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Pray for





From the Desk of
2014-2016 TFWC President

Sandi Conway

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

Fall is in the air, finally. The weather is cooler, and the leaves are changing and dropping. We have just returned from a very successful Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Thank you to all of those in attendance for coming and participating. Now we all know what a “Charette” is . . . a planning session. Thanks to Patricia, Barbara and their team for their presentation.

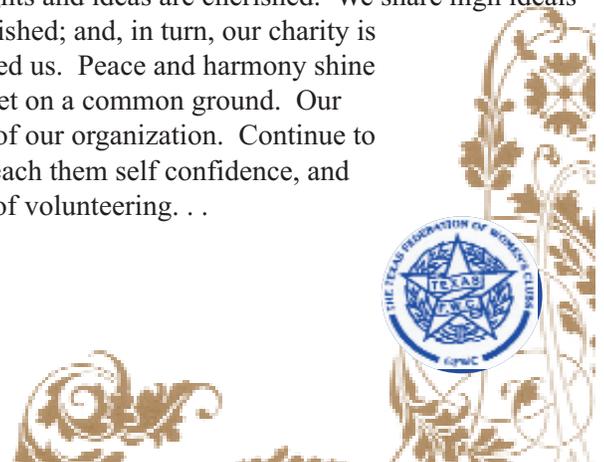
We had many great workshops presented by club members. Special thanks to Carol Habgood for telling the history of our gavel, and Margaret Kriegel for explaining the meaning of our Collect. The state chairman for the CSP presented wonderful PowerPoints of their programs. Of course, my wonderful STARS gave us an update on all happenings in their districts. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way on the agenda. We were honored to have Cathy Jo Canterbury, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, who gave us highlights of GFWC and information on Junior Clubs. We had live entertainment from Billie Williams and her group, and Marchia Foster’s Hula girls. We laughed and had a great time doing something different by playing BINGO at our social evening. Might I add, we have some serious BINGO players. Thank you to Carolyn McLeod and her team for the arranging a fun filled evening from gifts to the materials to play the game.

The HF Foundation held a special tea and shoe contest with winners in several categories. Each time we visit our beautiful headquarter building, it gives us a “lift.” What a true treasure we all share. It makes our hearts jump for joy each time we get to visit and take it all in. It emphasises our true heritage and our love of Federation. Great women of our organization, volunteers with caring and sharing the volunteer spirit.



We share a proud past and a promising future with women who care about who we are and what we do for each of our communities. Let us warm up and create seasonal recruiting campaigns to get and retain members. Each time we meet, we have new first time attendees. This fall board, we had six first time attendees. I challenge each member to invite a new person to attend our spring convention in Granbury. If we don’t ask, they will never know and experience the joy of Federation.

Belonging to GFWC Texas is where we make lifelong friends and are at a place where kind thoughts and ideas are cherished. We share high ideals which are fed and nourished; and, in turn, our charity is shown to those who need us. Peace and harmony shine around us when we meet on a common ground. Our members are the heart of our organization. Continue to develop new leaders, teach them self confidence, and experience the reward of volunteering. . .





Solidarity
with
Paris

A white wireframe illustration of the Eiffel Tower, showing its intricate lattice structure. The tower is positioned to the right of the text, with its base appearing to be integrated into the bottom of the word 'Paris'.

GFWE
South Central Region
Annual Board of Directors Conference
October 16-17, 2015
Albuquerque, New Mexico





GFWC Texas Board of Directors Meeting Redistricting Charrette 2015

The Charrette presented at the recent Board of Directors Meeting was a great success because of your enthusiastic and willing participation. Thank you from the GFWC Texas Redistricting and Charrette Committee!

Redistricting Committee: Janelle Holden, Chairman, Barbara Wingingham, and Patricia Siegfried-Giles; Charrette Chairman Barbara Harvey, Charrette Facilitators Wanda Godso, Crystal Hammet, Irene Ivey, Helen Lamberth, Kathy Horac Smith, Melanie Spratt, Patricia Tate, and Billie Williams; Charrette Special FX Jer Giles.

Attendees were assigned to a table with a number that corresponded with the number on their commemorative pen "GFWC Texas Redistricting Charrette 2015, september 18, 2015." All committee members wore a special Charrette 2015 pin.



After introductions, a history of the districts and an explanation of the upcoming events, members got to work on the SWOT exercise conducted by Barbara Harvey. The SWOT Analysis is a time honored method for evaluating a company or organization's internal strengths and weaknesses against their outside opportunities and threats; hence the acronym SWOT which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Here's what attendees said:

		<i>Redistricting Charrette 2015</i>	
		Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal origin attributes of the organization	<p>Club Houses Education of Future State Know each other Good Projects Caring for One Another Promotes Unity Sharing ideas Strength in structure District Support Dedication</p>	<p>Loyalty Vehicle for Communication History Heritage Bigger than Self Education/Scholarships</p>	<p>Age Reluctant to Change Decling Club membership Geography Lack of Interest Lack of Technology Design of "Moving up" Restrictions of "moving up" Youth Limitations of By-Laws</p>
External origin attributes of the organization	<p>Get Ladies In Tap into culture of Service Use of Technology Opportunity to Update Bylaws Partnership Up-to-date programs Other opportunities</p>	<p>Other Organizations Sports Working Women Marketing of Districts Meeting Times Positive/Negative Comments Use of media Cost of Participation Technology ± impersonal Sell ourselves</p>	<p># of members Threats</p>

This is enlarged as much as possible. With your computer set at 200% in the VIEW column, it's readable. Please make the effort because some interesting things came to light. I was absent but am learning a lot. THANK YOU Patricia and Ger Giles for sharing this.-- Linda Mesler

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This was followed by an intense hour-long session with the Table Groups aided by the Facilitators. Each group was asked three questions: Do we simply go on as is? If we create different districts, how would they be organized? If we do not have districts, how do we operate? Everyone at every table rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Each facilitator then reported the results of their table to the group.



It is that information the Committee will use to collate and analyze. From this, they will report to the state Executive Committee at their meeting in January. With their approval, the Committee will present recommendations for change based on the results of the Charrette to the membership at large at the Convention in May of 2016. Please note that none of the recommendations will affect the organizational structure of the 2016-2018 administration but may include some changes that by necessity will be phased in/out in the next two years.



Participants, ALL - Thank You!!

Highlights of TFWC 119th Fall Board Meeting Austin, Texas - September 17-19, 2015





General Federation of Women's Clubs

International Update

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Ukraine Women's Club is working hard to make the holidays special for local children, even as they are confronted with the possibility of war every day. They are planning a party for 40 girls between the ages of six and eleven who have lost parents during this difficult time. The girls are treated to party fare and learn to dance the waltz. At the end of the program, each girl receives a tiara, a gift, and a certificate stating that she has been crowned a Princess. Thirty children, three to six years old, are invited to a party with fairy tale characters and treated with cotton candy and face painting, but most important for the clubwomen is to give the children joy and love.

Club women are also providing distractions from daily struggles by inviting chefs to teach cooking techniques to their meetings and having a master class for women and adolescents to work with beads, learn to draw, and embroider. They have spent time working with women who have experienced domestic violence and are currently planning projects to help refugees by providing clothes, food, and medicine. The club has been having a difficult time doing these projects consistently because the price of products in the Ukraine has risen sharply this holiday season.

The Ukraine Women's Club is interested in corresponding with other women's clubs. If your club is interested in starting a dialog, please email Melanie Gisler, mgisler@gfwc.org for information.



GFWC Partner Spotlight: Heifer

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Power over poverty starts with your club. Join Heifer International in empowering women and

their families to break out of a life of hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. This holiday season, take a new route when it comes to giving. Send a girl to school, provide a flock of chicks to a family in need, or help provide access to clean drinking water for an impoverished village. You can also share Heifer at a club meeting by ordering a GFWC Program Kit at www.heifer.org/gfwc. Let Heifer know what your club is doing and how it can support your efforts by emailing gfwc@heifer.org and consider giving the gift of hope this holiday season: www.heifer.org/give.



GFWC at Arlington National Cemetery

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- GFWC International President Babs J. Condon, GFWC staff, and fellow clubwomen will be participating in the annual Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 12 at Arlington National Cemetery. GFWC has sponsored several wreaths and is also volunteering its time to lay wreaths on the grounds. The Opening Ceremony begins at 9:30 am. If interested in joining GFWC at Arlington National Cemetery, please contact Derek Tennant at DTennant@GFWC.org.

Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington, veterans' cemeteries, and other locations in all 50 states to spread its message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes. If you can't make it to Arlington but want to be involved, check out the wreath laying options in your state or sponsor a wreath at Arlington.



Shot@Life

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- We invite you to apply to attend Shot@Life's 2016 Champion Summit from February 29 to March 2 in Washington, D.C.! Whether you are an existing Champion or a supporter who wants to be trained as a new Champion, Summit attendees will gain and refine the skills needed to be effective advocates within their communities and make their voices heard among policymakers to protect children worldwide by providing life-saving vaccines where they are needed most. Register now!

Applications for Shot@Life Fundraising Grants are now available! Clubs can apply for up to \$200 in grants to help plan a fundraising event for Shot@Life. Click here to access the applications on the GFWC website. For more information contact Alan Kissick at AKissick@unfoundation.org

125th Anniversary GFWC Yearbook Update

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Work on the upcoming General Federation of Women's Clubs 125th Anniversary Yearbook is nearing the final stages. For a limited time, members may still reserve a copy of the 125th Anniversary Yearbook by calling 1-800-877-6554. Harris will only print the number of yearbooks for which they have reservations. We may only have a limited number available after release, so now is the time to reserve a copy. If you pre-ordered your copy of the 125th Anniversary Yearbook and paid with a credit card, those initial payments have been processed. The 125th Anniversary Yearbook will be mailed directly to members who ordered a copy and should arrive mid-February 2016.

Members who signed up for the Magazine Direct offer and wish to cancel may do so at any time during the three-month risk-free trial period and never be charged. The toll-free number is 855-248-8874 and is available 24/7. Please contact Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org or (202) 347-3168 ext. 220 for more information or assistance.



Adopting an Assistance Dog in Training

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A symbolic adoption makes a great gift for holidays, birthdays or any special occasion. Adopt an assistance dog in training for yourself or a friend today and help develop a world-class assistance dog for someone with a disability.

Every adoption package comes with a specially designed certificate you can personalize and proudly display, and a one-page fact sheet full of information about how your gift supports Canine Companions assistance dogs in professional training.

Adoption package available starting at \$40, visit cci.org/AdoptADog today!

In appreciation of GFWC's continuing support of Canine Companions, we are excited to announce that a puppy will be named "Babs" in honor of Babs Condon's outstanding leadership during her term as GFWC President.

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Human Trafficking Awareness Month with UNICEF

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The End Trafficking project raises awareness about child trafficking while mobilizing communities to take action to protect children. To support the End Trafficking project, the entire month of January is dedicated to fundraising for the End Trafficking project.

Learn more about the partnership at www.unicefusa.org/GFWC. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the documentary, discussion guides, and a fundraising tool kit, please e-mail mmehta@unicefusa.org. Stay tuned for weekly facts on Human Trafficking to help YOU raise awareness throughout the month of January. The club that raises the most funds will be awarded at convention!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Charles and Helen Lamberth
Magnolia District

Alamo District

First Books for First Graders

COTULLA -- The first service project of the 2015-16 program year for the GFWC Woman's Club of Cotulla focuses on education and improving the literacy rate in LaSalle County by encouraging a reading culture through our First Books for First Graders project. Our Club was able to distribute books to 94 Ramirez-Burks Elementary First Graders on September 23rd and twenty-three Encinal Elementary First Graders received books on September 29th. Each child was encouraged to take their book home and read to parents or siblings.

Members who were able to be present at the Ramirez-Burks Elementary distribution were Mildred Allen, Venecia Arche, Melanie Ayala, Laura Boatwright, Novella Byrd, Dorothy Kinsel, and Mary Jane Treff. Mildred Allen, Novella Byrd, Louisa Franklin, and Mary Jane Treff were present at the Encinal Elementary distribution.



Some of the many First Graders and their books.



Domestic violence awareness display at Cotulla High School.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month observed in Cotulla

COTULLA -- The GFWC signature project promoting domestic violence and awareness took the form of a display at the local high school for GFWC Woman's Club of Cotulla. During the month of October a display was featured in the cafeteria at Cotulla High School to heighten awareness and provide information targeting teens regarding dating violence. The focal point of the display is two silhouettes that represent the victims of domestic violence; one of the silhouettes is dedicated to a local woman who was brutally shot by her husband.

Literature, furnished by the Wintergarden Women's Shelter in Carrizo Springs, Texas was available to give teens information about how to recognize dating violence and where to go for help. Members who set up the display were Cissy Allen, Marcena Martinez, Amanda Menke, Vicki Rodriguez, and Liz Whitwell.



Christmas Blessings!

From

Sandi, Sam and Jenny June

Caprock District

Las Fidelis Study Club Partners With Levelland Intermediate School

LEVELLAND -- Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland, Texas is supporting Heifer International as a project and is involving the Levelland Intermediate School as their partner. Heifer, International is TFWC President, Sandi Conway's Special project. After Ms. Conway came and spoke at a meeting of the Las Fidelis Study Club, the club wanted to participate in helping the nonprofit organization with its effort to end hunger and poverty.



Because Las Fidelis believes that this project, which usually appeals to young people, is a good way to involve students in a humanitarian endeavor, they wanted to involve the Levelland Intermediate School. The project will help teach the students to care for other less fortunate people as well as helping people in need. Las Fidelis members, Tina O'Connor and Fredda Schooler had the pleasure of spending Friday, November 6, 2015 with the students at the Intermediate School. They explained what Heifer International does and the ideas behind the charity. The students loved the idea that an animal will be sent to a needy family for them to raise and to use to supplement their incomes as well as provide nutrition for their family. The students were told that the animal which can be a pig, goat, rabbit, lamb, llama, water

buffalo, cow, or flocks of chickens is expecting a baby when given to the family.

A core principle of Heifer is the idea of "Passing on the Gift". The first baby is given by the receiving family to another needy family thus "Passing on the Gift". Not only can the animal provide nutrition for the family, but surplus milk, eggs, cheese, etc. can be sold to make extra money. Tina O'Connor explained that often this extra income will enable children to attend school in countries where education is not free. The students at the Intermediate school were very enthusiastic about the idea of Heifer, International. Both Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Schooler were very impressed with the Intermediate students. Mrs. O'Connor said, "They were extremely well behaved and attentive". Mrs. Schooler added that..." the Students were genuinely interested in the project."



Intermediate School Students collected money from November 9th until they day they got out of class for the Thanksgiving break. These fourth and fifth graders collected \$970.00 which will be used to buy animals to send to needy rural families. The project included a contest between grades and classes to make it more fun for the students although they were very enthused by the concept of Heifer. The fourth grade collected the most money and the class collecting the most money was Mrs. William's fourth grade homeroom. These students collected \$115.78. The class collecting the second highest amount of money was Mrs. Carr's Fifth grade class which gathered \$110.39. The two top classes were treated to a Pizza party on December 4, 2015 by Mr. Robbie Phillips, Intermediate School Principal. All of the students in fourth grade received a pencil and a metal button from Heifer, International.

After the Thanksgiving break, the student body voted on how to spend the money they collected. They chose the following animals to purchase with the money collected: 1 water buffalo (\$250.00), 1 llama (\$150.00), 3 goats (\$360.00), 1 pig (\$120.00), 3 rabbits (\$60.00), and 3 flocks of chickens (\$60.00). These animals will go to a needy family in one or several countries out of the numerous countries helped by Heifer including the United States. The animals that

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are given to these families are all expecting babies when the family receives the animal in order to assure one of the core principles of Heifer, which is the idea of "Passing on the Gift". Heifer believes that the transformation from gratitude to generosity is a powerful transformation.

The Las Fidelis Study Club again wants to express their gratitude to the students at the Levelland Intermediate School, to Mr. Phillips, the Teachers, and the Staff for all of their efforts toward making this project very successful. The first picture (1611) is TFWC President Sandi Conway speaking at the Las Fidelis Study Club in Levelland, Texas. The second picture (1620) is the 4th grade class of Mrs. Williams. This class collected more money for Heifer, International than did any other class in the Levelland Intermediate School. They collected \$115.78 of the \$970. collected by the two grades in the Intermediate School. The third picture (1523) shows Tina O'Connor and Fredda Schooler, Las Fidelis club members, who spent the day at the Intermediate School telling the students about Heifer, International.



GFWC Texas Scholarships awarded

TFWC State

Scholarship

Megan Ashely Dutton
Monahans, TX
Western District

TFWC Penny Arts

Scholarship

Morgan Taylor Smith
Jefferson, TX
Key District

TFWC Musical Penny

Scholarship

Victor Jesus Chong
El Paso, TX
Western District

TFWC 1903 UT Austin

Scholarship

Victor Alejandro Vega
Alpine, TX
Western District

TFWC 1903 UT Austin

Scholarship

Olivia Diane Howk
Brenham, TX
Magnolia District



Magnolia District

Woodville "Tackles" Magnolia District 2015 Fall Board Meeting and TFWC President Sandi Conway in many shades of pink



LEFT: The Woodville Clubs, both Study and Reading, were on hand to welcome State President Sandi Conway to Magnolia's Fall Board with a reception in her honor held at the Village Street Inn, a local Bed and Breakfast, where President Conway stayed during her visit to Southeast Texas. BELOW: Magnolia District President Billie Williams presenting a check representing over 1000 lbs. of food collected during the Fall Board for the local food pantry to Woodville Woman's Study Club President Pat Royston. This is President Williams' President's Project "Fighting Hunger in our Communities."



ABOVE: Bright Pink Tackle Boxes adorned the tables and were filled with goodies, from candies to Magnolia District Dog Tags, all in the "Fight Cancer" theme



ABOVE: The induction of a new District Life Member for Magnolia, Inez Shivers of the Liberty Coterie Club. She has devoted over 27 years to her club and the district. Shown with members of her club (Left to Right) Anna Marie Kalbitz, Bonnie Steed, District President Billie Williams, Shivers' daughter Paulette Williams, Awardee Inez Shivers, Darlene Nolen (Presenting Member of the Life Member Committee) Mary Hinch, Sally Taylor and Jo Ann Marks.

RIGHT: Fishing for a bright yellow fish, Woodville Study Club member Carol Thiesen must listen to the instructions of fellow club member Barbara Morris. This was the leadership exercise illustrating that a good leader must be able to listen in order to be effective.



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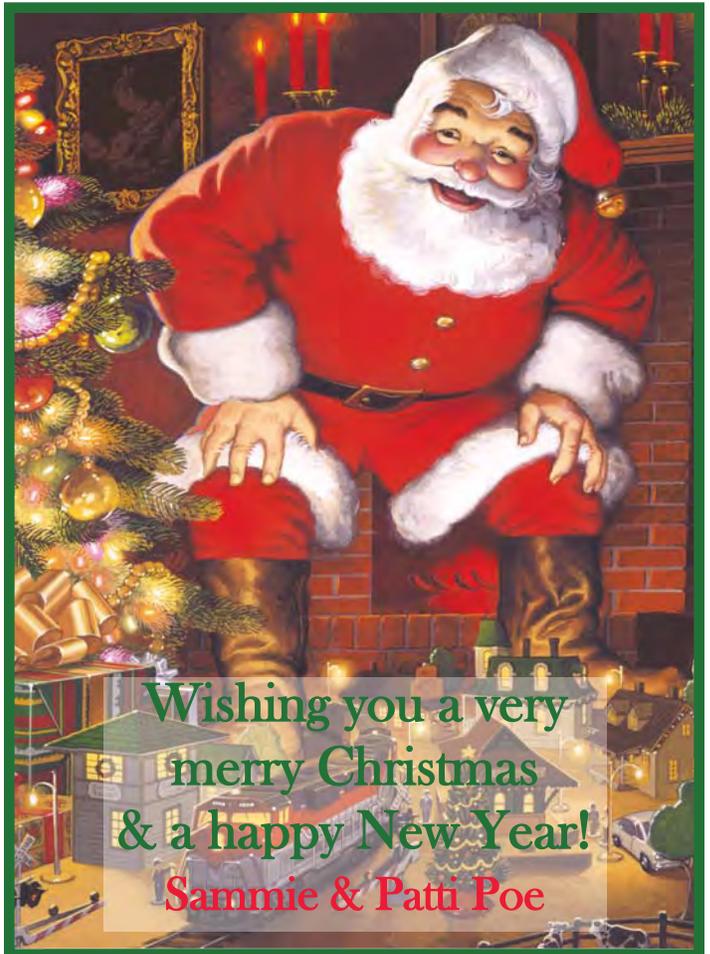
Above: President Williams' theme "Cooperating through Communicating....Connecting Volunteers" was showcased by GFWC President Babs Condon sending a video, made especially for Magnolia District and we played it at our meeting...she also called in on a Skype call, but we were not tech savvy enough to pull it off.....she could see us and hear us, but we could only hear her.....oh well, better luck next time!

Right: A finale much like the GFWC convention finale.



Liberty Woman's Club welcomes Sharon McClellan to Magnolia District and GFWC Texas

Sharon Mc Clelland proudly welcomed as newest member of Liberty Woman's Club. Sharon will make LWC stronger by adding new talents, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the club. Through the federated community of woman's service clubs, you can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with like-minded people, take advantage of the resources and activities available at the club, district, state and international levels to make serving your community both rewarding and fun. To find out more about the Liberty Woman's Club or Magnolia District's many community supported activities visit their website at <https://gfwctexaslibertywomensclub.shutterfly.com/>



Wishing you a very merry Christmas & a happy New Year!
Sammie & Patti Poe

Woman's Civic Club of Jasper show veterans appreciation

JASPER -- Ladies of the Woman's Civic Club of Jasper volunteered, decorated, and served burgers and hotdogs to the veterans on Veteran's Day at the new VFW Hall in downtown Jasper. Good eats with good people!!

Pictured on Right (Left to Right): Linda Lang, Johnnie Beth Freeman, Diane Gretencord, Julia Napper, Liz Connell, Shari Gunter, Winnie Maclin. (Not pictured Edith King and Marilyn Ratcliff)



Woman's Club of Cleveland Decorates to Help the Community

CLEVELAND -- The members of the Woman's Club of Cleveland are proud to have helped the community twice with their Christmas decorating skills. They won first place in the Cleveland Unity Committee Annual Christmas Tree Contest. Led by member and chairman for the project Barbara Daniel (assisted by Thelma Daniel) with a beautiful tree donated by member Jean McAdams, everyone added their ornaments and donated money to make the tree extra special. Members gathered at the Cleveland Civic Center to help decorate and catch the holiday spirit. The tree was auctioned off and the money donated to a charitable organization determined by the Cleveland Unity Committee.

Also, the members gathered at the Cleveland Senior Citizens Organization building to decorate the center's tree enjoyed by the seniors coming daily for meals.



ABOVE (left to right): Thelma Daniel; members Claire Barker, Claire Garrett, project chairman Barbara Daniel, Linda Lundy (seated), Roberta Posey, Doris Rush, and Club President Pat Barrington.



ABOVE: Pictured (counterclockwise from left): members Claire Garrett, Joan Pate, Claire Barker, Linda Lundy, Club President Pat Barrington; helpers James Sanford and Nathan Butler.



GFWC Texas-Magnolia District Women's Clubs' Scholarship

Magnolia District is composed of women's clubs of South East Texas, in 9 counties. It is a member of the Texas Federation and General Federation of Women's Clubs. In each organization education is a major emphasis for projects and programs. During the 1988-1990 administration of Allena Pace as Magnolia District President, The Huntsville Woman's Forum began the Mary Mans Weinzierl Education Endowment Fund.

Mary Marrs Weinzierl and Allena Pace were dedicated clubwomen whose devotion to club ideals continues to be inspiring examples in Magnolia District Because of the foresight of Allena Pace, the Magnolia District Scholarship continues to supplement the financial needs of a deserving Applicant each year.

Emily Ann Daily 2015 Magnolia District Scholarship Recipient

2015 Graduate of Woodville High School
Sponsored by The Port Arthur Department Club

2015 Valedictorian of Woodville High School, Woodville, TX.
National Society of High School Scholars
National Honor Society
Interact
Student Council

Vice President of Senior Class

Awards and Scholarships:

Highest Ranking Graduating Senior Award/Valedictorian

Magnolia Masonic Lodge - Earl Williams Scholarship

Cy Alexander Memorial Scholarship

TBW & Miss Tyler County Talent Scholarship

SHECO Scholarship

Voice of Democracy Post 797, Port Arthur, Scholarship

Voice of Democracy District 2, Scholarship

GFWC Magnolia District Scholarship

U.I.L Scholar Award

The Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.&A.M. "Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence"

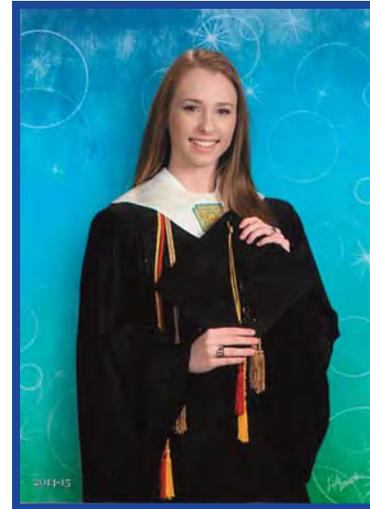
The State of Texas - House of Representatives by State Representative James White in Recognition of

Dogwood Lady in Waiting

Woodville 2015 Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Future Plans:

Attending A&M University Fall 2015 major is Psychology continue onto Law School to practice Personal Injury Law



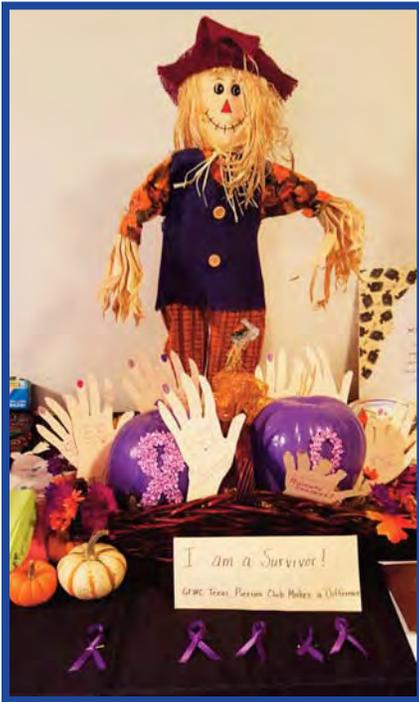
Emily Ann Daily



Mesquite District

GFWC Texas Pierian Club of Stamford “Put the Nail in It” for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

STAMFORD -- The GFWC Texas Pierian Club met October 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Vice President Mary Lou Gilbreath for its opening meeting of the 2015-2016 year. The topic of the club's program was Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, the signature project for the international General Federation of Women's Clubs as well as the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Texas).



Although Domestic Violence Awareness Month begins and ends in October, it is important to continue to educate people about the prevalence of abuse and encourage people to take action to end this abuse, and let survivors know GFWC members are part of a village who stand for them to provide comfort, support and resources available to them.

Did you know the following? The number of American troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 was 6,488, but the number of American women who were murdered by current or ex male partners during that time was 11,766? A woman is beaten every 9 seconds in the United States? Domestic Violence is the 3rd leading cause of homelessness among families? 10,000,000 is the number of children exposed to domestic violence every year? Domestic violence is not a singular incident. It's an insidious problem deeply rooted in our culture. It can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

After the program presentation the club ladies showed their support for ending domestic violence and for the helping survivors by painting the nail of their ring finger purple, therefore, “putting a nail in it” to end domestic violence. They also painted purple the finger nail of a drawn cut out hand and wrote a message on the hand telling what each could do to make a difference.

These hands were shared with members of other district clubs at the GFWC Mesquite District Fall Board Meeting October 10, 2015 in Stamford.

The Pierian club members also made a donation to the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship Fund, a \$2,500 scholarship awarded by GFWC to help intimate partner survivors obtain a post-secondary education that will offer them the chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence.



Supporting by painting nails of their ring fingers purple.

For anyone who wants more information on this subject or feels that they may be in an abusive relationship contact the Noah Project in Abilene, TX. Crisis Line: 1-800-444-3551 or www.noahproject.org

GFWC Texas Pierian Club of Stamford Remembers WWI and WWII

NOTEWORTHY -- The GFWC Texas Pierian Club met Thursday November 12 for its regular monthly meeting at 6 o'clock at Noteworthy. Mrs. Mindy West, Stamford High School history teacher, was guest speaker and presented a program about her European trip to museums, cemeteries, and other famous WWI and WWII sites in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany entitled “European Battlefield Crawl 2015”.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sharon Beakley. Callie Metler-Smith led in the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag and Viva Turnbow led in the reading of the “American Creed”. The ladies answered roll call naming items that had been rationed during WWI or WWII such as tires, meat, sugar, wheat, typewriters and nylon hosiery. Barbara Terrell, Fed-

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eration Counselor, shared about the 1943 project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to furnish wedding gowns for British brides who were members of the five different branches of service in Britain. Wedding gowns in England by this time were scarce because most of them had been cut up and dyed and made into regular clothing. There were fourteen wedding gowns sent from TFWC. Harrod's Department Store provided all the accessories to go along with the gowns. After their use the gowns were cleaned and returned. All the British brides were very appreciative since this gave them an opportunity to step away from the war for a short period of time and wear a beautiful wedding gown instead of a uniform for their special day.

Club members brought donations of cake mixes, icing, books and toys for the annual Goodfellows Project. A donation to the USO in honor of the guest speaker was also approved. Hostesses for the meeting were Callie Metler-Smith, Mary Lou Gilbreath and Charlene Bishop.



Mindy West, guest speaker; hostesses Callie Metler-Smith and Mary Lou Gilbreath and Pierian Club President Sharon Beakley.



Mindy West, Stamford High School history teacher, guest speaker for GFWC Texas Pierian Club's November meeting.

Pioneer District

The Amity Club's Nan Park awarded 2015 GFWC Texas Jenny

AUSTIN -- Nan Park, a fifty + year member of The Amity Club of Bowie was named the 2015 GFWC Texas Jenny Award recipient at the annual Fall Board Meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs on September 19 in Austin, Texas. She also was selected at the annual South Central Region Board of directors Meeting to represent the region at the annual GFWC convention to be held in the spring in Baltimore, Maryland.

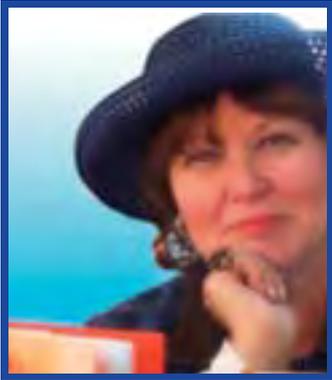
Known for her ability to take any task assigned and do it well is a long known trait of Park's. She is diligent and caring with a pleasant disposition. Her interest in her community and federation is only surpassed by her commitment to family and friends. Congratulations, Nan!



Nan Park



Stephenville's 20th Century Club and Study Club came together for a great event and tool for membership recruitment



Nancy Robinson Masters

STEPHENVILLE -- Nancy Robinson Masters, Recipient of the Scottish Rite Masons' Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Award and author/pilot is an entertaining speaker and award-winning writer whose warmth, wit and "down home" charm have touched thousands of listeners and readers of all ages.

The two women's clubs of Stephenville have got together to bring her to Stephenville on Thursday, December 3, 2015. She presented to 3rd graders at Hook Elementary that morning. Following her work at the elementary school, she presented to the women's clubs at their monthly meeting from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Agave Restaurant. The public was invited

She talked about about the importance that GFWC played in her life and what being a member of GFWC really means. Those of us, who have heard her, know how inspiring she can be. This event became a membership tool. Well played Stephenville!

Coke Points for charity or school of your choice -- Stephenville's 20th Century Club "collects" for their community

STEPHENVILLE -- The 20th Century Club donates Coke Points to Huston Academy. Members can either bring the Coke brand caps or codes from 12-pack and multi-pack wraps to the monthly meeting or can join at <http://www.mycokerewards.com/content/home.html> and add the points themselves.

If you do it yourself, you can go to causes, donate to schools, search for our charity, Huston Academy in Stephenville, TX (zip code is 76401), or the one you choose. Since January 2014, we've added over 7,000 points to their account.

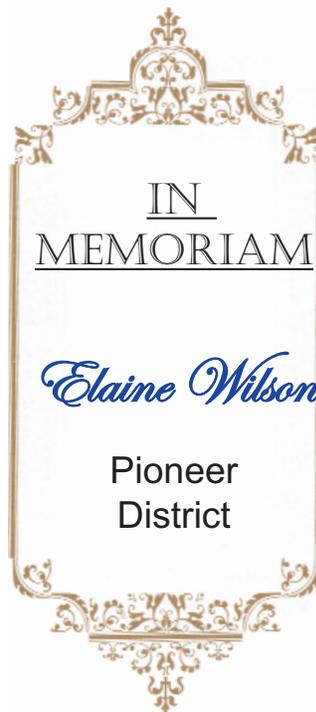


How do you do it? To get rewards, you need Points, which you can earn by entering the codes found on the packaging of your favorite Coca-Cola brands. Codes are located under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps.

DOING GOOD IS REWARDING! Give back by donating your Points to a school of your choice; they'll convert those Points to cash, allowing them to spend it on physical education, new technology, and art supplies.



DECATUR -- DecaturWoman's Club members ringing the bell at Walmart for the Salvation Red Kettle. Giving back to the community and those who need it.



In Memoriam



Dorothy Butts Roberts



President

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

2010 - 2012

Dorothy Butts Roberts, age 84, passed away Friday, November 6, 2015 surrounded by her three daughters and close friends. She was born in Ringgold, TX, grew up in Olney, TX, and spent most of her adult life in Aransas Pass, TX. She is preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Dr. Wendell Roberts and a sister, Mary Evelyn Hawley. She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her sister Glenda Perkins and her brother Chester Butts, as well as her three daughters, RheaNell Roberts, Carla Shultz, and Katie Ringer. She was also very fond of her caretaker and friend over the past years, Shelly Gerber, of Flour Bluff. Mrs. Roberts had three sons-in-law, Mike Shultz, Mark Plog and Don Ringer, as well as 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. While living in Aransas Pass Dorothy immersed herself in many volunteer activities and organizations, including public service for many years on the APISD School Board and as President of the school board. She was on the Coastal Bend Foundation Board, which helped provide scholarships, and she was honored with emeritus membership as a board member at Care Regional Hospital. May 27, 1994 was declared Dorothy Roberts Day in Aransas Pass, and in 1996 she was awarded Citizen of the Year, and in 1999, Senior Citizen of the Year. Much of Dorothy's volunteer work was through the local chapter of the Woman's Club, where she rose through the ranks to eventually become the President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, where she travelled the country representing Texas, as well as Aransas Pass. In 2002 she was granted honorary lifetime membership to the Woman's Club. Mrs. Roberts had a generous spirit, and was very motivated to provide scholarships, battle domestic violence against women, and spent time helping our military, volunteering for the USO. Dorothy and her husband Wendell Roberts lived their public lives and raised their children to abide by the truism, "leave the world a better place than you found it." On November 12, 2015, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 pm at Charlie Marshall Funeral Home in Aransas Pass, Texas there will be a memorial service to celebrate Mrs. Roberts' life. The family asks that Dorothy's wishes be granted, and in lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Scleroderma Foundation, a cause that was deeply personal to her and her daughters.



In Memoriam

Erna Jantz Leutwyler

September 5, 1924 - October 30, 2015

Erna Jantz Leutwyler passed quietly on Oct. 30, 2015. Erna was born Sept. 5, 1924 to Henry and Laura Jantz in Kosse, Texas. She was the youngest of six siblings who have predeceased her. Erna attended Texas Tech University, in Lubbock moving to Austin during 1945 and was married in 1946 to Charles L. Leutwyler. They had a 50 year marriage which ended with Charles' passing in 1996. They worked together in the jewelry industry their entire careers, and were well respected by both their customers and peers. Many University of Texas students have memories of Leutwyler's Jewelers on the Drag, which remained open until the early 1990's.

Erna was a member of the Austin chapter of the Texas Federation of Woman's Club since the early 1970's. Erna served as the treasurer of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Historical Foundation for many years and was responsible for the ongoing renovations and upkeep of their historic building at 2312 San Gabriel in Austin. In appreciation, she was awarded a lifetime membership in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Erna resided in Travis Heights for over 60 years and spent the last years of her life at Brookdale Residences in Westlake. Erna enjoyed the company of her cats, UT football and a good political discussion. Erna was a very private woman, but people that were lucky enough to know her will always admire and remember her perseverance, graciousness, and knowledge.

Erna is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and close friends.

If you visited TFWC Headquarters in Austin in the last 30 years, you likely found Erna there. Erna served as a long time Treasurer and Liaison for the TFWC Historical Foundation.

She was there during the years when taking care of the building was done mainly by club women. She was there along with other Trustees and TFWC Officers when the decision was made to borrow \$500,000 to replace a burned out boiler and repair catastrophic water damage. As a part of this loan, the Leon Street property was purchased with the intention of using that property for additional parking. Erna was there when they hired their first professional person to oversee rentals. She was there when Bob Brown, the current Facilities Manager was hired. She oversaw all the subsequent repairs and restoration and was there to see the building become completely self-sufficient after years of struggle. Erna made taking care of Headquarters her personal responsibility. She put her time, energy and even her own money into that care. Fortunately, Erna was still with us, although retired as Liaison, when the loan debt was retired. As a parting gift, she paid for the installation of much needed new stairs in the main hallway.

Erna will always be remembered for her tireless, faithful service to TFWC Headquarters Foundation and the lovely headquarters building we call home. We will miss her.

Alpine Juniores host seventh GO TEXAS and celebrate its' growth!

ALPINE -- The Alpine Juniores cordially invited everyone to the 7th Annual GO TEXAS Festival on Friday & Saturday, Nov 20 & 21, 2015 (during ARTWALK) at the TransPecos Banks South Exhibit Rooms in N 5th Street & at the new "The Texas Ranch House Too" in 101 W Holland Ave corner N 5th, downtown Alpine. This annual fundraising event benefits the 2015-2016 GAZEBO community project of the Juniores. As a complementary project of the Juniores ongoing mission to Keep Alpine Beautiful as well as being a stunning addition to our park, this maintenance free gazebo can easily become the happening place to be. If the Juniores are allowed to build a moderate or large gazebo, it will be the perfect place for meetings and social gatherings.

In addition to promote products, services, our culture and communities, and performances by locals, the 7th Annual GO TEXAS Festival featured Beverly Corrales, a Marine Life Artist & Educator, a SRSU Graduate and a GFWCTEXAS Scholar. Ms. Corrales is exhibiting her vast varied life like art works for the first time in support of the Juniores.

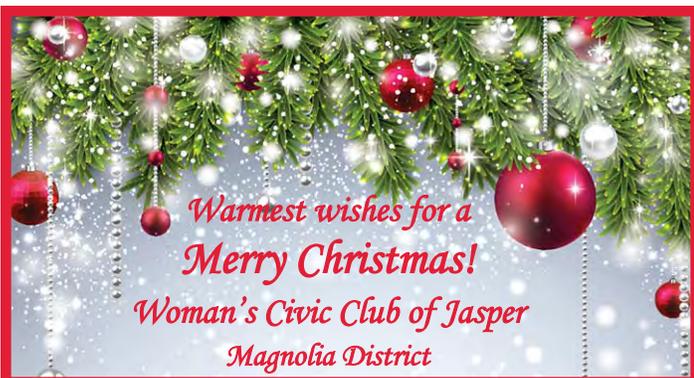
Also on display are The Gifts of the Gulf Quilt 2014 and the Millennium Quilt 2000 from The Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Quilt Collection. The themes of the quilts highlight various aspects of Texas agriculture and promote Texas along with the quilting tradition in our state. The TDA Quilt Collection is as much art as craft, and the quilts have become more than heirlooms, they are emblematic of the rich Texas agricultural heritage that belongs to all Texans.

The Juniores invited corporate sponsors, organizations, clubs and all to support this event. GFWC Juniores of Alpine are Alpine High School students making a difference! 10th Anniversary 2013. The Juniores vote and do one community project every year! Our monthly luncheon meeting is held in the AHS library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year! AHS students are welcome!



Pictured Above (Left to Right): GFWC Juniores of Alpine Officers & Committee members: Junior Ambassador Hernan Valles, Recording Secretary Belen DeLeon, VP Brenda Miller, Iris Chavez, Treasurer Aliya Gonzales, Corresponding Secretary Katelyn Lilley, Gabby Garcia, Marie Muniz, Sarah Machado, Lauren Henk, Rose Hillery & Mikayla Cross.

Pictured Right: The Gifts of the Gulf Quilt 2014.





**Your
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OPPOSE Bigger Trucks On Our Highways

TEXAS -- The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs have been asked to join the efforts of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in using two of the most powerful American Rights that they possess - the VOTE and FREE SPEECH in supporting the GFWC National Resolution to halt legislation (MAP-21) that would increase the size of big trucks on our highways. An increase of 28 feet cargo trailers to 33 feet. You are asked to read the following and then if you decide to act, please use information, also provided, and do so very quickly. Elected officials are sensitive to feedback, and the more feedback the better. Your action will contribute to the action of others and will make a difference!

Oppose Bigger Truck Provisions

- Certain large shipping and trucking companies are lobbying Congress to increase the size and weight for tractor-trailers as part of the debate on the MAP-21 transportation reauthorization bill.
- Some interests want to raise truck weights from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds—an increase of 5.5 tons. Other interests want to lengthen current twin 28-foot trucks to double 33-foot trucks, or “double 33s,” which are 17 feet longer than today’s 53-foot single-trailer trucks.
- The heavier and longer trucks would be more dangerous—they would take longer to stop, they would be more likely to roll over, and any crashes would be more severe. This would endanger motorists and only worsen the condition of our roads and bridges.
- Congress tasked the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) with studying heavier and longer trucks as part of its MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study. The technical reports were released in June and recommends that Congress make no changes in current truck size and weight limits. Congress should listen to the recommendations of the study it requested.
- There have been no public hearings on these legislative proposals. Congress should at the very least have the opportunity to debate the issues and Texans should have their voices heard.

More Facts

Bigger Trucks Would Add New Dangers to Our Roads

- Simply put, the laws of physics tell us that heavier weights at high speeds mean more severe crashes. The U.S. Department

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of Transportation's (USDOT) June 2015 report that found six-axle trucks up to 91,000 pounds have 47-percent higher crash rates in state testing.

- Longer double-trailer trucks take longer to stop. USDOT found in its June 2015 report that double 33s, 91 feet in length, take 22 feet longer to stop than the current twin 28s configuration and 17 feet longer than the current 53-foot single-trailer configuration.
- Heavier trucks experience more braking problems—which leads to longer stopping distances—because of the strain additional weight puts on their brake components. USDOT found in its June 2015 report that trucks weighing over 80,000 pounds had 18-percent higher braking violation rates compared to those at or below 80,000 pounds.
- Double 33s have a tendency to roll over during avoidance maneuvers and have poorer stability, according to USDOT's June 2015 report.
- Adding weight to a truck makes it more likely that the truck's equipment will wear out sooner. Important truck components at risk include the brakes, suspension and tires. Should any of these parts wear out, there is a greater risk for serious accidents.
- Heavier trucks tend to have a higher center of gravity because the additional weight is stacked vertically. Raising the center of gravity increases the risk of rollovers.

Bigger Trucks Would Further Damage Our Crumbling Infrastructure

- In Texas, we have 9,999 structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges, according to the latest Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data.
- USDOT found in its June 2015 report that double 33s would require nearly 2,500 Interstate and other National Highway System bridges to be posted or face further damage, costing up to \$1.1 billion in immediate bridge strengthening or reinforcement. This does not account for damage to local bridges in Texas or Corpus Christi, nor our state and local budgets.
- USDOT also found in its June 2015 report that the 91,000-pound, six-axle trucks would negatively affect more than 4,800 bridges, costing \$1.1 billion.

Large shipping companies have spent a great deal of money to get this legislation of increasing the size of the cargo trailers increased passed. Amazingly, our legislators are still considering it when it will add stress to our already taxed and broken infrastructure of roads and bridges. Be assured that taxes will go up to pay for repairs and complete replacement.

Accidents will be more frequent and the insurance rates will rise to cover that statistic. Personal loss to both parties involved will be priceless. To stop one of these trucks would require 22 additional feet . . . and that's on dry pavement. Road/weather conditions will become a major factor in safety for both driver and the public.

Highway patrol associations across the country have come out against this legislation, as well as truck drivers themselves. And, yet, this legislation could slip through and be passed during the next legislative session without a public hearing if citizens don't take action NOW!! **Stop MAP-21** for the safety of our roadways and the survival of motorists in our country.

To find out who your Representative is, go to the following:

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Zip.aspx?ZipCode=79848&DistrictType=ALL>

Your zip code will direct you so that you can send him/her an email from that page. Very easy. but if you have problems, contact Helen Lamberth@ helenlamberth@ymail.com.

Consider checking out this GFWC link to the GFWC Legislation Action Page

<http://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/home>

Very interesting.

THANK YOU, HELEN LAMBERTH FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!



Photo taken by Kelly Waterman, Congressman Brian Babin's District Manager. Left to Right: Helen Lamberth, Congressman Babin and Rick Cowan, Regional Director of CABT Coalition Against Bigger Trucks.



Babs McCoy

Atlanta's Woman of the Year --

Service to others brings award to Babs McCoy

ATLANTA -- A former past president of the Atlanta Woman's Club was named Atlanta's Woman of the Year for 2015 by the Atlanta Area Chamber of Commerce. She is Mrs. Babs McCoy. McCoy served as president of the Atlanta Woman's Club, 2003-2004, and 2012-2014. She has held several offices in the Atlanta Woman's Club and was TFWC Key District Education Chairperson for 16 years. McCoy has devoted most of her adult life in the service of others. She was graduated from Linden-Kildare High School in Linden, Texas. After attending college for one year, she married Phil McCoy. She and Phil, have two daughters, Heather McCoy Boyer and Tonya McCoy Embry. The McCoy's enjoy the occasions when they are able to spend time with their five grandchildren and their families.

Mrs. McCoy completed her degree in Education at East Texas State University in Texarkana, Texas. In 1981, she directed the establishment of the First United Methodist Church Day School. She served as director for eight years and taught the 3 year olds' class. McCoy began

her public teaching career in the public schools of Atlanta and completed 28 years in the classroom. McCoy retired from teaching third grade through fifth grade children in Special Education in 2007.

A strong desire to serve has kept her active in many areas in the Atlanta area. Upon retirement, McCoy joined the Eastern Cass County School Retirees Association and has served as secretary for four of the seven years she has been a member and currently serves as vice president. McCoy served on the United Way Board for eight years, and is a member of the Christus St. Michael Hospital Foundation where she served as the secretary for four years.

McCoy is an active member in the Laws Chapel United Methodist Church. She sings in the Adult Choir and assists with the Children's Choir, all while teaching a children's Sunday School class. Mrs. McCoy believes the importance of living her faith. She stated, "The Bible talks about the fruits of the Spirit, and one of these is caring. I care for people." She also visits her aunt at the Wesley House Assisted Living Facility weekly and includes others there while visiting. She says that "it lifts" her spirit. "They give me more than I give them."

McCoy was delighted and surprised at being the recipient of this honor from her community.

The Atlanta Woman's Club is honored to claim Babs McCoy as one of its' members. She is a beautiful example of the spirit of caring and serving that is embraced by the Atlanta Woman's Club.

A graphic featuring a red and gold striped curtain at the top. Below the curtain is a blue spotlight beam shining down on a white rectangular area. The text is centered within this area.

In the Spotlight

Kay Bryant

Friday Women's Club of Whitewright, established in 1927.

Kay Bryant joined the Friday Women's Club of Whitewright in 1950 and has been an active member for the last 65 years.

She graduated from Texas Women's University with an Art degree and became a wife, mother and teacher. An accomplished artist, Kay is a serious Button Collector.

In 1950, Kay was a house wife with children at home and still found time to be involved in opening and managing the first library in Whitewright. She served as FWC president in 1964-66 and again in 1984-86. Kay lives in a beautiful historical home in Whitewright and continues to open her home up for club meetings.

We are so proud of her accomplishments and support to the GFWC and partially to the Friday Women's Club of Whitewright. It is an honor to have this lovely civic minded lady as our senior active member.