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- ~~LOOK~~in'at Us -

Ladies --

These next four issues will be my last as your editor. Please help me keep *The Texas Clubwoman* flying by sending in your club and district news.

Thank you to those who are going on our fundraising trip to Asheville and Washington, D.C. What a great way to have some time with each other and not have to do anything but ENJOY the sights and friendship.

Let's all help Sharon Grooms with the DogFest Austin on our Fall Board Saturday. What a great undertaking. Thank you, Sharon!!

L.L.M.



From the Desk of
2016-2018 TFWC President

Patti Poe

Theme: *“Preserving the Past, Pioneering the Future.”*

Dear Ladies,

We just returned from a fantastic trip taking our grandchildren to Niagra Falls! It's time to buckle down and finalize the plans for our Fall Board Meeting. With the end of summer we are all getting ready to begin a new club year! I am so excited for all of you to hear about the GFWC International Convention and what special awards we received. We couldn't have done it without the help of all our club members.

We will begin the 121st Fall Board Meeting in Austin with a reception honoring GFWC First Vice President Marian St.Clair. On Thursday we will be having break out sessions in the afternoon and will announce the Jennie Award Winner that evening. On Friday we will once again travel to our beautiful TFWC Headquarters and spend the day enjoying our beautiful home. We have a wonderful day planned, including the unveiling of the Lola Mueller painting from our project “Frame Lola.” We will also be dedicating the newly renovated Nadine Barber Art Gallery.

On Saturday morning we will travel to the Canine Companions for Independence 2017 DogFest. Marian St. Clair will be attending the Canine Companions for Independence DogFest on Saturday morning. Please stay in order to show our GFWC First Vice President how devoted we are to GFWC Texas State President's Project. The location where the DogFest will be held is the Houston Tillotson University, 900 Chico Street (east of I-35), Austin, Texas. There is more information regarding this event in the magazine.

Please be sure and get your room reservations at the Holiday Inn Midtown quickly so that I will be able to add more rooms if necessary.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Patti Poe



“Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference” Minutes of the 2017 GFWC Texas Convention

Prepared by Fran Mask, Secretary GFWC Texas

105 GFWC Texas members and guests met in Odessa, Texas at the MCM Elegante hotel on April 26-29, 2017.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 members were invited to “Diva Night”. The evening’s highlights included a fun mixer that allowed first time attendees to meet other members. Props for a photo booth resulted in many funny memories being made and captured for posterity. The ladies of The Fairfield History Club swept into the room in their period costumes and stole the show. The arrival of GFWC Second Vice President, Debra Strahanoski, added to the festivities as members renewed old friendships.



Debra Strahanoski arrives.



The Fairfield History Club.

Thursday morning President Poe called the GFWC Texas 120th Annual Convention to order. Sharla Hotchkiss, Midland City Councilwoman welcomed members to the area. Billie Williams, GFWC Texas First Vice President, and Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President-elect, introduced special guests and members.

President Poe introduced guest speaker, Bryan Gammon, a representative of Heifer International. Mr. Gammon spoke on “Read to Feed”, a program that encourages children to read while teaching them about feeding the hungry around the world.



Bryan Gammon.
HI Representative

Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President-elect, gave an update on the Long Range Planning Committee. District Presidents or representatives (Patti’s Peacocks) strutted Volunteerism during their district reports.

President Poe introduced special guest Debra Strahanoski, GFWC Second Vice President, and she asked members to gather for a selfie to post on Facebook. She brought greetings from GFWC and spoke several times during the convention. By the end of the four days she had perfected her “Y’All”.

On Thursday afternoon members visited the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and learned about West Texas number one industry, oil and gas. It is a very impressive museum and was greatly enjoyed by those attending. The next tour took us to Suzie’s South Forty Convections. The most astonishing thing we discovered as we toured the production plant was that everything produced there is handmade, no machines. It all made without preservatives so the Christmas season is a very busy time at the plant. Of course our favorite time was when we got to sample the products.



N. Byrd

GFWC Texas Juniorette Chairman Nouvella Byrd presented the juniorette awards. Her presentation was streamed live so that the girls could see as the awards were presented. It was amazing to hear how much time the juniorettes volunteer and what they have accomplished during the past year.



B. Williams

Billie Williams handed our “red noses” to all members and a picture was taken to show our support for the initiative to help end children’s poverty “one nose at a time”.



P. Stevens

Patricia Stevens presented the 2017-2018 proposed budget and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted.



(Above) Convention attendees don their red noses to support initiative to help end child poverty.

Carol Habgood presented the proposed bylaws:



C. Habgood

1. **Article III, Membership, Section 4** be changed to read:

Membership may be renewed within three years after termination with payment of current dues. Motion adopted.

2. **Article VI-Duties of Officers, Section 5 Recording Secretary, C**

Furnish copies of the minutes of all TFWC meetings and all Executive Committee meetings to the Executive Committee and Office Manager within 30 days after said meeting. Motion adopted.

3. **Article VI-Conventions, Section 7, Quorum**

Quorum for a convention shall be fifty-five (55) voting members representing more than half of the districts. Motion adopted.

4. **Article XI-Districts, Section 3, Officers, lines 1-2**

Elected officers of the district shall be a president, president-elect, first vice president. The president may appoint a secretary, treasurer, membership chairman and a parliamentarian. The secretary, treasurer and membership chairman shall serve on the Executive Committee; the parliamentarian by invitation of the president. Motion lost.

5. **Article XI, Districts, Section 3, Officers, Eligibility, 1.**

In order to be an officer of the district, a member must have maintained membership in a per capita club for at least three years. Motion adopted.

6. **Article XIII, TFWC Historical Foundation, Section 2, Membership**

The paragraph would be deleted. The Historical Foundation would determine the duties of the Liaison Trustee. Motion adopted.

Due to limited time amendments 7 and 8 were not addressed.

Patricia Tate spoke on writing resolutions.



P. Tate



C. Simmons



L. Mesler

GFWC Texas State Chairman gave reports that summarized many outstanding projects and programs and Cindy Simmons, GFWC State First Vice President presented awards to the winning clubs. Total awards: 315

Cindy gave these statistics:

Districts reporting: 9	Programs/Projects 1,621	In-Kind \$223,070.12
Volunteer hours: 114,754	Dollars donated \$535,524.17	
Dollars spent: \$72,093.88	Dollars Raised: \$712,019.35	

Linda Mesler gave the details of a trip to see the Biltmore in Ashville, North Carolina, followed by a trip to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to attend the Christmas reception.

President Poe introduced Chelsey Price, a Canine Companions recipient. Chelsey brought her furry friend Pablo and spoke about the difference a dog can make in the life of a disabled person. Carolyn McLeod asked that a hat be passed and donations received were designated to Canine Companions for Independence.



Chelsey Price & Pablo



B. Grimes



M. George

GFWC Texas Scholarship Chairman, Brenda Grimes, introduced Mike George, retired Chamber of Commerce President/CEO of Odessa, Texas. Mr. George talked about the life of and memorial to Chris Kyle, United States Navy Seal, who was born in Odessa, Texas. Jonathon Pruessner with KDC Associates explained the symbolism of different aspects used while building the memorial.

Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President-elect, announced the dates and plans for the upcoming GFWC South Central Convention. The meeting will be held October 25-28, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. She continued that the GFWC International Convention would be held in June, 2019 in Austin, Texas.

Ernestine Shugart presented the names of candidates for GFWC Texas Life Members. Presented: Mary Melton, Capitol District, Mary Lou Gilbreath, Mesquite District and Nan Park, Pioneer District. A ballot vote was taken and all three ladies were introduced as new Life Members.



New GFWC Texas Life Members

The Scholarship Committee entertained members with a skit depicting the very dire circumstances of scholarship funds. Bedpans were passed around and funds collected to return life to the account.

Minnie Simmang announced the 2016 Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer: Mary Nettie Rodriguez of the Florence J. Scott Study Club of South Texas District. Ms. Rodriguez was presented with a bouquet of flowers

and a standing ovation.



Mary Nettie Rodriguez

Patti Poe presented the 2017 GFWC Texas LEADS Representative, Lonnie Matthew.

Billie Williams, GFWC Texas First Vice President honored all members with 50 plus years of club service. Following the meeting a reception honored these members and GFWC Second Vice President, Debra Strahanoski.



Lonnie Matthew, 2017 L.E.A.D.S. and Patti Poe

The Executive Committee reports were given at the Saturday morning meeting.

Sharon Grooms, Capitol District President, announced plans for “Dog Fest Rock and Roll” to be held in Austin, Texas on September 16, 2017. The event will raise funds for Canine Companions for Independence.



S. Grooms

Barbara Menking gave the final registration totals:

107 registered, 4 guests and 6 who could not attend for a total in attendance of 105.



B. Menking

Carolyn McLeod, GFWC Texas Fundraising Chairman, announced the fundraising totals from 8-10 tables of hats, gloves and purses and the raffle.

Silent Auction \$1319.50 Total for fall board and convention \$8933.50

Raffle \$1185.00

\$2504.50

\$4000.00 designated to DVAP



C. McLeod

Shirley Thomas invited GFWC Texas to the 2018 Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

President Poe announced a \$150.00 donation would be sent to the Chris Kyle Foundation.



S. Thomas

Janie Hadaway, Capitol District, read the names “In Memoriam” of members who had passed away during the past year.

The club collect was recited in unison and Barbara Winingham, GFWC Texas Past State President, and Kathy Horak Smith, GFWC Texas Photography Chairman, led in the singing of “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

President Poe adjourned the meeting at 10:05.

Canine Companions for Independence Graduation, Irving Campus

May 5, 2017

"Until I heard Chelsey Price speak, with Pablo at her side, in Midland at the GFWC Texas Convention, I was merely a chairman filling a position for my organization's president. That tiny, strong, eloquent speaker, with her grace and poise, will forever bring an appreciative tear and re-affirm a commitment to this cause when I reflect on that special day. It was an honor to attend a CCI Graduation on May 5th, in Irving, where I witnessed many potential "Chelsey Prices and Pablos" begin their journeys together."

— Linda L. Mesler



Dog senses "something" and is comforted by trainer.



Trust. . . Love. . . Letting go.



The leash is yours now. Live BIG!



Puppy raiser with names of past pups raised embroidered on her hat. (Above)



What are the prayers said silently in the hearts of raisers, handlers and trainers on this . . . Graduation Day? (Left) Raiser family says good-bye to their "graduate."

IT'S OUR TIME
TO Shine

The 2017 GFWC Annual Convention June 23-26, 2017 Palm Springs, California

(Look up July 6, 2017, News & Notes and see some of Texas delegation featured in header picture!)



GFWC Texas delegation worked along with entire convention.



(Below) Mary Lou Gilbraith and GFWC Texas President Patti Poe



GFWC President Sheila Shea

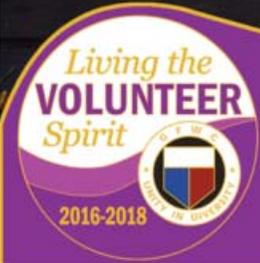


GFWC Executive Committee entertained the "troops."



Fran Mask above left.





TEXAS

GFWC TEXAS is in the house!



(Left) Helen Lamberth found the Florida Flock



Tina made these for Patti.
... If she clicks her heels together they play "The Eyes of Texas."

OFFICIAL CALL AND TENTATIVE AGENDA
 GFWC TEXAS PRESIDENT PATTI POE AND GFWC TEXAS SECRETARY FRAN MASK
 CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

GFWC Texas 121st Fall Board of Directors Meeting

September 13 - 16, 2017

Holiday Inn Midtown
 Austin, Texas



“Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference”

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hotel Lobby
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	TFWC HF Trustees	Oak Room
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TFWC Scholarship Committee	Pecan Room
	Long Range Planning Committee	Magnolia Room
	Nominating Committee	Sycamore Room
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Reception in Honor of GFWC First Vice President Marian St.Clair	Elm Room
9:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	President’s Suite

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Breakfast on your own.

8:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration	Hotel Lobby
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**Formal Opening - 121st Fall Board of Directors Meeting
 GFWC Texas President Patti Poe, Presiding**

**Dress - Business Casual
 Hill Country A & B**

**Business Session
 Lower Head Table - District Presidents**

9:30 a.m.	Opening Call to Order & Welcome	Patti Poe, GFWC Texas 59 th President
	Expression of Thanks	Tissa Peterson, GFWC Texas Chaplain
	National Anthem	Kathy Horak Smith GFWC Texas Photography Chairman Barbara Winingham GFWC Texas Past State President
	Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag	Cindy Jackson Top of Texas Past District President

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas	Linda Turner Top of Texas Past District President
Welcome to Austin.....	Sharon Grooms Capitol District President
Response	Dixie Gilley GFWC Texas Liason to Historical Foundation
Introduction of those seated at head table.....	Cindy Simmons GFWC Texas 1st Vice President
Presentations of Special Members and Guests.....	Carol Habgood GFWC Texas President-elect (Past State Presidents, Life Member, SCR Board of Directors and GFWC Board of Directors)
Committee to Approve Minutes	Patti Poe
Credentials Report	Nan Park GFWC Texas Credentials Chairman
Rules & Procedures.....	Margaret Kriegel GFWC Texas Parliamentarian
Presentation of Program	Linda Mesler <i>Texas Clubwoman</i> Editor
Preliminary Registration Report.....	Barbara Menking GFWC Texas Registration Chairman
Pages.....	Patti Poe
Time Keepers	Patti Poe

Patti's Peacocks Strutting their Volunteerism

Reports from the District President's (5 minutes each)

Western	Lindy Stumberg
Trinity	Wanda Godso, Secretary to the District Presidents
South Texas.....	Therese Crocker, President of the District Presidents
San Jacinto	Nancy Nelsen
Pioneer	Tessa Buckley
Mesquite	Carolyn Waller
Magnolia.....	Joan Pate
Caprock.....	Tina O'Connor
Capitol.....	Sharon Grooms
Alamo	Shirley Thomas

10:30 a.m. Break to Shop

10:45 a.m. Introduction of GFWC First Vice President Patti Poe
 Welcome from GFWC Marian St.Clair
 GFWC First Vice President
 Presentation of GFWC Awards Cindy Simmons
 Report from GFWC Convention from first time attendees Fran Mask
 GFWC Texas Secretary
 Lonnie Matthew
 2017 GFWC Texas L.E.A.D.S.
 Expression of Thanks Tissa Peterson

12:00 p.m. Lunch Hill Country A & B

Enjoy Your Lunch.

1:15 p.m. Break Out Sessions

State Reporting Chairmen Oak Room
 Marian St. Clair,
 Patti Poe,
 Cindy Simmons

Membership & Fundraising Magnolia Room
 Billie Williams,
 Carol Habgood

Club Reporting Sycamore Room
 Barbara Winingham,
 Carolyn McLeod, Pioneer District Past President

GFWC Partnership Information Pecan Room
 Lonnie Matthew, GFWC Texas Conservation Chairman
 Elaine Wilde, GFWC Texas ESO Chairman

2:45 p.m. Break for Shopping

3:00 p.m. Computer Technology for Reporting, Website, Team App
 Facebook & Snapfish Hill Country A&B
 Angela Short, GFWC Texas Webmaster
 Helen Lamberth, GFWC Texas Historical Foundation Chairman
Bring your LAPTOP or ipad so that we can have a one on one

4:30 p.m. ESO/Election of New Officers Oak Room
 Elaine Wilde

5:00 p.m. Counterparts Meeting TBA

Recess until 6:30 p.m.

Dress - Business Casual

6:30 p.m. **Dinner** Hill Country A & B

7:30 p.m. “Words of Wisdom” Marian St.Clair

Introduction of Nominees - Jennie Awards Contest Jackie Hendricks
 JoAnn McClurg
 Jennie Award Contest Chairmen

GFWC Texas Grant Award Sandi Conway
 GFWC Texas Past State President

Announcements

Friday, September 15, 2017

Breakfast on your own

Meeting will be held at TFWC Headquarters

**Lower Head Table - TFWC HF Trustees - Helen Lamberth, Chairman
 Business Casual**

8:45 a.m. Travel to Texas Federation of Women’s Headquarters

9:30 a.m. Reconvene Meeting Patti Poe, President

Domestic Violence Awareness/Signature Program Dee Ann Archer
 GFWC Texas DVAP Chairman

LEADS 2017 Report Lonnie Matthew
 2017 GFWC Texas L.E.A.D.S

Recognizing 2002 - 2016 L.E.A.D.S. Lonnie Matthew

10:30 a.m. Unveiling of the State Project “Frame Lola” Billie Williams

Dedication of the Nadine Barber Art Gallery Helen Lamberth

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Prayer Tissa Peterson

1:15 p.m. Canine Companions DogFest Information Sharon Grooms

Canine Companions for Independence. Mikell Bollinger
 Regional Director CCI South Central Region
 Lacey Wicks
 Volunteer Coordinator CCI South Central Region

Introduction of Special Guest. Mikell Bollinger

2:30 p.m. Surprise Presentation from the Executive Committee

3:00 p.m. **Return to Holiday Inn Midtown**

5:30 p.m. **Social Hour**

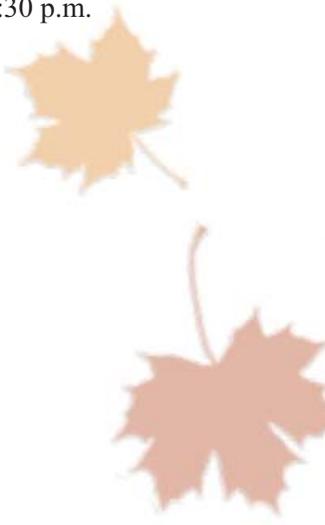
Dress - Business Casual

6:30 p.m. **Dinner** **Hill Country A & B**

Lower Head Table - GFWC Texas Scholarship, Brenda Grimes, Chairman

7:30 p.m.

Report from the Executive Committee
(3 - 5 minutes)



President Patti Poe
President-elect Carol Habgood
First Vice President Cindy Simmons
Second Vice President Billie Williams
Recording Secretary Fran Mask
Chairman of the TFWC Historical Foundation Trustees
..... Helen Lamberth
Scholarship Chairman Brenda Grimes
Parliamentarian Margaret Kriegel
Finance Chairman Patricia Stevens

Recommendations from the Executive Committee Fran Mask

Long Range Planning Committee Report..... Carol Habgood

GFWC First Vice President Marian St.Clair

Final Registration Barbara Menking

Fundraising Carolyn McLeod

Invitation to the 121st Spring Convention Alamo District

9:00 p.m. Reception Honoring GFWC First Vice President Marian St.Clair
and the Jennie Award Nominees & Winner President's Suite

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Breakfast on your own

7:30 a.m. Past District President's Breakfast..... Elm Room

8:00 a.m. Canine Companions for Independence DogFest

Club Collect..... In Unison

Farewell/Adjournment..... Patti Poe, President

Safe Travels, Ladies!

**GFWC Texas 121st Fall Board Meeting
Official Registration Form**

September 13th - 16th, 2017

Holiday Inn Midtown 6000 Middle Fiskville Road Austin, TX 512-451-5757

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE - August 24, 2017

Rate: \$109.00 Single, \$119.00 Double plus tax, Breakfast included

Please fill out a form for each person attending.

(Check One)

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



Name _____ First Time Attendee** _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Title/Position _____ District _____

Registration & Meals

_____ \$10.00 Early Registration _____ \$13.00 Late Registration

_____ \$FREE **Wednesday Evening** - Free Reception Hosted by the Hotel - **Please let us know if you will be attending.**

_____ \$ 28.00 Thursday Lunch - Chicken Marsala - Lightly Breaded Sauteed Chicken Breast topped with Mushroom Marsala Wine Sauce, served with Linguini, Mixed Green Salad, Rolls and Butter. For those who require gluten free - they will have Gluten Free Pasta and Sauce on the side. Dessert - Tiramisu. Please notify Marissa at the hotel - mpowers@hiausmid.com.

_____ \$ 35.00 Thursday Dinner - Fiesta Buffet, Tostada Chips with Salsa, Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Flour Tortillas, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Shredded Cheese, Refried Beans and Spanish Rice. Margarita Cheesecake or Fruit Cup Chamoy.

_____ \$ 15.00 Friday Lunch - BBQ brisket, cole slaw, potato salad, beans, and dessert.

_____ \$40.00 Friday Dinner - Slice Roast of Beef, thinly sliced Roast Sirloin with a Mushroom Sauce, roasted herb Potatoes, mixed Green Salad, Rolls and Butter. Raspberry Chocolate Torte.

OR - PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WANT THE BEEF OR SALMON.

_____ Grilled Salmon Fillet with a light Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing, Wild Rice Pilaf, roasted Herb Potatoes, mixed Green Salad, Rolls and Butter. Raspberry Chocolate Torte.

_____ **Total with All Meals and Early Registration. \$128.00**

\$ _____ **If you will not be able to attend the Fall Board Meeting but would like to donate to the CCI DogFest, please submit your check to the address below and in the memo line write CCI DogFest Donation. All donations are tax deductible.**

If you have **dietary restrictions** please notify Marissa with the Holiday Inn Midtown - mpowers@hiausmid.com, by **August 24, 2017**.

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

Mail the Registration Form with your check made out to: **GFWC Texas;**
2312 San Gabriel; Austin, Texas 78705-5014

CREREDENTIALS CARD
GFWC Texas 121st Fall Board Meeting

Deadline: Must be postmarked by August 24, 2017

OFFICIAL USE

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

 Verified by Nan Park
 Credentials Chairman

 Date
 Postmarked

 Date
 Received

Mail to: Nan Park
 P O Box 84
 Bowie, TX 76230

CHECK ONE:

- _____ State Officer
- _____ Elected District Officer
- _____ Past State President
- _____ Trustee Rep. (1 per district)
- _____ Scholarship Rep. (1 per dist)
- _____ State Life Member
- _____ State Honorary Member
- _____ Clubwoman Editor
- _____ Club Delegate (One delegate per 15 members of your club)

- _____ State Appointed Chairman
 of Dept. Programs/Projects
- _____ State Standing Committee
 (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance)
- _____ State Project/Contest Ch.
- _____ State Convention Chairman
- _____ State Life Membership Committee

Name of Club _____



of Members in Club _____ District _____

GFWC Texas Members,

In support of Sharon Grooms project **“DogFest Austin,”** which will be held as part of our Fall Board Meeting on Saurday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, members are asked to arrive at Huston-Tillotson University between 7:30- 8:00 a.m. in/with; comfortable attire - GFWC Texas shirts if you have one, comfortable shoes, hats to protect you from sun, folding camp chairs, bottled water or drink, sun screen, and a cooling cloth for your neck - the type that can be refrigeraed and worn.

Be ready to take instructions and learn about your assignments. Cheerfully be of assistance to all participants.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING THE VOLUNTEERS YOU ARE!!



**CHANGE
A LIFE
FOR
FOUR
PAWS
AT A TIME™**

Registration is Free!

DogFest Austin

Huston-Tillotson University
900 Chicon St. Austin, Texas 78702
September 16 • 9 am - 12 pm

www.cci.org/DogFestAustin

Join the fun at this accessible, family- and dog-friendly walk and festival, benefiting Canine Companions for Independence® and the mission of providing highly trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities free of charge.

Thanks to our national corporate partners
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Assistance dogs, training and ongoing support are provided to the recipient free of charge, a \$50,000 value per team.



Over 5,000 assistance dogs placed with children, adults and veterans since 1975.



Over 400 people in need currently on the waitlist.



“Kaz and I represent freedom, independence and teamwork. Together we can overcome anything.”

- Stefanie and Service Dog Kaz

Why Sponsor? When a DogFest Walk 'n Roll event raises \$50,000, it enables Canine Companions to fund a graduate team from the puppy's conception to the dog's retirement, transforming a life through a four-legged partner. Because DogFest is spearheaded by a group of passionate volunteer leaders, the return on the investment is very high. In addition to making a difference in someone's life, you will benefit from increased exposure and goodwill throughout your community and in the workplace.



How Can You Get Involved? With DogFest, you have the opportunity to partner with a world-class organization that changes lives! As a potential sponsor, there are many ways you can get involved:

- Become a sponsor
- Provide in-kind resources
- Create a fundraising team
- Be a volunteer committee leader or member
- Volunteer on event day



Find your local event at cci.org/DogFest

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Change a life, four paws at a time™.



DogFest Walk 'n Roll™

Change a life, four paws at a time™.

All proceeds benefit Canine Companions for Independence®.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Valid for DogFest events through December 31, 2017.



This is your chance to gain more great exposure while supporting a great cause: providing highly trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities free of charge. Choose from the list of cash sponsorship levels or contact us at DogFest@cci.org for in-kind sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

All cash sponsorship levels include the following benefits:

- Recognition on sponsor banner at DogFest
- Company banner prominently displayed
- Recognition during the ceremony
- "Proud Sponsor" window clings

Man's Best Friend

\$10,000

Top Dog level benefits PLUS:

- Honor of naming a Canine Companions puppy
- On-stage appearance and speech
- 5 mentions on Canine Companions' social media sites
- 5 commemorative DogFest t-shirts
- This sponsorship can help fund: *sponsorship of an individual's two-week Team Training class, when participants are matched with and learn proper care and handling of their Canine Companions assistance dog*

Top Dog

\$5,000

Big Dog level benefits PLUS:

- Logo in event emails and on volunteer t-shirt
- 4 mentions on Canine Companions' social media sites
- 4 commemorative DogFest t-shirts
- Premium mention in DogFest news release
- This sponsorship can help fund: *a volunteer puppy raiser workshop, providing tools and education necessary for positive puppy raising experiences.*

Big Dog

\$2,500

Happy Tails level benefits PLUS:

- Logo on local DogFest posters and commemorative t-shirt
- Logo with link on event website, including event homepage
- 3 mentions on Canine Companions' social media sites
- 3 commemorative DogFest t-shirts
- Logo in post-event email to participants
- Mention in DogFest news releases
- Acknowledgements in Canine Companions publication
- Opportunity to provide a giveaway item to all participants
- This sponsorship can help fund: *vet care for five dogs in professional training for six months (hip x-rays, spaying/neutering, heart testing and necessary medications).*

Happy Tails

\$1,000

Companion level benefits PLUS:

- Stage announcement for booth
- 2 mentions on Canine Companions' social media sites
- 2 commemorative DogFest t-shirts
- Name with link on event website
- This sponsorship can help fund: *leashes, gentle leaders, capes and treat bags for 20 puppies.*

Companion

\$500

Dog Lover level benefits PLUS:

- Booth space at DogFest
- Name on commemorative t-shirt
- 1 mention on Canine Companions' social media sites
- 1 commemorative DogFest t-shirt
- This sponsorship can help fund: *transportation of one puppy to the volunteer puppy raiser.*

Dog Lover

\$250

- Name on event website
- DogFest window cling
- Recognition during ceremony
- Banner at DogFest (sponsor-supplied)
- Unlimited marketing impact of employee involvement and participation
- This sponsorship can help fund: *assistance dog vests for five dogs.*

cci.org/DogFestSponsor



About DogFest DogFest Walk 'n Roll™ is a walk and festival that brings together dog lovers, pet owners and people with disabilities to celebrate the magic of Canine Companions for Independence. Prior to the event, participants raise money online as a team or individual. On event day, they join their teammates, the community and some four-legged friends for the walk, followed by family- and dog-friendly festivities. The community has an opportunity to interact with Canine Companions puppies, as well as witness the work of awe-inspiring assistance dogs.

Thanks to our national corporate partners

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XI. RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

These rules may be amended by the Executive Committee to conform to the program for the Board of Directors meeting. These rules shall be printed in the official program. There shall be one annual meeting of the Board of Directors held in the fall of the year in Austin. The Board meeting shall be a no host meeting, with one function held at the TFWC Headquarters building. A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be thirty-five (35), including at least eighteen elected members representing more than half of the districts.

- A. Registration hours shall be set by the Executive Committee. Registration badges will be used for admittance to the Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. This meeting is open to all TFWC members, however, certified voting members shall consist of all TFWC elected and appointed officers and appointed Board members; TFWC Past Presidents, Life Members and Honorary Members; District elected and appointed officers; and Club Presidents.
- C. In order to obtain the floor, each member shall rise, go to a microphone, address the Chair, and state their name and Board position held or state their club if not a delegate.
- D. All motions and substantive amendments shall be written, signed by the maker, given to a teller, and delivered to the parliamentarian.
- E. A member may speak no more than two minutes each time and no more than twice to the same question without the consent of the assembly, nor speak a second time to the same question until all who wish to speak have been heard.
- F. Debate on each main motion with all adhering debatable motions shall be limited to ten minutes.
- G. Voting.
 - 1. Rising Vote. The presiding officer may take a rising vote by show of voting cards.
 - 2. The meeting room doors shall be closed while voting is in progress.
 - 3. No proxy voting shall be allowed.
- H. Recordings. The recording secretary may make an audio recording of the convention. All other audio or video recording is prohibited during convention unless permission is granted by the state president.
- I. Electronic devices. Cellular phones, PDAs, pagers, and other electronic devices shall be in silent mode or turned off during all official functions.
- J. Oral Reports. Two copies of all oral reports are to be typed, double-spaced and handed to the Secretary before leaving the microphone. One copy becomes a part of the official minutes of the meeting and the other copy is placed in the file of the TFWC President.
- K. Board Meeting Rules may be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote.

Please observe these rules when in attendance.



Congratulations 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients



TFWC State Scholarship
Lyndi Kate Luttrell
 \$1,500.00***
 Pioneer District



TFWC State Scholarship
**Monica Nicole
 Martinez**
 \$1,000.00
 Alamo District



1903 UT Austin
 Scholarship
Jacob Garth Allred
 \$1,000.00
 Trinity District



Eleanor Tipps Scholarship
Sabrina Marie Hamm
 \$600.00
 South Texas District



1903 UT Austin
 Scholarship
Mattie Grace Awalt
 \$1,000.00
 Trinity District



Penny Arts Scholarship
Karisty LaRue Hopper
 \$1,000.00
 Trinity District



Musical Penny
 Scholarship
Brittany Nicole Price
 \$500.00
 South Texas District

***Lyndi Luttrull of Pioneer District was presented an additional \$500.00 via the approval of the Scholarship Committee after the official GFWC Texas 120th Annual Convention Scholarship Fund Committee Scholarship meeting April 26, 2017 in the Hawaiian Room in the MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa, Texas at 3:30 P.M.

In Memoriam

Pat Zmudka

Pioneer District

Florene Hattie

McGinnis

Alamo District

Linda Bowden

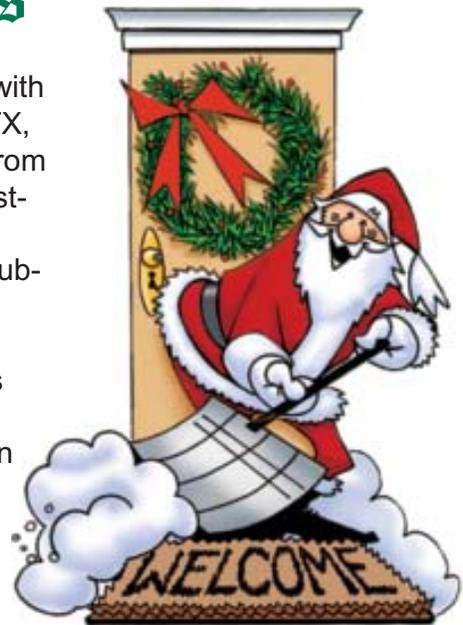
Pioneer District

Christmas Tour of Homes

Explore Temple's beautiful Garden District neighborhood with this year's City Federation of Women's Clubs of Temple, TX, Christmas Homes Tour on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 10am to 3pm! From the pre-WWII stone cottage to the post-war lines of Mid-Century Style, the event includes five gorgeous houses and the historic Women's Federated Clubhouse on King's Circle.

Each unique property tells a different story about Temple's Northside history. Experience its diverse heritage, lush gardens, and vibrant interiors firsthand, and find inspiration for your own home.

Proceeds go to the City Federation of Women's Clubs of Temple's building fund for the preservation of the historic clubhouse.



Holidays Silent Auction at the GFWC Texas Fall Board

Ladies, what fun we will have on Thursday at Fall Board with scare crows, witches, turkeys, pilgrims, pumpkins, snowmen, and Santas. Someone may even want a special cookie jar to put out on Christmas Eve. How about some fudge or gingerbread? Bring it all! If you like it, your federation sisters will too.

This chairman looks forward to seeing you in Austin for a great meeting and a super silent auction shopping spree.

Hugs,
Carolyn McLeod

Alamo District

Woman's Club of Cotulla Awards Scholarships

COTULLA -- The Woman's Club of Cotulla presented four scholarships and one high point English award to four graduating seniors at the Cotulla High School Senior Awards Banquet on May 30, 2017. Three local club scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each were awarded to the following students: Anabel Garcia- Betsy Hopkins Memorial Scholarship, Monica Martinez- Julia Tucker Memorial Scholarship, Myrandah Aguero-Fredna Knaggs Dobie Woods Memorial Scholarship. The Woman's Club also recognizes the senior with the highest average in English with an award of \$300.00. The Elizabeth Jones Memorial High English Award was given to

Maralicia Martinez. Monica Martinez also received a scholarship from the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in the amount of \$1,000.00. The Woman's Club of Cotulla is very proud of these young ladies.



Western District

Alpine Outstanding Juniorette to begin college life at Princeton and continue as example to club

Posted: Saturday, June 24, 2017 3:00 am *The Odessa American*
Shawna Graves Alpine Avalanche; featured in Alpine Avalanche 5.25.17

ALPINE -- "I always thought it would be Texas Tech or UT—if I was lucky," said Alpine High School Valedictorian Hernan Valles. But after an excellent track record in math and physics courses and placing well in contests, Valles received offers for full-ride scholarships from multiple Ivy League universities.



Hernan Valles

He said it was a difficult choice, but in September, Valles will begin classes at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Valles recalled an early interest in numbers, and key teachers helped him pursue science and math. "A lot of it was just curiosity," he said.

In the eighth grade, a documentary grabbed his attention, and dreams of being a nuclear engineer followed. He began reading books by authors with great scientific minds, like Stephen Hawking.

Valles was cutting his teeth on concepts like plasma physics, "the energy of really hot things," he explained. "I think that will be the future of energy—harnessing nuclear fusion and antimatter."

It may not sound glamorous, but Valles credits his early achievements to spending hours every day after school

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working on math problems, and to another student, Jonathan Celaya, who showed Valles all this was possible when he first entered high school.

Celaya was valedictorian for the class of 2014, and now attends Rice University on the Trustee's Distinguished Scholarship.

Celaya also excelled in math and science, and was one of the afterschool tutors for the small group of students who chose to stick around and work out math problems, Valles said. It was helpful to have an upperclassman showing him the ropes, and Valles said he followed Celaya's path and took his advice to continue studying. Valles thinks any student can do the same with a lot of hard work.

He spent over 10 extra hours a week studying math. His dedication paid off, and by sophomore year, Valles had placed third in University Interscholastic League math contests. After that, he doubled down and added extra science and math classes to his schedule, eventually setting and reaching a goal to pass out of calculus II.

Last summer, he attended a competitive astrophysics program led by research teams from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and University of Colorado at Boulder. Valles had two weeks to learn calculus III, linear algebra, celestial mechanics, and optics— and then he had to apply what he learned.

Valles learned to write a program that calculated the orbital position of asteroids. "I loved it. I really loved the intensity," he said.

One of the biggest draws to Princeton was the school's famed Institute of Advanced Study. "That's where the top math and physics people in the world are at. Einstein and Schrodinger were there," Valles said.

Valles was looking forward to walking the same halls as the world's greatest minds. "It will be really cool," he said.

What the Alpine Juniores say about their clubmember:

Hernan Valles is the Alpine Outstanding Juniorette, and, that the Juniores are very proud of. Hernan joined the Juniores as a sophomore. He was selected to be the HOBY Ambassador and the Junior Ambassador in 11th grade. This year, he served as the Senior Ambassador.

Hernan graduated as the Valedictorian of Class 2017. As a Juniorette, he attends club meetings faithfully. As the Juniores' Senior Ambassador, he is a leader, and he presides at meeting when the President is not available. He recruits members and reminds them to attend meeting.

Hernan has good demeanor in dealing with members and classmates. He volunteered as tutor for classmates in math and physics classes in which he excels. His teachers comment that he is one of the best students they have ever had.

He was a member of the band, but he moved on to focus on his mathematical studies and mock trial litigation. He has high dreams of becoming a scientist and three IVY schools, Harvard, Princeton, MIT, plus UT-Austin & Rice are ready to grant him admission to their Fall 2017 freshman class.

He treasures being a member of our club, and he reads and writes GFWC reports and news. He is willing to approach community organizations and businesses to secure sponsorships for our many activities, and he writes thank you notes to those who provide support to our club. His Community Improvement Project (CIP) Contest entry write up about the Club CIP of our last administration garnered a monetary award from GFWC.

He is humble, he is kind, and he concentrates on the tasks that need his attention. His fellow Alpine Juniores

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look up to him as a leader and seek his opinions on many aspects of club matters. They treat him as their big brother who will take care of the club and them.

The Alpine Junioresettes are very delighted to wish Hernan Valles their best. Excellence! Leadership! Community Service!



**The TEXAS Clubwoman
was awarded 1st Place
at the 2017 GFWC
Convention held in June!
WooHoo!!!**