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**Editor's Note –**

I am floating on air and going to share –  
“Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your article and for your disaster relief efforts in Rowlett. We will be happy to include your article and photograph in the May/June issue of Clubwoman Magazine.

Warmest regards,  
Michelle

Michelle Furman | Communications Director

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*Thank you,  
Michelle!  
- Linda*



From the Desk of  
2014-2016 TFWC President

*Sandi Conway*

Theme: *"Caring and Sharing the Volunteer Spirit."*

Mark Twain once said, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking our complex, over whelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then start on the first one."

Welcome to 2016. I am sure everyone has been busy with Reporting, and deadlines. Reports are done and completed and soon we all will be able in the sharing of those accomplishments across our state. These reports are an integral part of your clubs' history. We will be celebrating at our 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Granbury, Texas, May 19-21. Look online for upcoming information. Highlighted events will take place and ending with the installation of our new 2016-2018 officers. Your Presdent encourages you to be there!

It is time for us to join together and get back in the swing of our federation work. My thanks and gratitude to patti Poe and Carolyn McLeod and committee members for the work of our state projects in raising funds for the toronado Relief in Rowlette. Federated sisters reached out to serve those who needed help. Also, I want to thank Jackie Clarke, Alabama State President, and their federation, who generously donated funds to help us in this cause.

How important is leadership? To lead is to influence others to believe and achieve mutually agreed upon goals that will help us to stretch to the highest level. Let us continue to set our bar high while inspiring passion and enthusiasm. We can have a deeper understanding of leadersahip qualities and refind many of the more importnt skills with experience.

On a personal note, my surgery is behind me. I want to thank my special friends and family whe were by my side during that day. I think you all for all the sweet cards, emails, phone calls, and prayers. I am on the road to recovery and look forward to completing my plans for 2016. Your thoughts made the recovery process go by faster. My thanks and gratitude to each of my federated sisters.

Sandi Conway  
2014-2016



## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook is here!

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The GFWC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook, pictured right, is hot off the press! Members who ordered a yearbook have received their copy. If you have any questions about your order or if you need more detailed shipping information, please contact Harris Connect customer service at 1-800-877-6554. We hope you enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime publication.



## Be “In The Know” - The New GFWC Mobile Phone App Is Here And Ready for You To Install -

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Take GFWC with you wherever you go with the newly released GFWC mobile phone application! The official app, available for iPhone iOS and Android, is your FREE on-the-go guide for everything GFWC. It has a variety of features which will help you quickly reference GFWC information, be notified of the latest GFWC announcements, network with your Federation sisters, and more!



Follow these steps to download the app on your phone:

Go to your phone's "App Store." For iPhone this is called the "App Store" and for Android this is called the "Google Play Store App."

Go to the store's search bar and search "GFWC." Do not search "General Federation of Women's Clubs" because it will not bring up any results.

One of the first results you will see will have the GFWC logo against a blue background. This is our app! Follow your phone's respective instructions for installing apps.

For iPhone, click the button that says "Get" or "Install." You will have to put in your Apple ID password before the app begins to

download. For Android, click the three dots next to the app. Then click "Install."

Once you set up your account, you will immediately have access to post on the activity feed and all of the other features on the app. You can make as many posts as you want, but remember to keep all of your posts related to your GFWC activities!

For a more thorough exploration of the app's features, read through the user guide which can be found here on [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org). The user guide should answer a lot of the questions you may have, but feel free to email our Events Coordinator, Grace Soriano, at [gsoriano@gfwc.org](mailto:gsoriano@gfwc.org) if you have any further questions.



Did someone ensure that you had a great childhood – a parent, grandparent, sibling, teacher, or coach? Do you help children in your life today have a great childhood – your kids or grandkids, nephews or nieces, or maybe children you mentor, or babysit?

Celebrate the lives you touch and those who have touched yours by honoring them with a pinwheel – the national symbol for the great childhoods all children deserve! All gifts will support GFWC's National Signature Project Partner, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), and be recognized on a virtual pinwheel map. Gifts can be made any time throughout April.

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*Living the Volunteer Spirit --*

### GFWC Texas members (You) put WORDS into ACTION

ROWLETT -- GFWC Texas members visited the storm ravaged community of Rowlett on Thursday, February 18 after a state-wide organizational campaign had been waged to gather contributions for victims of the December 26, 2015, tornadoes there. Over \$5,000 in cash and gift cards was presented to Rowlett Mayor Todd Gattel and Deputy Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashain to be distributed to area victims of the nine tornadoes reported by the National Weather Service in the Fort Worth area.

The funds are now part of the long term assistance available to uninsured and under insured who have been seriously affected where there are limited areas of help. Donations came, and are still coming in, from GFWC Texas clubs and individual members across Texas. Included was a generous donation from GFWC Alabama members. **Thank you, Alabama!!**

The cleanup process in Rowlett had begun only a few days prior to the GFWC Texas members' visit. Many families in and around Rowlett were left homeless and lost all their possessions. Eleven citizens lost their lives and two dozen were injured. The community at large was severely damaged. An estimate of 1,450 homes were damaged or destroyed. Other damages were to vehicles, other property in the private and public sector, public utilities.

The GFWC Texas members were lead on a car tour of some of the most hard struck neighborhoods. They drove by the iconic Rowlett water tower and watched as teams of teenaged young men ran debris filled wheelbarrow relay races that would end at roll off dumpsters, where they would be dumped, and speedily returned to where they had begun to fill again. The carnage was still mind boggling. As a "Thank You" to the delegation, a tour of one of the fire houses was arranged and a special treat was a ride on a fire truck. Rowlett Fire Chief Tommy Robinett and his wife, Christine, were hosts and instructors. Christine's daughter is a GRITS (junior club) member from Bowie.

**If you, or your club, would like to donate to the Disaster Relief Fund** you can mail directly to the Texas Federation Headquarters at 2312 San Gabriel, Austin, Texas 78705 or donate directly to the Go Fund Me account electronically [go-fund.me/6cjhdaes](http://go-fund.me/6cjhdaes). Time is short. **The project will close at the end of March, so don't delay.** As of Friday, March 11, 2016, the total collected and reported was \$5,565. **THANK YOU, ALL!!**

**Editor's Note:** Magnolia District's Helen Lamberth was one of many working hard on this worthy campaign all the while she was living in a camper, and had been for some months, due to her own home being flooded months before in torrential spring rains. Sill not moved back into her own home and exhausted by that process, she still found her **VOLUNTEER SPIRIT** and worked to help others in need. This humbles this editor beyond words. **Lead by example, ladies. You never know who, and how, you will inspire.** -- Linda Mesler



Pictured (left to right) Front Row: GFWC Texas Magnolia District President Billie Williams; Pat Flatt; Second Row: Susie Lamberth; GFWC Texas Pioneer District President Carolyn McLeod; GFWC Texas President-elect Patti Poe; Third Row: GFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor Linda Mesler; Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Vice President Carol Prano; Rowlett Mayor Todd Gattel; and GFWC Texas Magnolia District Historical Foundation Representative Helen Lamberth.



Linda L. Mesler



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Give Thanks Every Day



That You Are ABLE To



VOLUNTEER.



Living the Volunteer Spirit



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GFWC Convention Registration Opened March 1<sup>st</sup> -

## Have You Registered And Reserved A Room, Plane Tickets?

WASHINGTON ,D.C. -- Online registration and hotel booking for the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention begins on Tuesday, March 1.

Online registration link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/hfq75q/4W>

We hope that we have made online registration and hotel booking as easy as possible, but we understand that technology isn't always our best friend. **Please feel free to call GFWC Headquarters at 202-347-3168 and ask for Derek Tennant or Grace Soriano to assist with anything related to Convention.** Registering online helps GFWC save time, improve record keeping, and easily conduct financial reporting. However, a paper version of registration will be available on GFWC.org if anyone would rather print, complete, and mail to Headquarters.

NEW! All-Inclusive Attendee is a new option during Convention registration. This option provides a price break for attendees who attend every meal function. The price for an All-Inclusive Attendee is \$675. You will receive the following:

Convention Registration

5 Banquets (all dinners Saturday-Wednesday)

4 Luncheons (all lunches Sunday-Wednesday)

1 Breakfast (this could be used for Past Presidents, Past Junior Directors, LEADS Graduates, Past Region Presidents, or ESO Breakfast)

This is a great plan for attendees who want to be part of it all! A \$50 savings to bundle these events in an All-Inclusive Package. Tours and additional breakfast tickets can be purchased a la carte during online registration.

Hotel Room Reservation link: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2016GFWCAnnualConvention>

Hotel Reservation Phone: 1-877-212-5752

Please be mindful of other attendees when making reservations. We prefer attendees make just one room reservation and provide names with whom you may be sharing. This provides GFWC and the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront with an accurate count of rooms available and guests attending.



**If attending, PLEASE, take pictures  
for *The Texas Clubwoman*!**



Official Call And Tentative Agenda

*GFWC Texas 58<sup>th</sup> President Sandi Conway and GFWC Texas Secretary Stephanie Stephens*  
cordially invite you to

# *GFWC Texas 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*

**May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

**Hilton Garden Inn (HGI) and Granbury Convention Center (GCC)**

*“Stars On The Brazos”*

## *Wednesday, May 18, 2016 - Pre-convention Meetings*

**6:00 p.m.** Executive Committee Meeting ..... President's Suite

## *Thursday, May 19, 2016*

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast ..... Hilton Lobby Breakfast Area

**8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Registration ..... Hotel Lobby  
Will re-open from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Nominating Committee ..... Comanche Peak Board Room #1, GCC 2nd Floor

**8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** TFWC Scholarship Committee ..... Brazos Ballroom, GCC 2nd Floor

**9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Redistricting Committee ..... Comanche Peak Board Room #2, GCC 2nd Floor

**9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Historical Foundation Trustees ..... Comanche Peak Board Room #3, GCC 2nd Floor

**9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Long Range Planning Committee ..... Vernadah Room, HGI

**11:30 a.m.** Welcome ..... Sandi Conway, GFWC Texas 58th State President

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lone Star Ladies Fashion Show & Luncheon ..... Lake Granbury Ballroom

Lunch will be served beginning at 12:30 ..... GCC 1st Floor

**Break for fifteen (15) minutes**

**1:45 p.m.** Introduction of Mikell Bollinger ..... Patti Poe, GFWC Texas President-elect

Canine Companions for Independence ..... Mikell Bollinger, Regional Director of Development, CCI

Announcements ..... Angela Short, President, GFWC G.R.I.T.S. Junior Club

**2:30 p.m.** Meeting in Recess - Shop Granbury

**4:00 p.m.** Counterparts for Presidents, President-elects, First Vice Presidents. And Second Vice Presidents ..... TBD

**4:30 p.m.** Executive Committee Meeting ..... President's Suite



# Formal Opening and Welcome to the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention

GFWC Texas President Sandi Conway, Presiding

*"The Stars at Night are Big and Bright"*

6:00 p.m. Doors Open for Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Opening Dinner ..... Lake Granbury Ballroom, 1st Floor, GCC

## After Five Dress - Lower Head Table GFWC Texas District Presidents

Call to Order ..... President Conway  
Invocation ..... Mary Beth Guy, GFWC Texas Past State President  
Presentation of Colors ..... TBA  
National Anthem ..... Barbara Winingham, GFWC Texas Past State President  
Accompanied by Kay Mara, Past District President Pioneer District  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America ..... Carol Habgood  
GFWC Texas 1st Vice President "Texas Our Texas" ..... Barbara Winingham/Kay Mara  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag ..... Stephanie Stephens, GFWC Texas Secretary  
Introduction of Mayor Hulett ..... Bobbie Brownlee  
Welcome to Granbury ..... Mayor Nin Hulett  
Response ..... Carolyn McLeod, Pioneer District President  
Introduction of Special GFWC Texas Members ..... Cindy Simmons, GFWC Texas 2nd Vice President  
(Past State Presidents, Life Member, SCR Board of Directors,  
GFWC Board of Directors, and GFWC Texas Jennie Award Winners)  
Introduction of Guests seated at head table ..... Patti Poe

Enjoy your Dinner

Special Introduction ..... President Conway  
Greetings from GFWC ..... Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC 1st Vice President

**"The Outstandings"**  
by Carol Habgood

Outstanding Club Program Outstanding Federation Day Program Outstanding Americanism Program  
GFWC Texas LEADS Representative for 2016 Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer of the Year GFWC Texas Life Membership  
GFWC Texas Juniorette Awards GFWC Texas Special Projects

Announcements ..... Angela Short, GFWC GRITS Junior Club President Recess until Friday morning 9:00 a.m.

*Friday, May 20, 2016*

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast ..... Hilton Lobby Breakfast Area  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration ..... Lake Granbury Ballroom, 1st Floor, GCC (back of room)  
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Past District President's Breakfast Meeting ..... Hilton Garden Terrace  
8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. ESO ..... Verandah Room  
9:00 a.m. Reconvene Business Session ..... Lake Granbury Ballroom, 1st Floor, GCC

## Lower Head Table/Scholarship Committee Dress - Business Casual

Call to Order ..... President Conway  
Thought for the Day ..... Mary Beth Guy  
Introductions of Head Table ..... Patti Poe  
Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes ..... President Conway

	Fran Mask, Trinity District	
	Sharon Walker, Pioneer District	
	Elaine Wilde, South Texas District	
Appointment of Teller & Time Keeper	.....	President Conway
	Pat Stevens	
	Patsy Troell	
Appointment of Door Keepers/Pages	.....	President Conway
	Nancy Nelson	
	Nan Park	
Presentation of Program	.....	Tessa Buckley, Convention Chairman
Rules & Procedures	.....	Margaret Kriegel, GFWC Texas Parliamentarian
Preliminary Registration Report	.....	Barbara Menking
Credentials Report	.....	Nan Park
Quorum Established	.....	President Conway
Reports of Officers		
	GFWC Texas President	Sandi Conway
	GFWC Texas President-elect	Patti Poe
	GFWC Texas First Vice President	Carol Habgood
	GFWC Texas Second Vice President	Cindy Simmons
	GFWC Texas Secretary	Stephanie Stephens
	GFWC Texas Parliamentarian	Margaret Kriegel
	GFWC Texas HF Chairman	Patsy Troell
	GFWC Texas HF Financial Report	Dixie Gilley
	GFWC Texas Scholarship Chairman	Mary Lou Gilbreath
Presentation of Financial Report	.....	Patricia Stevens
Presentation of 2016 - 2018 Budget	.....	Patricia Stevens
Recommendations of Executive Committee	.....	Stephanie Stephens
Report of Nominating Committee	.....	Shawnee Harding
Meet the Candidates	.....	President Conway
	(Three (3) minutes for each District President to present the Candidate and three (3) minutes for each candidate to speak)	
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Break for fifteen (15) minutes</b>	
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	2015 Charrette Recommendations	Barbara Harvey, Trinity District President Patricia Siegfried-Giles, GFWC Texas Past State President
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	Lake Granbury Ballroom, 1st Floor, GCC
	<b>Lower Head Table - HF Trustees Committee</b>	
	Table Grace	Mary Beth Guy
	<b>Enjoy your Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Introduction of Speaker	President Conway
	Guest Speaker	Mary Ellen Brock
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Redistricting Committee Report	Janelle Holden, GFWC Texas Past State President Barbara Winingham
<b>1:40 p.m.</b>	Proposed Bylaw Amendments	Margaret Kriegel
<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Break for fifteen (15) minutes</b>	
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Celebrate Reporting	Carol Habgood

2:55 p.m.	Announcements .....	Angela Short
3:00 p.m.	<b>POLLS OPEN</b> .....	Barbara Winingham, Chairman
4:00 p.m.	<b>POLLS CLOSED</b>	
5:15 p.m.	Doors Open for Dinner	
5:15 p.m.	Processional Assembles	

*“Beneath The Texas Moon”*

**Lower Head Table - District Presidents - Dress: After Five**

5:30 p.m.	Processional .....	Nelda Lee, Protocol Chairman
	Welcome .....	President Conway
	Table Grace .....	Mary Beth Guy
	Results of Election Announced .....	President Conway Enjoy your Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Recess to Granbury Opera House .....	President Conway
6:45 p.m.	Bus pickup in front of Hilton Garden Inn for Opera House	

**Texas Opera House “Hello Dolly” 7:30 Show  
Dress: After Five**

9:30 p.m. Return to Hilton Garden Inn

**Reception Honoring GFWC President Sandi Conway and GFWC First Vice President Mary Ellen Brock  
and the 2014 - 2016 GFWC Texas Executive Committee**

**Garden Terrace Room immediately following your return to the Hilton Garden Inn**

Recess until 9:00 a.m

*Saturday, May 21, 2016*

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast .....

Hilton Lobby Breakfast Area

9:00 a.m. President Conway - Reconvene .....

Lake Granbury Ballroom

**Lower Head Table: District Presidents, 1st Floor, GCC  
Dress: Business Casual**

Thought for the day .....	Mary Beth Guy
Introduction of the head table .....	Patti Poe
Proposed Bylaw Amendments Wrap-up .....	Margaret Kriegel

**“Sandi’s Stars” (3 min. each)**

Alamo District .....	Shirley Thomas
Capitol District .....	Minnie Simmang
Caprock District .....	Deloris Short
Key District .....	
Magnolia District .....	Billie Williams
Mesquite District .....	Carolyn Waller, Secretary
Pioneer District .....	Carolyn McLeod, Chairman
San Jacinto District .....	Marshia Foster
South Texas District .....	Irene Irej

Trinity District ..... Barbara Harvey  
 Western District ..... Melanie Spratt

- 10:00 a.m.** GFWC Corner Stone Project:  
 Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention ..... Cindy Simmons
- 10:15 a.m.** GFWC Texas President's Special Project  
 "Heifer International" ..... Mary Lou Gilbreath
- 10:25 a.m.** Resolutions ..... Carolyn Waller, Mesquite District President
- 10:30 a.m.** **Break for fifteen (15) minutes**
- 10:45 a.m.** Celebrate Reporting Finale ..... Carol Habgood  
 Final Registration Report ..... Barbara Menking  
 Fundraising Report ..... Tessa Buckley  
 In Memoriam ..... Shawnee Harding
- 12:00 Noon** **Lunch**  
 Table Grace ..... Mary Beth Guy
- 12:45 p.m.** **Break for fifteen (15) minutes**
- 1:00 p.m.** Introduction of Guest Speaker ..... Lynn Long, Pioneer District Past President  
 Guest Speaker Entertainment ..... Wayland Long, author of 4 Counties"
- 1:30 p.m.** Recognition of Board of Directors ..... President Conway  
 Farewell Address ..... President Conway  
 Announcements ..... Angela Short  
 Recess ..... President Conway
- 3:00 p.m.** **Rehearsal for Installation Ceremonies**  
**Dinner on Your Own!**
- 7:00 p.m.** Doors Open ..... Lake Granbury Ballroom, 1st Floor, GCC
- 7:30 p.m.** **Installation of 2016 - 2018 GFWC Texas Officers**

**Adjournment of the 119th Annual Spring Convention GFWC Texas  
 President Sandi Conway and Patti Poe**

**Reception Following**

*Sunday, May 22, 2016*

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** **Orientation 2016 - 2018 Executive Committee & Board Members** ..... Verandah Room  
**GFWC Texas 2016 - 2018 President Patti Poe, Presiding**





# GFWC Texas 119<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention

## Official Registration Form

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn; 635 East Pearl Street; Granbury, TX 76048

The Hilton Garden Inn has already booked the 60 rooms that we reserved. We are sorry for the inconvenience of booking your room at another hotel, but we are so happy that we have filled our room capacity. If rooms become available at the Hilton, we will have a special page on the website to let you know. **There are numerous alternate hotels: Best Western - (800) 916-4339; Comfort Suites (817) 579-5559; Holiday Inn Express (817) 579-9977; LaQuita Inn & Suites (817)573-2007.**

Please fill out a form for each person attending

(Check One)

Board Member  Club Member non-voting)  Guest  First Time Attendee\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration & Meals

- \$15.00** Early Registration (**April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline**)
- \$20.00** Late Registration
- \$10.00** **Thursday Breakfast** - Buffet Breakfast
- \$23.00** **Thursday Lunch** - ½ Calypso Chicken Club Sandwich with Honey Citrus Chicken, Pepper-Jack Cheese, Applewood Bacon, Avacado, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Cilantro, Citrus Mayo, Ciabatta Bread, Pasta Salad, Chips and Cookie; Bake Potato Soup; Mixed Green Salad, Tomatoes, Sliced Carrots; Iced Tea or Coffee.
- \$23.00** **Thursday Dinner** - Tex Mex Buffet - Corn Chips, Salsa, Mixed green salad, Sour Cream Enchiladas, Chili Rellenos con queso, Spanish Rice, Black Beans, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Grated Cheese; Flan for dessert; Iced Tea or Coffee.
- \$10.00** **Friday Breakfast** - Buffet Breakfast
- \$23.00** **Friday Lunch** - Tour of Italy, Cesar Salad, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Meat Lovers Lasagna, Parmesan Cibatta Bread; Tiramisu for dessert; Iced Tea or Coffee
- \$35.00** **Friday Dinner** - Prime Rib Twice Baked Potatoes, Fire Roasted Asparagus, Mixed Green Salad; Dessert, New York Cheesecake, Iced Tea or Coffee.
- \$25.00** "HELLO DOLLY" tickets are \$25.00 each and this includes your shuttle to and from the Opera House
- \$10.00** **Saturday Breakfast** - Buffet Breakfast
- \$23.00** **Saturday Lunch** - Chicken Cesar Salad; Dessert - Peach Cobber with Ice Cream; Iced Tea or Coffee.
- TOTAL**



The hotel has **gluten free** bread. If you have dietary restrictions please notify Nelda Lee by **April 18, 2016**  
Nelda can be reached by Email: [nelda\\_lee@yahoo.com](mailto:nelda_lee@yahoo.com)

\*By registering and attending the TFWC 119<sup>th</sup> Annual 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:**

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2312 San Gabriel  
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## Other Hotels close at hand and available on convention dates

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Hilton Garden Inn; 635 East Pearl Street; Granbury, TX

*A BIG Thank You to everyone who has worked so hard on this TFWC convention to make it a success.*



If you are a quilter, or enjoy quilts, be sure and check out the quilt store on the west side of the square in Granbury while you are at TFWC convention. **BE WARNED - you will not want to leave!** - The Clubwoman

### CREDENTIALS CARD

**Deadline:** Must be postmarked by **April 18, 2016**

**•• Emailed Credentials will not be accepted. ••**

GFWC Texas 119<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
Granbury, Texas

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer                            | <input type="checkbox"/> State Appointed Chairman of Programs / Projects        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Elected District Officer            | <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Standing Committee (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Past President                      | <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Appointed Project / Contest Chairman              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Trustee (1 per district)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Convention Chairman                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Scholarship Rep. (1 per district)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Committee                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Life Member / Emeritus Member       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate (1 per 15 members of club) |   |

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# An Introduction to Candidates Eligible for Positions on the TFWC Executive Committee - in 3 Styles

## Carol Habgood, Eligible for President-elect

SAN ANTONIO -- Carol Habgood has been active in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs since she became a member in 2003. She is a member of the San Antonio Women's Federation and has served as the club's treasurer, second vice-president, and president. Carol has served as Alamo District President, First Vice-President, and Secretary.

At the TFWC level, Carol was Protocol chairman from 2004-2006 and a member of the Bylaws Committee since 2006. She has served South Central Region as Protocol Chairman and currently serves as the Region parliamentarian.

She was the General Federation of Women's Clubs Parliamentarian for the 2012-2014 administration. Carol is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians® and is certified as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. She is active in four parliamentary units in San Antonio and has served as president of two of them.

Carol is a member of the San Antonio Council of Presidents, an organization of past and current presidents/chief executive officers of organizations throughout Bexar County, Texas. She served as president of the organization from 2008-2010.

Carol is also active in the Women's Overseas Service League. She served as president of the San Antonio Unit of the League. She currently serves the League as National Treasurer and Immediate Past National President.

She was born in Philadelphia but grew up in New Jersey. She has a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, N.J., and a master's degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Carol served almost 30 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1992. She resides in San Antonio, Texas, and has entered her second "career" as a volunteer in various non-profit activities throughout Texas.



Carol Habgood

## Cindy Simmons, Eligible for First Vice President

I am honored and grateful to the South Texas District and Ingleside Woman's Club for their endorsement for the office of TFWC 1st Vice President 2016-2018.

I have met all the TFWC requirements according to the bylaws. I have belonged to the Ingleside Woman's Club since 1994, rose through the ranks on the club level becoming president in 2002-2004. I served as South Texas District President 2008-2010 and I continue to serve my district currently in the offices of DVAP District Chairman, Dorothy Lillian Louise Scholarship Chairman and LEADS Chairman. I was chosen TFWC LEADS Representative in 2004 and conducted several workshops on both the district and state level. As a LEADS graduate I was instrumental in proposing a LEADS pin which was accepted by GFWC. The pin is presented to every LEADS Representative at their induction ceremony.

I am active in my own club (1st Vice President) as well as the President's Council (President), the Woman's Monday Club and the TFWC Past District President's Club. I began my service on the state level as the Empowering Woman Chair in the Siegfried-Giles administration. I was part of selecting the Empowering Women Past & Present and represented TFWC at the GFWC Presentation Banquet. I was the official photographer when TFWC hosted the South Central Region in 2007. I continued my service as the official photographer in the Williams administration and continue to give my service whenever needed. I began attending South Central Region meetings in 2004, served on the Fundraising Committee 2010-2012 and served as the Protocol Chairman 2012-2014. I have attended nine GFWC Conventions beginning with Orlando in 2004.



Cindy Simmons

I am currently serving as the TFWC Second Vice President Dean of Membership. As Dean of Membership I have tried to contact every club president in the state, congratulating them for their service to club and community. Surveys on "How can the Of-

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Officers of GFWC Texas help you and/or your clubs?" one hundred and thirty-four surveys were sent, thirty-six clubs responded and the results were published in the Texas Clubwoman Magazine Fall Issue 2015.

I have communicated with all of the District 2nd Vice Presidents / Membership Chairmen, giving them ideas on how to recognize their members for their time, talents and years of service. I requested from all the clubs to send me a list of all members who have served 50 years or plus. Those names were sent to GFWC International and President Babs Condon and she sent letters and pins (if they had not already received one) to those members. The listing of the 50 year and plus members was also published in the Texas Clubwoman Magazine Fall Issue 2015. I have brought those magazines if you wish to see them.

I currently serve as the GFWC Texas State Chairman for GFWC Signature Projects: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

I have enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee in the capacities of Recording Secretary and Second Vice President. Membership has been my top priority. I am dedicated and passionate about the future of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. I am excited about the prospect of serving as the TFWC 1st Vice President Dean of Reporting.

## Billie Williams, Eligible for Second Vice President

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Husband: Burnice Williams

Married: 41 years

Children: 2 sons, 1 marrie w/1 grandosn

Own & operate diamond B Services, Inc., since 2000

### CLUB SERVICE

Liberty Coterie Club - Joined 2009

Club President - 2010 / 2012

Club President - 2012 / 2014

Yearbook Chair - 2010 - Present

Federation Chair - 2010 / 2012

Conservation Chair - 2012-2014

Parliamentarian - 2014-2016

Nominating Committee - 2014-2016

### DISTRICT SERVICE

Home Life Chair p 2011-2012

District Secretary - 2012-2014

District Paresident-elect - 2013-2014

District president - 2014 - Present

Served under President Darlene Nolen & Helen Lamberth

### STATE SERVICE

Nominating Committee - 2012-2014

Arts CPS Chair - 2014-2016

Minutes Approval Committee - 2015

Served under Presodents Dorothy Roberts, Jannelle Holden, & Sandi Conway.



Billie Williams

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### Volunteer Activities:

Local Schools - Helped develop and implement a reading program for Pre-K through 1st grade . . .President of PTO . . .

Chair for HOSTS Reading Program.

Served on Citizens Long Range Planning Committee for District Expansion, Board of Directors of Ex-Student Scholarship Association for 20 years. Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Liberty County Historical Foundation, Friends of the Liberty Library , United Way, TVE Rodeo Scholarship Fund, Spirit of Sharing, Valley Players Little Theater Group Summer Workshop, Friends Committee - Lutcher Theater Orange , Texas, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Columbarium Fund, and House of Destiny, (a faith based program for women with addictions).

#### OTHER

I am an academically published author and a prize winning photographer. I enjoy reading, music, travel, water sports, family time and club work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

**Must have approved credentials and be present to VOTE!**





# GFWC Texas Redistricting CHARRETTE 2015

At the Charrette participants were asked three questions:

- Do we simply go on as is?
- If we create different districts, how do they operate?
- If we do not have districts, how do we operate?

And the answer was:

## Leave Our Districts Alone

Just make them more efficient, more worthwhile, more important and a visible part of club life and a more viable part in state activities and participation.

In order to make the Districts function better, we need to:

- Ease quorum requirements and make it so the districts can do their business.
- Make it quicker to move up the line so members do not have to wait 6 to 8 years to be President.
- More information online, Webinars and meetings online, maybe even some votes online. Cyber clubs with online presence for better outreach.
- Educate members and public to heritage and culture of organization on all levels.

## Recommendations from the Charrette

### District Level

In order to shorten the time it takes to move up the line, we recommend the office of the **Second Vice President** be replaced with a **Membership Chairman** appointed by the **President-elect** after her election and is eligible to serve more than one administration. The rest of the Executive Committee remains the same and there is no change in the selection and time of their service.

To adjust the requirements for a quorum, we recommend that a quorum for the **Board of Directors** be a majority of the voting members present and that the quorum for the **Convention** be a majority of the voting members present.

We further recommend that if a District cannot meet minimum requirements it no longer exists and is dissolved. The requirements for being a District is the ability to fill all positions on the Executive Committee (no duplicates), have members willing to take the responsibility of a Chairman for the approved GFWC and TFWC Programs and Projects, and have at least four clubs. All clubs not choosing to affiliate with another district will be considered **At-Large Clubs**.

### State Level

We recommend that the **Second Vice President** be replaced with a **Membership Chairman** appointed by the **President-elect** after her election and is eligible to serve more than one administration. We also recommend that the **Secretary** become a position appointed by the **President-elect** and is eligible to serve more than one administration. The rest of the committee remains the same and there is no change in the selection and time of their service.

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In order to have district representation on the state level, we recommend that the Chairman of the District Presidents be a member of the Executive Committee. We further recommend that the President-elect appoint an Event Planner who is knowledgeable and experienced in the field of event and meeting planning, has the authority to work with various venues including hotels and can negotiate contracts. She is not a member of the Executive Committee and is eligible to serve more than one administration. We have a Headquarters Building. Let's use it!

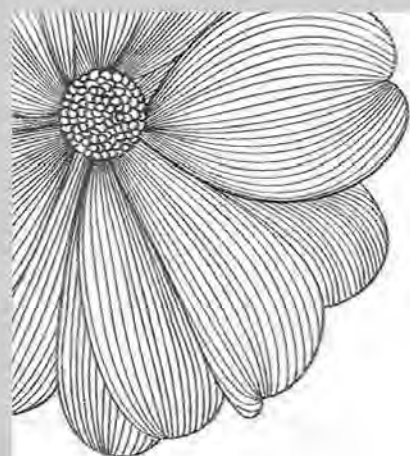
In order to establish better communication on all levels by using electronic and social media, establish a greater presence with public relations and to educate and train members and leaders, we recommend creating three new Standing Committees: Communications/Public Relations, Information Technology (IT), Leadership Development. The three Chairmen will work with each other and the other state chairmen, work closely with all districts to keep the membership informed and are eligible to serve more than one administration.

We recommend devising and implementing a Leadership Training Program the completion of which is a requirement for seeking elected state office and a necessity for all Standing Committee Chairmen. It is incumbent upon each state president to ensure that this program is kept up to date, worthwhile, and significant so that "we no longer get behind."

We recommend devising and implementing a program to further develop and define At-Large and Cyber Clubs.



**Don't miss out on "Hello Dolly"  
Friday night at Convention!!  
Tickets available on Resistration Form.**



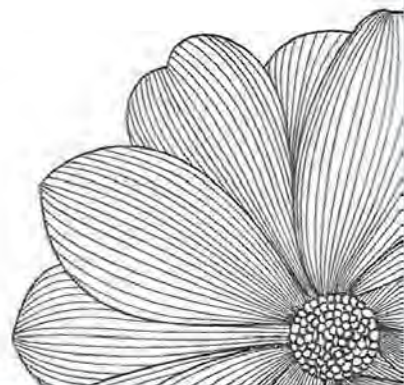
*The Amity Club of Bowie and  
Pioneer District of the  
General and Texas Federation of Women's Clubs  
Request the Honor of Your Presence  
At the Installation of the  
GFWC Texas 59<sup>th</sup> President*

***Patti Poe***

*And the 2016-2018 Officers  
On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May  
In the year of Two Thousand and Sixteen  
At 7:30 p.m.*

*Granbury Resort Conference Center  
621 E. Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas*

*Reception following Installation*



# GFWC TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

## Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Pat Stevens, Chairman, Patsy Troell, President Sandi Conway and Preident-elect Patti Poe. Approved by Executive Board January 19, 2016.

**INCOME:**

Dues:		
TFWC	\$43,365.00	
GFWC	43,365.00	
City Federations	730.00	
Juniorette	70.00	
Members At Large	30.00	
		<b>\$87,560.00</b>
Income Other:		
Fall Board Meeting	\$10,000.00	
Spring Convention	11,600.00	
Fundraisers	4,500.00	
		<b>26,100.00</b>
Texas Clubwoman Magazine Subscriptions	2,000.00	
		<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>\$115,660.00</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

GFWC Dues	\$43,365.00	
SCR	40.00	
Speaker Gifts	250.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	285.00	
District Presidents	1,125.00	
President	6,000.00	
President-elect	1,000.00	
		<b>\$52,065.00</b>
Board and Convention:		
Fall Board	8,000.00	
Spring Convention	9,000.00	
		<b>17,000.00</b>
Other Expenses:		
LEADS	250.00	
Outstanding Clubwoman	50.00	
Club Grant	200.00	
Fundraising Merchandise	150.00	
Travel Team	1,500.00	
		<b>2,150.00</b>

**Clubwoman Magazine:**

Website	\$ 135.00	
Editor	3,450.00	
		<b>\$ 3,585.00</b>

**Payroll Expenses:**

Salary	31,200.00	
Medicare	460.00	
Social Security	1,960.00	
Payroll Direct Deposit	150.00	
		<b>33,770.00</b>

**Professional Fees:**

CPA	2,500.00	
		<b>2,500.00</b>

**Office Expenses:**

Copier Rental	2,800.00	
Quarterly Meter Read	100.00	
Office Supplies	500.00	
Postage	70.00	
TFWC Website/Domain	130.00	
Telephone	925.00	
Safety Deposit Box	65.00	
		<b>4,590.00</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$115,660.00**

**Restricted Income (not part of Operations Budget)**

**Estimated Restricted Interest Income 2015-2016:**

USB General Funds	\$1,500.00
USB Scholarship Funds	\$5,500.00
Donations to Scholarships	1,900.00
Donations to General Fund	70.00
Donations TX Domestic Violence Schlr	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,470.00</b>

Proposed amendments to TFWC bylaws:

The members of the TFWC Bylaws Committee are: Margaret Kriegel, Carol Habgood, Mary Melton, JoAnne Wentworth, and Beth Lewellen.

**Amendment 1:**

Amend Article III – Membership, Section 1 – Classification, D. by striking the word “girls” after the words “composed of” and inserting the word students.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>Article III – Membership</b>  <b>Section 1 – Classification</b>                      D. Juniorette Clubs: An affiliate club whose membership is composed of girls in Junior and Senior High School.</p>	<p><b>Article III – Membership</b>  <b>Section 1 – Classification</b>                      D. Juniorette Clubs: An affiliate club whose membership is composed of <del>girls</del> <u>students</u> in Junior and Senior High School.</p>	<p><b>Article III – Membership</b>  <b>Section 1 – Classification</b>                      D. Juniorette Clubs: An affiliate club whose membership is composed of students in Junior and Senior High School.</p>

Rationale: To comply with GFWC bylaws. The Juniorette Coordinator has had requests for boys to join Juniorette clubs. This amendment will enable this to happen.

**Conforming Amendment 1A:**

Amend Article III – Membership, Section 6, Annual Dues, C. by striking the word “girls” after the word “ten” “and inserting the word students.

**Conforming Amendment 1B:**

Amend Article XVI – Junioresettes, Section 1, Membership, by striking the word “girls” after the words “high school” and inserting the word students; and striking the word “girls” after the word “ten (10)” and inserting the word students.

**Amendment 2: Clarifying elected officers and appointed officers; making the Recording Secretary and Finance Chairman appointed officers.**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 1, Elected Officers, by striking the word “Elected” in the title.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>Article IV - Officers</b>  <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b></p>	<p><b>Article IV - Officers</b>  <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b></p>	<p><b>Article IV - Officers</b>  <b>Section 1, Officers</b></p>

Rationale: To clarify who are elected officers and who are appointed officers.

**Conforming Amendment 2A:**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 1, Elected Officers, by designating the paragraph as A and striking “Recording Secretary”

Note: If amendment 2 is adopted, the Section 1 title will read Officers.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b> Elected officers shall be: President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary. The officers shall be elected in the even-numbered years.	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b> <u>A.</u> Elected officers shall be: President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, <del>Recording</del> <del>Secretary</del> . The officers shall be elected in the even- numbered years.	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b> A. Elected officers shall be: President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice- President. The officers shall be elected in the even-numbered years.

**Conforming Amendment 2B: Designating the Recording Secretary and Finance Chairman as appointed officers**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 1, by adding a new paragraph B. “Appointed officers serving on the Executive Committee shall be: Recording Secretary, Finance Chairman, and at the request of the President, the Parliamentarian.”

Note: If amendment 2 is adopted, the Section 1 title will read Officers.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b>	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b> <u>B. Appointed officers serving on the Executive Committee shall be: Recording Secretary, Finance Chairman, and at the request of the President, the Parliamentarian.</u>	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 1, Elected Officers</b> B. Appointed officers serving on the Executive Committee shall be: Recording Secretary, Finance Chairman, and at the request of the President, the Parliamentarian.

Rational: A Secretary is imperative to every administration as she is to record what is done during that term of office..

It is necessary for the Finance Chairman to be a member of the Executive Committee to enable that committee to function wisely on matters involving expenses and income which may come up during the meeting of this committee.

**Conforming Amendment 2C:**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 2, Eligibility, by adding “for Elected Officers” after the word “eligibility”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2. Eligibility</b>	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2. Eligibility <u>for Elected Officers</u></b>	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2. Eligibility for Elected Officers</b>

Rationale: To clarify that the eligibility requirements are for elected officers.

**Conforming Amendment 2D:**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 4, Vacancies in Office, C. by striking “Recording Secretary.

**Conforming Amendment 2E:**

Amend Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1, President, E. by inserting “Recording Secretary” before the word “Webmaster.”

**Conforming Amendment 2F:**

Amend Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 5, Recording Secretary, by inserting a new paragraph A and re-lettering subsequent paragraphs: “A. The position of the TFWC Recording Secretary shall be appointed by the incoming President and serve during her administration. Should the President-elect choose to use the same Secretary, she may reappoint her at the beginning of her administration.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. Recording Secretary</b>  The TFWC Recording Secretary shall:  A. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of TFWC and the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. Recording Secretary</b>  The TFWC Recording Secretary shall:  <u>A. Be an appointed officer and shall be appointed by the incoming President and serve during her administration. Should the President-elect choose to use the same Secretary, she may reappoint her at the beginning of her administration.</u>    <u>B. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of TFWC and the Executive Committee.</u></p>	<p><b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. Recording Secretary</b>  The TFWC Recording Secretary shall:  <u>A. Be an appointed officer and shall be appointed by the incoming President and serve during her administration. Should the President-elect choose to use the same Secretary, she may reappoint her at the beginning of her administration.</u>    <u>B. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of TFWC and the Executive Committee.</u></p>

**Conforming Amendment 2G:**

Amend Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 6, Finance Chairman, G. by striking the word “Not” and inserting the word “Shall” at the beginning of the sentence and striking the work “but” and inserting the word “and”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 6. Finance Chairman</b> G. Not be a member of the Executive Committee, but shall report all activities regularly to the Committee.	<b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 6. Finance Chairman</b> G. <del>Not</del> <u>Shall</u> be a member of the Executive Committee, <del>but</del> <u>and</u> shall report all activities regularly to the Committee.	<b>Article VI – Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 6. Finance Chairman</b> G. Shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and shall report all activities regularly to the Committee.

**Conforming Amendment 2H:**

Amend Article IX, Executive Committee, Section 1 Membership, by inserting the word “elected” before the word officers, and inserting the words “the Secretary, the Finance Chairman” before the words “the Chairman of Trustees” and adding at end of second sentence “as a non-voting member”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article IX, Executive Committee</b> <b>Section 1. Membership</b> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the TFWC officers, the Chairman of Trustees, the Chairman of the TFWC Scholarship Committee and the TFWC Director of Junior Clubs. The Parliamentarian shall meet with the committee upon the request of the President.	<b>Article IX, Executive Committee</b> <b>Section 1. Membership</b> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the TFWC <u>elected</u> officers, <u>the Secretary, the Finance Chairman</u> the Chairman of Trustees, the Chairman of the TFWC Scholarship Committee and the TFWC Director of Junior Clubs. The Parliamentarian shall meet with the committee upon the request of the President <u>as a non-voting member.</u>	<b>Article IX, Executive Committee</b> <b>Section 1. Membership</b> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the TFWC elected officers, the Secretary, the Finance Chairman the Chairman of Trustees, the Chairman of the TFWC Scholarship Committee and the TFWC Director of Junior Clubs. The Parliamentarian shall meet with the committee upon the request of the President as a non-voting member.

**Amendment 3:**

Amend Article IV – Officers, Section 2 – Eligibility, D. by striking words “this being the only candidate to be so endorsed for any single election period” and inserting: A district shall not endorse more than two candidates for state offices in any single election.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2 - Eligibility</b> D. Endorsement by candidate's district in convention, this being the only candidate to be so endorsed for any single election period.	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2 - Eligibility</b> D. Endorsement by candidate's district in convention. <del>-, this being the only candidate to be so endorsed for any single election period.</del> <b><u>A district shall not endorse more than two candidates for state offices in any single election.</u></b>	<b>Article IV - Officers</b> <b>Section 2 - Eligibility</b> D. Endorsement by candidate's district in convention. A district shall not endorse more than two candidates for state offices in any single election.

Rationale: Allowing districts to endorse up to two candidates for state offices in an election.

**Amendment 4:**

Amend Article VI - Duties of Officers, Section 1 – President, F. by striking “from Austin” after the words “liaison Trustee”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article VI - Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 1 – President</b> F. Appoint all state chairmen of Departments, Programs and Committees subject to approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a liaison Trustee from Austin and make appointments when vacancies occur in these areas.	<b>Article VI - Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 1 – President</b> F. Appoint all state chairmen of Departments, Programs and Committees subject to approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a liaison Trustee <del>from Austin</del> and make appointments when vacancies occur in these areas.	<b>Article VI - Duties of Officers</b> <b>Section 1 – President</b> F. Appoint all state chairmen of Departments, Programs and Committees subject to approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a liaison Trustee and make appointments when vacancies occur in these areas.

Rationale: Deleting the two words “from Austin” will enable the President to appoint a Liaison Trustee from the area around Austin should the Austin club disband.

**Conforming Amendment 4A:**

Amend Article XII, TFWC Historical Foundation, Section 2 Membership, line 2, by striking “from Austin” after the words liaison Trustee.

**Amendment 5:**

Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 7 – Meetings, A. by striking “fifteen” and inserting “majority of”



Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> A. There shall be one Board of Directors meeting in the fall of the year. Quorum shall be fifteen voting members.	<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> A. There shall be one Board of Directors meeting in the fall of the year. Quorum shall be <u>fifteen majority of</u> voting members.	<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> A. There shall be one Board of Directors meeting in the fall of the year. Quorum shall be majority of voting members.

Rationale: With the decline of membership in TFWC Districts, it is to the advantage of the districts in conducting their business to set the quorum at a majority of voting members.

**Amendment 6:**

Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 7 – Meetings, B.3. by striking “twenty” and inserting “majority of”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> B. 3. Quorum for a convention shall be twenty voting members.	<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> B. 3. Quorum for a convention shall be <del>twenty</del> <u>majority of</u> voting members.	<b>Article XI - Districts</b> <b>Section 7 – Meetings</b> B. 3. Quorum for a convention shall be majority of voting members.

Rationale: With the decline of membership in TFWC Districts, it is to the advantage of the districts in conducting their business to set the quorum at a majority of voting members.

**Amendment 7:**

Amend Article XII TFWC Historical Foundation, Section 2 Membership, by adding paragraph “D. The liaison Trustee shall be the treasurer of the trustees.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<b>Article XII TFWC</b> <b>Historical Foundation</b> <b>Section 2 Membership</b>	<b>Article XII TFWC</b> <b>Historical Foundation</b> <b>Section 2 Membership</b> <u>D. The liaison Trustee shall be the treasurer of the trustees.”</u>	<b>Article XII TFWC</b> <b>Historical Foundation</b> <b>Section 2 Membership</b> D. The liaison Trustee shall be the treasurer of the trustees.”

Rationale: This is currently the practice.

## **GFWC Members Partnership with CABT Celebrate**

# **A LEGISLATIVE VICTORY FOR ROAD SAFETY**

by Helen Lamberth

GFWC members were asked to take action, to make their voices heard and boy did we answer that call.

Several years ago CABT, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, Regional Director Rick Cowan contacted GFWC Texas member Crystal Hammett, 2014-2016 President of the GFWC Texas District Presidents about the possibility of Texas members joining with CABT to oppose legislation that would allow bigger trucks on U.S. Highways. Seeing the need for action Crystal contacted, then, GFWC Texas 1st Vice President Patti Poe. As it happened Patti was in Virginia with, then, GFWC International President Elect Babs Condon and the rest is GFWC history, GFWC accepted the challenge and took on the fight to prevent bigger trucks on U.S. highways.

Fast forward a few years and a few thousand letters, emails and phone calls to various members of Congress to 2015.

Truck size and weight was a center of attention of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The trucking industry was pushing to increase the length of trucks up to 91 feet and allow an increase in weight to 91,000 pounds. GFWC members joined together to oppose these increases and eventually won the day.

We all recognize the vital role that semitrailer trucks play in the U.S. economy and transportation system, but longer, heavier trucks would endanger motorists, weaken our infrastructure of roads and bridges as well as cost taxpayers billions of dollars every year in highway subsidies. GFWC wasn't having it. We were prepared and educated and focused on the safety of our families and generations to come.

Most observers felt that it was a given that the legislation was going to pass. After all hundreds of thousands of dollars had been spent lobbying for that very thing. Thankfully, leaders emerged on this issue, such as Senators Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) They joined together in a bipartisan effort to stop double 33s as they are called. They, and every Member of Congress who stood up for public safety and infrastructure, should be congratulated, this is their victory too.

In December 2015, The U.S. House of Representatives released the long-anticipated omnibus appropriations bill to fund the federal government. The controversial provision to allow longer double-trailer trucks, referred to as double 33s, DID NOT make it into the bill. Congratulations, GFWC members, you helped make this happen!

This was a clear victory for highway safety. And GFWC members across the country were a large part of that. Below is some of the facts that CABT had gathered during the fight to stop the increases for semi trailer trucks.

### **NEW DANGERS:**

#### **USDOT FOUND THAT BIGGER TRUCKS BRING NEW DANGERS TO OUR ROADS**

- **HIGHER CRASH RISK**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as well as a MITC independent study found that multi-trailer trucks— could be expected to experience an 11-percent higher overall fatal crash rate than single-trailer combinations.

- **STABILITY PROBLEMS**

Heavier trucks tend to have a higher center of gravity because the additional weight, raising the center of gravity increases the risk of rollovers. Triple-trailer trucks are more likely to experience trailer sway and the "crack-the-whip" effect.

- **CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE**

More than half the bridges on the National Highway System are more than 40 years old, and nearly 25 percent are already either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Further compounding these problems, it would cost \$121 billion to repair current structurally deficient bridges and allowing heavier trucks on the road could add \$53 billion to that total.

- **COSTING TAXPAYERS - BIGGER SUBSIDIES**

Trucks already receive \$2 billion in subsidies. Allowing even bigger trucks would make this problem even worse. **BIGGER DEFICITS**

The most recent federal study to look at the issue showed that the typical 80,000-pound single-trailer truck on the road today only pays for 80 percent of the damage it causes to infrastructure. Even worse, 110,000-pound triple-trailer trucks pay for only 70 percent of their damage, and allowing 97,000-pound single-trailer trucks would result in trucks only paying for 50 percent of

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the damage they cause.

- **BIGGER TRUCKS MEAN MORE CONGESTION - HISTORY REVEALS A PATTERN**  
Congress last increased the federal weight limit in 1982. Then, as now, those pushing for bigger trucks said it would result in fewer trucks on the road, but that never happened. In fact, the number of trucks registered in the U.S. and the mileage of trucks traveled has steadily increased.

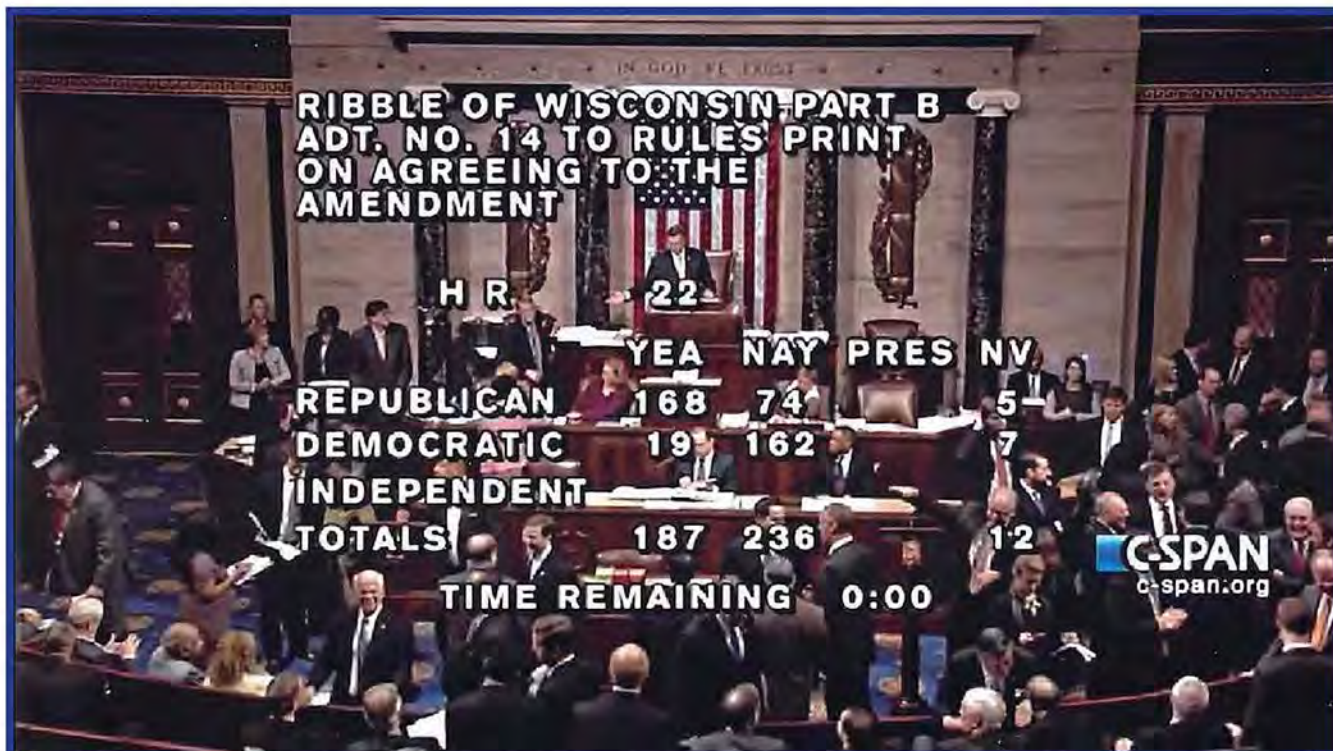
**NEARLY 8 MILLION MORE TRUCKS**

Watch a YouTube video GFWC Texas Magnolia District against Bigger Trucks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVVqaiJzr60>

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Coalition Against Bigger Trucks  
U.S. House Rejects Heavier Trucks  
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**Pictured Right: (Left to right) Helen Lamsberth, Congressman Brian Babin, TX-36, and Rick Cowan. Rick is the Regional Director for Texas and the person that we have been working with from the start.**



**Great Effort GFWC Texas!!**



Consumer Reports named Prevent Child Abuse America one of the two best child protection organizations in the country in December 2015. And PCAA is proud to say that 92 cents of every dollar goes into programs and services. Be part of PCAA's success story!

To participate, visit [www.crowdrise.com/pinwheels](http://www.crowdrise.com/pinwheels) and look for the GFWC team page.

**WHY GFWC SUPPORTS THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

- EVERY 3 SECONDS A WOMAN IS BATTERED
- 1 in 5 WOMEN WILL BE THE VICTIM OF RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE
- 43% OF WOMEN LEAVE THEIR HOMES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- 57% OF MOST HOMELESS FAMILIES LEAVE THEIR HOMES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## Tell Congress to Fund Programs that Address Violence Against Women - Sign Up For GFWC Legislative Action Center, if you have not already! Be Heard!!

Congress is considering FY 2017 appropriations to fund services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA). These programs are both cost-effective and lifesaving.

The need for the funds is well documented. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States – that is over 12 million a year. The National Domestic Violence Counts Census reported that 12,197 requests by victims for help went unanswered on a single day last September due to a lack of funding and resources. The vast majority of the requests (63%) were for safe housing.

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence revealed that the nation's 1,315 sexual assault programs often lack the resources to meet victims' most basic needs. Almost half of rape crisis centers have a waiting list for counseling services. Wait times can be as long as 3 months in some areas.



## April is Autism Awareness Month

Since National Autism Awareness Month began in 1970, the number of individuals diagnosed with autism has grown at an alarming rate. In the 1970s and 1980s, about one out of every 2,000 children was diagnosed with autism. Today, the National Institutes of Health estimates that 1 in 68 children has an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability. ASD is characterized by repetitive patterns of behavior and difficulties with social communication and interaction. There is a wide range of ability among both children and adults with ASD. Some people with ASD are gifted and others need significant levels of support to ensure their well-being. About 25 percent of individuals with ASD are nonverbal but can learn to communicate using other means.

ASD is a lifelong disorder. While there is no known cause or cure, it is treatable. People with ASD can make significant progress through therapy and treatments, and can lead meaningful and productive lives. GFWC's Home Life Community Service Program Partner, Easterseals, provides a wide variety of services that help individuals of all abilities and the families who love them. You can learn about Easterseals' autism programs by visiting their website at [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com).

Throughout Autism Awareness Month, GFWC will be posting a series of blogs. To read the first blog post about clubwoman Bobbi Taylor and her grandson Logan.

**From the Editor --**  
**As you can see, once again we are over our 24 page limit. Not one club story, not one district report . . . not one. But everything in this issue is important and timely.**

**Be patient, those of you who sent in your stories. I was so happy to see them!! And please get the "In Memoriams" turned in. The summer issue is YOURS, sweet members. MAKE IT SING!! Send your pictures and stories. Catch up! Look, too, to the GFWC Clubwoman and see our stories there in upcoming issues. TFWC - you are on the march!! Keep it up!!**

**-- Linda Mesler**



Mary Ellen Brock

Special Guest --

## GFWC First Vice President Brock to speak Thursday evening at convention

WASHINGTON D.C. -- A clubwoman for 40 years, Mary Ellen Brock currently serves as GFWC First Vice President, GFWC New Jersey Legislation/Resolutions Committee member, GFWC New Jersey Past State Presidents' Club President, and North Jersey Women's Club Treasurer. She has previously served as GFWC Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Woman's Health Program Chairman, Leadership Committee member, Membership Committee member, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee member. She was the Charter President of GFWC Shelby's Stars. She served the GFWC Middle Atlantic Region as Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman, and Conference Chairman.

A founding member of the North Jersey Woman's Club, she has held every office and was President for eight terms. She served seven years on the GFWC New Jersey Junior State Board and 19 years on the GFWC New Jersey State Board as President's Special Project Chairman, Parliamentarian to Clubs, Elections Chairman, Resolutions Chairman, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and State President.

A member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, she served eight years as a church youth leader and a Girl Scout leader for 16 years. Mary Ellen's troop was honored by the Governor, when all 14 Scouts received the Gold Award.

Mary Ellen was appointed by three governors to the Governor's Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council, the Governor's Interpersonal Youth Violence Prevention Committee, and the Governor's Drug/Alcohol Prevention Council. The New Jersey Legislature recognized her as a "New Jersey Woman of Achievement."

Mary Ellen is a marketing research analyst. She and her husband, Barry, have four children.

Saturday's TFWC Convention Guest Speaker --

## Pioneer District's own home grown author of *4 Counties . . . The Story of the Last King of Texas*, Wayland Long



Wayland Long

DECATUR -- Born in Young County in 1965 to Wayne and Lynn Long, James Wayland Long was raised in Decatur, Texas, a sleepy town 30 minutes from Fort Worth. Back in the 1800s, Decatur was famous for being the headquarters of the famed Waggoner Ranches. The county seat of Wise County, Decatur is the beginning of Texas' wide-open prairies that sweep west towards Amarillo, and is the jumping off point for some of Texas' largest cattle ranches, and some of the state's richest oil and gas fields back in the day which only add to the romance of a bevy of larger-than-life characters that Long grew up around. Involved in 4-H and competing in livestock and horse shows as a kid, Long eventually graduating into the world of cutting horses, the most disciplined of any equine event. A former National Cutting Horse Association Two-Time World Champion Rider and member of the coveted NCHA Hall of Fame, Long was the youngest ever to achieve both honors. He traveled the country extensively showing horses in the 1980s becoming the consummate asphalt junkie, and parlayed his contacts when he retired from the sport to start his own business.

A "closet historian" and want to-be author, Wayland has always been hooked on all things Texan. When he finally decided to pull the trigger, he drew from his small-town upbringing and created *4 Counties... The Story of The Last King of Texas*. The book was pre-sold in hardback form on his website [www.waylandlong.com](http://www.waylandlong.com) over the summer and has recently experienced a meteoric rise thru social media sharing. While oblivious to "literary mechanics" Long displays an uncanny ability at the art of "western storytelling", his "throwback" lifestyle and rustic surroundings fueling his ability at vividly describing surroundings and events, as well as a satirical approach at historical humor. Making his home just outside of Weatherford, Texas, another hotbed of Texas and Lone Star folklore over the last 150 years, Wayland lives and breathes everyday in the epicenter of equine

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professionalism and huge cattle operations, and thankfully around a whole new generation of Texas personalities.

"There is just something about the privacy of the country. I could not live in a city. We live so far out in the sticks we have to go back towards town just to hunt. I think about the folks that settled Texas before us and realize they were either very tough or very crazy. Or both. Texas is a big place, with big stories, that are screaming to be shared. Everybody either loves Texas, or they love to hate Texas. No in between. I have had US military veterans tell me they could draw an outline of Texas in the sand, and Iraqi children would point, smile, and say 'Texas'. General Santa Anna's unforgivable atrocities at the Alamo, before Sam Houston whipped him at San Jacinto, forged a mindset in Texas that will always be the navigational tool of pride in the hearts of anybody who was bred, born, and raised here. I honestly think it is a DNA kind of thing. Texans don't even know how to quit. Even when they lose. I'd rather be a fencepost in Texas, than the Mayor of New York City and I want what I write to reflect that. I either want you to be proud you are from here, or be mad at your momma and daddy cause you aren't from here."

James Wayland Long has been self employed for over 25 years and is the President of 2-L Custom Trucks out of Poolville, TX. Wayland and his wife Carrie have 3 grown children: Libby Long, Abby Long a junior at TCU and Binion Long. Wayland was raised in Decatur and graduated from Decatur High School in 1983 and Tarleton State University in 1987.

## *In Memoriam*

*Fern Brown*

*Wood*

Magnolia District

*Mary Frances*

*Hickman*

Magnolia District

*Allene Hines*

Magnolia District

*Anita Higginbotham*

Magnolia District

*Beth Downs*

Magnolia District

*Sherry Chandler*

Magnolia District

*Billie Dubose*

Magnolia District

*Margaret Straub*

Magnolia District

*Donna Trammel*

Magnolia District

*Dorothy Sloan*

Magnolia District

*Dorothy Brown*

Magnolia District

*Donna Neumeyer*

Magnolia District

*Nina Marshall*

Magnolia District

*Amy Dorman*

Magnolia District