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Big News!!!

GFWC TEXAS will HOST
the 2019 GFWC Convention
to be held in Austin, Texas!!

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From the Desk of
2016-2018 TFWC President

Patti Poe

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

Dear Members of GFWC Texas,

Your GFWC Texas Executive Committee met in January to discuss preparations for the 120th Spring Convention at the MCM Elegante in Odessa, Texas, April 26 - April 29, 2017. Please make your reservations NOW, make sure you let them know you are with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. We will be concluding the convention by Noon on Saturday.

Western District is working hard to make everything perfect for all of us during the convention. We will begin the evening with “Diva Night.” Your Executive Committee is picking up the bill for the finger foods for a fun filled evening to welcome everyone to Odessa. Our GFWC 2nd Vice President Deb Strahanoski, will be attending our convention. You will love Deb, and she is a vivacious lady and a very dedicated clubwoman.

Thursday morning the convention will officially be called to order. After lunch on Thursday, we will be traveling to the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Around 3:30 p.m. we will head over to Suzie's South Forty Confections, so we can satisfy our sweet tooth!

Our Thursday evening will be the beginning of our celebration for all the hard work you have done to make GFWC Texas successful! Deb Strahanoski will be speaking to us this evening and spreading her joy of GFWC!! Friday morning we will continue our celebrating with the conclusion Friday night of our Outstanding Club Program, Outstanding Federation Day Program, Outstanding Americanism Program, Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer and our announcement of our 2017 LEADS Representative. GFWC Texas 2nd Vice President Billie Williams will be presenting award certificates and 50 year pins to those in attendance. After the conclusion of the meeting, we will have a reception honoring GFWC 2nd Vice President Deb Strahanoski, the 50 + GFWC Texas Members, and all the winners of our 2016-2017 Reporting Year.

Saturday morning we will conclude the meeting with reports from your GFWC Texas Officers, the presentation of the 2017-2018 Budget, and recommendations from the Executive Committee.

I am so excited about reporting! All of the District President's were timely with their Statistical Reports and statistical information was also received from Key District. I can't wait to report our number of projects, volunteer hours, dollars donated, in-kind donations, dollars raised and dollars spent during our convention. I know that we are going to be well rewarded in Palm Desert during the International Convention for all your hard work!

Plans are being made at this time for GFWC Texas to host a DogFest in Austin during our Fall Board Meeting to benefit Canine Companions for Independence.

Your president has been busy since my installation in May, having traveled 8,804 miles in eight months. It is wonderful meeting all the ladies of our great federation! Hope to see all of you in Odessa in April.

Sincerely,

Patti Poe
GFWC Texas President 2016 - 2018





It's Our Time to SHINE: 2017 GFWC Annual Convention at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa from June 23-26 - Join Us!!

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- GFWC Clubwomen have shined throughout the year! We invite you to join us at the pristine JW Marriott in Palm Desert, California to celebrate those accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization.

The GFWC Room Block at the JW Marriott is now open. The best way to reserve a room is online at <https://aws.passkey.com/e/15882702>. You may also call for reservations at 760-341-2211 (press 1 for Room Reservations). Rooms are \$145 with a \$1 resort fee (lowest allowable by law). If you want to ensure a scenic view, room upgrades are available starting at \$30 more per night.

Online registration is now officially open! You can access registration using this link <http://www.cvent.com/d/2vqq5g/4W> or by visiting www.GFWC.org and following the instructions to register for Convention and all events. GFWC's user-friendly online registration system is quick, secure, and easy. Paper registration is available upon request. Registration closes on June 1. For assistance, contact GFWC Headquarters at 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or call Derek Tennant (DTennant@GFWC.org) directly at 202-347-2938 or Jennifer Simpson (JSimpson@GFWC.org) directly at 202-628-2478.

Adding Guests – During your online Convention registration, you will have the opportunity to add a guest. GFWC Clubwomen cannot be “guests.” If you are registering on behalf of another Clubwoman, please do not add them as your guest even if you are paying. Instead, complete your own registration then log back in to start a separate registration for your GFWC friend. If your guest is a GFWC Booster or a Non-Member, you can select the Guest button during your registration and complete everything at once.

The Call to Convention will be in the March+April Issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, which is scheduled for distribution the second week of March. It will contain detailed information regarding travel/accommodations, agenda, tours, projects, awards, and more.

We are very excited about the venue, the activities, and the speakers we have in store. We hope you make plans to attend!

2016-2018 Club Manual Access

For current information about all things GFWC, please refer to the 2016-2018 Club Manual. You can access this through the home page of the website in one of two ways: by clicking on it in the rotating carousel or by clicking on the designated box located at the lower right hand corner of the home page. This will give you access to current information about programs, projects, awards entries, and more. As always, please make sure you are using current 2016-2018 information.



Mary Elizabeth Preston

It is with very heavy hearts we must announce the passing of Mary Elizabeth Preston, GFWC International Past President from 1978-1980, on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

Born and raised in eastern Kentucky, Mary Elizabeth was orphaned by age 16 and took the responsibility of caring for her brother and four sisters. Mary Elizabeth joined the Pikesville Women's Club after marrying and went on to live a life of volunteer service as a member of GFWC for over 75 years. She served as president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs from 1968-1970 before leading GFWC as International President from 1978-1980. During her administration, Mary Elizabeth promoted family unity and free enterprise, helped to establish the Korean Federation of Women's Clubs, and partnered with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY). After her term as GFWC International

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President, Mary Elizabeth worked in the White House, where she served as President Ronald Reagan's liaison to national social service and volunteer groups.

Please visit GFWC.org to read more about Mary Elizabeth Preston. The website will be updated to reflect memorial information when available.

Partner Spotlight: UNICEF USA

Thousands of trafficking victims are right here in the United States. Human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states in the U.S., with a particularly high incidence of trafficking in California, Florida, New York, Ohio, and Texas.

The reality is any child can fall victim to this horrific human rights violation, but it's the world's most vulnerable and marginalized children who are at the highest risk of exploitation and trafficking.

To help the child victims of trafficking, we must become aware of the problem and educate our friends and family members about how to prevent and end it. Stand with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to end trafficking, exploitation, violence, and abuse. Sign the pledge to end trafficking at www.unicefusa.org/pledgetoendtrafficking and mobilize your club to raise funds to prevent trafficking through support of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's End Trafficking Project. Every member must take on responsibility to put children first. For resources and further information please contact Mansi Mehta at mmehta@unicefusa.org.



"Deb" Strahanoski

GFWC Second Vice President Debra Strahanoski to be Special Guest and Speaker at GFWC Texas Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- GFWC Second Vice-President Debra "Deb" Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 28 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many.

Deb's boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles. She served the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008- 2010, and currently GFWC Illinois Protocol Chairman.

Her GFWC leadership positions have included Home Life Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary and helped ignite The Campaign for the Future as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee.

Deb is a highly respected volunteer and leader with GFWC and in her community. She has served Easterseals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois on both regional and state levels, and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois.

Since 2005, Deb has been employed with Easterseals as Development Manager, managing annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation.

Deb assists her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. They have two children and one grandchild. Her visionary leadership, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

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

GFWC Texas 120th Annual Convention



**April 26 - 29, 2017
 MCM Elegante
 Odessa, TX**



Wednesday, April 26, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hotel Lobby
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	GFWC Texas HF Trustees	Bermuda Room
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	GFWC Texas Scholarship Committee Long Range Planning Committee Nominating Committee Life Membership Committee	Hawaiian Room Caribbean Room 1 Caribbean Room 2 Caribbean Room 3
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	"Diva Night" - Meet & Greet	Waterfront Room
9:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	President's Suite - Room 920

Thursday, April 27, 2017

	Breakfast on your own	
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration	Hotel Lobby

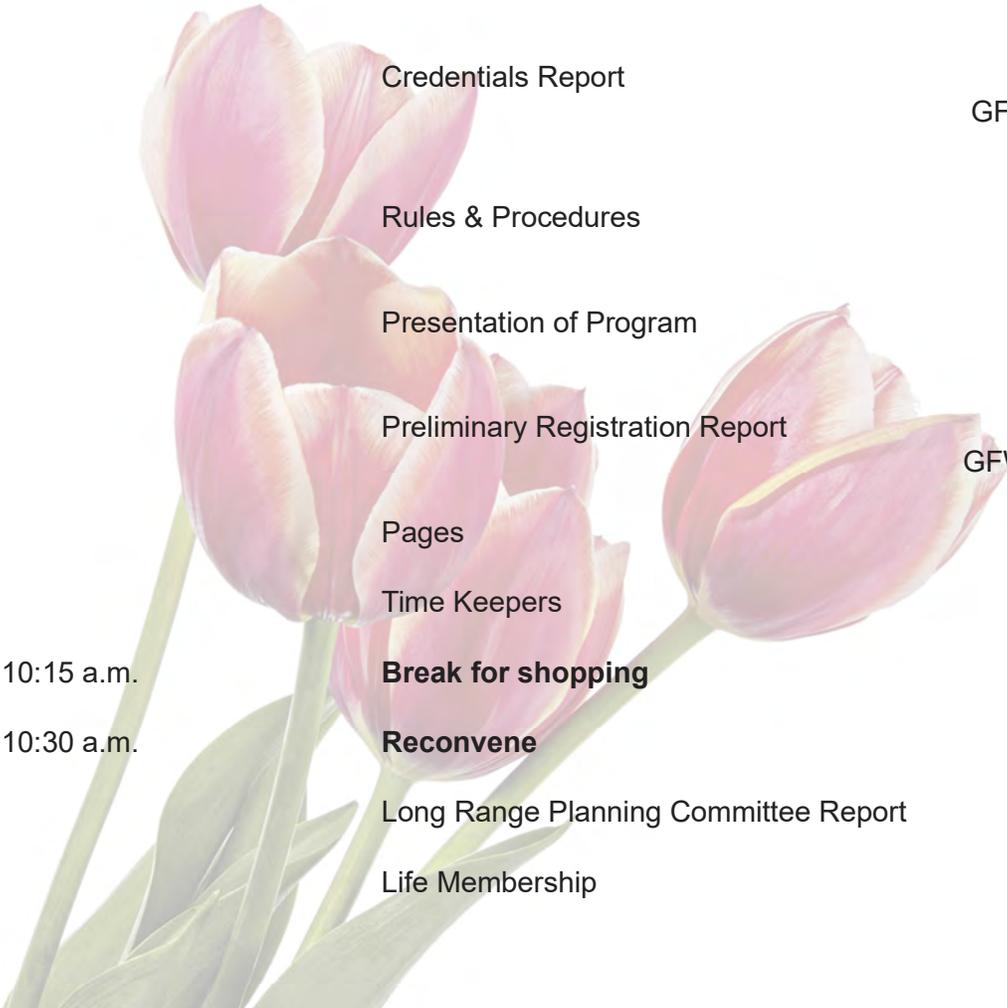
Formal Opening - 120th GFWC Texas Annual Convention

GFWC Texas President Patti Poe, Presiding

**Lower Head Table - District Presidents
 Dress - Business Casual**

9:30 a.m.	Opening Call to Order & Welcome Invocation Posting of the Colors National Anthem	Patti Poe, GFWC Texas 59 th President Tissa Peterson, GFWC Texas Chaplain Permian High School JROTC Barbara Winingham GFWC Texas Past State President Kay Mara Past District President Pioneer District
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Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag	Bobbe Mitchell GFWC Texas Past State President
“Texas Our Texas”	Barbara Winingham & Kay Mara
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag	Anne VanLoon
Welcome to Odessa	Mayor of Odessa
Welcome to Western District	Lindy Stumberg Western District President
Response	KerryKay Cook Past District President Western District
Presentations of Special Members and Guests	Billie Williams GFWC Texas 2 nd Vice President
(GFWC Officers, SCR Officers, Past State Presidents, GFWC Texas Life Members, Past GFWC Texas Jennie Award Recipients, First Time Attendees)	
Introduction of those seated at Head Table	Carol Habgood GFWC Texas President-elect
Committee to Approve Minutes	Carolyn McLeod Stephanie Stephens Crystal Hammett
Credentials Report	Nan Park GFWC Texas Credentials Chairman
Rules & Procedures	Margaret Kriegel GFWC Texas Parliamentarian
Presentation of Program	Linda Mesler Texas Clubwoman Editor
Preliminary Registration Report	Barbara Menking GFWC Texas Registration Chairman
Pages	Patti Poe
Time Keepers	Patti Poe
10:15 a.m. Break for shopping	
10:30 a.m. Reconvene	
Long Range Planning Committee Report	Carol Habgood
Life Membership	Ernestine Shugart



Patti's Peacocks Strutting their Volunteerism

Reports from District Presidents (4 minutes each)

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

11:30 a.m.	Introduction of Special Guest	Patti Poe, President
	Welcome from GFWC	GFWC 2 nd Vice President Debra Strahanoski
	Announcements	Angela Short
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
	Expression of Thanks	Tissa Peterson
	Enjoy Your Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Leave hotel to travel to Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Suzie's South Forty Confections	
5:00 p.m.	Arrive back at Hotel	
6:30 p.m.	Doors open for Dinner	
	Lower Head Table GFWC Texas HF Trustees Dress - Sunday Attire	
	Introduction of GFWC Officer	Patti Poe
	GFWC Second Vice President	Debra Strahanoski
	GFWC Texas Juniorette Awards	Novella Byrd GFWC Texas Juniorette Chairman
	"Red Nose Celebration"	Billie Williams Helen Lamberth, GFWC Texas HF Chairman
	Announcements	Angela Short

Friday, April 28, 2017

Breakfast on your own

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Past District President's Breakfast Meeting	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	ESO Meeting	
9:30 a.m.	Reconvene Meeting	
	Presentation of GFWC Texas Budget - 2017-2018	Patricia Stevens GFWC Texas Financial Chairman
	Recommendations from the Executive Committee	Fran Mask GFWC Texas Secretary
	Proposed Bylaw Changes	Carol Habgood
	Resolutions	Patricia Tate
	Awards Presentation - (5 min. per program)	Cindy Simmons
	GFWC Texas President's Special Project: "Canine Companions for Independence"	Linda Mesler
	Conservation	Lonnie Matthew
	Junior's Special Project "Advocates for Children"	Nelda Lee
	GFWC Cornerstone Project: "Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention"	Lisa Tate
	Public Issues	Linda Turner
	GFWC TX UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Program	Lynn Long
	Legislation/Public Policy	Shawnee Harding
	Public Relations/Communications	Jean Johnson
	Photography Winners	Kathy Horak Smith
10:30 a.m.	Break to shop	
10:45 a.m.	Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Update (15 min)	Helen Lamberth
	Conservation Report & Awards (20 min)	Lonnie Matthew
	Heifer International and Read to Feed	Bryan Gammon Heifer International
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Discussion of GFWC International Convention and GFWC South Central Region Meeting	Carol Habgood
	Awards Continued - Cindy Simmons (5 min. per program)	

Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC)	Irene Irey
Fundraising	Carolyn McLeod
Membership	Billie Williams
Leadership Program	Carol Habgood
GFWC Texas Heritage Department	Patsy Todd
Yearbook Contest Winners	Bennie Parker
ESO	Elaine Wilde
GFWC Texas LEADS Representative	Carolyn Jo Snow
GFWC Texas Veteran Awareness	Lonnie Matthew
Education	Linda Gerd
Arts Program	Mary Muckleroy
Poetry & Short Stories	Linda Lang
Home Life	Stephanie Stephens
International Outreach	Marsha Wellman
GFWC Texas Scholarship Program	Brenda Grimes
Life Membership Presentations	Ernestine Shugart
2:30 p.m.	Break to Shop & Dance
2:50 p.m.	Workshops and Counterparts Meetings
4:39 p.m.	Announcement of New Life Members Ernestine Shugart
	Recess until 6:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.	Line up for processional
6:30 p.m.	Dinner -

**Lower Head Table - GFWC Texas Scholarship Committee
Dress - After Five**

“Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference”

Introduction of Speaker	Patti Poe
GFWC 2 nd Vice President	Debra Strahanoski

Entertainment by the Jazz Trio

Outstanding Club Program	Sandy Chisholm
Outstanding Federation Day Program	Pat Humphrey
Outstanding Americanism Program	Crystal Hammett
Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer	Minnie Simmang GFWC Texas Past State President
Recognition of 50+ GFWC Texas Members	Billie Williams
Announcements	Angela Short

**Reception Honoring GFWC 2nd Vice President Debra Strahanoski,
our 50 + members, all winners**

Recess until 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Breakfast on your own

9:00 a.m.

Reconvene

**Lower Head Table, GFWC Texas District Presidents
GFWC/TFWC Logo Casual Dress**

Reports 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 GFWC Texas Historical Foundation Trustees
 Helen Lamberth
 Scholarship Chairman Brenda Grimes
 Parliamentarian Margaret Kriegel
 Finance Chairman Patricia Stevens

Final Registration

Barbara Menking

Fundraising

Carolyn McLeod

In Memoriam

Jeri Harkins

Club Collect

In Unison

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Barbara Winingham and Kay Mara

Farewell/Adjournment

Patti Poe, President



**GFWC Texas 120th Spring Convention
Official Registration Form
April 26th - 29th, 2017**



• MCM Elegante Hotel & Spa • 5200 E University Blvd. • Odessa, TX •
432-368-5885

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE - APRIL 1, 2017



Room Rate - \$99.00 for king with 1 breakfast ticket
Room Rate - \$109 for queen doubles with 2 breakfast tickets

Please fill out a form for each person attending:

(Check one)

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____ Email: _____

Title/Position: _____ District: _____ First Time Attendee _____

How many years have you been continuously in GFWC Texas _____

Registration & Meals

_____ \$10.00 Early Registration*

_____ \$13.00 Late Registration*

_____ No charge. Wednesday Evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. we will be having Diva Night. We will have numerous finger food items and a Cash Bar. We will also have fun activities and relaxation time. As stated there is no charge but we do need to plan on how many will attend.

_____ \$ 5.00 Admission ticket to the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum.



_____ \$25.00 Thursday Lunch: Chicken Tender Salad - Pieces of beer battered chicken tenders piled high on a bed of fresh garden salad, dried tomatoes and grated cheddar cheese. Served with your choice of crackers or fresh backed rolls, assorted dressings available on request. Ice Tea or Coffee and Red Velvet Cake.

_____ \$30.00 Thursday Dinner: Taste of Texas - Tender smoked brisket, BBQ chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, ranchero beans, assorted relish tray, homemade cornbread. Ice Tea or coffee and peach cobbler.

_____ \$25.00 Friday Lunch: Chicken Marsala - A delicious chicken breast lightly browned and topped with a unique blend of Marsala wine sauce, salad, vegetable blend, twice baked potatoes, fresh baked rolls. Tea or Coffee and Cheesecake.

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_____ \$30.00

Friday Dinner: Mexican Buffet - Fresh garden salad, Spanish rice, Refried beans, Cheese enchiladas, tostadas, child con queso, homemade salsa, chicken enchiladas, chicken & beef fajitas.

Ice tea or coffee and sopapillas.

_____ \$125.00

Total for Early Registration, ticket to museum and all meals.

_____ \$128.00

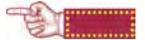
Total for Late Registration, ticket to museum and all meals.

If you have dietary restrictions, please send an email to Melissa Aguilar, maguilar@mcmelegante.com. She is with the hotel and will be able to take care of all your restrictions. **Please email her by April 1, 2017.** 

*By registering and attending the GFWC Texas Spring Convention 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 (both pages) with your check to:

TFWC Headquarters
2312 San Gabriel
Austin, TX 78705-5014



**Be sure
to check
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if attending
the TFWC
Convention!**

CREDENTIALS CARD

Deadline: Must be postmarked by April 1, 2017

•• Emailed Credentials will not be accepted. ••

GFWC Texas 120TH Annual Convention
April 26th - 29th, 2017
Midland, Texas

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

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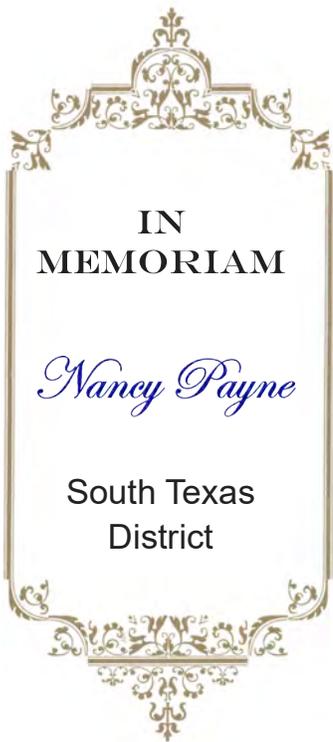
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF CLUB _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____ DISTRICT _____

CHECK ONE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Elected District Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Standing Committee (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Past President | <input type="checkbox"/> TFWC Appointed Project / Contest Chairman |
| <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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RULES & PROCEDURES FOR CONVENTIONS

These rules may be amended by the Executive Committee to conform to the program for Convention. These rules shall be printed in the official program. The TFWC shall hold an annual convention in the spring of each year, the date and place of meeting to be decided by the Executive Committee. Convention site, in election year, shall be in the District of the President-elect. The quorum for a convention will be sixty-three (63) voting members representing more than half the districts. The Parliamentary authority for TFWC shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

1.

A. Registration

1. Registration hours shall be set by the Executive Committee.
2. Registration badges will be used for admittance to Convention Hall.

B. General Procedure

1. Door keepers and ushers will admit no one to business sessions, either delegate, visitor, without a badge or official card.
2. Notes shall not be passed or page service available during speaking from the platform.
3. Only accredited delegates shall vote.

C. Delegates and Board Members

1. A delegate wishing to use her privilege of the floor must wear an official badge.
2. When seeking recognition, a delegate shall address the chair and announce her name, town and club.
3. Debate on any one question shall be limited to thirty minutes.
4. Members shall not speak a second time upon the same questions until all others who desire to speak upon the question have been heard. No member shall speak more than twice on any question.
5. During business or discussion periods each speaker shall be limited to two minutes.
6. Time limits shall be adhered to strictly.
7. Speakers for and against any measure under discussion shall be heard alternately.
8. Convention committee chairmen only are voting members of the Board of Directors. Other convention committee members must have achieved voting status through some other appointed or elective capacity to be eligible to vote.'
9. All cell phones shall be turned off during the Board Meetings and Conventions of TFWC. (2002)

D. Motions and Resolutions

1. Main motions or others of importance must be written, signed and sent to the Recording Secretary.
2. Emergency Resolutions, not to exceed three, may be presented to the Convention through the Resolutions Committee. Such emergency resolutions shall pertain to situations which have arisen since the preparations of the Call must have the endorsement of the Executive Committee.

E. Oral Reports

Two copies of all oral reports are to be typed, double-spaced and handed to the Secretary before leaving the

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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.

F. Hours for voting shall be set by the Executive Committee.

G. Counting of votes shall not begin until polls close.

2017 Proposed amendments to GFWC Texas bylaws:

Members of the Bylaws Committee are Margaret Kriegel, Chairman; Carol Habgood, Mary Melton, Bobbie Brownlee, and Beth Lewellen.

Amendment 1:

Amend Article III – Membership, Section 4 – Renewal of Membership, A, by striking out the words “and 100% subscription to THE TEXAS CLUBWOMAN “after the words “current dues” and inserting a period after the word dues.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><i>SECTION 4 - Renewal of Membership</i> A. Membership may be renewed within three years after termination with payment of current dues and 100% subscription to THE TEXAS CLUBWOMAN.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 4 - Renewal of Membership</i> B. Membership may be renewed within three years after termination with payment of current dues, and 100% subscription to THE TEXAS CLUBWOMAN.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 4 - Renewal of Membership</i> C. Membership may be renewed within three years after termination with payment of current dues</p>

Rationale: No longer applicable since magazine is on line.

Amendment 2:

Amend Article VI – Duties of Officers, Section 5, Recording Secretary, C, by striking out the words “Executive Secretary” after the words “Executive Committee” and inserting the words Office Manager.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><i>SECTION 5 - Recording Secretary</i> C. Furnish copies of the minutes of all TFWC meetings and all Executive Committee meetings to the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary within 30 days after said meetings.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 5 - Recording Secretary</i> C. Furnish copies of the minutes of all TFWC meetings and all Executive Committee meetings to the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary <u>Office Manager</u> within 30 days after said meetings.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 5 - Recording Secretary</i> C. Furnish copies of the minutes of all TFWC meetings and all Executive Committee meetings to the Executive Committee and the Office Manager within 30 days after said meetings.</p>

Amendment 3:

Amend Article VII – Conventions, Section 7, Quorum, by striking the words “sixty-three (63)” after the words “shall be” and inserting the words fifty-five (55).

<p>Current Wording <i>SECTION 7 - Quorum</i> Quorum for a convention shall be sixty-three (63) voting members representing more than half of the districts.</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment <i>SECTION 7 - Quorum</i> Quorum for a convention shall be sixty-three (63) <u>Fifty-five (55)</u> voting members representing more than half of the districts.</p>	<p>If Adopted Will Read <i>SECTION 7 - Quorum</i> Quorum for a convention shall be fifty-five (55) voting members representing more than half of the districts.</p>
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Rationale: Loss of members has reduced attendance at meetings, often making it difficult to reach the present number for a certified quorum.

Amendment 4:

Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 3, Officers, lines 1-2, by striking the words “Second Vice-President” after the words “First Vice-President”, and inserting after the word “Treasurer”, the words Membership Chairman, and adding a new sentence after “Parliamentarian”: The Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman shall serve on the District Executive Committee; the Parliamentarian by invitation of the President.

<p>Current Wording <i>SECTION 3 - Officers</i> Elected officers of the District shall be a President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President. The President may appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Parliamentarian.</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment <i>SECTION 3 - Officers</i> Elected officers of the District shall be a President, President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President. The President may appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer, <u>Membership Chairman</u> and a Parliamentarian. <u>The Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman shall serve on the District Executive Committee; the Parliamentarian by invitation of the President.</u></p>	<p>If Adopted Will Read <i>SECTION 3 - Officers</i> Elected officers of the District shall be a President, President-elect, First Vice-President. The President may appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer, Membership Chairman and a Parliamentarian. The Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman shall serve on the District Executive Committee; the Parliamentarian by invitation of the President.</p>
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Rationale: The 2016 Convention body approved this recommendation from the charrette sub-committee of the Redistricting Committee.

Amendment 5:

Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 3 – Officers, A, Eligibility, 1. by striking “four” after the words “at least” and inserting the word three

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><i>Section 3, Officers</i> A. 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 four years.</p>	<p><i>Section 3, Officers</i> B. 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 four <u>three</u> years.</p>	<p><i>Section 3, Officers</i> C. 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.</p>

Rationale: Due to difficulty in getting District officers, newer club members may be qualified earlier to step into an office.

Amendment 6:

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

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><i>Section 2 Membership</i> D. The liaison Trustee shall be the treasurer of the trustees.”</p>	<p><i>Section 2 Membership</i> D. The liaison Trustee shall be the treasurer of the trustees.”</p>	

Rationale: The Historical Foundation determines the duties of the liaison Trustee.

Amendment 7:

Amend Article XII – TFWC Historical Foundation, Section 3 – Election, line 1, by inserting the word Alamo before the word “Caprock” and striking the words “Top of Texas”; in line 2, by striking the word “Alamo before the word Capitol.

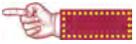
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p><i>Section 3, Election</i> The committee of Trustees shall rotate with districts. Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, Top of Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years and Alamo, Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western Districts electing in even-numbered years.</p>	<p><i>Section 3, Election</i> The committee of Trustees shall rotate with districts. <u>Alamo</u>, Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, Top of Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years and Alamo, Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western Districts electing in even-numbered years.</p>	<p><i>Section 3, Election</i> The committee of Trustees shall rotate with districts. Alamo, Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years and Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western Districts electing in even-numbered years.</p>

Rationale: With the loss of districts, this will help to even the number of Trustees alternating terms of office.

Amendment 8:

Amend Article XIII – TFWC Scholarship Committee, Section 3 - Election, lines 1-3, by striking the word “Alamo before the word “Capitol”; by inserting the word Alamo before the word “Caprock” and striking the words “Top of Texas”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
<p>Section 3, Election The Scholarship Committee shall rotate with Districts Alamo, Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western electing in even-numbered years; and Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, Top of Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years.</p>	<p>Section 3, Election The Scholarship Committee shall rotate with Districts Alamo, Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western electing in even-numbered years; and <u>Alamo</u>, Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, Top of Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years.</p>	<p>Section 3, Election The Scholarship Committee shall rotate with Districts Capitol, Magnolia, Pioneer, San Jacinto and Western electing in even-numbered years; and Alamo, Caprock, Key, Mesquite, South Texas, and Trinity Districts electing in odd-numbered years.</p>



Rationale: With the loss of districts, this will help to even the number of Scholarship Representatives alternating terms of office.

What To Wear While At Convention

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

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

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

Business Casual is recommended for **daytime business sessions** while the **evening meals** are more **fancy**; **Thursday night** is **Church Appropriate** and **Friday night** is **After Five**. ENJOY!!

Formal - NO FORMAL FOR THIS CONVENTION

Floor length evening gown
Long skirt or pants and glittery top

Church Appropriate

Self explanatory

After Five

Short cocktail dress
Dressy pant sets

Business Casual

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



GFWC TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Proposed Budget 2017-2018

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Pat Stevens, Chairman, Patsy Troell, President Patti Poe and President-elect Carol Habgood. Approved by Executive Board February 20, 2017.

INCOME:

Dues:

TFWC	\$41,715.00	
GFWC	41,715.00	
City Federations	645.00	
Juniorette	58.00	
Members At Large	30.00	\$84,163.00

Income Other:

HF Lease	\$ 18,000.00	
Fall Board Meeting	9,000.00	
Spring Convention	10,000.00	
Fundraisers	3,000.00	40,000.00

TOTAL INCOME \$124,163.00

EXPENDITURES:

GFWC Dues	\$41,715.00	
SCR	40.00	
Speaker Gifts	250.00	
Miscellaneous Exp.	500.00	
District Presidents	1,125.00	
President	6,000.00	
President-elect	1,000.00	
1 st Vice President	250.00	
2 nd Vice President	250.00	\$51,130.00

Board and Convention:

Fall Board	9,000.00	
Spring Convention	10,000.00	19,000.00

Other Expenses:

GFWC TEXAS UBS C.D.		
Contribution	\$ 4,500.00	
Special Projects &		
Charitable Contributions	4,000.00	
LEADS	250.00	
Outstanding Clubwoman	50.00	
Club Grant*		
Fundraising Merchandise	1,200.00	10,000.00

Clubwoman Magazine:

Website	\$ 130.00	
Editor	3,450.00	\$ 3,580.00

Payroll Expenses:

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

Professional Fees:

CPA	2,000.00	2,000.00
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Office Expenses:

Copier Rental	2,800.00	
Quarterly Meter Read	100.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	
Postage	133.00	
Telephone	970.00	
Safety Deposit Box	80.00	4,683.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 124,163.00

Restricted Income (not part of Operations Budget)

*Club Grant Fund Balance.....	4,342.00
Donations to General Fund.....	108.00
Donations to Scholarships.....	4,770.00
Donations TX DVAP.....	4,000.00
Donations Frame Lola Art Project....	570.00
Donations Disaster Relief Fund.....	400.00

Estimated Restricted Interest Income

UBS Scholarship Funds.....	2,857.00
UBS General Funds.....	800.00



Pictured left and below: The members of the GFWC Texas and GFWC Louisiana that attended the SCR Fall Board in Louisiana gather as GFWC Texas President Patti Poe presents check to GFWC Louisiana President Cathie Ryan.

GFWC Texas springs into action to assist sister state in need

Lafayette, LA. --Members attending the GFWC South Central Region Fall Board Meeting, October 13th - 16th, had a mission on behalf of the GFWC Texas members. Monies collected from members and clubs throughout Texas were presented to GFWC Louisiana in an effort to aid flood victims of that state.

GFWC Louisiana had previously aided Federation sisters in Texas when flooding occurred there last year. Unity in diversity, unity in times of trouble!

Call to aid GFWC Tennessee via GFWC Disaster Fund

Letter to GFWC Texas President Patti Poe from GFWC of Tennessee President Linda S. Hershey

Patti:
You are so very, very kind to think of us - we seem to all of a sudden gotten hit by so many things all at once - the school bus accident, the Southeast Tennessee wildfires,(the Smokeys being the latest and worst)and tornadoes. We don't think we have any GFWC members directly affected by the fires except it is their community and that always affects you. We have several members who have taken things to the firefighters and we are collecting gift cards for Lowe's, Home Depot and Walmart that will be distributed.

As for the tornadoes, we have had several members in Middle Tennessee who have had damage to their homes from downed trees, but no one was hurt.

Should anyone want to help, the Red Cross is always the best place to go. Or a donation to the GFWC Disaster Fund in our honor. If anyone should make donation's, please let me know so that I can write thank you notes - it is a skill that I am having to make myself learn!



Alamo District

The Woman's Club of Cotulla finishes BIG year and starts another

COTULLA -- The Woman's Club of Cotulla has been very busy this winter. In November we made a donation of hats, scarves, and lap blankets to the UT Health Science Cancer Therapy and Research Center in San Antonio.

In December we made a monetary donation to the St. Timothy's Christmas Cheer for Children Toy drive. Members volunteered to help wrap the gifts and deliver them to identified families in LaSalle County. The Toy Drive served 382 children from 127 families. December's program was presented by Francie Gasch who is the CASA volunteer coordinator for CASA of South Texas. Club President Louisa Franklin is a Court Appointed Special Advocate; Club First VP Elizabeth Martinez, Club Treasurer Marcena Martinez, and member Amanda Menke serve on the board of directors of CASA of South Texas.

January we donated school supplies to elementary students who need them. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. We teamed up with the Wintergarden Women's Shelter and the Cotulla High School Student Council to set up a display in the high school cafeteria. The display features a silhouette painted orange to symbolize teen dating violence victims, posters downloaded from the loveisrespect website, and informative brochures from the Wintergarden Women's Shelter. The statistics are alarming and the Club recognizes the importance of getting teens and the community information to combat this epidemic.



Pictured above: Francie Gasch, volunteer coordinator for CASA of South Texas, Club President Louisa Franklin, Club 1st VP Elizabeth Martinez, member Amanda Menke, and Club Treasurer Marcena Martinez.



Pictured above: The Christmas Cheer photo is various members participating in a gift wrapping session.

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Letter from GFWC of Tennessee President

Once again, thank you for reaching out to us and here is hoping that we don't have to deal with any more tragedy this holiday season!

Serving GFWC of Tennessee,
Linda S. Hershey, President



Pictured above: The display set up at the high school by the club. The young girls are Cotulla High School Student Council members, The woman to the left of the silhouette is Diane Gonzalez, Wintergarden Women's Shelter case worker, and the three women to the right of the silhouette are Club members, Novella Byrd, Marcena Martinez, and Elizabeth Martinez.

Unity in EVERYTHING!

The GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine

Alpine Junioresettes share Valentines Day with a big hearted Doctor

ALPINE -- The GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine High School (AHS) held a Special Valentine Luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 in the AHS Library. Guest Speaker was Dr. Ekta Escovar, Pediatrician at Big Bend Regional Medical Center (BBRMC) and President of Big Bend Parks for Kids (BBParks). Club Advisor Mary Vongsavath introduced Dr. Escovar as the sole pediatrician at BBRMC since Aug. 2013 to present, graduated from Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 2010. was a Pediatric resident at Geisinger Medical Center -Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville, PA, Board Certified Oct 2013 and is fluent in English, Gujarati, Hindi & conversational in Spanish.

Dr. Escovar showed a power point presentation of what the BBParks have done to replace and renovate the Kid sections of Alpine Kokernot Parks that now provide a safe and amazing children's park. She shared how the group applied for grants and raised funds to fund their project in the amount of \$150K corporate grants and local donations of \$20K. As a token of their appreciation, the Junioresettes presented a GFWC Tote Bag to Dr. Escovar.

The Alpine Junioresettes hold monthly luncheon meeting on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year in the AHS Library and vote to do community improvement projects every year. AHS students are welcome to join. For further information, please email: gfwcalpinejuniorettes@yahoo.com or call 432.837.9188.



Pictured left:
Alpine Junioresettes shown
picture l-r: are: Jaedyn
Kyle, Becca Wilborn, Mary
Anna Roberts, Ann Costabile,
Katelyn Lilley, Guest
Speaker Dr. Escovar, Club
Advisor Mary Vongsavath,
Sabine Sera, Hernan Valles,
Iris Chavez & Brenda
Miller.



Check out page 23 ...
And, start packing for
GFWC HQ. & Biltmore!!



Hats, Bags, and Gloves Silent Auction



at the
GFWC Texas Convention, Odessa, Texas

Ladies, let's return to federation's beginnings. Please bring a hat, a bag (purse), or a pair of gloves to the GFWC Texas spring convention in Odessa. The fundraising committee will group them for your bidding pleasure. The items can be vintage or current styles, and if a peacock should adorn a hat or bag, I am sure Madam President Poe would be pleased.



The fundraising committee appreciates everyone's participation whether you bring an item or purchase an item. We will all have a great time raising dollars for TFWC.

See you in Odessa!
Carolyn McLeod
GFWC Texas Fundraising Chairman



GFWC Texas President's Special Project

Come by the Canine Companions For Independence table at the TFWC Convention and see what we are "mixed up" in now!

Also, pick up information Sheet about the trip to the Vanderbilt Mansion Biltmore and to GFWC Headquarters for the Christmas Open House! Deposits for trip will soon be due.



FUNDRAISING

The Fun Part of Fundraising by Helen Lamberth

As volunteers and activists we all participate in fundraising, in our clubs, in our districts, at the state level and in our local communities. GFWC Texas Fundraising Chairman Carolyn McLeod certainly gives it her all to make fundraising enjoyable.

But, let's face it, fundraising isn't always fun.

Unless you are on the receiving end!

Many of you will remember that GFWC Texas 2nd VP, Billie Williams won the much coveted Lake House Spa in Austin, a half day spa package, at the 2016 Fall Board Meeting in Austin. Not to be outdone our always generous President Elect Carol Habgood added to the fun-d-raising by matching Bill's winning bid.

Anyone who knows the Magnolia girls knows that more often than not, Billie and Helen are a team but there was only one package.

Enter: Carolyn McLeod one more time.

Carolyn invited the team to the Woman's Wednesday Club of Grandbury's Fall Fashion Show, where you guessed it, there was a fundraiser. A huge fundraiser, seriously, we couldn't write our checks fast enough. Shhhh, Mr. Lamberth doesn't know.

Guess what one of the live auction items of the day was? Good guess, it was a half day spa package at the Lake House Spa in Austin. I had no intention of letting this second opportunity pass me by.

There were two hour long treatments of your choice, use of the entire facility as long as you like and a gourmet lunch on the line.

I didn't.

Here is a photo to remind you that fundraising can, indeed, be fun. Sorry for the low quality of the photo, it was taken by a cell phone.

