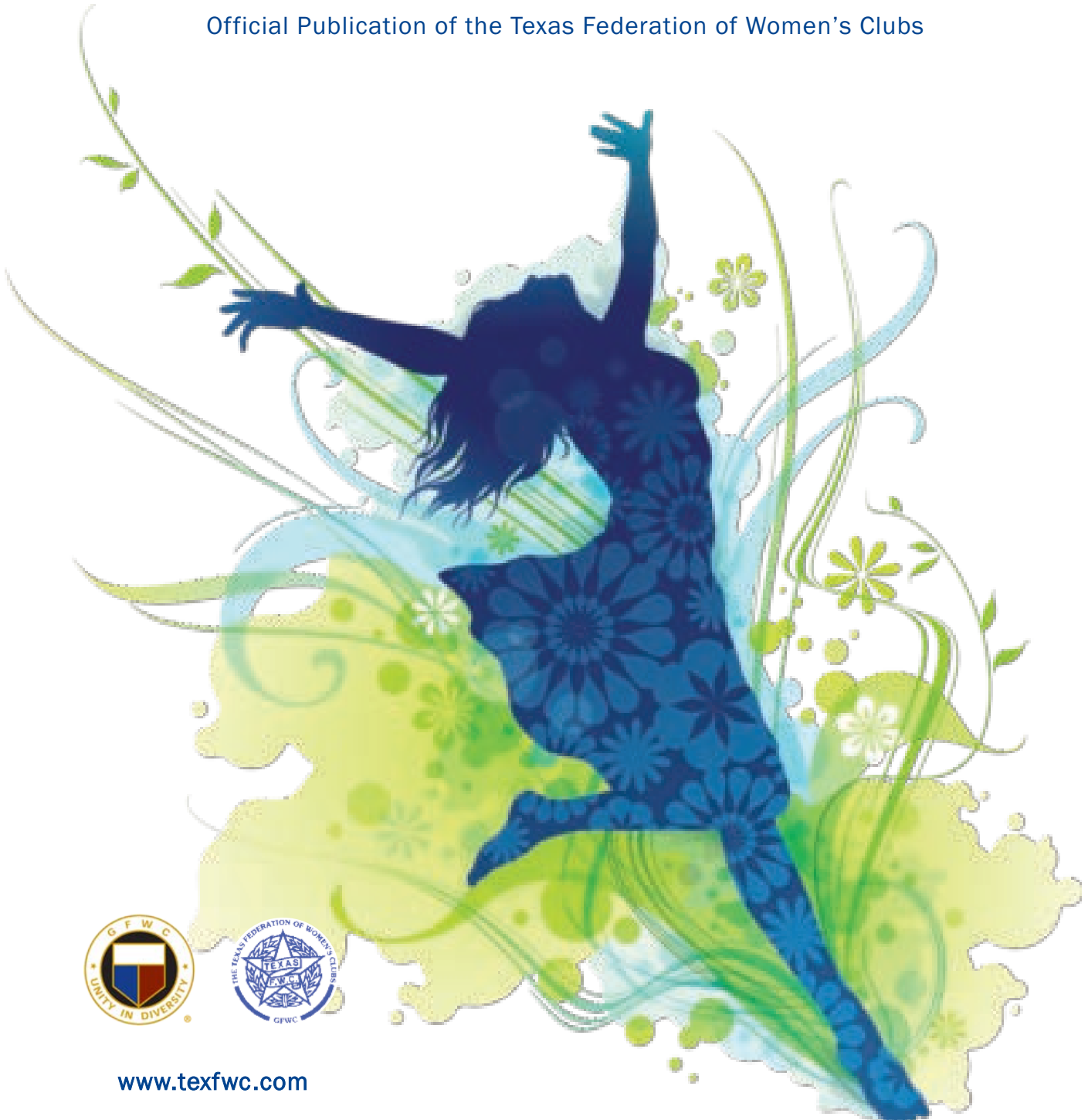


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- Lookin' at Us -

Can it be that this is my last edition at the helm of *The Texas Clubwoman*? I think she found her "wings."

THANK YOU, ALL!!

The Clubwoman
 reflects YOU!

This has been an experience I will always remember, and the friends I've made along the way are my life's blessings.

- - Linda L. Mesler
 Editor



From the Desk of
2016-2018 TFWC President

Patti Poe

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

Dear Members:

We have made a lot of progress during these past two years and this officer will be here to work with your incoming President Carol Habgood. Together we will watch GFWC Texas become stronger and stronger!

We brought Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention “home” when one of our members discussed her violent history with her ex-husband. Funds were raised in the amount of \$4,000, and \$2,000 was given during this meeting to the Atascosa Family Crisis Center near Pleasanton, Texas.

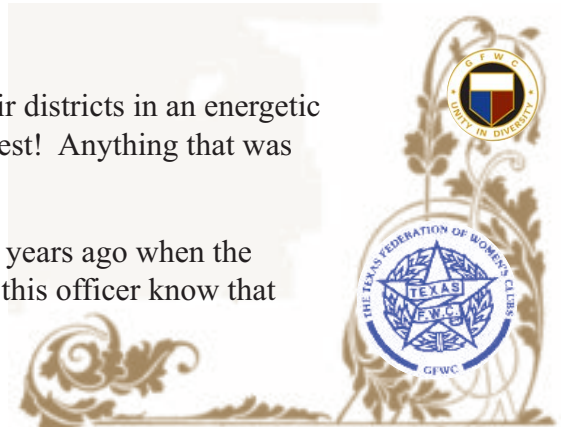
We fought side by side with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks and were successful in keeping the triple trailers off our roads for now, but our fight is not over.

We raised money for “Red Nose Day” and clubs have raised money for projects in your community.

Your president is very proud of all the hard work you, your clubs and districts have accomplished. Some of the things that you as members of this great organization accomplished this year include raising \$23,671 dollars for Canine Companions for Independence. We raised \$5,000 for the flood victims in Louisiana, \$5,000 for the Hurricane Harvey victims in Florida and generous donations across the United States by GFWC members in the amount of \$124,000 for the Texas Victims of Hurricane Harvey. We distributed \$19,000 to seven different schools in the affected area, \$18,000 to Magnolia District and \$18,000 to South Texas District for their distribution to those they felt were in need. Another \$21,500 was given to families, daycares and special camps for children. And of course today we distributed \$46,330.30 to five different libraries on the Gulf Coast that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Over the last two years, through your generosity, hard work, and dedication, each and every one of you ladies in this organization have set a new GFWC Texas record totaling \$21,373,974. Ladies, give yourselves a standing ovation and a big round of applause!!

Patti’s Peacocks were supportive and represented their districts in an energetic manner. The executive committee members have been the best! Anything that was needed, they were there for me and the organization.

It has been a wonderful two years, but it all began 16 years ago when the position of Pioneer District 2nd VP was accepted. Little did this officer know that she would be the 59th GFWC Texas President. There are so



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many people who have mentored and supported me, this

president cannot even begin to name each of you, you know who you are!! Special thanks to my husband, my children, and my grandchildren. The true support has come from everyone of you ladies in this great organization.

Thank you for the “Time of my Life”!

Patti Poe,
GFWC Texas President, 2016-2018

GFWC

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

By GFWC Parliamentarian Shirley Gomes

The Treasurer's Report

Incidental Motions

Incidental motions relate in different ways, to the pending business or to business, otherwise at hand. An incidental motion is said to be incidental to the other motion or matters out of which it arises. As a class, incidental motions deal with questions of procedure arising out of 1) commonly, another pending motion; but also 2) sometimes, another motion or item of business. Most incidental motions are undebatable. With but few exceptions, incidental motions are related to the main question in such a way that they must be decided immediately, before business can proceed.

Some – but not all – incidental motions are:

Parliamentary Inquiry: A request for the chair’s opinion on a matter of parliamentary procedure as it relates to the business at hand.

Request for Information: An inquiry to facts affecting the business at hand-directed to the chair or, through the chair, to a member.

Request for Permission to Withdraw or Modify a

Motion: After it has been stated by the chair.

Objection to the Consideration of a Question: Provided it is done before consideration of the question has already begun.

See Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) 11th edition, Chapter 23, pages 247-299, for all Incidental Motions and information on how and when these motions could be used.



**GFWC News & Notes is a great source of timely information.
To sign up for this electronic newsletter,
go to the GFWC website and follow prompts.**

Minutes of the GFWC Texas 121st Convention

Prepared by GFWC Texas Secretary Fran Mask

GFWC Texas 121st Annual Convention “Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference” Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio, Texas May 2-6, 2018

GFWC Texas President, Patti Poe, called the 121st GFWC Texas Annual Convention to order at 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018, and welcomed everyone to San Antonio, Texas.

Tissa Peterson, GFWC Texas Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pleasanton High School Junior ROTC, under the command of Col. Robert Blake, posted the colors. Barbara Winingham, TFWC Past State President, accompanied by Robin Templeton, led the “National Anthem.” Louisa Franklin, Alamo District President-elect, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. “Texas Our Texas” was sung by the members under the leadership of Barbara Winingham and Patsy Troell, Alamo District Historical Foundation Member led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President-elect, introduced Alicia Roden, the Visit San Antonio Associate Director of Sales. Ms. Roden welcomed members to San Antonio and Shirley Thomas, Alamo District President, introduced the Alamo District hostesses for this convention. GFWC Texas Juniorette Chairman, Novella Byrd, gave the response to the welcome.



Roden

Cindy Simmons, GFWC Texas First Vice President, introduced special members and guests and Billie Williams, GFWC Texas Second Vice President, presented those seated at the head table.



Thomas

President Poe appointed Maridell Fryar, Western District, Mary Nettie Rodriguez, South Texas District, and Pamela Windham, Trinity District, to approve the minutes of the convention.

Nan Park, GFWC Texas Credentials Chairman, reported 10 districts with 76 voting delegates attending the convention.

Alamo – 10	Mesquite – 3	Trinity - 9
Caprock – 7	Pioneer – 15	Western - 8
Capitol – 5	San Jacinto – 1	Past District Presidents - 3
Magnolia – 3	South Texas - 12	



Park

**Nan Park moved that, by direction of the Credentials Committee, the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the accredited voters of the 121st GFWC Texas Annual Convention.
The motion was approved.**

Carol Habgood presented the rules and procedures for the GFWC Texas Annual Convention.

**By direction of the Bylaws Committee, Carol Habgood moved that the Rules and Procedures, as printed in the program, be adopted.
The motion was approved.**



Habgood

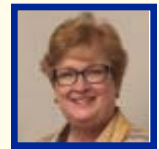
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The Texas Clubwoman Editor, Linda Mesler, presented the program and gave necessary corrections.

By direction of the Program Committee, Linda Mesler moved that the program be adopted as corrected with any additional changes as may become necessary.

The motion was approved.



Mesler

Barbara Menking, GFWC Texas Registrar, gave the preliminary registration report:
131-registered
Total in attendance 109

President Poe recognized the Pages for the meeting: Elaine Wilde, GFWC Texas ESO Chairman, and Lonnie Matthew, 2017 L.E.A.D.S. Representative. Cindy Jackson and Margaret Reed were introduced as Timekeepers for the meeting.



Wilde



Matthew



Jackson

President Poe presented the Bluebonnet Pin that will be given to those donating \$100.00. Funds from this project will be used for the South Central Region 2018 Annual Conference from October 25-27, in Irving, Texas, and the GFWC 2019 Annual Convention to be held from June 29 through July 1 in Austin, Texas.

The meeting was recessed at 10:16 a.m. by President Poe.

President Poe reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

President Poe introduced GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Brock. She brought greetings from GFWC and presented initiatives for the next administration.

President Poe recognized Ernestine Shugart, GFWC Texas Life Membership Chairman. She gave the guidelines for Life Membership and introduced the candidates:
Margaret Underhill, Magnolia District
Patricia Tate, Trinity
Shawnee Harding, Trinity
Ballots were distributed and the vote was taken.



Reed



Brock



Shugart



Hitt

Lou Hitt presented the awards to the GFWC Texas Heritage Department winners.

Tissa Peterson gave the expression of thanks and lunch was served.

President Poe asked Patti's Peacocks to strut their Volunteerism and report on their District's achievements. (copies attached)

Carol Habgood presented three proposed bylaw amendments:

Bylaws Committee Report

Amendment 1:

On behalf of the bylaws committee, Carol Habgood moved adoption of Bylaws Amendment #1. Amendment #1 was adopted.

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**ARTICLE VIII –BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 1 – Membership**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

A. Elected and appointed members:

1. TFWC elected and appointed officers (Article IV, Section 1).
2. District elected and appointed officers (Article XI, Section 3).

Amendment 2:

On behalf of the bylaws committee, Carol Habgood moved adoption of Bylaws Amendment #2. Amendment #2 was adopted.

**ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 1 - Membership**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

A. Elected and appointed members:

1. TFWC elected and appointed officers (Article IV, Section 1).
2. District elected and appointed officers (Article XI, Section 3).
3. Trustees (Article XII, Section 2).
4. TFWC Scholarship Representatives (Article XIII, Section 2).
5. TFWC Past Presidents
6. TFWC Life Members and Honorary members (Article III, Sections E, F).
7. Club Presidents.

Amendment 3:

On behalf of the bylaws committee, Carol Habgood moved adoption of Bylaws Amendment #3. Amendment #3 was adopted.

**ARTICLE VIII –BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
SECTION 1 - Membership**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

B. Other Appointed members:

The awards continued: (copies attached)

Lonnie Matthew	Veteran’s Awareness
Dollars For Delegates	Cindy Simmons
Communications and Public Relations	Novella Byrd



Simmons



Byrd

President Poe recessed the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:08 p.m.by President Poe.

The awards continued: (copies attached)

Carolyn McLeod	Yearbook
Elaine Wilde	ESO
Resolutions	Patricia Tate
Conservation	Lonnie Matthew
Junior’s Special Project	



McLeod



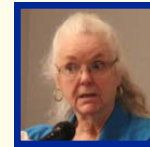
Tate

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Advocates for Children”

Nelda Lee



Lee



Peterson

President Poe recessed the meeting until 6:30 p.m.

President Poe reconvened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

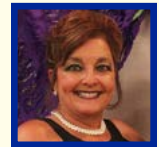
Tissa Peterson gave the expression of thanks and dinner was served. During dinner the Cotulla Mariachi Band performed and was showered with a donation from members.



Mariachi Cotuleño

President Poe introduced Becky Weber, GFWC Legislative/Public Policy Chairman.

President Poe introduced GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Brock as the keynote speaker for the night.



Weber

The awards continued: (copies attached)

Novella Byrd

Juniorette Awards

Louisa Franklin

Outstanding Club Program

Margaret Reed

Outstanding Federation Day Program

Billie Williams

Outstanding Americanism Program



Franklin

President Poe recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m..

President Poe reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Thought of the day was given by Tissa Peterson.



Poe



Habgood



Simmons

GFWC Texas Executive Committee Reports: (copies attached)

President - Patti Poe

President-elect - Carol Habgood

First Vice President - Cindy Simmons

Second Vice President - Billie Williams

Secretary – Fran Mask

Historical Foundation Chairman – Helen Lamberth

Historical Foundation Financial Report – Dixie Gilley

Scholarship Chairman – Brenda Grimes



Williams



Mask



Lamberth



Gilley



Grimes



Stevens

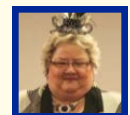
Patricia Stevens, GFWC Texas Financial Chairman, presented the financial reports and the 2018-2020 budget.

Patricia Stevens moved, by direction of the Finance Committee, that the 2018-2020 GFWC Texas budget be adopted. The motion was approved.

The report from the Nominating Committee was given by Patricia Seigfried-Giles, Past TFWC President:

Cindy Simmons – President-elect

Billie Williams – First Vice President



PSG

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Carolyn McLeod – Second Vice President

President Poe asked if there were nominations from the floor; there were none.

Representatives from each candidate’s district introduced the ladies and the three candidates gave their hopes and plans for the 2018-2020 administration.

President Poe recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by President Poe at 11:00 a.m.

The reports continued: (copies attached)

DeeAnn Archer GFWC Signature Program
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



Archer

Marion Gamertsfelder, Community Improvement Program Award
Past TFWC President



Gamertsfelder

Linda Mesler The GFWC Texas President’s Special Project
“Canine Companions for Independence”

Linda Mesler announced that \$23,671.00 had been raised for Canine Companions during the two-year administration.

Judy Booher, a puppy raiser with Canine Companions, spoke about the process of raising dogs. Mikell Bollinger, representative from Canine Companions, gave thanks from the organization for the donation received.

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Expression of thanks was given by Tissa Peterson and lunch was served.

President Poe introduced Melisa Hayes, The GFWC Texas Office Manager, and thanked her for her service.



Hayes

A recipient of a Canine Companions dog for the past 13 years gave her thoughts on having a support dog.

Lynn Long, Chairman of M.D. Anderson, gave the awards and introduced Nancy Leffler, a board member at M.D. Anderson. She gave news of great progress in efforts to eliminate cancer.



Long



Leffler

The reports continued: (copies attached)

Linda Turner Public Issues



Turner

President Poe reminded the members that the total amount raised for Hurricane Harvey victims totaled \$127,000.00. \$81,000.00 was distributed to Magnolia District, South Texas District, and Victoria. Therese Crocker, Joan Pate, and Cindy Simmons told members how the money was distributed.

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Using the remainder of funds, which totaled \$46,360.30, President Poe presented checks to five libraries:

Deweyville Elementary School	\$10,000.00
Mauriceville Elementary School	\$10,000.00
Faulk Library of Aransas Pass	\$10,000.00
Ingleside Public Library	\$10,000.00
Buna Public Library	\$ 6,360.30

The reports continued: (copies attached)

Billie Williams	Membership
Carol Habgood	Leadership
Kathy Horak Smith	Photography

President Poe announced the polls for voting will be open from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

GFWC sent out a request for contestants to participate in a “GFWC Project Runway/ Conservation Challenge.” Nelda Lee and Shirley Thomas, with model Helen Henderson, modeled designs created from recycled tote bags. After a vote President Poe announced that Shirley Thomas’s “dress” had won.

The meeting was recessed at 3:25 p.m.

After the GFWC Texas processional with GFWC guests, President Poe reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Table grace was given by Tissa Peterson and dinner was served.

President Poe announced that all three candidates had been elected:

GFWC Texas President-elect: Cindy Simmons
GFWC Texas First Vice President: Billie Williams
GFWC Texas Second Vice President: Carolyn McLeod

Ernestine Shugart announced the results of the State Life Membership vote.

All three candidates were approved:

Margaret Underhill, Magnolia District
Shawnee Harding, Trinity District
Patricia Tate, Trinity District

President Poe announced the 2018 L.E.A.D.S. Representative, Beth Hemby of Fidelis Inter Se, Trinity District.

Billie Williams presented the nominees for Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer:

Aline Kidwell of San Gabriel Woman’s Club of Georgetown, Capitol District
Imogene Nelson of Silsbee Woman’s Club, Magnolia District
Sherry Henderson of Decatur Woman’s Club of Decatur, Pioneer District
Dorothy Dierking of the Fortnightly Club of Brenham, San Jacinto District
Aline Kidwell was recognized as the 2017 GFWC Texas Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer.



Horak Smith



Henderson



Hemby



Kidwell

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President Poe gave special recognition to the Executive Committee, Patti's Peacocks, her aides, Melisa Hayes, and many others. Then, a special recognition of Margaret Kriegel, GFWC Texas Parliamentarian for 30 years during 15 administrations, highlighted the evening.



Poe and Kriegel

President Patti Poe was presented the "Yellow Rose of Texas Award" by President-elect Carol Habgood. This is an honorary commission conferred by the Governor of Texas in recognition of exceptional Texas women who have served their communities in volunteerism or charitable contributions or achievements related to improving the present and building the future. It is the highest award bestowed on women by the Texas Governor. President Poe was honored by Governor Greg Abbott for her volunteer work with the GFWC Texas Federation of Women's Clubs



Poe, Habgood and The Yellow Rose

President Poe recessed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A reception was held honoring GFWC Texas President Patti Poe, GFWC President-elect Mary Ellen Brock, 2018 GFWC Texas L.E.A.D.S. Representative, Beth Hemby and the 2016-2018 GFWC Texas Executive Committee.

President Poe reconvened the meeting on Saturday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m.

The reports continued (copies attached)

Irene Irey	Women's History and Resource Center
Stephanie Stephens	Home Life
Marsha Wellman	International Outreach
Brenda Grimes	GFWC Texas Scholarship Program



Stephens



Wellman

The Executive Committee performed a skit to bid a fond farewell and to memorialize the many places President Poe traveled during her administration.



The reports continued (copies attached)

Elaine Wilde	Education
Patricia Seigfreid-Giles	Arts
Barbara Winingham	Poetry and Short Stories
Clara Campbell	Legislation/Public Policy
Carolyn McLeod	Fundraising



Winingham



Campbell

President Poe recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened by President Poe at 10:45 a.m.

Carol Habgood introduced Victoria Paparelli, APRN, Clinical Nurse Specialist Cardiology. She spoke on the truth about heart disease in women.



Paparelli

President Poe recessed the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

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The meeting was reconvened by President Poe at 12:00 p.m.

Tissa Peterson gave the grace for the meal and lunch was served.

President Poe introduced Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President-elect. She gave ideas for fun projects:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Kiss the Pig | Cupcakes for Cops |
| Little Open Golf Event | OMG Party |
| Clean out the Classics | Pot Party |

Barbara Menking gave the final registration report:

- 131 registered
- 7 unable to attend
- 124 total in attendance



Menking

Carolyn McLeod presented the fundraising report:

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Designated Funds-Band | \$1,060.00 |
| Silent Auction | \$2286.00 |
| Raffle | \$1000.00 |
| Total for 2018 | \$4346.00 |

Helen Lamberth, GFWC Texas Historical Foundation Trustee Chairman, announced that a special Texas video would be made to be shown at the 2019 GFWC Annual Convention. Helen asked members to send her iconic Texas photos by April 1, 2019. A discussion of Big Truck Coalition continued with the legislators who voted against the coalition.



Grooms

Sharon Grooms, Capitol District President, invited members to the GFWC Texas Convention in Austin, Texas on April 24-27, 2019.

Barbara Winingham, Past TFWC President, conducted the memoriam service. Twenty-five members passed away during the last year.

With no further business the GFWC Texas 121st Convention was recessed at 1:38 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and the installation service.

At the close of the Officer Installation, Patti Poe, Past GFWC Texas President, and Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President, jointly adjourned the GFWC Texas 121st Convention.



2018 GFWC Texas Annual Convention

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River Walk
River Walk
River Walk





The Alamo

Formal Opening



Waiting on the bus at the River Walk.



Pleasanton JROTC posts the Colors.



Matej



Byrd



Wingham



Templeton



GFWC Texas First Vice President Cindy Simmons, GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC Texas President Patti Poe



Greetings from GFWC.



Bright and Festive.

Fiesta Fiesta Fiesta



CHAIRMAN REPORTS



Becky Weber and Billie Williams



CHAIRMAN REPORTS



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Mary Ellen Brock
GFWC President-elect





Mariachi Cotuleño



So PRETTY!



Mary Ellen Brock, Speaker



Carolyn McLeod passes the hat.



Shirley's creation from re-cycled shopping bags.



Executive Board Skit



Linda L. Mesler
Chairman
President's
Special Project



Lisa Sanchez and her CCI service dog.



Lynn Long



Nancy Leffler
M.D. Anderson
Board Member



Victoria Paparelli, APRN,
Clinical Nurse Specialist Cardiology.





Becky Weber and Mary Ellen Laister



Outstanding Club Volunteer
Aline Kidwell



Margaret Kriegel
Recognized



State Life Membership
Patricia Tate and Margaret Underhill



Proud mom, Fran Mask and 2018
L.E.A.D.S. Rep. Beth Hemby



Patti's Past
President's Pin



Carol Habgood presents Patti Poe with
the "Texas Yellow Rose Award."



Patti Poe's
Aides



Patti's Peacocks present Patti with quilt.



Patti Poe's Family



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In Memoriam

*The Installation of
Carol Habgood,
President GFWC Texas 2018-2020.*



Processional

Left to Right: Mary Ellen Laister,
GFWC Texas President-elect
Carol Habgood and Becky Weber



GFWC Texas 2018-2020 Executive Board waiting to be installed.



GFWC Texas Financial Chairman
Pat Stevens



GFWC Texas Scholarship Chairman
Maridell Fryar



GFWC Texas Historical Foundation
Barbara Harvey



GFWC Texas Parliamentarian
Patsy Troell



GFWC Texas Secretary Fran Mask



GFWC Texas Second Vice President
Carolyn McLeod



GFWC Texas Second Vice President
Billie Williams



GFWC Texas President-elect
Cindy Simmons





GFWC Texas President 2018-2020
Carol Habgood



Becky Weber does the honors.



A hug for luck -
whether she likes them or not.



Mary Ellen Laister is Past President of
GFWC. She officiated the Installation.



Patti pins Carol with President's Pin.



Carol pins Patti with Past President's Pin.



Cindy Simmons waits to present yellow roses.



Installations over, meeting
about to be adjourned.



TOGETHER, as is the custom, the meeting is adjourned



The Torch is passed.



Relief!



GFWC Texas President 2016-2018
and GFWC Texas President 2018-2020.



Left to Right: Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President-elect, Becky Weber and Mary Ellen Laister.



Congratulations from Margaret Kriegel.



Reception.



First meeting next morning.

GFWC Texas Photography Contest Results

Kathy Horak Smith, Chairman

GFWC Volunteers in Action (1st Place - Left, 2nd Place - Right)

1st Place - Decorating the Crystal Tree
 Shari Gunter, Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District



2nd Place - Baking Cookies and Sharing Memories
 Melissa Royal, Woman's Club of Pleasanton, Alamo District



Still Life (1st Place - Left, 2nd Place - Right)

Video Art Projection on San Fernando Cathedral
 Gayle Stephens, Kountze Woman's Club, Magnolia District



2nd Place - Passion
 Patricia Knoblock, Silsbee Woman's Club, Magnolia District



Scenes (1st Place - Left, 2nd Place - Right)

1st Place - Serenity
 Patricia Knoblock, Silsbee Woman's Club, Magnolia District



2nd Place - Forever Let Them Wave
 Ernestine Shugart, Granbury's Woman's Club, Pioneer District



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Living Things (1st Place - Left, 2nd Place - Right)

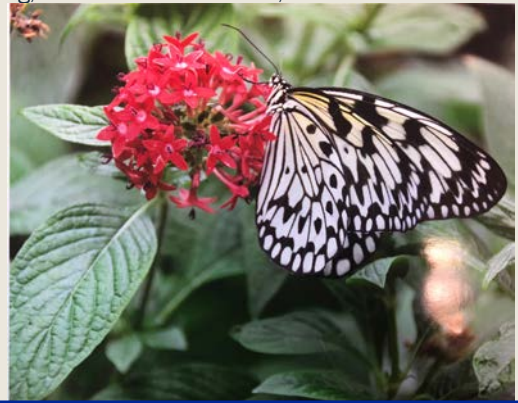
1st Place - *Oh, Those Eyes!*

Shari Gunter, Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District



2nd Place - *A Beautiful Day*

Lynn Long, Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District



TFWC Parliamentarian Margaret Kriegel Concludes Long Career of Service to TFWC

TFWC members have grown accustomed to seeing Margaret Kriegel sitting on one side of the podium as Presidents sit on the other side, and rotate out every two years. But not Margaret. She is as steadfast and true as the TFWC gavel each President uses during each administration. So, when she decided to step down as TFWC parliamentarian at the end of the 2016-2018 term, it saddened many.

Margaret is one of those exceptional women who can “draw you in “ with her gentle manner and generous nature. She readily answers questions and makes you feel comfortable enough to ask more questions without making any answer difficult to understand. She invites members to learn Parliamentary Procedure & Law.

Joining the Giddings Study Club in 1958, Margaret served as President of that club three times and served TFWC as Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman of Trustees, Secretary of the Scholarship Committee, Chairman of the 100th Anniversary which was celebrated in Waco in 1997, and 30 years as parliamentarian. She has been on the TFW Executive Committee for 35 years and can't remember how many years she has served as Chairman on the Bylaws Committee. She served as Chairman of Minnie Sammang's Installation as TFWC President.

Margaret served SCR as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee and parliamentarian for the SCR during the administration of Betty Green.

In District, she served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President. And, of course, there were terms served as various Department Chairmen. Her Parliamentary skill earned her the District Parliamentarian's position and she has just finished her last term as that, also.

Margaret's life has been filled with the service given to her church and to Federation. Exceptional . . . that's the word! And, FRIEND!!

Thank you, Margaret, for enriching our lives by sharing yours.



The Face to the Voice at TFWC Headquarters - Melisa Hayes was in Attendance at Convention in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO -- GFWC Texas members were delighted to have counted in their number Melisa Hayes, TFWC Office Manager, at the annual convention held in San Antonio the first weekend in May.

Many visit with Melisa on the phone but seldom get the opportunity to visit face to face. It was a pleasant surprise to have her in attendance. Come join us again, Melisa!



Melisa Hayes

NOTICE - Contest Results:

Due to the length of report (19 pages), contest results may be found at the following locations:
www.gfwctexas.org
and the TEAM ap.

THANK YOU!

To my very supportive Executive Board, my District Presidents - "The Peacocks," and the inspiring members of GFWC Texas. You have made my term as your President one that has been filled with wonderful memories and significant works to look back on and say, "WE did that!"

To our sisters in GFWC, **THANK YOU**, again, for your selfless, generous aid in our time of need. Your gifts were the wind we needed to push through and carry on in a most difficult time. We still are working to get back to a new normal along our coastal regions

To the staff at the GFWC Texas Headquarters for always keeping the fires burning and greeting everyone with warmth and graciousness.

With love,
Patti Poe
GFWC Texas President
2016-2018



Photos, Photos, And More Photos

It's for GFWC Texas State Night 2019, no telling anyone outside our GFWC Texas family!

Join in the fun by taking pictures and searching through your existing photos of iconic Texas scenes. An oil well, a longhorn, bluebonnets: you get the idea. Also, your club at work or pictures of GFWC guests in a Texas scene would be nice; remember Mary Ellen Brock in Amarillo with the Cadillacs?

Send the photos to the video committee where a team of volunteers will sort, mix, and prepare a slide show for Texas State Night at the GFWC International Convention in Austin in June 2019.

Please send photos to:

2019txphoto@gfwctexas.org



The TFWC Gavel --

An Iconic Symbol Used to Connect Our Organization's Past with it's Present While Securing a Sound Future

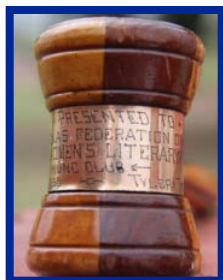
AUSTIN -- With each administration comes the time honored duty of beginning and ending each GFWC Texas meeting, or convention, with the bringing down of the the TFWC Gavel onto the sounding box which between uses is housed at the organization's headquarters in Austin.

The history of the gavel is quite interesting and this information may be found in the *TFWC Procedure Handbook, Fifth Edition*.



The TFWC Gavel

"The TFWC Gavel"



The first annual TFWC convention was held in Tyler, in 1898, Mrs. Rotan was elected the first president. To make the election and the organization official, Mrs. Rotan was presented, in trust, a gavel made of pecan wood from a tree on the grounds of Sam Houston's home at Huntsville. On one end of the gavel the artist had made a mosaic of the Lone Star of Texas using thirteen different kinds of wood. The gavel is a prized possession of the Texas Federation and is still used today by the presiding president."

(Above) The engraved plate that surrounds the column of the gavel reads, "Presented to The Texas Federation of Women's Literary Clubs. By the Quid Nunc Club April 27, 1898. Tyler, Texas.



Sounding Box



Presentation Box Gavel Came In



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New Officers Elected to Past District President's Club

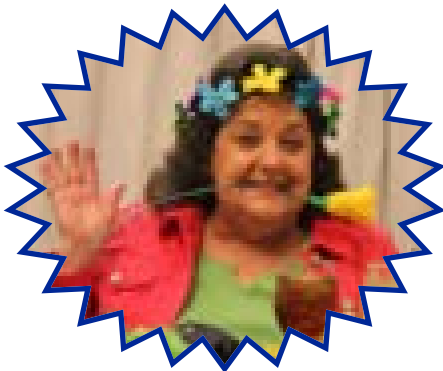
The Past District President's Club is under new leadership. Elections were held at the annual spring meeting at the GFWC Texas Convention in San Antonio in May. New officers are: President, Patricia Siegfried-Giles; Vice President, Barbara Harvey; Secretary, Patricia Tate; and Treasurer, Barbara Winingham.

This is an open invitation to Patti's Peacocks and any member who served as a District President whether or not your club is still active or if your district has dissolved to join our club. We meet twice a year for a breakfast meeting at the state board of directors meeting and the state convention. We pay per capita dues of \$40 per year; \$15 to GFWC, \$15 to TFWC and \$10 for our Treasury.

Our current project is to show support to the current district presidents by helping them financially with a \$25 check for each president each year. This money is in addition to the money given by GFWC Texas annually. It's not much but it is intended to assist the district president with her personal expenses during her term.

The first order of business by the new president was to appoint Barbara Harvey to work with the hotels to secure a special room for our meetings. In fact the president and vice president have already discussed a few project ideas to insure that the GFWC Texas Past District President's Club is more than a breakfast club. **Join Us!**

-- Notice --



The GFWC Texas Clubwoman will be under the direction of Tina O'Connor beginning with the 2018 Fall Issue.

Please send news items, pictures, and other things of interest to the **NEW Clubwoman** email address:

totexasclubwoman@gmail.com

Check the **TEAM Ap** for deadline of the Fall Issue. Date was not available prior to this publication.

Best wishes for a smooth ride, Tina!

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ALAMO
DISTRICT
FOR BEING SUCH
GRACIOUS HOSTS
FOR
THE 2018
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CONVENTION.
TOUR, FOOD,
ENTERTAINMENT,
DECORATIONS,
VENUE -
PERFECTION!**

Alamo District

Woman's Club of Cotulla Ends Club Year With Installation

COTULLA -- The Woman's Club of Cotulla ended the 2017-18 club year with a bang! Beginning in March, club members donated blankets, books and stuffed animals for comfort items to the Children's Alliance of South Texas an Advocacy Center that investigates reports of child abuse in conjunction with local law enforcement. Also in March, long-time member Mildred Allen was honored as a finalist for the Jefferson Acorn Award co-sponsored by the Laredo Area Community Foundation and the Laredo Morning Times. The award is given to honor nominees for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Mildred was the nominee from the Woman's Club of Cotulla for her dedicated service to the Club and LaSalle County. Mildred has been a dedicated Woman's Club member for 33 years.

In April, the Club partnered with several local organizations to plant a pinwheel garden on the lawn of the LaSalle County Courthouse to raise awareness of the prevalence of child abuse in our community. The Club also partnered with the LaSalle County Sheriff's office to fingerprint Kindergarten students in Cotulla ISD elementary schools. The fingerprint cards are given to parents to keep in their personal files.

The April Club program was given by Lisa Sanchez and her Canine Companion; it is always a treat to see Lisa and hear about the wonderful things the canines do for their partners. Federation Day was celebrated with the signing of a proclamation to designate April 24th as Federation Day in LaSalle County; recognizing the Club and GFWC for all the volunteer service and advocacy the organizations conduct in their communities and the world at large.

May's meeting featured the installation of the 2018-20 Officers by GFWC Texas President-elect Carol Habgood.

Alamo District officers for 2018-2020:

President-Louisa Franklin (Cotulla)
President-elect-Novella Byrd (Cotulla)
1st Vice President-Annette Anderson (Pleasanton)
2nd Vice President-Diana Canavan (San Antonio)
Secretary-Gay Chedester (San Antonio)
Treasurer-Patsy Troell (Pleasanton)
Parliamentary Advisor-Roxane Casas (Beeville)
HF Trustee-Pareicia Stevens (Pleasanton)
Scholarship-Patsy Troell (Pleasanton)

(RIGHT, Left to Right): Louisa Franklin, Novella Byrd, Annette Anderson, Gay Chedester, Patsy Troell, and Patricia Stevens. Roxane Casas not shown.



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(RIGHT) Woman's Club of Pleasanton members, Patsy Troell and Patricia Stevens present GFWC Texas Thank You Honorarium to Pleasanton JROTC for their posting of the Colors at GFWC Texas Convention in May.



(LEFT) Women's Club of Cotulla President Louisa Franklin presents Mariachi Cotuleño with a donation from the attendees of the 121st GFWC Texas Spring Convention held in San Antonio. Convention attendees were very impressed with the performance given and the willingness of the Mariachi Cotuleño to travel to give that performance.

Magnolia District

Checks to Hurricane Ravaged Libraries Distributed With GFWC Texas President Poe and Secretary Mask in Attendance

By Joan Pate - Magnolia District President

Magnolia District was honored to have GFWC Texas President Patti Poe and Secretary Fran Mask travel to help us distribute the Harvey Grant Checks. General Federation of Women's Club members all over the United States contributed more than \$121,000 to be used for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Over \$40,000 was set aside by President Poe to be used for Libraries damaged during the storm. Magnolia District received three checks that were distributed to Buna, Texas Public Library, Deweyville Elementary School Library and Mauriceville Elementary School Library.

What a wonderful day to see the smiles and share the generosity of our fellow club women with Magnolia District residents. We were able to share information about GFWC and GFWC Texas at each stop! We even encouraged them to join a club close by or form a club of their own in their community.

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**District Presidents:
Remember to send information to *The Clubwoman!***



(Above) Buna Public Library Board, Librarian, and GFWC Texas members in the blue shirts.



(Above, Left to Right) Deweyville Elementary School Library – Joan Pate Magnolia District President, GFWC Texas Officers Helen Lamberth- HF Chairman, Fran Mask- Secretary, Billie Williams- 1st V.P., Patti Poe – President, Deweyville Elementary School LaJuan Addison-Principal and Liz Whitfield-Librarian.



(Above, Left to Right) Sherry Combs-Community Relations Coordinator, with GFWC Texas members in the blue shirts, (C) President Patti Poe and Jennifer Marcantel – Librarian receiving the check. The other ladies were librarians and principals from other schools with-in the Little-Cypress Mauriceville School District.



South Texas District

(Right): GFWC Texas South Texas District President Therese Crocker Installs the Executive Officers of the Woman’s Club of Kingsville

Officers from left to right are: Mary Pierce- President-elect, Kim Hamm- First Vice President, Elizabeth Kalinec- Secretary, Diana Carrillo-Treasurer, Jennifer Coleman- Reporter. Bobbi Hannon- President and Marla Bryant- Second Vice President were unable to attend due to pressing family commitments.

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(ABOVE, Left to Right): Woman's Club of Kingsville's Department Chairmen installed by Therese Crocker. TREND- Katherine Hajek, Juniors- Jacqui Westbrook, FLAIR- Elizabeth Tessman, Community Service- Lola Bowden, Charity- Shannon Howard, AWARE- Kelly Young, Athena- Marcia Bordovsky



Crocker and Longoria

Scholarship Awarded to Raquel Longoria at Bluebonnet Tea

Raquel Longoria receives the Bluebonnet Drama Club Scholarship presented by South Texas District President Therese Crocker at the Woman's Club of Kingsville's Bluebonnet Tea. The decades old Bluebonnet Tea has been held annually to honor and edify Bluebonnet Drama Club members and to present two scholarships, one from the Woman's Club of Kingsville and one from the Bluebonnet Drama Club.



Crocker and Florence

Darby Florence Honored at Annual Bluebonnet Tea

KINGSVILLE -- Darby Florence received the Woman's Club of Kingsville's Scholarship presented by South Texas District President Therese Crocker at the Woman's Club of Kingsville's Bluebonnet Tea. The decades old Bluebonnet Tea has been held annually in May to honor and edify Bluebonnet Drama Club members and to present two scholarships, one from the Woman's Club of Kingsville and one from the Bluebonnet Drama Club.



Graciela Salazar,
President of the Bluebonnet Drama Club,
2017-2018, was honored as
The Outstanding Juniorette for GFWC Texas.

**Build Tomorrow's Clubs With Today's Youth.
Start a Juniorette Club And Invest In TFWC's Future!**

District President's Report

Submitted by,
Wanda Godso, President Trinity District



Wanda Godso

Madam GFWC Texas President, GFWC Guests and Federated Friends:

Only two short years ago, misgivings and doubt struck when thinking about taking on the responsibilities of Trinity District President. In fact, during the acceptance speech, one of my favorite sayings by Abraham Lincoln was quoted. He said, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go." So this administration has been wrapped in prayer and we pray the same for all those who follow this path.

You will hear all about the state of Trinity once Awards begin. There are a couple of quick things to brag on though. Our Clubs are making a difference in their communities and one such example is the History Club of Whitesboro where three members recently received accolades from the Whitesboro Chamber of Commerce. You can read about it on the Team App.

Celina's Fidelis Inter Se Club is building the future of Federation in their club and their city with community events such as their Daddy/Daughter Dance. You can see photos and videos on the Team App.

Fairfield History Club members continue a long-standing tradition in their community with the 48th Queen of the Trinity Star Pilgrimage held just last week. Again building community-wide relationships.

These are but a few of the many happenings among Trinity's 12 Clubs, a testimony to the Clubs, Trinity District and GFWC Texas that what we do as club women makes a difference and is noticed and applauded in our communities!

But there are some pressing and very, very important things to share today on the future of the GREAT STATE of Texas and Federation. We keep hearing about the influx of people from other states and around the globe streaming into Bexar, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Harris and Tarrant and Travis counties. Of course we want to welcome and make room for those who are prospective Club Women and who might already be club women. This new blood can increase OUR numbers and service.

As Texans, we NEED TO MINDFUL of our TEXAS Traditions AND Ways lest we become another California. OPPS! Will they know that in Texas, We love Cowboys - the ones who wear WRANGLERS and CHAPS and ride horses AND the Cowboys who win NFL football games? That we have have two kinds of Texas Rangers and we have CHIP AND JOANNA Gaines? We have Mesquite and Blue Northers AND RODEOS.

Will they care that our Capital is taller than the Nations Capital and it's built of that beautiful pink granite from right down the highway at MARBLE FALLS? Let us not forget who and what we are. We are DESCENDED FROM those who flew the "Come and Take It" flag in defiance to Mexico at Gonzales. We are those who "REMEMBER the Alamo" and "Remember Goliad". Will they know we love Big Bend and San Jacinto AND SAN ANTONIO and it's River Walk? What about the Piney Woods and Palo Duro Canyon? SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, THE OVERLOOK IN ROMA, THE ADOBE WALLS IN BORGER AND ROUTE 66 IN AMARILLO? And Bluebonnets? We love OUR Cattle, JEANS and ESPECIALLY pickup trucks. And our beloved Texas star AND OUR LONE STAR FLAG. And that we use them to decorate our homes?

Will they know we REVERE our legacy of COWBOY POETS and super sized ranches the King, the XIT and the

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Matador? We KNOW the history of these Texan things and ways and teach them to our Children and GRAND-CHILDREN.

WE LOVE barbecue which we all know is brisket and Mexican Food and steak and jalapeños AND DR PEPPER and BILLIE LOVES WHATABURGER! And WILL they know that we like Keeping Austin Weird? We all love AGGIES and T-sips, Bears and Raider Red and Lobos, the Cougars and all the other cats. And if I missed your school, I'm sorry!

We say Fixin' to and ain't and y'all and all y'all and it's perfectly acceptable. Let's work hard to keep the things that are especially Texan alive and well AS WE WELCOME THESE NEW WOMEN TO CLUB LIFE. And when they don't understand, we'll just say, "Well, Bless your heart, y'all aren't from around here are ya?"

God Bless all y'all and God Bless Texas.

(Editor's Note: This was too clever not to publish. Great job!! And, let us not ever forget to be TEXANS!)

Make plans to attend the 2019 GFWC Convention in Austin!



GFWC Texas Junioresettes

Alpine Junioresettes as stewards of our environment support Earth Day Challenge & Keep Texas Beautiful Alpine Trash Off

ALPINE -- To celebrate Earth Day on April 21, 2018, the Alpine Junioresettes raised funds for environmental education programs for our youth locally and across the nation. The Keep Alpine Beautiful Earth Day event was held at the Historic Murphy Street next to the Farmers' Market.

For information, please email gfwcalpinejuniorettes@yahoo.com.



Pictured Above, Left to Right: The GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine - Yongjing Grace LI, Mary Anna Roberts, Dominic Smith, Matthew Fields, Katelyn Lilley, at the Keep Texas Beautiful Alpine Trash Off held April 7, 2018. Bags of trash and a broken metal chair were picked up at the Baines Park and surrounding areas, south of Alpine.



Pictured Above, Left to Right: Yongjing Grace LI – exchange student from China, Mena Peters- exchange student from Germany, Rose De Guia, & Katelyn Lilley promoting Keep Texas Beautiful with ornaments, KTB t-shirts, paper weight granite with KTB coin, collapsible water bottle and the new Junioresettes' Alpine TX key rings.



Alpine Junioresettes Bring Club Year to a Close with May Meeting

ALPINE -- On May 15, 2018, the GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine held their year-end meeting with guests and new friends in attendance. Mary Anna Roberts, HOBY Ambassador called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Dominic Smith, Co-HOBY Ambassador lead in the Junioresettes' Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance to the USA & Texas Flags.

Matthew Fields, Secretary, read the minutes of the April meeting and they were approved as read. Treasurer Rose

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de Guia gave the Earth Day fundraising report. New friends attending were Dalee Sullivan, invited by Mena Peters and Blake Billings invited by Grace Li. Both are in Grade 9. Mikayela Morrow, Loreyna Cardoza, & Leris Salcido are in Grade 10 and were invited by Mary Anna Roberts, Rose De Guia, and Dominic Smith respectively.

Mary Vongsavath, Advisor, introduced guests Lindy Stumberg, Western District President, and Ann Vanloon, an Alpine clubwoman. At the GFWC Texas State Convention held in San Antonio May 3-5, awards and winners were announced from all the 10 Districts and various clubs who competed in the organization's various club projects/programs. Ms. Stumberg brought the Certificates of Awards for 2017 and 2018. She said, "The Alpine Junioresettes have always been a show of force and are doing great." She was glad to meet them and wished them to continue their good jobs. Ms. Vanloon also echoed her congratulatory phrases and added her own desire for the Junioresettes to continue to do well year after year.

Ms. Vongsavath mentioned that the Junioresettes garnered 2nd Place in the coveted Community Improvement Project Award for their READ GREEN PROJECT: Empowering Our Youth as Stewards of Our Environment. The project has been offered over the past two years and will continue.

Announcements made: The AHS Award Ceremony was held on Tuesday May 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the AISD Auditorium. All Junioresettes were reminded to be prompt in attending this event. The Awards given were (1) CIPA 2nd Place, (2) Rookie of the Year Award for the Junioresette who has been consistent in the performance of leadership service; (3) International Outreach Community Service for two Junioresettes, and (4) the HOBY Ambassador Award for one young man and one young woman. Also, the GFWC International Convention "It's Our Time to Connect" on all of the new ways that GFWC members can further the volunteer and community spirit, is to be held in St. Louis, MO on June 22-26. Top awards to be given to State entries and celebrate everything that GFWC members have done to make communities a better place. Several workshops are scheduled and members are invited to attend. Ms. Vongsavath, as the Junioresettes Advisor, has been invited to attend a tax exempt status workshop under GFWC's group exemption umbrella. Election of the GFWC Executive officers will be held and installed on June 26. Their terms will last for two years – 2018 to 2020.

Summer is for visiting families and friends, so no meeting will be held. Club members will keep in touch and enjoy the summer and endeavor to create a club website, think of ways to improve themselves and make our city a better place. For further information, please email: gfwcalpinejuniorettes@yahoo.com.

Pictured Standing (Left to Right): Mary Anna Roberts, Rose de Guia, Mikayela Morrow, Dominic Smith, Leris Salcido, Loreyna Cardoza, Matthew Fields, Blake Billings, Marlene Baeza, Mena Peters, YongJing Grace Li, Dalee Sullivan.

Seated (Left to Right): Mary Vongsavath, Lindy Stumberg, & Ann Vanloon.



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Great Job, Junioresettes!!



Juniorette Receives Top Honors for Short Story and Poem in GFWC Texas Competition

KINGSVILLE -- Mackenzie Paige Williams Howard received her GFWC Texas State Awards for Youth Poetry and Youth Short Story from GFWC Texas South Texas District President, Therese Crocker. Mackenzie won first place in Category IV Grades 9-12 for her short story "Mission Accomplished" and second place for her poem, "Crying Solves Nothing". Mackenzie is a Juniorette member of the Bluebonnet Drama Club and is the daughter of Woman's Club of Kingsville's Charity Department chair, Shannon Howard.



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Crying Solves Nothing

Crying doesn't solve anything
Crying won't bring your friend back
Crying won't save your dog
Crying won't fix the mess
that is your life
from spiraling down
Down
Down
Down
Tears leaking from your eyes
Won't help you
won't help anyone
But neither does blood
scarlet droplets
blooming from a
linear wound
because
yes
dying is a permanent solution
but it is the easy solution
and easy is never right
blood doesn't solve problems
spilling it
won't save anyone
death is not a mechanic
fixing our mistakes
we may die
we may mourn
but we cannot
let our lives
be governed
and torn
by blood
and tears

Mackenzie Williams Howard

**Read Mackenzie's short story
on the next page - it's going to
surprise you, so
*HOLD ON!!***

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Mission Complete

by Mackenzie Paige Williams Howard

Thunder crashed, and rain pounded against the dull pavement of the street as Augustus stumbled along the narrow sidewalks of the city toward his temporary lodgings. This world was strange to Augustus, yet he had lived here his entire life. You see, Augustus was a traveler, but not that which trekked across unknown lands. Augustus was instead a traveler of time past, he portaled to eras before his own birth and completed tasks that would ensure order in the future world. His assignment this month was to travel to the year 1914, to stop an assassination and prevent the First World War.

So Augustus trudged down the slippery stone pathway to the strangely constructed building that housed his rented room in which he would spend the month. As he walked he recalled the conversation between himself and the mission director...

“Stop the assassination and you can reclaim your rank, Augustus.”

“Yes ma'am, but are you sure I can have the job back? Even after everything? You're not pulling my leg right?”

“Of course I'm not joking, Augustus, once the mission is completed this organization will have the Leader of Historical Assignments that it deserves!” The director proclaimed with a smile.

“Yes ma'am, of course,” Augustus answered with a nervous smile. He thought of this exchange frequently, and he did so again as he climbed the creaking wooden steps to his small deteriorating room and flopped onto the bed tiredly. Augustus then let the dark curtains of sleep drape over his tired eyes until he finally drifted off into the infinite void of slumber.

Augustus awoke to the sound of meowing; he knew that the wretched sound belonged to the landlord's obese feline monstrosity, appropriately named Gremlin. Augustus assumed that Gremlin had snuck in during the night, as he often did, to eat the myriads of rats that lived in the strange apartment. He had only lived here for two weeks now, but Augustus knew the habits of the two other inhabitants of the this unique three roomed building. These inhabitants included Gremlin the black cat, and Gremlin's owner, Lillian, the courageous old woman who inherited her husband's fortune when he died.

After he dressed himself in time period appropriate garb, so he could easily blend with the public, Augustus sprinted down the steps and into the kitchen where Lillian had left breakfast for him. He had only ever seen the old woman about three times since he'd gotten to this era, but she never failed to leave food for him. Today though, he was especially grateful for the meal, for today was the day he was supposed to stop the assassination.

At noon, the assassination was to occur in the town square, when no one was in the area. Leaving the assassin with an ample opportunity to strike. The only flaws in this set of instructions were the two most important key elements: the identity of the assassin and the identity of the victim. So at exactly one hour before noon, Augustus hid himself on the roof of a small cafe, one of the many buildings surrounding town square. He waited there silently, watching the citizens of the tiny city stroll by as if this were a normal day. Though, August supposed, it was quite a normal day for the mundane populous of the city. For as long as the mission went according to plan, no one would ever know there had ever been an assassination attempt at all.

Soon the crowds of street-goers dwindled until no person was left in the town square, except a man, sitting outside the cafe on top of which Augustus was hiding and a woman, reading the paper on a bench near the center fountain. The man, tall and muscular, was a carbon copy of every military man Augustus had ever encountered. The only difference was the deadly glare in his dark eyes. The woman, small and dainty, was a porcelain doll compared to the soldier-like appearance of the man. Augustus prepared himself to protect this damsel if she were to face any distress. Which is why Augustus was unprepared for what happened next.

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The seemingly fragile woman sprang from her seat on the bench; she sprinted toward the man, a dagger in hand. She moved so quickly, so gracefully, that she resembled an owl, soaring silently toward her prey. And if the woman was the owl then the man was most definitely the helpless mouse.

As the woman rushed toward the man, Augustus had only seconds to comprehend what was going on. He jumped down from the roof, landing right in front of the man. And there Augustus stood, poised to defend the victim and apprehend the assassin. But much to Augustus's surprise, the man grabbed him from behind, anchoring him in place as the woman sped toward them.

Time seemed to move slowly, like sap on a tree, as Augustus realized what was really happening. He wasn't here to stop an assassination. He wasn't here to save the world or stop a war. He wasn't here to fix his mistakes and regain his rank. He was here to be assassinated. Because that was the woman's mission. He was the victim, and he was going to die here, in a time that was not his own, in a land he did not know. He had been betrayed by the very organization that had given him purpose, and there was nothing he could do about it.

The woman rammed into Augustus with such force that the man holding him almost lost his grip. She had a small dagger, which she had most likely hidden under her skirt, strapped to her thigh. From this close, Augustus could see just how beautiful the woman was and just how purely villainous her intentions. And this was the last thing Augustus thought as the woman drove the small dagger upward between his ribs and sliced the skin and muscles in that area until she was positive the wound would be fatal. Then as the life flowed from Augustus, the deadly woman whispered into his ear with the melodic voice of an angel. "Mission complete," she smiled venomously. Then the pair bolted, disappearing into the shadows from which they had come.

As he died there, crumpled on the pavement, Augustus thought of Gremlin, Miss Lillian, and the strange building.

What was their significance in all this? What was their role? Now he would never know. And as his vision blurred and his heartbeat slowed, Augustus swore he saw a black monstrosity and a little old lady before everything went dark.



(ABOVE, Left to Right): Bluebonnet Drama Club Officers are President - Jessica Pena, 1st Vice President- Alma Carrillo, 2nd Vice President - London Lemcke, Secretary - Gabriella Brietenfeld, Treasurer - Kelsey Brodovsky, Reporter - Micayla Grossman. These Juniores were installed on May 6, 2018 by Woman's Club of Kingsville's President, Kathy Hajek at the Helen Kleberg Community Center (aka Woman's Club Building) in Kingsville.



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Bluebonnet Drama Club Members- May 2018



(Above): Mother/Daughter lookalike contest winners at the GFWC Fireside Juniorette 2018 Membership Extravaganza meeting. Eight new members were welcomed at this meeting.



(Above): New GFWC Fireside Juniorette Officer Installation ceremony.



*See you in Austin
in 2019!*

