

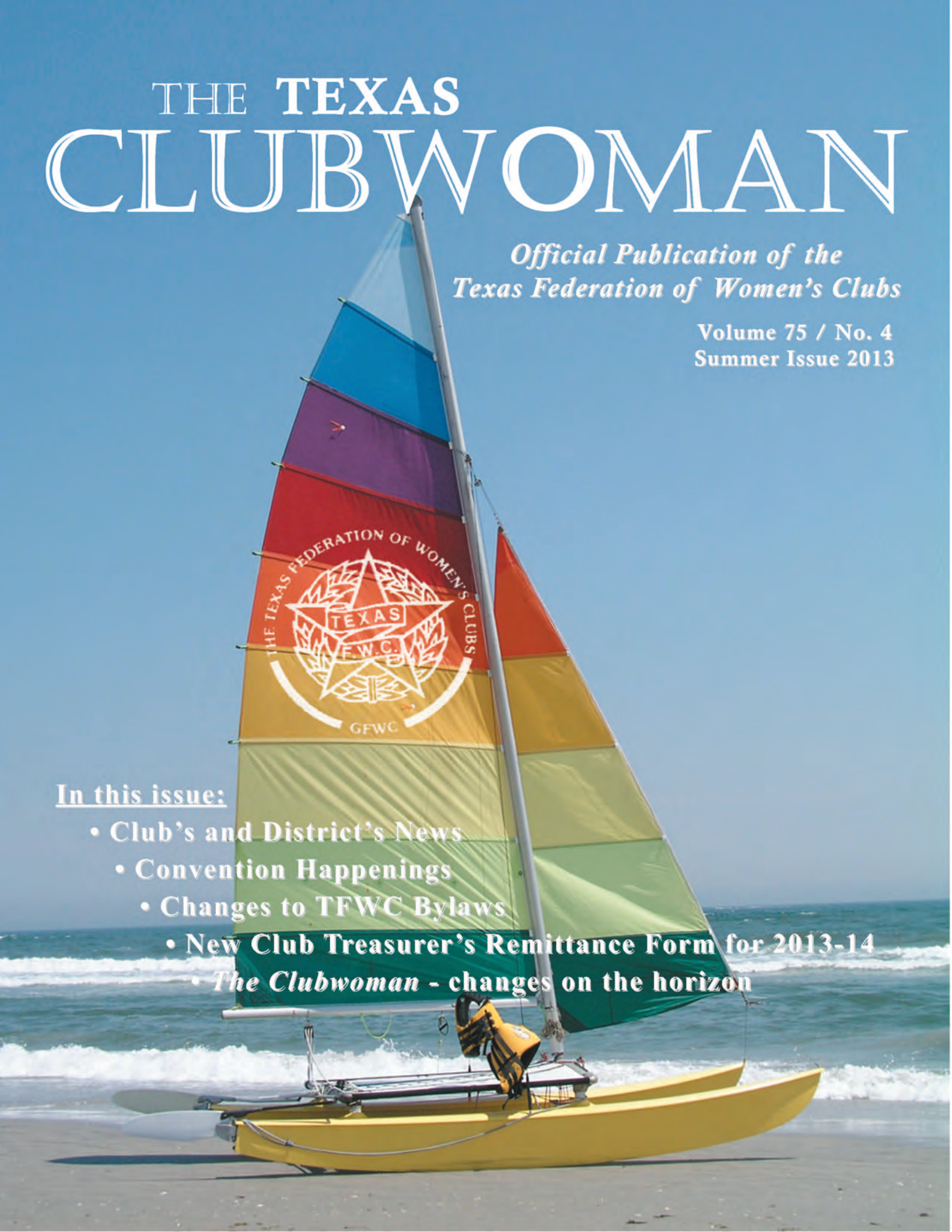
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TFWC Executive Board and Members --

I want to **THANK YOU** for your continued confidence in me as your organization's magazine editor. We, TFWC members, are about to start a new journey with high hopes and expectations, **TOGETHER**. Help these goals and expectations to be reached by continuing to share what you are doing in the name of Federation. We encourage and lift each other up as we share. There is power in this connection as we venture out to push a little harder and try new things.

The Clubwoman and I are here to serve. Please use us.

Linda Mesler / *The Texas Clubwoman*

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CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

JUNE

GFWC

June 30 - July 2, 2013

GFWC International Convention - 2013, Hollywood, Florida

GFWC SCR

June 30 - July 2, 2013

2013 Meeting during GFWC Convention, Hollywood, Florida

JULY

TFWC

July 15, 2013

TFWC Historical Foundation Meeting, Austin

July 16-17, 2013

TFWC Executive Committee Meeting, Austin

AUGUST

TFWC

August 10, 2013

Deadline for *The TEXAS Clubwoman*

SEPTEMBER

TFWC

September 19-21, 2013

TFWC Board of Directors - 2013, Austin

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

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YOU,
Karren
Lucas
For
Your
Generous
Donation!**



She crafted this!

-- Thank You --

Two little words that mean so much
and reflect the feelings of all that attended the
TFWC Spring Convention. It was WONDERFUL!!

Special thanks to:

**Adelante Club, Dilettantes Study Club,
High Plains Study Club, Las Viajeras Study Club,
Prospectus Study Club,
and University Study Club.**



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Now you can show your TFWC PRIDE -
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the SCR Convention in Florida!

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or contact Carolyn Mcleod 817/578-4686.**

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an electronic publication only.

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donate \$1⁵⁰ per member with their dues
to defray the costs of this publication.
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from the cost of a printed version.*

This electronic version will not require passwords; will be accessable to anyone who wishes to read it; will feature color; will archive electronic issues; and may be printed by anyone wishing a hard copy - either by the entire issues or by selected pages.

Members without computers should be able to ask members who have computers to make them a copy. . . and offer to pay a small amount for paper and ink. One may be printed and circulated within the club to offset expense.

The time to do this change is NOW. Members get more computer savy everyday and are joining the electronic grid with smart phones and other devices. This is where organizational growth potential is at its' best. We need to be there! Look around you. . . How many people are checking their phones - regardless of age?

The Clubwoman is taking a leap of faith. Embrace this media and, as she finds her wings, fly with her.

TFWC members, this journey is for YOU! Don't be afraid to take it.

This was voted on and approved at the 2013 TFWC Spring Convention
held in Amarillo April 18-20.

April 18-20, 2013
Amarillo, Texas



"We'll smile if you bring us something good to eat."



The sheriff and her posse.



Strolling troubadour entertains.



Catching up before being served dinner.
The cowboy hats were not optional.



Panhandle - Plains Historical Museum was a wonderful place to learn about our heritage.



Photo opportunity of Palo Duro



Thursday in Beautiful Palo Duro Canyon (above)



TFWC President Janelle Holden opens convention.



Phyllis Payne (above) provided the program: *Route 66* on Thursday evening.



Patricia Siegfried-Giles (below) entertained us with her "response" to our official "welcomes."



Special guests: (L to R): Honorable Mayor Paul Harpole and Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC Second Vice President. Cindy Jackson, President of Top of Texas District, (left), welcomes the convention to Top of Texas.





Kay Mara provided music and the local JROTC posted the colors. Elargement of handcrafted necklace made & donated by Karren Lucas.



First time attendees - WELCOME & Come Back!!



Door Prizes were fun



Surprise entertainment



Carolyn McLeod & Tessa Buckley manned the Fundraising Tables, helping the TFWC coffers. Shopping fun between sessions. (Above) Bylaws changes questioned before vote. (Left)

Friday evening



GFWC
Second Vice President Mary Ellen Brock was the featured speaker and the convention's special guest. (left) She was a delight to be around! And, she made it a point to be around a lot of us!



Cast members from TEXAS (above) entertained an appreciative audience (below).



TFWC President Janelle Holden and GFWC Second Vice President Mary Ellen Brock enter formal dinner Friday evening. (left)
"Janelle's Jewels" minus Crystal Hammett in formal attire (below)

Marion Gamersfelder surveys convention.





Annual District Presidents' Reports

“Janelle’s Jewels” Put The Sparkle On Their Districts

Capitol District

Crystal H. Hammett, President



Since March 2012 Installation of 2012-2014 Capitol District Executive Committee, many of our District Goals have already been achieved. During the Inaugural Speech delivered by President Hammett with a PowerPoint Presentation titled “Crystal’s Belle’s”, Capitol District Clubs are ringing our Belle’s of accomplishments. (RING A BELL)

Our Capitol Districts theme is: Plan S.M.A.R.T. Goals for our Future. Our goals are strategic, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely. Our outstanding accomplishment for the 2012-2014 Capitol District Administration has been to incorporate electronic and digital technology information into our District. In an effort to start this, an electronic presentation was delivered by President Hammett at our Summer Workshop that focused on Information Technology sharing a mini glossary of technology terms such as: DROID, iPhone, +1, E-reader, 1080p:, App:, Mobile (or Wi-Fi) Hotspot, Sync, 4-G, E-mail, Capitol District Website, Nooks, Kindle Fires, iPads and Information Technology Technobabble. The majority of the attendees had a mobile device, and some had two or three with them during this presentation.

Today Capitol District has our own dedicated Capitol District Website which is directly linked to the TFWC the GFWC Website. The site includes our Capitol District Calendar of Important Upcoming Dates to include TFWC and GFWC Dates, District Directory with Executive Committee Members, List all Department Chairs, Capitol District Club Roster, Roster of all Club Members, District Presidents Special Project the Wounded Warrior Project, Amended October 2012 Standing Capitol District Rules, Current Club Photos and Club News, our Capitol Chatters with Call to All Meetings, Brochures on Reporting, Build-Retain Members, and L.E.A.D.S, and a Contact Us so one can send an email to our President. Capitol District Clubs go directly to our website to access forms, award contests, and information.

Capitol District Clubs have developed websites linking directly to Capitol District’s site and Facebook Pages and Twitter Accounts. Technology is the future, and as part of this future our District definitely understands the need to stay current and more efficient with digital information and technology. Implementation of digital information technology has saved thousands of dollars for our District in printing costs, paper supplies, postage, labor, and much more.

Effective outreach to members and communities increasingly relies on the ability to share information via the internet. Capitol District has a clear-cut, well-organized website which conveys credibility, enthusiasm, and effectiveness, and is a key component in our public relations and marketing outreach, membership recruiting and retention, program development and reporting; and operational planning. This is an outstanding membership tool with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information for the Clubs in Capitol District, and has been shared with all the Texas District Presidents.

Our District eliminated our country store and or what we called Capital for Capitol. We dedicated 2 major items for fundraisers, starting with more Technology – a Nook e-reader and a Kindle Fire purchased by the District. These were hot tickets to purchase for our District meetings and raised many funds for our District, eliminating the physical work to bring in to every meeting the Capital for Capitol Store and much more efficient use of our time.

Caprock District

Stephanie Stephens, President



The 2012 to 2014 administration has been, and is continuing to be, very special for me. I hope it is equally as special for every local club in Caprock District.

I have been wearing two president's hats. I have been serving as both the 1946 Study Club President of O'Donnell and as your Caprock District President.

My Caprock District President theme is "Caring for Families in Crisis." My District President Special Project is raising money for the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

The Ronald McDonald House serves as a home away from home for families of critically ill children. This charity exists to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of these kids. Their mission is to help serve and sustain families in their child's fight against serious illness and injury.

I was installed as Caprock District President on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2012 in the basement of the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock. Betty Greene of the Phebe K. Warner Club in Tahoka did the installation ceremony. Betty is a Past District President, a Past Texas State President, and a Past South Central Region President.

On March 17, 2012 Caprock District presented a check to the Ronald McDonald House of Lubbock in the amount of \$918.06. In addition, Caprock District donated all the left over food from Bigham's Smokehouse. The families of the Ronald McDonald House of Lubbock appreciated the donation.

I was installed as Caprock District President again at the Texas State Spring Convention in Beaumont in April of 2012. The GFWC International Second Vice President Sheila Shea was the installing officer for that ceremony.

I attended the International Convention in Charlotte North Carolina in June of 2012. While there, I had the privilege of personal tours of the NASCAR track and the City of Charlotte. This included a trip to Duke University.

I did some exploring on my own as well. I had the privilege of touring the Biltmore estate in Ashmore, North Carolina, the Elvis Presley Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, Chimney Rock State Park in Ashmore, North Carolina, and a Carolina Beach on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean.

As Caprock District President, I also attended the Fall Board Meeting in Austin in September 2012. While there, I picked up the directories for everyone in Caprock District that didn't attend.

At the Fall Board we focused on heart health with a roundtable discussion at the TFWC State Headquarters in Austin.

At our last gathering at the Fall Board on Sunday morning, I performed a skit with all the other GFWC Texas District Presidents. Crystal Hammett, President of the 2012-2014 GFWC Texas District Presidents, wrote the lyrics for a Texas State Song titled All Those Jewels to the tune of All That Jazz. This was delivered by the GFWC Texas District Presidents, and we received a welcomed and delightful outstanding audience response.

I had my first Caprock District Meeting on October 6, 2012 in the basement of the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

Our Caprock District Fall Board Meeting profit from the country store and registration was \$640. In addition, the Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland gave the Ronald McDonald House two \$50 gift cards.

Caprock District made a \$250 donation as our contribution to our South Central Region Conference in Austin October 19th

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through the 21st, 2012. We needed to do this since Texas was the SCR host state.

I attended the SCR Conference where Caprock District and Mesquite District shared the responsibility for the Texas State Night Banquet held on Saturday evening, October 20th, 2012. The theme for the Saturday night banquet was "The Lone Star State." Mesquite District made the table centerpieces, and Caprock District made the table favors. The Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland made some small denim bags. Other Caprock clubs donated items to put in the bags.

The 1946 Study Club of O'Donnell contributed Texas State bookmarks and a tiny bottle of blow bubbles. The Tejas Study Club of Denver City contributed writing pins with a flower on the end of it. Most of the flowers were bluebonnets, but some of them were yellow roses – as in the yellow rose of Texas. The Progressive Study Club of Tulia contributed some coasters to go in the bags. The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club of Plains contributed some wildflower seeds to go in the bags. The Alpha Omega Study Club of Brownfield contributed a bag of peanuts. The Lorenzo Study Club made magnets.

While at the SCR Conference, I attended a tour of the Texas State Capitol, our GFWC/TFWC Headquarters, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

I visited the Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka on September 11th, 2012. I visited the Alpha Omega Study Club of Brownfield on November 9th, 2012. I made Federation speeches during these visits to both clubs.

I visited the Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland on January 22nd, 2013. The Levelland Club made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock for \$60 in honor of my District President Special Project.

I have made tentative plans to visit the following local Caprock clubs during 2013: I will visit the Progressive Study Club of Tulia on February 19th, the Anton Study Club on March 4th, the Tejas Study Club of Denver City on March 5th, the Tsa Mo Ga Study Club of Plains on April 8th, and the Lorenzo Study Club on May 8th.

The Caprock District Spring Convention is tentatively set for Saturday, March 16th, 2013 in the basement of the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

I have made plans to attend the GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida in June 2013.

Caprock District has a total of nine Federated clubs. They reported a total of 70 projects, 3,189 volunteer hours, \$10,059.15 dollars donated, \$22,817.24 In Kind Donations, \$6121 dollars raised, and \$200 dollars spent.

Magnolia District

Helen Lamberth, President



What's New in Magnolia? Magnolia District has, for the first time, an effective and maintained website. The site contains links to GFWC and to GFWC-Texas as well as many of the organizations that GFWC has partnerships with. It has areas where any member can retrieve needed information, from a complete district directory, necessary forms, advancement guides, and multiple useful documents and it has serves as a photographic history of sorts for all that is going on in the district. All documents from meetings are added to the website giving members a perpetual newsletter, saving the district hours of work and hundreds of dollars in postage and printing material. The GFWC Club Manual and the GFWC-Texas Club Manual were delivered in this way; bringing all of the available information to all of the members and having it accessible 24 hours a day. Magnolia will not have a lack of communication between GFWC, GFWC-Texas and its members.

The website is the single most effective tool that we currently have. It is used for public relations, membership recruiting and development, reporting and planning and recording.

Our new District Directory not only has the Executive Committee and Board of Directors information in it, it lists every member of the district. This has been immensely helpful in updating our membership list and will be an indispensable tool to newly

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installed presidents as well as providing the information required by TFWC for the State Directory in a usable manner.

District appointments were made with the goal to include members that had not previously served on the board of directors or those who had previously served to serve in a new position and a conscious effort was made to include every club in the district.

All clubs were offered a chance to serve in some capacity. We must allow new members to become involved and bring new ideas and new enthusiasm to administrations. It is not the easy road to have to offer training to new board members every year but it is an absolute necessity if we expect the new members to be able to carry the Federation torch into the future. There is a season for all things and the season for allowing the same person to do the same job year after year to the exclusion of other members because it is easier has passed. It is time for each of us, you and me, to stretch our hearts and our minds and to use the skills that being a club woman has taught us in different federation programs and projects every year and allow others with new ideas to propel us into a new age. For too long we have been ineffective at selling our brand of service and being in direct contact with our membership at the local and State levels and because of this lack of communication and interaction our members are losing the sense of ownership in an organization that serves their states and their communities. In Magnolia District a conscious effort has been made to include every club and every member in all messages and updates unless otherwise requested. This effort has surely shown in our reporting for 2012.

Kits were prepared for EACH chairman and delivered via email. Each Chairman was encouraged months prior to reporting time to make contact with all Club Presidents before, during and after the reporting period. The kits included all of the contact information for every Club President, the Club Reporting form, so that they could provide the form as needed and they knew what the form would look like when they themselves began to receive them, the District Chairman's Reporting Form, the name and contact information including an email address, if available, for her specific state counterpart who she would be reporting to as well as the contact for the District 1st Vice-President who she would also be mailing copies of her report to (for award certificates) a by the month list of what she would receive, what she should expect and what to do with the material as it arrived, a sample narrative to a state counterpart as an example of what she could write, and a sample report indicating what she should be prepared to present at the District Convention in the Spring.

Statistical Report Synopsis: For Reporting Period 2012

Of the seventeen (plus one At Large) clubs that make up Magnolia District, only three did not submit Club Reports or President's Statistical Reports: Beaumont Progressive Study Club, Dayton Lambda Sigma Alpha and the Port Arthur Department Club.

Total

Number of Projects 361	Volunteer Hours 25,995	Dollars Donated \$47,139
In-Kind Donations \$23,102	Dollars Raised \$29,044	Dollars Spent \$3,668

Our District, its members, its chairmen and this District President are very proud of the first seven months of this administration.

Mesquite District

Bennie Parker, President



I am honored to be serving as Mesquite District President. We are a small district with 7 clubs and 145 members. Our members are involved in many projects in their communities, around the state and round the world.

Mesquite District clubs do so many things that there is not one that really stands out.

Local scholarships as well as district scholarships and TFWC scholarships
Operation Smile, both material items and money

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- Monetary donations to Heifer International
- Donations to the Noah Project in Abilene of money and various items such as clothing, toiletries and items for the children
- Donations to Libraries in Albany, Cisco, Merkel and Stamford of volunteer hours and money
- Monetary donations to local volunteer fire departments and museums
- Breast pillows and lap blankets for M. D. Anderson as well as 2 cancer centers in Abilene
- Donations of food and money to local food banks as well as providing workers
- Donations of food to the National Letter Carrier Food Drive
- Crochet caps for a mission in Guatemala
- Monetary donations to the American Cancer Society
- Monetary donations to the American Heart Association
- Chemo caps for cancer patients
- Book bags and clothing for the Rafiki Foundation, which operates 10 orphanages in Africa
- Donations of pillows and lap blankets for the Texas Oncology in Abilene

Statistical Report Synopsis: Reporting Period 2012

Of the seven Clubs in Mesquite District two did not submit Club Reports or a Club President's Statistical Report. They were Twentieth Century Club of Cisco and the Women's Literary and Service Club of Winters.

Total Number of Projects - 114	Total Volunteer Hours - 12,213	Total Dollars Donated - \$23,665.00
Total In-Kind Donations - \$3,190.50	Total Dollars Raised - \$19,745.00	Total Dollars Spent - \$730.00

Our club members have done a great job on reporting. Mesquite District was awarded twenty-one reporting certificates by GFWC-Texas at the Spring Convention in Amarillo. I am very proud of my district and all of its members have become dear friends.

It has been a pleasure to be serving as Mesquite District President and I look forward to the next year.

Pioneer District

Beth Lewellen, President



I cannot think of a better time than the new beginnings of a bright summer to address some of the accomplishments of the Pioneer District this past year of 2012 and to outline the directions and hopes for the district for the remainder of 2013. Clubwomen are embracing change at the district, state, and national level while also finding great comfort and solace in the traditions and advice of those treasured women that came before us to volunteer their knowledge.

The Pioneer District's theme during my tenure is "Women Strong: Healthy Hearts and Healthy Home". I chose this theme to coordinate with our Texas State President Janelle Holden's State theme of "Open Hearts/Open Doors/Be a Volunteer" and our GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister's Signature Project "Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention". The Pioneer District project "To Promote and Encourage the Positive Aspects of Women Today" has been used by clubwomen in their own individual club meetings throughout the year.

The start of my presidential duties, as I learned quickly, commenced in January 2012, while my predecessor Past President Kay Mara was still in office. I attended an orientation workshop that was hosted by Past State President Patricia Siegfried-Giles and President-Elect (at that time) Janelle Holden. The information and help at the orientation was immeasurable and the friendships made invaluable for my future tenure. There was a bonding of the group that made me think I could call on anyone of them at anytime for help and advice.

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Shortly after the orientation, I started on creating assignments for the Pioneer District board, chairmen, and meeting venues. The assignments were an ongoing task in February, and all changes for the new directory were due by March 1st, 2012, including the names of all the new Pioneer District Club Presidents. I quickly learned the names of many members that were ready to help. If I was giving advice to any new Pioneer District President-Elect, I would strongly advise them to start this process in the Fall of the year before the new administration as this was by far one of the most difficult periods leading up to my presidency.

My installation ceremony occurred in early March of 2012, and I was happy that the two Stephenville Clubs, The Stephenville Study Club and The Twentieth Century Club of Stephenville, came together to help host the event. From there, I attended the installation ceremony at the GFWC TFWC Spring Convention in Beaumont where District President Janelle Holden was installed as our State President and I received my President's pin from outgoing District President Kay Mara. It was a beautiful ceremony and the spring convention was well attended in Beaumont. I enjoyed fellowship on the ride down to the convention with fellow regional members. I also performed three installation ceremonies in May; for the Wednesday Study Club in Sanger, the Twentieth Century Club of Stephenville, and the Stephenville Study Club. It was my first trip to the Sanger club as president and I enjoyed visiting with members of the club. The Sanger Club's potluck luncheon proved most delicious! The next event I attended during the year was the GFWC International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in June. This gave me a sense of the scope of the work performed by the GFWC. I came back from that convention knowing the need to keep communication open with my new club presidents and board members. I invited board members to a luncheon at my home during the summer to troubleshoot for the future and plan for the Pioneer District Fall Board meeting. The GFWC TFWC State Board meeting followed in Austin, where we all helped plan the South Central Regional meeting slated for October 2012. The GFWC TFWC District Presidents further bonded as a group when Janelle invited the "Janelle's Jewels" to her suite to give advice to any concerns expressed or ideas explored by the incoming District Presidents.

The September Pioneer District Fall Board meeting, hosted by The Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford, went smoothly and was well attended despite the welcomed drenching rain. New pins and various GFWC TFWC items were sold at the meeting to raise funds. Some of the new members had never seen GFWC TFWC pins before and were happy to have them available. Speaker and First Vice-President Patti Poe, assisted by President-Elect Carolyn McLeod, gave an informative workshop on club reporting. All enjoyed the lunch and camaraderie with their fellow district club members. The GFWC South Central Region meeting in Austin quickly followed this meeting. I learned that despite carefully laid plans, preparations, and contracts, new circumstances can present a challenge at these events. This happened when the buses showed up late for the tour on the first day. Many came together to help turn the situation around and those at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center changed their schedule for us to accommodate the delayed lunch and tour. The rest of the SCR meeting went smoothly and Carolyn McLeod's find of Suzie Humphrey as the speaker for the event was fantastic.

In late autumn, I submitted an article to Club Woman Magazine Editor Linda Mesler detailing the events of the Pioneer District's Fall Board meeting in Weatherford that she published. I also encouraged clubs to contribute to the magazine as well. This president also attended events at the invitation of other clubs. In November, I attended a yearly fashion show and luncheon hosted by the GFWC TFWC Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury that helps fund scholarships, charitable donations, and other club activities. The club cleared over \$6,000 for this event. I also attended the Twentieth Century Club of Stephenville's yearly auction to support children's arts and music programs, yielding over \$6,000 as well. In another fundraiser, The Amity Club of Bowie cosponsored a 5K run to benefit Patsy's Children's Advocacy Center of Bowie and Montague Counties, collecting over \$4,000 for the center. They also raised enough money through other events to award three \$1,000 scholarships for area youth.

Our Pioneer District Spring Convention held in early March 2013 and hosted by the Clio Club of Alvarado, was a fun event for all in attendance. Many awards were distributed during the day and the meeting ended with a beautiful salad luncheon and scrumptious desserts. The Pioneer District honored Linda Mesler with the distinction of Club Woman of the Year at the convention with a plaque and a standing ovation for all her hard work and unselfish volunteering. Shortly after our district convention, in April, it was onto the GFWC TFWC State Spring Convention in Amarillo. The Pioneer District received a whopping 48 state awards at the meeting. GFWC TFWC President Janelle Holden announced in Amarillo that the new state LEADS representative for Texas is Pioneer District's First Vice-President Tessa Buckley who also received a standing ovation in support of her accomplishments. The TFWC Spring Convention was well attended, organized, and in an enjoyable setting. The entertainment both nights was absolutely superb!

One of the recent fundraisers in the Pioneer District allowed for the purchase of a new and permanent crisis center, the Wise Hope Crisis Center of Decatur. The club helped collect over \$25,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to start the organiza-

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tion. I attended the ribbon cutting on April 1st for this most impressive center. This success in Decatur has helped achieve an increase in their club membership from a Category II club to a Category III club. Also in the early spring, I attended a delicious ladies luncheon hosted by the Eumathian Club of Burleson, a group of spirited and kind ladies. The Club has helped restore a historical building in the area and members are serving as volunteer docents to lead tours of the historical site.

The month of May began for me with a speech on Federation at the Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury's year end luncheon at their historical meetinghouse. I am scheduled next to attend in mid-May both a Nineteenth Century Club of Pilot Point luncheon and A Cowboy Gathering fundraiser by The Granbury Woman's Club. I look forward to June's GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida where I hope to bring back new ideas for the district.

My vision for this next year is to continue to improve communications with the presidents and club members in this region and to attend as many club meetings and events as possible. I am happy to report totals on the statistical report for the Pioneer District in 2012 as follows: Total Projects 282; Volunteer Hours 18,924; Dollars Donated \$47,916; In Kind Donations \$86,568.79; Dollars Raised \$51,885 and Dollars Spent \$3150. Many happy, healthy hearts have come together to volunteer and produce the numbers reported in support of Federation and our GFWC TFWC President Janelle Holden. Happy Hearts to You!

South Texas District

Sue Miller, President



The one thing that impresses me about South Texas District clubwomen is their JOY in being a part of a Woman's Club and all that involves. They seem to love the way it enriches their lives with good works and good friends. Their biggest impact however is through their projects in support of Children in their community.

In 2012, South Texas District helped Educate their children by:

- * awarding club scholarships across the district totaling \$3,800.00.
- * donating school supplies to the Ingleside Head Start Program.
- * collecting 266 books at the Spring Convention, which were given to Driscoll Children's Hospital, the local Boys and Girls Club, and the Bishop Head Start Project.
- * sponsoring the Reading Is Fundamental –Shared Beginnings Project by donating \$660.00 for books.
- * assisting with National Night Out in Sarita by giving away over 200 children's books.
- * organizing a new Juniors Club, the GFWC Fireside Club, in Ingleside.
- * donating over \$11,000.00 to public libraries for computers and books for young readers.
- * sponsoring the Drop Everything And Read Day to encourage reading by giving away 23 \$25.00 gift certificates to a popular local restaurant as an incentive to read.
- * giving each child in Rio Grande City, K thru 8th grade plus two high schools, a book in time for Christmas. That is 10,000 books given away at a cost of \$80,000.00.

South Texas also supported GFWC and local issues concerning Children's Health.

- * They adopted the Shot@Life Immunization Program as the official district project. To date \$940.00 has been raised, meaning South Texas District has saved 47 children so far.
- * For Operation Smile, clubs donated one surgery, and sent many shipments of Smile bags, blankets, and other needed supplies, for a donation total of \$3,500.00.
- * The "Designs For A Cure" auction raised \$35,000.00 for Brooke's Blossoms Foundation and is earmarked for pediatric cancer research.

Through our service in the South Texas District, the clubwomen in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs are making a BIG difference in the lives of our children which perhaps is our most important goal.

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Trinity District

Germaine Carney, President



This President is honored to be serving Trinity District. Our recent reporting statistical numbers are all climbing upward.

The theme put forth to Trinity District a year ago was "Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It"

3 points of focus were given as a challenge to each club.

- #1 Purchase Hairy, Feathered Critters.
- #2 Dig up some bodies!
- #3 Tackle trash

Focus # 1 Has already been a huge success with still a year to go. Trinity District has purchased for the International Heifer Project: a Water Buffalo, almost a herd of Heifers, some sheep, gaggles of geese, ducks, flocks of chickens, rabbits galore and even a few swarms of honey bees. Trinity District is putting a dent into teaching how to feed for a life time instead of just for a day>>>>

Focus #2... Digging up bodies.... Trinity District membership figures are beginning to climb. The clubs are working hard and digging up new members that are younger.

Focus #3.. Tackling Trash.... One club in particular the New Horizon Club of Collinsville had a "Dream" 2 years ago to start a recycling program. As the seeds were planted, some of the New Horizon Ladies, worked and cultivated that Dream and gave birth to an organization called K.C.B. Keep Collinsville Beautiful. Last year their first year in operation, KCB saved the City of Collinsville's trash budget \$4,050.00 and diverted 116 tons of recycled materials from the landfill, sending it to the recycle facility in McKinney, Texas.

The Dream was planted; The Ladies Believed it, cultivated and worked that Dream! Three weeks ago those ladies received word to make plans to travel to San Antonio and attend an awards banquet in June. Their hard work and effort won them the Governor's Award! They will be receiving a check in the amount of 9 0, 0 0 0. 00 Dollars. \$90,000.00!!

**DREAM IT -- BELIEVE IT -- ACHIEVE IT-- ANYONE CAN FOLLOW THAT RECIPE.
JUST DO IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.**

Western District

Shirley Bagley, President



Traveling West Texas -- Exciting!

Meeting and working with West Texas Women -- Exciting!

The year has gone by pretty fast. At a visit to the 1941 Study Club of Cohoma, my husband and i were honored with a wonderful nbreakfast and meeting in the country where I began my first visit as the District President.

Then came our Fall Board Meeting in odessa with an exciting guest speaker, Vicki Allen of Hobbs, New Mexico, telling us of her lifetime of volunteering and the joys it has brought. Our fundraising project for the district kicked off here. We are selling

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\$1 chances on a 24" x 36" bluebonnet oil painting by Joyce Morton. I have tickets available.

Christmas in McCamey included a Christmas party and dinner. My husband and I had lots of fun playing games and enjoying company. And, then to get to the Modern Study Club of Pecos involves the adventure of traveling alone (which is not my habit) down the interstate to the Barstow exit, then going and going until you think, "Gee, where am I?" But, you keep going and then you are there in the midst of a group of ladies who are fun, have great meetings, and make you glad you came to Pecos. Their last meeting will include a carriage ride around the "square" in Balmorhea.

Tau Lambda Club of monahans hosted the Senior Center Banquet this year and helped celebrate our oldest member's 100th birthday. What an occasion! I also attended the Monahans Juniors' meeting where the girls were filling purses to give to the Women's Shelter.

Our Spring Convention, held in Midland, included an arts & crafts show; a style show; luncheon; a very current speaker who spoke on the topic concerning bullying in our schools; and, a book review of *The Dust Bowl* by Tim Burton. A busy, but well planned meeting by the committee. Congratulations.

My husband was invited to accompany me to the Caprock district Spring Convention in Lubbock. We had a tour of the Ronald McDonald House. It provides for those who are in need of a place to stay while caring for their loved ones.

Our hearts are heavy over the loss of several members and family this past year. Please remember us in your prayers.

Next year will be just as busy. West Texas is never dull. Come visit us!

Key District

Joan Gannaway



I took over as president after the year had started and our president resigned due to poor health. I started out behind and have never caught up. I did have time to plan both the district board meeting and spring convention. I, personally, have not done anything very exciting during the year, but do want to brag on my clubs.

My project this year was to have the clubs fill as many purses as they could for abused women shelters. They were to bring these purses to our Spring Convention, filled with everything they could think of that a woman might need when escaping with only her life.

We collected over forty purses, so full they barely closed. Five out of eleven of Key District clubs do not come to the district meetings. They may have collected more if they had come. These purses were given to different county women's shelters. I met with a woman from the shelter in Wood County. She was having a meeting that night with some of her women so they would each get a purse. I asked what took place at these meetings and she responded that this meeting was to educate these women so that they understood they did not have to tolerate such abuse. She said, "You have to take baby steps," and the first one is education. That was the meeting being held that night. She was very excited to get these purses and to know that we were praying for all these women.

There is a lot going on in Key District, but probably the same is going on in all the districts in Texas. By the time you read this, we will be back from Amarillo. I look forward to seeing all of you there.



Contest results can be found at the TFWC website. www.texfwc.org

Two Selected For TFWC's Top Honors



Sue Miller
TFWC

Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer



Tessa Buckley
TFWC

TFWC L.E.A.D.S. Representative



Congratulations To TFWC's *Newest* Life Members



Pictured (left to right): Leabelle Finch, Top of Texas District; Elaine Wilde, South Texas District; and Nancy Nelson, San Jacinto District. Thank you for the joy you bring to Federation and congratulations on being recognized as TFWC Life Members.



TFWC Bylaw Changes as of April 19, 2013

Article III, Section 1, D

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Article III, Membership, Section 1

Article III, Membership, Section 6, Annual Dues

XVI – Cyber Clubs Section 1 – Membership

Motion to send all proposed amendments pertaining to Cyber Clubs returned to Committee for further clarification was adopted.

Article III, Membership, Section 2, A

Motion failed

Article III, Section 6, Annual Dues

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Article V, Nominations and Elections, Section 3, GFWC Candidates

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Article VI, Section 6, H, Financial Officer

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Article VIII – Board of Directors, Section 3, Meeting

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Article IX, Executive Committee, Section 2 – Duties H

Approved as amended

Article XI Executive Committee, Section 2 – Duties P

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Article XI, Districts, Section 7, A – Meeting

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Section 7 – Meetings, B.1. and B.2.

Approved as printed in the Clubwoman Volume 75 / No. 3 Spring Issue 2013

Newly revised bylaws maybe found at the TFWC website – Thank you



Scholarships



During the 116th GFWC Texas Spring Convention, the Scholarship Committee met to award the organizations's continuing scholarships to eight deserving men and women.



Jonathan Tijerina

TFWC State Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each

1. *Jonathan Tijerina, Key District*
Baylor University - Biology
2. *Angela Ho, San Jacinto District*
University of Houston - Chemistry



Angela Ho



Talina Copaus

Penny Art Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Talina Copaus, Magnolia District
Stephen F. Austin university - Psychology / Art



Lucius Haile

Musical Penny in the amount of \$1,000

Lucius Haile, Top of Texas District
West Texas A & M University -
Piano Performance with Emphasis on Pedagogy



Alexis Phelps

Billie Lindley McMahon in the amount of \$900

Alexis Phelps, Trinity District
Texas A & M University - Communications



Shelby Szteiter

Eleanor Tipps in the amount of \$500

Shelby Szteiter, South Texas District
Texas A & M University - Biochemistry



Samantha Winingham

Simmang Volunteer Award in the amount of \$500

Samantha Winingham, Pioneer District
Texas A & M University - Biomedical Science



Ashley Neely

1903 University of Texas at Austin in the amount of \$1,500

Ashley Neely, South Texas District
Chemical Engineering

Congratulations and Best Wishes for Continued Success!



District and Club News



Capitol District

In Lampasas, historical Pierian Club staged “Sale of the Century”

LAMPASAS -- One of the biggest events of 2012 for the Pierian Club of Lampasas proved to be its “Sale of the Century,” a fall fundraiser benefitting the local library and the club’s annual scholarship. Both are long-term Pierian projects.

Pierians dubbed their event “The Sale of the Century” to mark the 108th year the Lampasas Public Library has been a club project.

The library was founded in 1904, a time when the Federation was encouraging and assisting its member clubs to establish local libraries. So the Pierian Club and another Federated club in Lampasas joined forces with four other local organizations to found the town’s first public lending library. (A third Federated club, formed later, also enlisted in the effort.)

Today a Texas Historical Commission marker on library grounds attests to the long and close association the club has with the library. Portraits that still hang inside continue to honor three charter members of the Pierian Club for their critical role in getting the library started. Also, the club member who now sits on the city’s Library Advisory Board serves as the most recent in a succession of Pierians named to every board since the library’s founding.

The annual Pierian Club Scholarship began during the Great Depression as loan program to enable deserving female graduates of Lampasas High School to attend business school. The program eventually became a scholarship without restrictions as to the student’s proposed field of study – or gender.

Last fall’s “Sale of the Century” was the brainchild of Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Johnnie Ewing, who soon will observe her 40th year as a member of the Pierian Club. The great beauty of her plan was that the event could be organized quickly -- and with a minimum of overhead.

The event -- from start to finish -- was organized and staged in a little less than one month.

Johnnie and husband, J.C., offered the big front porch and parking lot of their office building free of charge as a site for the event. Since it is located on Lampasas’ main drag through town, the Ewing Building was a choice venue. Donations from club members to cover miscellaneous expenses reduced start-up costs to a negligible amount.

Club members also provided all the goods to be sold. “A minimum of five gently used high quality items that would sell for at least five dollars each,” Mrs. Ewing said at the outset. “AND at least three homemade baked items. ALL items should be enhanced in some way to make their display attractive and appealing. AND they must be priced. AND, above all, **N O C L O T H E S!**”

Pierians combed their attics, basements, cabinets and drawers in search of some of their better possessions they could live without. Then they sequestered themselves in their kitchens to produce all manner of tasty baked goods to take to “The Sale of the Century.”

In the days just prior to the event, folks at the Ewing Building witnessed a steady procession of Pierians bearing a fascinating and colorful array of things for the sale: an antique mantle clock; a large red-orange signed pottery vase containing a big free-form arrangement of pyracantha branches laden with bright berries; a vintage basket containing red Delicious apples and fall foliage; and a pewter compote full of bright orange persimmons, a collection of antique kitchen tools and gadgets...

And they brought art work, fine linens, Lenox china, next-to-new books and CDs, Christmas plates, jewelry, porcelain, crystal...and at least 75 scrumptious baked items from their kitchens, all decoratively wrapped to present for sale

For almost a month an ad hoc committee conducted an intensive campaign publicizing the “Sale of the Century.” It consisted of weekly items in the local newspaper, including the photo above. Also, about 75 fliers-posters were distributed to offices, teach-

ers' lounges, employee break rooms and small businesses throughout the city.

About a week before the sale news items ran in a widely read daily broadsheet, and announcements were made twice daily during the local radio newscasts. Other local clubs, particularly the '36 Club (Lampasas' other Federated club), were asked to announce the upcoming fundraiser at their meetings and to send their members email notices forwarded from the Pierian Club. These announcements also contained a request for recipients to forward the notice to others and to post them on Facebook.

At day's end "The Sale of the Century" netted \$1,516 to fund the club's annual gift to the Lampasas Public Library and the Pierian Club Scholarship. Total volunteer time likely numbered into the hundreds of hours, as the sale itself, with set-up time and clean-up, consumed most of the day. Participation was 100 per cent, as all 25 club members donated their time, "treasures" -- and even a few cash contributions.

When Pierians are doing their spring cleaning in the weeks ahead, they no doubt will run across items that might cause them stop and think, "Hm-m-m, I could put this in sale next fall!"



Photo courtesy of the Lampasas Dispatch Record

Pictured Left --Longtime members of the Pierian Club of Lampasas offered a sampling of items for sale last fall at its fundraiser to benefit the local library and fund its annual scholarship. Pictured are Johnnie Ewing and Bennie Bulloch, who will soon mark their 40th year in the club, and Carol Wright, whose great aunt joined as a charter member in 1902. Hailed as "The Sale of the Century," the event marked the 108th year the Lampasas Public Library has been a club project. The annual Pierian Club Scholarship had its genesis more than 75 years ago during the Great Depression.

Pictured Right -- Texas Historical Commission marker honoring the Perian Club.



Caprock District

TFWC Caprock District Spring Convention held in Lubbock at RMH

Lubbock -- The TFWC Caprock District Spring Convention was held Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House in the basement.

President Stephanie Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with twenty-four members in attendance and with one special guest, TFWC Western District President Shirley Bagley. Convention attendees enjoyed breakfast and door prizes provided by clubwomen, and lunch courtesy of Honeychild Catering Solutions of Lubbock.

Hailey Assister, of the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House was guest speaker telling of the benefits of facility, giving the attendees a tour, and explaining Ronald McDonald Charities of the Southwest.

Caprock District Clubwomen were recognized for their reporting efforts during the year with a presentation of award certificates.

President Stephens Special Project is raising



money for the Ronald McDonald House. Her theme is "Caring for Families in Crisis." The convention helped raise money for that project by way of The Country Store, a TFWC Trustee Table, and registration and lunch fees. Nine Federated clubs helped make the day a success. These clubs were: 1946 Study Club; Phebe K. Warner Study Club; Alpha Omega Study Club; Las Fidelis Study Club; Anton Study Club; Women's Study Club; Tejas Study Club; Tsa Mo Ga Study Club; and Progressive Study Club. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Magnolia District

Woman's Club of Cleveland Participates in Relay for Life 2013

Cleveland --Participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for North Liberty County, Texas, every year is a source of pleasure and pride to members of the Woman's Club of Cleveland. With a new theme each time, members rally for this good cause. This year's theme – Putting Out Cancer's Flame – included members wearing fire hats, displaying small fire trucks, and even a stuffed dalmatian. The team won the "Best Costume Award" for the event. In addition, members staff the Hospitality Booth each year, where the event's Relay Committee provides water, fruit, and coffee for participants. Woman's Club team members include: Roberta Howard, Relay Co-Chairman Claire Barker, Nelda Clifton, Roberta Posey, T. W. Garrett, President Joan Pate, Sandy Burleson, Team Captain Claire Garrett, Jane Nelson, Senay Payne; Mari Rich and Jean McAdams. The entire club is looking forward to having cancer cured before next year's Relay !!



Woman's Club team members include (left to right, back): Roberta Howard, Relay Co-Chairman Claire Barker, Nelda Clifton, Roberta Posey, T. W. Garrett, President Joan Pate, Sandy Burleson, Team Captain Claire Garrett, Jane Nelson, Senay Payne; (seated) Jean McAdams. Absent from picture was Mari Rich.

Pioneer District

The Nineteenth Century Club closes Club Year with Luncheon



Pilot Point -- Good food and friendship abounded on Wednesday, May 8, as The Nineteenth Century Club of Pilot Point celebrated the close of their club year with a luncheon meeting at the Durning House Restaurant in Van Alstyne, Texas. Chicken a la Roma and Broccoli Playday Salad were the featured entrees. Yum! Linda Fox, President, presided and welcomed Pioneer District President Beth Lewellen and President Elect Carolyn McLeod as the club's guests for the day. President Lewellen presented the club with an Outstanding Program Certificate awarded to them at state convention in Amarillo.

The Nineteenth Century Club and special guests

South Texas District

Corpus Christi Club commemorates 116th Birthday at Tippy Canvas

"Have fun! Remember your painting does not have to be perfect!"

Corpus Christi -- Members of the Woman's Monday Club met at "Tippy Canvas" to celebrate the club's 116th birthday. The club was organized on February 17, 1897; Federated with TFWC in 1901 and with GFWC in 1903. Since this club only meets five times a year, a lot is covered in each meeting. Nine members attended and brought along 6 guests (potential members!!); they wore red in honor of Women's Heart Health; they donated to Shots for Life; they celebrated Federation and 116 years of club work by eating birthday cake, learning how to paint a tree, enjoying the fellowship of Federation, having fun with friends and learning that clubwomen, like paintings, do not have to be perfect to be effective!



Members and Guests pictured at right:

Front, left to right: Pat Martinez, Lonnie Matthew,
Linda K Smith, Nelda Lee

Back, left to right: Genie McLelland, Elaine Wilde, Lucille Karnei, Dorothy Roberts, Barbara Kain, Marsha Wellman, Nancy Henderson, Carla Shultz, Autumn Krisl, Irene Irely, Suzanne Shirley.

Woman's Club of Aransas Pass Honors Local Volunteer David Rector

Aransas Pass -- Each January at its regular meeting, the GFWC Woman's Club of Aransas Pass honors a local citizen with its "Woman's Club Citizen of the Year." This year the recipient was David Rector, husband of long time club member Marion.

David has been a volunteer in Aransas Pass since his youth. He now serves on the Aransas Pass ISD Board of Trustees, is a member and director of his outstanding church choir among many other volunteer works. If you need someone to do something you can always ask David and the response is "yes".



David Rector, "Woman's Club Citizen of the Year."

Western District

The GFWC Juniorettes of Alpine to celebrate its 10th Anniversary

Alpine -- Anniversary Activities for the GFWC Juniorettes of Alpine are being planned to include being special guests in TFWC Fall Board Meeting 2013 in Austin and various TFWC Districts/Clubs.

Foremost will be the start up of the new GFWC Millennials composed of past Juniorettes who are professionals, college students, homemakers in and around Texas. Everyone is welcome to join these new GFWC TEXAS Millennials! All GFWC Texas Districts/Clubs are encouraged to join in this celebration!

For further information please call GFWC TEXAS Juniiorette Chairman Mary Vongsavath Tel: 432.837.9188 or email GFWC_Juniorettes@yahoo.com.

GFWC – TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS CLUB TREASURER’S REMITTANCE FORM for 2013-2014

DEADLINE: July 1 (AND as new members join) DATE _____

Name of Club _____ District _____

City _____ No. of Members _____

Club President _____ Phone _____

Address/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Club Treasurer _____ Phone _____

Address/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

***GFWC –TFWC DUES**

Per Capita Dues: \$30.00 (GFWC \$15.00 & TFWC \$15) for 2013 – 2014
 _____ Members X \$30.00 each = Dues for 2013-2014 \$ _____

Juniorette Clubs: TFWC dues _____ Members X \$1.00 each \$ _____
 GFWC dues _____ Members X \$10.00 each \$ _____

(Juniorette Clubs should pay a total of \$11.00 per member)

*** Include a complete list of all members and addresses**

****CITY FEDERATIONS shall pay \$80.00 directly to GFWC.**

Pay TFWC \$15.00 per club
 _____ No. of Clubs X \$15.00. \$ _____

**** Include a list of Clubs**

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TOTAL AMOUNT: Separate check payable to TFWC General Funds \$ _____

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TFWC State Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TFWC Musical Penny Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TFWC Penny Arts Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TFWC Billie Lindley McMahon Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TFWC Eleanor Tipps Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TFWC Simmang Volunteer Award Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT:	\$ _____
Separate check payable to TFWC Scholarship Fund	

TFWC HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS (*Donations Greatly Appreciated*)

TFWC 2312 Club	\$ _____
TFWC HF Maintenance	\$ _____
TFWC HF Texas Women’s Library	\$ _____
TFWC HF Property Expansion Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT:	\$ _____
Separate check payable to TFWC HF	

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Thank you all for your dues and donations.

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Juiorettes host 4th Annual GO TEXAS Fall Festival in Alpine

Alpine -- The GFWC Juniores of Alpine hosted the 4th Annual GO TEXAS Fall Festival in downtown Alpine. This wonderful event promoted products, arts and crafts, produce, services, our culture and our community to benefit Keep Alpine Beautiful (KAB), which is the club's community improvement project 2012-2014.

The club provided information on KAB and promoted reusable and recyclable totes. The mission of KAB is to educate and engage citizens of Alpine to take responsibility for improving our community environment through beautification, litter prevention and waste reduction. The Alpine Juniores encourage everyone to use recyclable totes in lieu of plastic bags. The Alpine Juniores are excited to share responsibility and learn and engage their family, friends and our community to make Alpine the city that our generation and next will always love!

Pictured (from left to right) in their commemorative tees and Go Texan hats are: Jessica Fenley, Maggie Hillary, Taylor Short, Mimi Vargas and Mary Vongsavath, Advisor.



Monahans Clubs Join Efforts in Luncheon to Celebrate Christmas

Monahans -- The GFWC Tau Lambda Study Club (TLSC) of Monahans TX and GFWC Lady Lobo Juniores (GLLJ) of Monahans High School (MHS) TX, held a joint luncheon December 12th in celebration of Christmas. The luncheon was held in the First Baptist Church Parlor.

Special guest Mrs. Abigail Buchanan-Pritchard, Ward County Home/AG Agent, sang "All is Well" from the Christmas cantata. She also spoke briefly thanking the GFWC Tau Lambda Study Club for this opportunity, and gratefully expressed her appreciation on having been a recipient of the Ilda Barron Scholarship in 1972 -1975. That scholarship enabled her to finish college.

Mrs. Ilda Barron, a charter member of the TLSC, established this scholarship in 1952. A MHS graduate is selected to receive this scholarship through 4 years college.



TLSC members held a Christmas Pin exchange. TLSC President Nancy Williams greeted and provided Ms Jamie Fredericks, MHS Librarian and a MHS Juniorette Sponsor, and each Juniorette with a gift bag. Mary Vongsavath, GFWC TEXAS Juniorette Chairman, was delighted to present a GFWC Volunteer Button Pin to Ms. Fredericks and the Juniores.

Lavelle Counts, TLSC Treasurer, distributed a whimsical snowflake photo holder to everyone and read quotes from "Snowflake Bentley" and explained that each and every snowflake is different as is each and every person different with strengths to be developed and unique talents to share. Laverne Swarb, TLSC VP, did a roll call of members with each member sharing a family tradition.

A delicious lunch of chicken-spaghetti and all the fixings' and New York Cheesecake with cherry topping was prepared by Lavelle Counts and Laverne Swarb. The table decor of holiday red, green and gold was provided by Bettye Ice.

Pictured right (left to right): Nancy Williams, Mary Vongsavath, Kelsey Doege, Jamie Frederick, Miranda Reyes and Alexis Amos.

Lavelle Counts (top) is shown reading "Snowflake Bentley."



-- In Memoriam --

Mary Margaret Roberson

TFWC President 1992 - 1994

Mary Margaret Champion Roberson passed from this life to her heavenly one Thursday, January 3, 2013. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Charles Clark Champion and Alma Elizabeth Biggers. She was born August 20, 1923 in Austin, Texas where she graduated from Austin High School and received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in Austin before moving to Dallas in 1948.

Mary Margaret had a gift of leadership and enjoyed assuming that role in both church responsibilities and civic ones, but she was foremost a devoted mother, grandmother, friend and relative to her family. She is survived by two daughters, Anne Elizabeth Ward and Margaret Jo Duff and their spouses Ronnie Ward and William Duff. Her two grandchildren of whom she was extremely proud are Ronald Roberson Ward of Dallas and Rebecca Ward Lindsay and husband D. Michael Lindsay of Wenham, Massachusetts. Her three great granddaughters Elizabeth, Emily, and Caroline Lindsay affectionately knew her as "Sweetie" a name given to her by her grandfather as an infant.

Her two sisters survive her, Juanita Champion Meier and Josie Ellen Champion of Austin to whom she remained close all her life. Next to family Mary Margaret was devoted to and gave much of her time in service to Tyler Street United Methodist Church in Dallas where she has remained a member since 1948. As a member of the Sanctuary Choir and soloist for the many Sunday School classes, she instilled a love of music in her daughters who accompanied her as they grew up. As a member of the Anniversary Class in Tyler Street for over 64 years she had her closest friendships there and served through the years in every role from social chairman to president and as teacher for the last ten years. In 1987 she was 75th Anniversary Chairman for her church and obtained a Texas Historical Marker. Her interests and leadership in civic responsibilities included being past president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (1992 - 1994) which included almost 400 clubs in the state, Dallas Council of Garden Clubs, Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges of Dallas where she was a master judge, Dallas Preparatory Group of Flower Show Judges, Oak Cliff Woman's Club, Lecture Luncheon Club of Dallas, and the Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts.

A few of the community boards she enjoyed serving on included Task Force for Goals for Dallas, Regional Health Planning Council of North Texas Council of Governments, Dallas Garden Center, Dallas County Historical Commission, Metropolitan YWCA, and Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. A commemorative tree is planted on the State Capital grounds to honor her beautification efforts. Mary Margaret was a woman of strength and dignity whose children stand and bless her. She was a lady of character who was greatly loved and will be sorely missed by her family and all who knew her.

Her service was on Sunday, January 6 at Tyler Street United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. and burial was Monday, January 7. If you wish to make a charitable contribution, gifts may be made to Tyler Street United Methodist Church, 927 W. Tenth, Dallas 75208, to Park Cities Baptist Church, P.O. Box 12068, Dallas 75225-0068 or to Gordon College for the Mary Margaret Champion Roberson Memorial Scholarship, President's Office, 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA 01984.

Maidell Mitchell

Caprock District

Betty Kenson

Mesquite District

Dorothy Craig Drain

Mesquite District

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Betty Grimes

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