, funny and informative program from an adorable well spoken Christian speaker...you will not go wrong with this young man.



Pictured (Back row, left -right) Cleveland Woman's Club members and citizens: James Franklin; Mari Rich (CWC); Grant Taylor, guest speaker; Carol Murski; Marilyn Whatley; Aleene Hines (CWC)

(Front row, left-right) unidentified guest; Jean Mc Adams (CWC); Clare Barker (CWC). Members in attendance but not pictured, Nelda Clifton (CWC); Helen Lamberth (Magnolia District President)

Jasper Woman's Civic Club Spends 4th of July Supporting home based 'Honor and Remember' flag and Texas Chapter

Jasper -- The Honor and Remember flag is the official flag to represent and remember the nation's fallen heroes. Jasper, Texas, is the headquarters of the Texas Chapter

The Woman's Civic Club of Jasper hoisted three new flags to celebrate Independence Day 2013.

The American flag, the Texas flag, and the quickly emerging Honor & Remember flag were pulled to the top of the pole as a

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small crowd of patriots watched.

"We are also proud to support and promote the Honor and Remember group", Shari Gunter, President of the Woman's Civic Club of Jasper.

Honor and Remember donated the 3 flags to the club for the new flag poles that were installed along with new landscaping for the clubhouse.

The Woman's Civic Club of Jasper is the oldest service organization in Jasper County, founded in 1910. The ladies of the club have taken on many projects, such as the creation of the Jasper Public Library. During its years, the club has also spurred many other organizations, such as The Jasper Garden Club, The Jasper Arboretum Club, and The Jasper City Cemetery Association and support many others including local scholarships with fun projects that the entire city is a part of including Jasper Derby Day, Cowboy Stew, Jasper's Red White and Blue Jamboree, Christmas Parade and Holiday home tours.



Pictured left: raising the flags with Don Gunter, Roy James, Head of Honor & Remember TX Chapter, and Robert "Buck" Collins, Vet.



Upper picture : WCC of J members present: Paula Moore, Imogene Mitcham, Winnie Maclin, Gail King, Ann-Allison Smith, Becki Mayhar, Linda Lang, Johnnie Beth Freeman, Shari Gunter

Mesquite District

Albany Study Club Members Works with Happy Hearts and Hands

Albany -- What prompts a small group of club women--of whom nearly one-half are ages 80 and above--to produce over 1,000 garments in one year? For members of Albany Study Club it is that--

*! "Work is a song you sing with your hands,
! a song that makes the day seem right.
! Work is a song that echoes in your heart,
! a song that helps you sleep at night."*

That line comes from a song featured in the Fort Griffin Fandangle, the city's 75-year-old outdoor theater that depicts the history of Shackelford County. Almost all of the club's members have participated in the show, either on or off the stage.

For the past four years, Albany Study Club has created a handmade quilt to raffle each summer as their major fundraiser. Gathering to work on the quilt in a sewing studio owned by member Emalyn Gillispie, members begin to sense a bond that drew them closer together and that stimulated the desire to do more with needle and thread. Independently, Albany Study Club members had, in the past, sewed hospital gowns for Operation Smile and breast pillows and lap blankets for M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Those in kind donations were reported, but numbers were relatively small in comparison with what the club generated in 2012.

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Emalyn Gillispie, owner of The Sewing Room, cuts fabric to make a “no-no” arm band for Operation Smile.

“We had so much fun working on the quilt together that first year that we decided to meet and work on projects together once a month at the sewing studio,” stated Emalyn Gillispie. “We began to notice that we enjoyed the camaraderie, and it was much more pleasant to work together to accomplish projects. Our conversations stimulated ideas, and collectively we set goals.” Emalyn’s studio has four sewing machines, a large cutting table, a serger, ironing board and iron, kitchenette and bathroom with plenty of room to accommodate eight to ten women at a given time. Club women ventured beyond the tiny hospital gowns and breast pillows and began to produce no-no arm bands and smile dolls for Operation Smile. It was Emalyn who challenged the group to cut, stitch and stuff one hundred of the dolls in 2011. No one dared to disappoint the 80+ year-old member whose generosity provided the workspace!

stressesses to donate to that worthy cause. The women rose to that challenge and in 2011, sent items to LD/LB for Africa and about 30 garments to Haiti and 30 to Kenya with local church groups doing mission work in those areas.

The idea of sewing pillowcase dresses and shorts for Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa came from one member’s visit to a Burlison quilt shop that displayed the dresses and britches and encouraged seam-

stresses to donate to that worthy cause. The women rose to that challenge and in 2011, sent items to LD/LB for Africa and about 30 garments to Haiti and 30 to Kenya with local church groups doing mission work in those areas.

With the mission work in mind, one club member suggested contacting Rafiki Foundation, a Florida-based organization that has ten orphanages in Africa’s most impoverished nations. “We began by sewing the pillowcase dresses for the girls,” according to Mozelle Bartee who brought Rafiki to the club’s attention. “The foundation thanked us for items we sent in 2011 and asked us to consider pajama bottoms for boys and nightgowns for girls.” Patterns were developed and the work continued. “We were really inspired after receiving pictures of the children wearing clothes that we had sent.” That was enough to cause the club women to increase the monthly work sessions into weekly meetings.

As word spread, community members began to show support with donations of thread, fabric and even money. “Most of the fabric and other sewing supplies have been donated,” stated Sandi Conway. “However, we have received a grant from Walmart in the amount of \$500 this past year, and in 2011 we received memorial gifts from those honoring one of our members who had passed away.”

In addition to breast pillows and lap blankets for M. D. Anderson, the club’s president suggested sending those same items to the two cancer centers located in Abilene, 35 miles from Albany, and where many Albany cancer patients receive treatment. When contacted, both cancer centers were thrilled to have the items. “We aren’t slighting M. D. Anderson at all, we just increased the number of pillows and blankets to have plenty for all three facilities,” Judi Draper said. Judi serves the group as the one who cuts almost all of the fabric used for dresses, shorts, pillows and arm bands. She takes fabric home with her and brings back pieces ready to be sewn.



Albany Study Club member Mozelle Bartee sorts garments to be shipped to Rafiki Foundation.

Together in 2012, Albany Study Club has shipped the following items:

- 368 breast pillows, 67 lap blankets and 249 paperback books to M. D. Anderson
- 10 pillows and 10 lap blankets to Hendrick Cancer Center, Abilene
- 10 pillows and 10 lap blankets to Texas Oncology, Abilene
- 186 boy’s shorts; 110 boy’s pajamas; 185 dresses; 100 nightgowns; 21 pairs of socks; 105 panties; 80 tee shirts; 56 2-piece dresses; 40 3-piece skirt outfits to Rafiki Foundation
- 131 hospital gowns; 309 no-no arm bands; 9 lap blankets to Operation Smile

Those products are from a club of 27 members that manages the Shackelford County Library, provides summer-long children’s reading activities; hangs and hosts a two-week long quilt show during June; awards two \$300 scholarships for local seniors; collects coupons for military families (over \$9,000); donates to Albany’s food bank, Ministerial Alliance gift basket program and raffles a handmade quilt that funds club projects during the year.

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Carolyn Waller, club president states, "It's the combination of laughing together, encouraging one another, seeing the smiles of

African children in our homemade dresses and the musical hum from the sewing machines that makes our work "a song that you sing with your hands, a song that makes the day seem right."

Jana Ledbetter and Mozelle Bartee (left) show off pillowcase dresses that were sent to Haiti and Kenya missions. Charlotte McCain and Judi Draper look on.

Pioneer District

Twenty-Three Study Club to celebrate 90th Anniversary



Iowa Park --The Twenty-Three Study Club of Iowa Park will be celebrating its' 90th Anniversary in October. The official charter date was October 18, 1923. A guest day luncheon and a special program is planned for October 17th, the club's regular meeting day.

Western District

The GFWC Juniores of Alpine Year End of Year Luncheon Meeting

Alpine -- Mary Vongsavath, Advisor to the GFWC Juniores of Alpine, announced that the organization will celebrate its' 10th Anniversary beginning Fall 2013 to Spring 2014. Everyone is invited to participate at this joyous event. No Club meetings are held in the summer months but special meetings to discuss Celebration Plans/ Orientation may be called sometime before school starts. All members, and new members, should sign up as soon as possible to indicate their choice of day/time and preference to attend a called meetings of their choice.

The Alpine Juniores will consider responding to invitations to be Special Guests at various events and GFWC Texas, District, or Club Meetings and Conventions 2013-2014. Members are requested to perform and show their best when attending these invitational functions. Juniores are known for their talents and delivering a good performance. All Members are reminded to fulfill all membership requirements to be eligible for awards and to be able to participate at Invitational Functions.

The Club will continue its project "Keep Alpine Beautiful" (KAB) and work with the Alpine High School (AHS) National Honor Society (NHS) & Student Council (SC) on joint projects. The Club hosted the first joint KAB luncheon meeting in March with KAB Coordinator as guest speaker and attended by representatives of Alpine Juniores, AHS NHS & SC, Principal, Student Counselor and Faculty Advisors. This resulted in the painting of the parking lots near the entrance to the Porter's Thriftway & True Value with signs to remind shoppers to bring their reusable totes in lieu of using plastic bags that fill up the landfill and blow out or are thrown away as trash in the streets and highways.

As a special Anniversary Project, the Club will select a public venue, or entity, to beautify or build on as a year long project for 2013-2014. Public and community inputs are requested to make this a special community project. Suggestions and inputs are being accepted and very much appreciated, to assist the club in their selection of the KAB community project.

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Feature your club or district by sending in your activities and pictures!



Pictured (Left-Right): Danielle Rice, Mesinda Jimenez, Juan Mora, Aubany Molinar, Mimi Vargas, Rebecca Garcia, Jacky De La Garza, Francia Vargas, Destany Gooch, Austin Monclova, Samantha Bolf, Maggie Hillary, Courteney Malik, Hannah Olvera, Madison Leeman, Megan Gilmore, & Mary Vongsavath, Advisor. Not picture were Taylor Short, Jessica Fenley, Autumn Holmes, Gina Butler & Dana Pante.

SUBJECT: THANKS!

For those of you looking for more pictures from the Spring Convention please go to the website and check the Photos page. I will be posting them in batches and they will be changed out as I have time to work them up. I'm sorry I didn't get them in this issue but I was told to keep this issue at 24 pages. -- Linda Mesler

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