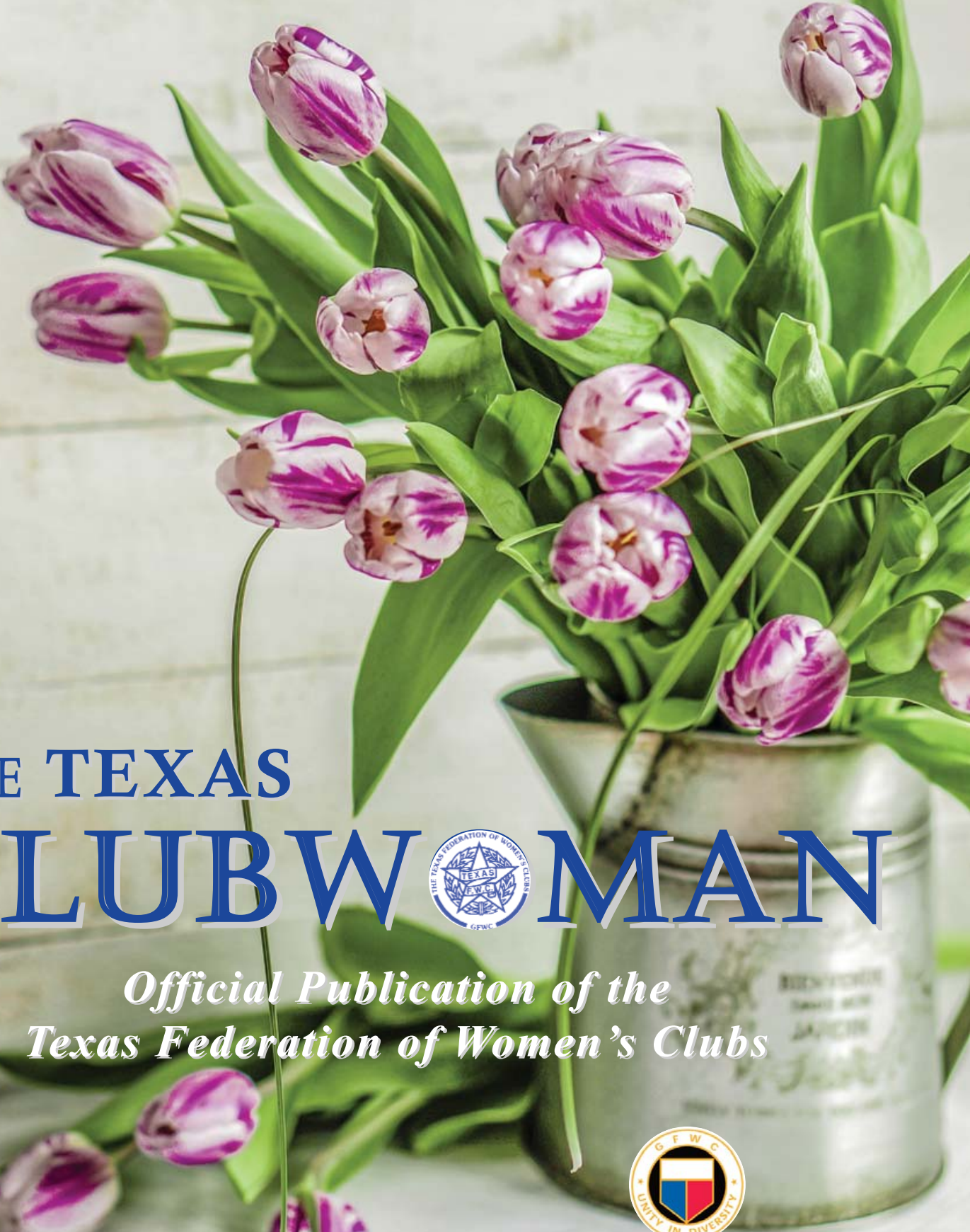


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Photo Contest Contestants and Judges

**Bring winning entries from your district
conventions to state convention in Dallas.**

1st and 2nd places only in each division.

Follow GFWC guidelines as found on website.



From the Desk of
2014-2016 TFWC President

Sandi Conway

Theme: *“Caring and Sharing the Volunteer Spirit.”*

Welcome to 2015, another great year in Federation. Our journey together is going to take us on a path of “Caring and Sharing the Volunteer Spirit.”

Time has flown and your president has been in the fast lane and traveling the roads of Texas.

As leaders we have much to look forward to, with our up-coming 118th Annual Spring Convention. Please bring a friend or first time attendee to share in this fun filled event. The ladies of Trinity District are awaiting our arrival and have great plans to make our stay most inviting. Everyone is asked to bring a stuffed toy for the sweet innocent children of Domestic Violence. This is a very scary time for them so let us be the one to give them something to hold onto.

2015 is going to be a very special year for us on many levels. We are amazing women with the spirit to dedicate ourselves to see to the needs of others. We can bring joy and enlighten smiles on the faces of many that needs a helping hand.

As we prepare to celebrate 125 years in GFWC and 118 years in TFWC, let us look beyond ourselves and move forward to unite and bring harmony to our clubs and districts. What we do together can be the spring board of our future. We will be in Dallas to celebrate our accomplishments, and we want you there to share in our joy.

Thank you for being the great leaders in your communities. We have learned from our wonderful past history, we are informed women that will keep bringing growth to our organization. We are the volunteers that empower women. Help us to pursue change to effectively increase our membership. We can do this as a team. Just believe in yourself and strive to be the ones that truly do “make a difference”. Improve our actions and strive to move forward to reach new goals in service.

Dedicated Federated sisters need to grasp the opportunity that can enhance our membership and give us the possibility of gaining Junior Clubs.

Join with me for a “Federated Refresher.” This is essential for instilling a sense of pride and purpose in both new and seasoned members. Therefore, **WE CAN** make strides toward accomplishing our goals. Bring back your passion for GFWC Texas and support one another.

Next Stop is in “BIG D.”

Sandi Conway
2014-2016





Official Call and Tentative Agenda
 GFWC Texas President Sandi Conway
 Recording Secretary Stephanie Stephens
 Cordially invite you to
*Bring a friend and join in this fun-filled event
 Making new friends with amazing Texas Women!*

"A Dallas Experience" Hosted by Trinity District

GFWC Texas 118th Annual Convention

April 23-26, 2015

**MCM Elegante' Hotel & Suites
 Dallas, Texas**

Thursday, April 23

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration	Waterfront Lobby
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception Hosted by Trinity District	King George II
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Counterparts Meeting	Check hotel for room assignments

*State President with District Presidents; State President-elect with District Presidents-elect
 and State 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents with all District Vice Presidents*

7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Check hotel for room assignment
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Friday, April 24

Celebrating Federation Day and 125 Years of GFWC

6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Complimentary Breakfast	Windsor Restaurant
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration	Waterfront Lobby

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Pre-convention Events and Meetings

8:45 a.m. - 12:00	City of Dallas Tour * Heritage Tours with Byron Cain, Owner Bus will begin loading promptly at 8:45 a.m. and depart from the front of the hotel	
12:45 - 2:30 p.m.	“Here’s to the Ladies Who Lunch” Luncheon <i>Dressy Dress</i>	Waterfront
<i>Guest speaker John Gage, Director of the Dallas Opera, retired</i>		
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Redistricting Committee	King George I
	Nominating Committee	King George II
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee	King George III
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee	King George I
	Historical Foundation Trustees	King George II
6:00 p.m.	Doors Open for Dinner <i>After Five Attire</i>	Waterfront

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	<i>Opening 118th GFWC Texas Annual Convention</i>	
	Call to Order:	Sandi Conway
	Invocation:	Mary Beth Guy
	Presentation of Colors	
	National Anthem:	Barbara Winingham and Robin Templeton
	Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:	Carol Habgood
	Texas State Song:	Barbara Winingham and Robin Templeton
	Pledge Allegiance to the Texas State Flag:	Stephanie Stephens
	Introductions:	Patti Poe
	Introduction of Special GFWC Texas Members:	Cindy Simmons
	<i>Past State Presidents, TFWC Life Members, TFWC Jennie June Recipients, First Time Attendees</i>	
	Greetings from the City of Dallas	
	Response:	Barbara Harvey, President, Trinity District
	Greetings from GFWC South Central Region:	Lois Crozier, Region President

Enjoy Your Dinner

Outstanding Awards Presentation:	Presented by Carol Habgood
Outstanding Program	
Outstanding Federation Day Program	
Outstanding Americanism Program	
TFWC L.E.A.D.S Representative for 2015	
Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer of the Year	
Life Membership:	Presented by Mary Beth Guy
Introduction	Ann Barton, Liaison GFWC Texas and TWU, retired

Elizabeth Snapp, Director of Libraries Texas Woman's University

Announcements:	Patricia Tate
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Saturday, April 25

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6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Complimentary Breakfast	Windsor Restaurant
8:00 a.m. - 12:00	Noon Registration	Waterfront Lobby
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Past District President's Breakfast Meeting •• <i>Attendees please take your breakfast to the meeting room</i> ••	King George I
	ESO Breakfast •• <i>Members please take your breakfast to the meeting room</i> ••	King George II
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Business Session <i>Business Casual Attire</i>	Waterfront

Call to Order:	Sandi Conway
Thought for the Day:	Mary Beth Guy
Introductions:	Sandi Conway (presenting those at the head table)
Preliminary GFWC Texas Credentials Report:	Nan Park
Preliminary Convention Registration Report:	Barbara Menking
Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee	Shawnee Harding, Billie Williams, and Nan Park
Appointments of Tellers and Timekeepers	Pat Stevens, Patsy Troell and Nancy Nelson, Nelda Lee
Presentation of Convention Rules:	Margaret Kriegel
Presentation of Convention Program:	Patricia Siegfried-Giles

Report of GFWC Texas Executive Committee

President	Sandi Conway
President-elect	Patti Poe
1st Vice President	Carol Habgood
2nd Vice President	Cindy Simmons
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Stephens
Historical Foundation	Patsy Troell, Chairman of Trustees
TFWC Scholarship	Mary Lou Gilbreath, Chairman Scholarship Committee
Parliamentarian	Margaret Kriegel

Recommendations of the Executive Committee:	Stephanie Stephens
Report of the TFWC Financials:	Patricia Stevens, Financial Officer
Presentation of GFWC Texas 2015-2016 Budget:	Patricia Stevens, Financial Officer
Proposed Amendments to GFWC Bylaws	
Awards/photo op:	Carol Habgood

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Break - I hour to reset for luncheon	
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	"Shop 'til You Drop" Luncheon	Waterfront
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Introduction by: Pat Humphrey, Mesquite District Trustee	

Nancy Robinson Masters: Author, Pilot, Motivational Speaker

Break	
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Business Session

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Call to Order:	Sandi Conway
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention	
Corner Stone Project:	Cindy Simmons (25 minutes)
GFWC Texas President's Special Project, Heifer International:	Mary Lou Gilbreath (25 minutes)
Resolutions:	Maridell Fryer
Awards/Photo Op:	Carol Habgood
New Business	
In Memoriam:	Jeri Harkins

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thirty Minute Workshops Running Concurrently	King George I, II, III
	Proper Parliamentary Procedure	Technology 101
	Carol Habgood & Margaret Kreigel	Helen Lamberth
		ESO – Reading Adventures
		Germaine Carney

“Go, learn things” pick one, after 30 minutes go to another, after 30 minutes go to another

6:30 p.m.	Doors Open for Banquet	Waterfront
	<i>Formal Attire</i>	

6:45 p.m.	Assemble to Line Up For Processional
	<i>Past State Presidents, State Life Members, District Presidents, State Executive Committee, and Region President</i>

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<i>Celebrate GFWC Texas!</i>	
	Processional	Announced by Nelda Lee
	Call to Order:	Sandi Conway
	Blessing:	Mary Beth Guy

Enjoy Your Dinner

8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Lois Crozier, GFWC South Central Region President
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9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	“Sweets for the Sweets” Reception	Concierge Floor Lounge
	<i>Hosted by Fairfield History Club</i>	
	<i>Honoring both President Sandi Conway and President Lois Crozier</i>	

Sunday, April 26

8:00 a.m.	Just for us - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	Waterfront Room
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8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Business Session
	<i>Business Casual Attire</i>

Call to Order:	Sandi Conway
Thought For The Day:	Sandi Conway
Awards Recap:	Carol Habgood

District President's Reports, 3 minutes
(Please be respectful of the time allowance)

Sandi's Stars

Alamo:	Shirley Thomas
Capitol:	Minnie Simmang

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Caprock:	Deloris Short
Key:	E. P. Storie, representing Key District
Magnolia:	Billie Williams
Mesquite:	Carolyn Waller
Pioneer:	Carolyn McLeod
San Jacinto:	Marshia Foster
South Texas:	Irene Irej
Trinity:	Barbara Harvey
Western:	Melanie Spratt
Final Registration Report:	Barbara Menking
Fundraising Report:	Tessa Buckley
Closing Announcements:	Patricia Tate
Collect for Club Women:	Beth Lewellen
“Let There Be Peace”	Sung in unison
Farwell to Everyone:	Sandi Conway

Adjourn the 118th GFWC Texas Annual Convention

Safe travels, ladies!



Cindy A. Simmons

2014-2016 2nd Vice President

Membership Matters

In the later part of last year, I sent a letter out to all the District Second Vice Presidents, "Thanking" them for their leadership and service. Enclosed in the letter were some handouts regarding membership and ways they could help the women of their districts to be better appreciated for the service they have given to their clubs, their districts and their communities.

One of the items that has been brought up over the last few months, are questions about ways to show appreciation for our members who have been in our federation for many years. Please know your members may be honored with the presentation of a "5" year, "10" year, "25" year and "50" year pin.

In 2015, GFWC will celebrate their 125th anniversary; I thought it would be nice to compile a list of all members who have been in federation for 50+ years.

I "Thank" all the officers who have sent me their information and to let those who have not, know it is not too late! Compile your lists and email them to cascws@cablone.net.

I am planning a special presentation, in the time allotted to me by President Sandi Conway to recognize these members.

In Federation, Friendship, Sisterhood and Love, Cindy

“CATCH THE SPIRIT” BY “LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT”

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Trinity District has added a few extra amenities to make this convention a little more out of the ordinary. Experience GFWC Texas in "Big D" the Trinity District Way!

Convention Special Events and Meals

Thursday, April 23

The MCM Elegante' Finish Line Bar and Grill features a Happy Hour at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. nightly. Daily complimentary drink tickets come with your room reservation.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Complimentary

Start your "Dallas Experience" by networking with your convention attendees at this Welcome Reception hosted by Trinity District. This fun-filled event includes a raffle for great prizes and a live auction for the original convention logo art piece by Jer Giles. Watch the artist at work as he adds hand-painted flourishes to his computer generated design. Jer has even agreed to have the proceeds go to GFWC Texas to offset convention expenses. Redeem your hotel complimentary drink tickets at the Finish Line Bar and Grill and bring your drink across the hall to the King George II room for hors d'oeuvres: the centerpiece a caramelized wheel of brie with almonds, fresh berries and lavosh, the surprise hit in the bread baskets at the GFWC Convention last summer. Ticket required

Friday, April 24

The MCM Elegante' offers a daily complimentary full American breakfast buffet with eggs cooked to order beginning at 6:00 a.m. Rise and shine! The breakfast ticket comes with your room reservation.

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Tour of Dallas

\$30

See Dallas like you've never seen it before with Heritage Tours: Escorting the Curious on Heritage Travel since 1992. Relax in a state of the art motor coach and let Byron Cain, son of a Dallas Woman's Club member, owner of Heritage Tours and a knowledgeable and popular raconteur of Dallas, entertain you with his lively and informative overview of Dallas. We will visit Downtown, the Art Deco masterpiece of Fair Park, trendy urban Uptown, cross the famed Calatrava Bridge to Trinity Groves, the new vibrant urban hot spot; and enjoy the spring gardens all along the way. Wear tour comfortable outfits; some walking.

12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

"Here's to the Ladies Who Lunch!"

\$25

Every woman's organization in Dallas has an annual luncheon and this is ours! Dress to the nines, wear your daytime diamonds and don't forget your hat. Enjoy your complimentary glass of wine or sparkling beverage as you stroll along and admire the items for the Silent Auction. Our special guest John Gage, Director of Production for the Dallas Opera now retired, will take you back stage and tell you what really goes on behind the curtain. For our meal the chef has prepared a delightful Classic Chicken Caesar Salad with Peach Cobbler to finish.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Formal Opening & Business Dinner \$33

Business is done in Dallas and GFWC Texas is no exception. Enjoy your dinner as the 58th GFWC Texas President Sandi Conway formally opens the 118th Annual Convention and GFWC Texas rolls up its sleeves and gets down to business. The evening begins with greetings from Dallas and ends with Elizabeth Snapp Director of Libraries at TWU. Enjoy your dinner of roasted pork loin with apple brandy sauce, spinach and citrus salad to start and our chef will select the just right dessert. Attire: After Five

Saturday, April 25

12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Shop 'til You Drop Luncheon \$25

During this luncheon meeting, "Shop 'til You Drop" and support GFWC Texas. Dallas is known for its shopping and you'll find great bargains right here at the MCM Elegante'. The GFWC Texas Fundraising Committee has a variety of items to satisfy your Big D shopping experience. Our guest speaker Nancy Masters will delight you with her lively presentation on Membership:

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“How to Get Them and How to Keep Them.” A Bistro sandwich will hit the spot; smoked turkey breast and Swiss cheese on a flakey golden croissant with all the fixings, pasta salad and Chef’s selection for dessert. Attire: Business Casual

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Celebrating GFWC Texas! Banquet \$38

Dallas Glitz and Glamour comes alive at night. GFWC Texas celebrates the past year at the “Celebrating GFWC Texas!” Banquet. Our convention guest and speaker GFWC South Central President Lois Crozier will bring us up to date on our region’s activities and her plans for the next two years. On the menu this night is a traditional green salad, pan seared red snapper with crab meat brandy sauce, fresh seasonal vegetables and the chef’s selection for dessert. Attire: Formal

9:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Reception in the President’s Suite Free

End your evening at the “Sweets for the Sweets” reception in the President’s Suite hosted by Fairfield History Club. View the breathtaking Dallas Skyline at night at this after dinner reception honoring both President Sandi Conway and President Lois Crozier.

Sunday, April 26

8:30 a.m.

President Conway concludes the business for this year and sends us on our way ready for another year of “Caring and Sharing Living the Volunteer Spirit.”

At Spring Convention

FREE Shuttle to and from DFW and Love Field to and from MCM Elegante’ Hotel Make Hotel Reservations NOW!!!



CREDENTIALS CARD

Deadline: Must be postmarked by April 13, 2015
•• Emailed Credentials will not be accepted. ••

GFWC Texas 118TH Annual Spring Convention
April 23-26, 2015
Dallas, Texas

Mail to:
Nan Park, Chairman
P.O. Box 84
Bowie, Texas 76230

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NAME OF CLUB _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____ DISTRICT _____

CHECK ONE:

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<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate (1 per 15 members of club)	

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DATE POSTMARKED _____ DATE RECEIVED _____

GFWC Texas 118TH SPRING CONVENTION
Official Registration Form - Dallas, Texas
April 23 - 26, 2015 - Open to ALL GFWC Texas Members

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: April 13, 2015

Please fill out a form for each person attending.

(Check One)

Board Member _____ Club Member (non-voting) _____ Guest _____

Name _____

Address _____

First Time Attendee _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Title/Position _____ District _____

Thursday, April 23, 2015

_____ Complimentary - Welcome Reception - Please indicate if you will be attending by placing a check mark in the blank.

Friday, April 24, 2015

Free Breakfast included in your room cost.

\$ _____ Tour of Dallas - **Cost - \$30.00**

\$ _____ ***Registration: Early \$15 or Late \$20**

\$ _____ Lunch -The Chef has prepared a delightful Classic Chicken Caesar Salad with Peach Cobbler to finish.
Cost - \$25.00

\$ _____ Dinner - Roasted pork loin with apple brandy sauce, spinach and citrus salad. Chef's selection for dessert
- Cost - \$33.00

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Free Breakfast included in your room cost.

\$ _____ Lunch - A Bistro sandwich, smoked turkey breast and Swiss cheese on a flaky golden croissant with all the fixings, pasta salad and Chef's selection for dessert. **Cost - \$25.00**

\$ _____ Dinner - Traditional green salad, pan seared red snapper with crab meat brandy sauce, fresh seasonal vegetables and the Chef's selection for dessert. **Cost - \$38.00**

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Free Breakfast included in your room cost.

\$ _____ Total cost of (early)registration, all meals, and tour - **\$166.00**

If you have dietary restrictions please notify Patricia Siegfried-Giles by April 13, 2015
Patricia can be reached by Email psg@jergiles.com.

Please make sure you read the Convention Special Events and Meals pages on pages 9 and 10 for more explanation of the meals and tour.



*By registering and attending the TFWC Spring Convention 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.



Mail the Registration Form with your check to:

TFWC Headquarters
2312 San Gabriel
Austin, Texas 78705-5014

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Lois Crozier

Lois Crozier

Keynote Speaker | Saturday Banquet

GFWC Texas is proud to have GFWC South Central Region President Lois Crozier as our Keynote Speaker. Lois is devoted to GFWC. She served as President of GFWC New Mexico 2006-2008 with Jackie Peirce GFWC International President. She is a proud member of that class of state presidents the GFWC Pierce Arrows.

After her term as state president she continued serving federation by seeking office on the region level. Moving up the ranks, she was elected Region President for 2014-2016. Her theme "Living the Volunteer Spirit While Conserving Nature" reflects her commitment to the environment and keeping the planet healthy; a natural sense of preservation from a daughter of 'the Land of Enchantment'.



Elizabeth Snapp

Elizabeth Snapp

The GFWC Texas and TWU Connection | Friday Dinner

Elizabeth Snapp is the Director of Libraries, Texas Woman's University, Emeritus. She has spent her academic career studying women, women's issues, women's history and the importance of libraries.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Library Science with French and History minors in 1968 from the University of North Texas. She went on to receive a Masters of Library Science and a Masters of Arts in History. Her post graduate studies were at TWU and the Leadership Texas Class of 1984 Foundation for Women's Resources in Austin. She has written several books on Texas women and immersed herself in numerous professional activities relevant to teaching about women's history, library research and archival importance.

In addition she is a member of national women's organizations; American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, Soroptomist International plus GFWC Texas, the Woman's Shakespeare Club in Denton!



**Nancy Robinson
Masters**

Nancy Robinson Masters

How to be a Top Gun Texas Ace! | Saturday Lunch

Grab your cap and goggles and get ready to laugh, cry, and fly high with one of America's most inspiring women! Nancy is a pilot and the author of more than 40 award-winning books for readers of all ages. Her wit, wisdom and energy will help you get your club's props spinning and your tail wheels moving toward becoming "Aces" by adding new members in 2015!

John Gage

Life Behind the Curtain | Friday Luncheon

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GFWC Texas welcomes John Gage former Director of Production for the Dallas Opera who will explain what really happens backstage during a night at the opera.

John Gage was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan and received a Bachelors of Arts as well as a Masters of Arts in Speech and Theatre Arts from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He did his stint in the Air Force and was a Control Tower Operator stationed in France. He taught for a while and began his career in opera production as Stage Manager of St. Paul Opera for the 1972 summer season.

He came to Dallas in 1978 as Dallas Opera Production Stage Manager for three seasons. In May of 1980 he assumed the position of General Director of the Florentine Opera in Milwaukee. After nine years he then guided the Columbus, Ohio opera company through financial difficulties before returning to Dallas. In 1991 he created the position of Director of Production as a full time employee a position he held until January 2011 after the opening of the Winspear Opera House and world premiere of "Moby Dick".

John, his jewelry artist wife Linda Russell and their dogs Winston and Duchess make their home in Dallas.



Jer Giles

Jer Giles

Performance Art and Live Auction | Thursday Welcome Reception

Jer is the artist who painted the original Big Tex for the State Fair of Texas and now he's created a special art piece for GFWC Texas to be auctioned during the Welcome Reception.

Jer became a friend to GFWC Texas when he traveled with his wife Patricia Siegfried-Giles the 54th President of GFWC Texas.

Jer grew up in Huntsville, Alabama at the height of the space race in the town where failure was not an option. He got involved in theatre as early as high school. He moved to Texas and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatrical Design and Production from the University of Texas, Austin, 1973. From there he worked in Dallas, known as "the third coast" as a Scenic Artist and painted sets for national stage, screen, television, national opera premiers and three shows he's painted have been on Broadway.

In 1981 Jer crossed the footlights, started his own business, and began taking commissions to paint in homes, restaurants, offices. His art has been on television, in books, magazines even newspapers. His is one of the most recognized names in the Decorative Arts in the Metroplex and is celebrating over 40 years in the arts painting murals and other effects of grandeur possible with paint.

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MCM Elegante' Suites

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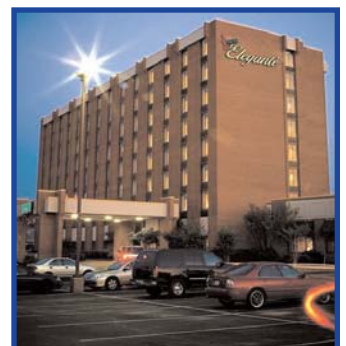
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1-4 persons**

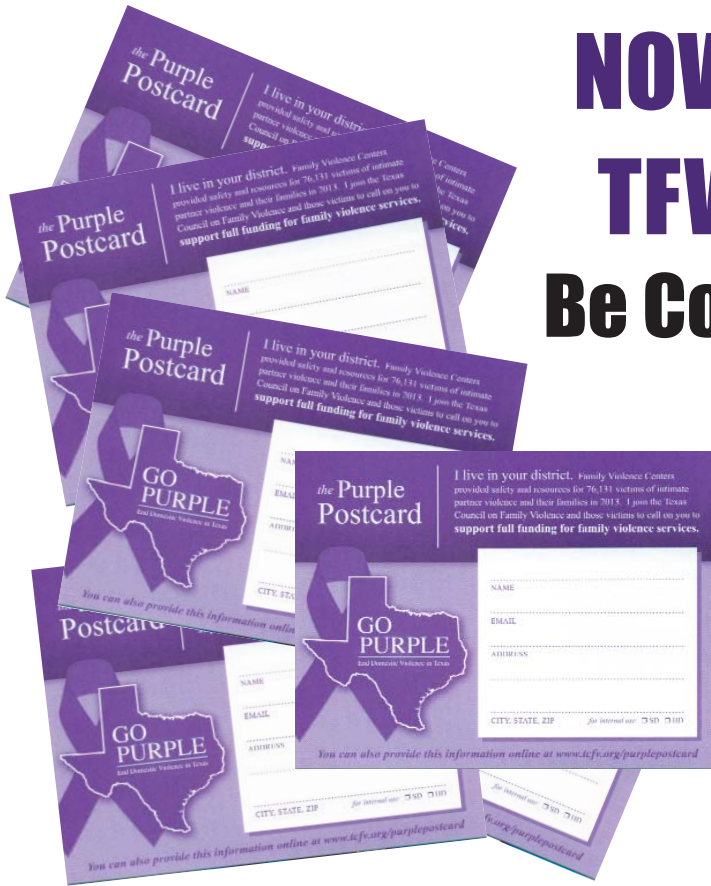
Cut Off Date: March 23rd

**Tell them you are a
Texas Federation of
Women's Clubs Member**

Code: TFWC

for the rate.





NOW Is The Time!!! TFWC - Speak Up! Be Counted In The Texas Legislature This Session Via ←----- This Purple Card!!

- Act Fast - Needed in March!!
- Electronic Version @ <http://www.tcfv.org/purplepostcard>

We prioritize our appropriations efforts for family violence services above all other activities at the Legislature. The Purple Postcards Project represents our premiere approach to galvanizing our constituents and the legislature in support of funding.

--Texas Council On Family Violence President Gloria Terry

This is our organization's opportunity to "SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE!"

- Postcards are easy to fill out with pre-paid postage.
- Available through club presidents, also online.
- Can count as club project.
- Time is of the essence, **HURRY!! Needed in March.**

Despite great strides in our state and communities, the voices of family violence victims are still too often silenced. Each of these purple postcards gives voice to those survivors, sending a powerful message to the Legislature that domestic violence services must be a priority.

-- Texas State Senator Jane Nelson

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

JANUARY 2015

The Bylaws Committee for this 2015-2016 Administration consisting of Carol Habgood, Beth Lewellen, JoAnne Wentworth, Mary Melton, and Margaret Kriegel submit the following changes, approved by the Executive Committee, to the current By-laws.

Article III. Section 1, F

Move F to G and adjust following letters:

Insert F to read:

A minimum of five (5) members with a President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a Club.

Rationale: This will coincide with Section 3- Termination of Membership where it states, “ If five members of the club vote to remain, etc.”

Article IV, Officers, Section 1

Currently reads: Elected officers shall be: President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Recording Secretary.

Delete Recording Secretary, and make to read:

The position of TFWC Recording Secretary shall be appointed by the TFWC President and will serve during her administration. This officer may be reappointed to this office by the President-elect when she becomes President.

Rationale: A good Secretary is imperative to every administration as she is to record what is done during her term of office. Minutes should be accurate and well written. With the President appointing this officer she may select a person who is capable of doing this.

Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 5, add F. – Recording Secretary

To read: The Recording Secretary shall prepare and send to the current TEXAS CLUBWOMAN editor, a brief summary of the activities and business transacted in the Fall Board Meetings and Spring Conventions. This brief article shall be placed in the current issue of the magazine.

Rationale: a BRIEF recap of convention or Fall Board Meeting accomplishments are needed to inform our members of what transpired at the meeting. We do not need the entire minutes or lengthy reports when pages in the magazine are limited and we pay for each page.

Article XI, Districts, A, 2

Currently reads: A candidate must have served on a District Board of Directors for a minimum of two administrations.

Strike two and insert one

To read: A candidate must have served on a District Board of Directors for a minimum of one administration.

Rationale: Qualified candidates are often overlooked because they have not served for two administrations. With the current problem of securing candidates for office this may enable a qualified person to become a District Officer.

Article XI, Districts, Section A, 5

Currently reads: No club shall endorse more than one candidate for district office, but may endorse a full ticket of officers, provided no two candidates are members of the same club.

Strike one, insert two, and delete “provided no two candidates are members of the same club.”

Change to read: No club shall endorse more than two candidates from their club for district office, but may endorse a full slate of officers, including the two from their club, with candidates from other clubs thereby submitting a full slate of officers.

Rationale: The increase of the number of endorsements a club may make will enable a wider selection of those available for a district office.

GFWC TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Proposed Budget 2015-2016

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Pat Stevens, Chairman, Patsy Troell, President Sandi Conway and President-elect Patti Poe. Approved by Executive Board 1/20/15.

INCOME:

Dues:

TFWC	\$45,495.00	
GFWC	45,495.00	
City Federations	555.00	
Juniorette	70.00	
Members At Large	60.00	
		\$91,675.00

Income Other:

Fall Board Meeting	\$ 9,000.00	
Spring Convention	14,000.00	
Fundraisers	4,000.00	
		27,000.00

Texas Clubwoman Magazine Subscriptions	2,000.00	
		2,000.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$120,675.00**

EXPENDITURES:

GFWC Dues	\$45,495.00	
SCR	40.00	
Speaker Gifts	260.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	
District Presidents	1,375.00	
President	6,000.00	
President-elect	500.00	
		\$54,170.00

Board and Convention:

Fall Board	9,000.00	
Spring Convention	13,000.00	
		22,000.00

Other Expenses:

LEADS	250.00	
Outstanding Clubwoman	50.00	
Club Grant	200.00	
Fundraising Merchandise	150.00	
		650.00

Clubwoman Magazine:

Website	\$ 135.00	
Editor	3,450.00	
		\$ 3,585.00

Payroll Expenses:

Salary	31,100.00	
Medicare	460.00	
Social Security	1,960.00	
Payroll Direct Deposit	150.00	
		33,670.00

Professional Fees:

CPA	2,000.00	
		2,000.00

Office Expenses:

Copier Rental	2,800.00	
Quarterly Meter Read	35.00	
PayPal	100.00	
Office Supplies	500.00	
Postage	70.00	
TFWC Website/Domain	130.00	
Telephone	900.00	
Safety Deposit Box	65.00	
		4,600.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$120,675.00**

Restricted Income (not part of Operations Budget)

Estimated Restricted Interest Income 2015-2016:

UBS General Funds	\$ 1,500.00
UBS Scholarship Funds	5,500.00
Donations to Scholarships	1,900.00
Donations to General Fund	70.00
Donations TX Domestic Violence Schlr	500.00
Total	\$ 9,470.00

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GFWC TEXAS JUNIORETTEs

GFWC Fireside Junioresettes – Ingleside, Texas
High School students making a difference!

Fundraiser Set Into Motion, Taking Orders Now

INGLESIDE -- GFWC Fireside Junioresettes are conducting a fund raiser to support Phase 2 of their "Before I Die Wall" Community Beautification Project.

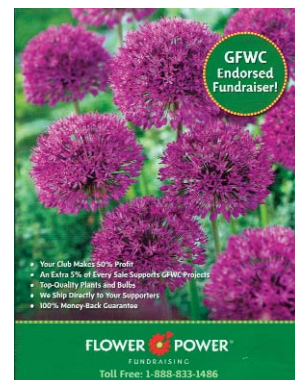
The Junioresettes have partnered with "Flower Power". A General Federation Of Woman's Clubs sanctioned partner. "Flower Power" gives 50% of all proceeds back to the GFWC Fireside Junioresettes.

For information, please call Cindy Simmons at 361-442-0071 or go to:

<http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/i/t/449719/6ya5022DuwU5>

This is a direct link to the GFWC Fireside Junioresettes "Flower Power" page.

The fund raiser will run until May 1, 2015 -- we are taking orders "NOW."



Ingleside Junioresettes

Annual Cinderella Project Seeks Gently Used Gowns For Teens

INGLESIDE -- GFWC Fireside Junioresettes wish to announce the 3rd Annual Cinderella Project. The Cinderella Project promotes a positive body image and increased self esteem by uniting girls with fabulous and free gently used prom gowns.



The gowns will be given away to any girl in need - all totally free with one stipulation - we ask the recipients to "Pay it Forward" and do a good deed for someone else. There is absolutely no cost for any of the dresses, jewelry, or accessories.

Donations of gently used prom dresses, shoes, handbags and jewelry can be brought to the Ingleside United Methodist Church Hall on March 14, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The dress giveaway will be held March 21, 2015 at the United Methodist Church Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Cindy Simmons at 361-442-0071



Alamo District

San Antonio Women’s Federation Sewing Circle United By Stitches

SAN ANTONIO -- Members of the San Antonio Women’s Federation held a special event on January 15 to benefit the UT MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. Members and representatives from the fifteen member clubs met at the Woman’s Club of San Antonio mansion to sew pillows for the heart and cancer patients at the hospital. Under the direction of Alamo District President Shirley Thomas and SAWF President Jaquie Rothermel, the women produced 60 heart-shaped pillows. The event was so successful that plans are being made to have a second sewing activity. (See pictures on next page)

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(Above Left and Right: San Antonio Women's Federation combined forces and spent a day sewing 60 heart shaped pillows for heart and cancer patients of UT MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. They had such a good time that they plan to do it again.

Key District

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TFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

Atlanta Club Celebrates Centurian Past President's Birthday In Song

ATLANTA -- The Atlanta Woman's Club, Atlanta, Texas, had the privilege in month of January to sing 'Happy Birthday' to one of our previous Club Presidents (1988-90), and Second Vice President of the TFWC Key District, Mrs. Tillman (Louise) McGee.

'Miz Louise' turned 100 January 29, 2015. An Atlanta High School alumni, she was a dedicated elementary school teacher in Atlanta for 45 years, and touched the lives of many. A pillar of the community, very spry and full of smiles, still able to live on her own at the Wesley House here in Atlanta.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information for consideration of publishing in the TFWC Texas Clubwoman. It would honor a special lady and we can never forget her dedication to our club.

-- Sharon Riley



(Left) Members of the Atlanta Woman's Club around Miz Louise as follows: (L to R): seated, Martha Faye Watkins; Kathy Gilbert; seated Louise McGee; Julie Braddock; Babs McCoy; Sharon Riley; Jene Sims; Sue Tomberlain and Linda Hill.

Happy Birthday, "Miz Louise"

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Magnolia District

Woman's Club

120th Anniversary Celebration Held In Historic Clubhouse

BEAUMONT -- On Friday, January 16, 2015, members and guests celebrated the 120th anniversary of the Woman's Club of Beaumont held in their historic clubhouse. The birthday luncheon is held annually on the Friday closest to the founding date of the group on January 18, 1895. The club, the oldest organization of any kind in Beaumont, has been housed in their current clubhouse since 1909, a long journey from the humble beginnings in a riverside cottage on the Neches River. The community's prime resources at that time being forestry, farming and cattle.

In 1895, Mrs. Hal Greer, considered a prominent citizen in the small town of Beaumont, was determined to enhance the cultural atmosphere of Beaumont which was hardly more than a village six years before the event which brought worldwide attention. The discovery of vast quantities of oil with the Lucas Gusher at Beaumont's Spindletop, which occurred on January 10, 1901, has been recognized as being the birth of the oil industry and the modern industrial era.

It didn't take long for the world famous gusher to be a part of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs as buggy rides out to the site were part of the attractions shared by attendees of the 1901 state convention that year. This activity probably could not have been imagined by the four friends of Mrs. Greer as poured the tea she served with slices of silver cake at her modest home on the banks of the river. She proposed organizing a literary club whose five members would each invite a friend and share magazines subscriptions. The growth of the club which went through several name changes, required the construction of the Magnolia Avenue Clubhouse. Docents proudly show off the original five teacups displayed in a French Curio cabinet in the parlour of the clubhouse. Sadly, the teapot which was also in the curved glass cabinet, was stolen in a burglary several years ago.

Besides providing Beaumont's first stage, banquet facilities and library for the growing town, the re-sources of the clubhouse were put to use for refugees of the 1915 Galveston Hurricane, a Red Cross center in WWI, the 1918 Flu epidemic, feeding school children in the Great Depression of the Thirties and was the home of women's volunteer organizations in WWII. Members of the club and civilian volunteers provided social services for soldiers and sailors stationed in the area. A special honor was awarded The Woman's Club of Beaumont for their Civilian Defense accomplishments by President Dwight David Eisenhower.

The social committee hosted a special luncheon on January 16, 2016 which honored past presidents and honorary members of the club. The gathering was greeted with opening comments by Beaumont mayor Becky Ames. Entertainment was provided by two of the club's four-member piano ensembles and Sandi Conway, president of the TFWC, was guest speaker at the event. Janelle Holden, immediate past president of the TFWC, is president of The Woman's Club of Beaumont.

-- Jeannette Pennell Doiron

"Thank you, Sandi"

We, the members of The Woman's Club of Beaumont wish to thank State President Sandi for being our guest January 16, 2015. The day was a celebration of the 120 years as an organized club.

The day started with a "meet and greet" time, giving all a chance to visit with President Sandy, our city mayor, the Magnolia District President, the Pastor of a local church and many friends and members.

Once again, thank you Sandi Conway for being here to share in our Special Day.

Janelle Holden.

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Woman's Club

Cleveland's Woman's Club Hosts Annual Friendship Tea

CLEVELAND -- Members of the Woman's Club of Cleveland gathered for their annual Friendship Tea at the Cleveland Senior Center. Friends and guests were serenaded with a wonderful piano concert by Tommie Daniels, Cleveland Rotary President (pictured with Cleveland Woman's Club President Pat Barrington). The Magnolia District President Billie Williams instructed members to make a priority of reaching out into the community. The fellowship, music, and food were a great way to celebrate friendships.



Pictured are the Magnolia District Officers who attended (left to right): District Parliamentarian Linda Lang; District Treasurer Emily Holt; District President Billie Williams; Cleveland President Pat Barrington; District 1st Vice President and Cleveland Past President Joan Pate; District Secretary Sue Johnson; (seated) District 2nd Vice President Shari Gunter.
Photo by Claire Garrett

Woman's Civic Club

Denise Milton Selected To Advisory Board By State Library And Archive Commission For Three Year Term

JASPER -- Jasper Public Library Director, Denise Milton, and Woman's Civic Club officer, has been approved by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to serve a three year term on the Library Systems Act Advisory Board. Milton said, "It is an honor to serve, and I will do my best to represent small libraries in Texas." She is one of only two librarians in the state to receive this honor.

Denise graduated in 1986 from the University of Alabama with a Master Degree in Library Science. She has been the director of the Jasper Public Library since 2000. She served as the director of the Demopolis Public Library and the Marengo County Library System in Alabama for eight years following graduation. She has served on numerous committees for the Houston Area Library System including the collection development committee. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation asked for her service on their broadband summit in 2010. Denise served on the Library, Friends, and Trustees committee as secretary and has served as the Councilor, Alternate Councilor, and Scholarship Chairman, and Small Community Library of the Year Chairman for Small Community Libraries Round table and was named Small Community Librarian of the Year for 2012. She served two terms on the Tocker Foundation's grant review committee. She served as District 3 delegate leader for Legislative Day in 2007 and 2009. She has served on her local Woman's Civic Club since 2000 and has been an officer since 2008. She is currently serving on the Advisory Committee for the National Library of Medicine and serves on the Standards Committee for Texas State Library and now will serve on the Library Systems Act Advisory Board.

Denise is one of the "Mighty Magnolias" and through her service to her club and the district she embodies the ideals of federated clubs and is a perfect example of how to "Sharing the Volunteer Spirit."



Magnolia District's own Denise Milton is shown above with flowers received from Magnolia District as congratulations on her appointment to the Texas State Library Board.

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Trinity District

Service Rewarded --

The History Club of Whitesboro and Member Awarded Civic Honors

WHITESBORO -- Neva Pinkston, 25 year member of The History Club of Whitesboro, received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Whitesboro Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet March 21, 2014. Mrs. Pinkston was president of the club for 6 years and continues to volunteer in the club and community. She received a large crystal vase inscribed "2013 Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Neva Pinkston for your gracious acts and commitment to serve others with kindness, humility and generosity in actions, words and deeds are an inspiration to everyone. Whitesboro Chamber of Commerce, March, 21, 2014."

The Chamber also recognized The History Club as a group with its Citizen of the Year Award. 2014 President Mary Nan Story accepted the acrylic desk plaque on behalf of the club.

-- Betty Capehart

The History Club of Whitesboro

The Telling Of Stories Is This Club's Gift for Christmas

WHITESBORO -- History Club of Whitesboro had a special Christmas program at their December 15, 2004 meeting. The Program of the evening was entitled "Telling Our Stories" and was presented by three club members: Neva Pinkston, Lola Bomar and Mary Nan Story, who had all participated in the "Telling Our Stories" program sponsored by Dr. Jerry Lincecum through Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

Neva Pinkston, who has written a story for each of the more than 20 years of the program and had her story in each of the published books, received a gift on the 20th year. She also won the \$100 prize one year for having the best story in her age group.



Pictured Left to Right: Story Tellers Mary Nan Story, Lola Bomar and Nan Pinkston.

For the club's Christmas meeting, Neva read her story entitled "A Memorable Trip of a lifetime," about when she, her husband and three sons made a Christmas trip to Genova, Italy in 1971. Her mother was spending a year in Italy as adult sponsor for a group of young people doing missionary work there, and the Pinkstons spent two weeks living with the Italians in spite of not knowing the language. Among the different events experienced was a church service with singing and sermon in Italian, but the greatest surprise was white wine in the communion cups.

Lola Bomar has participated in the "Telling Our Stories" program by writing stories and attending instructional classes. She passed around several items from the program including published books of participant stories. Lola also read a story in keeping with the season that she had written entitled "Our Community Church and the Christmas Angels."

Mary Nan Story has written stories for "Telling Our Stories" for several years and was awarded a Gold rating in 2010. The topic that year centered on early experiences with the radio and/or television. Story recounted three memories from her childhood including her frustration with having to be quiet when the news aired so her parents could hear about WWII and then finding out that the "news" continued although the war was over. She also told of her parents' first meeting during a Saturday night airing of the Grand Ole' Opry.



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More on "The Bridal Gown Project" --

Brian Coburn, GFWC Women's History and Resource Center Manager, sent this from an article written about GFWC wartime projects including the wedding gown project:

The visits to wartime England had a profound effect on GFWC International President Whitehurst who admired the stoicism of the English servicewomen in the face of such a dire situation. Upon learning the scarcity of wedding gowns due to wartime rationing of certain textiles, Mrs. Whitehurst suggested the wedding gown project. The drive collected 92 gowns and accessories from federations and clubs around the country. Among those who donated were Mrs. Roosevelt, actress Mary Pickford and Mrs. Whitehurst herself. The dresses arrived in London for a special showing at Harrod's department store where they were divided up into the five of the services in which women served. All dresses were loaned and then cleaned for the next wartime bride.

Jane Browning plans to go to London in March to persue more information in her mother's involvement with this project. Until then . . . we will wait and report what is found as it comes to us.

-- Linda Mesler, Editor

What To Wear While At Convention

Dallas in April can be cool and cloudy, or warm and sunny, or a little bit of both.

If you are taking **the tour**, dress comfortably. Slacks and tops, GFWC/TFWC emblematic clothing and comfortable shoes are appropriate.

Temperatures inside the hotel may very so bring a cardigan or shawl.

Business Casual is recommended for **daytime business sessions** while the **evening meals** are more **Formal**; **Friday night** is **After Five** and **Saturday night** is **Formal**. Note that the **Friday lunch** is **Dallas Dressy** which means wear your daytime diamonds and don't forget your hat!

Formal

Floor length evening gown
Long skirt or pants and glittery top

After Five

Short cocktail dress
Dressy pant sets

Business Casual

Suit or pants suit
Business style dress
Skirt and blouse, separates



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**St. Jude's Children's
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10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**National Civil Rights
Museum &
Rock 'n'Soul Museum**
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**Riverboat Ride
and
Downtown Memphis
Tour**
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

MARCH

TFWC

Alamo District

March 28 2015 Spring Convention, Victoria

Capitol District

March 11 2015 Spring Convention, Hico

Caprock District

March 28 2015 Spring Convention, Tahoka

Key District

March 14 2015 Spring Convention, Jefferson

Magnolia District

March 19 2015 Spring Convention, Silsbee

Mesquite District

March 21 2015 Spring Convention, Haskell

Pioneer District

March 21 2015 Spring Convention, Decatur

San Jacinto District

March 7 2015 Spring Convention, Galveston

South Texas District

March 21 2015 Spring Convention, Kingsville

Western District

March TBA 2014 Spring Convention, McCamey



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April 21 2015 Spring Convention, Whitesboro

April 21-23 **Volunteers in Action Week**

April 23-26 **TFWC Annual Convention - 2015, Dallas**

April 24 **FEDERATION DAY**

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The TEXAS Clubwoman

May 15 **Deadline for Summer Issue**

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

To Submit Pictures and Articles to *The TEXAS Clubwoman*

When taking pictures for submission, try to do group pictures versus two or three people at 200 - 300 DPI. Articles need to cover the basic "Who, What, When, Where & Why" with added descriptions when needed. Questions, contact Linda Mesler @ 940-825-3201. *I will work with you! PLEASE, Send me your stories!!!*