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Thanks to all the clubs who sent pictures and information about their clubs. Keep sending your pictures and information to let us know about the great things that your club is doing! It was fun illustrating Fran Mask's Minutes summary with pictures from the Fall Board meeting. Next issue, I hope to have more pictures from clubs around the state. I am looking forward to hearing from you. In order to have the issue with Christmas Greeting out before Christmas, the next issue will have an early deadline. December 10 will be the deadline for submitting material for the December issue. Thank You....Tina

Pearls of Wisdom

From

***GFWC Texas President
Carol Habgood***



Dear Texas Club Woman,

We are off to a grand start. Texas has enthusiastically embraced the GFWC International President's Grand Initiatives for 2018-2020. (See page four for the full list of these initiatives.)

GFWC Texas joined the GFWC "Million Dollar Club" with a donation of \$1,000 collected by those attending the Fall Board Meeting in Austin. Actually, we collected more than that, and all funds were sent to GFWC with both the state and one member becoming part of this honored group.

Districts and clubs have embraced the program of collecting Dr. Seuss books so that on Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2), we can present 1,000 books to libraries and day care centers impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

We are moving forward to honor military women. Donna Hogue, past Caprock District President, has offered to make 100-120 fleece throws to provide to military women over the next two years. Donna brought 53 throws to the fall board meeting to start the ball rolling. The Fall 2018 issue of the GFWC WHRC Newsletter featured Donna and her project of making these throws. I was honored to receive one from Donna.

By the time you read this, the South Central Region Conference is in our rear-view mirror, and we are moving forward with the 2019 GFWC Annual Convention that we will host in Austin, June 29-July 1, 2019. But come early, Texas State Night is June 28, and it promises to be a grand event.

We are reaching out to as many members as we can through Constant Contact®. For those without email, we will find a way to keep in touch with you. Every member is important.

As we enter the holiday season, my best wishes to all of you.

In Federation, Friendship, and Sisterhood,

Carol Habgood

GFWC Texas President, 2018-2020



Introduction to the Grand Initiatives of the 2018-2020 GFWC Administration

The 2018-2020 GFWC Administration is going to focus on diversity and legislation. It will feature the Seven Grand Initiatives to guide your volunteering. Here's a brief overview of what's in store:

Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service: Goal is to have 1,000 club projects performed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (January 21, 2019; January 20, 2020)

Women in the Military: Goal is to focus on service opportunities at local military bases, especially ones that benefit the women who serve.

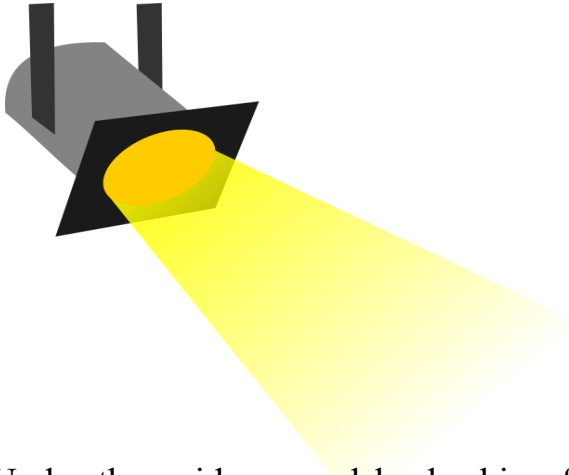
Recognize the Red: Goal is for members to sign their name in red when mailing or emailing letters to government officials in support of legislation so they begin to recognize GFWC's advocacy efforts.

Arbor Day/Federation Day: Goal is to plant 1,000 trees GFWC-wide. (Arbor Day: April 26, 2019; April 24, 2020)

GFWC's Million Dollar Club: Goal is for 1,000 clubwomen (a club, district, or state may also join this elite club) to donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign during the 2018-2020 Administration.

Dr. Seuss: Goal is for 1,000 Dr. Seuss books in different languages to be donated in honor of Dr. Seuss on his birthday to schools in need and inner city children's programs. (March 2)

Soles4Soul: Goal is for 1,000 pairs of shoes to be donated by clubs to the Nike "reuse-a-shoe" or to "Soles for Souls."



SPOTLIGHT CLUB

MORNING STUDY CLUB

Victoria, Texas

Founded in 1935

Under the guidance and leadership of Miss Grace McIntosh and Mrs. Ben T. Jordan, the Morning Study Club was founded in 1935 with 35 members, and the Club became a member of GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) that same year. The first meetings were held over the local fire station building; then, they moved to the railroad station and on to the Episcopal Parish House. The Morning Study Club assisted in the founding of two new garden clubs and two Federated Women's Clubs: Decora in Victoria and Athene in Bloomington. In 1967, the Junior Women's Club and Sandalphon Club were organized with the assistance of the Morning Study Club.

With the growth of the club, it established a scholarship in the name of Miss Grace McIntosh and Mrs. Ben T. Jordan – the Jordan McIntosh Scholarship. The scholarships are for students attending Victoria College. Each year, they give a scholarship to a deserving student. This year they will give two scholarships.

In 1951, the three Victoria GFWC Clubs recognized the need for a permanent home and plans were initiated to pursue this dream. The building was ready for the formal dedication March 9, 1958, and is what is now known as The Victoria Women's Clubhouse. Their beautiful facility is used by businesses and area residents for meetings, weddings, showers, birthday parties and other gatherings. The rent is used to maintain the beauty of the building and its surrounding property.

Morning Glories are their Morning Study Club Flower, and butterflies surrounding the flowers represent happiness and the sharing of volunteer spirit.



The Morning Study Club was founded on the spirit of volunteerism and helping service organizations of their community and throughout the United States. For instance, to help out the people ravaged by Hurricane Florence, their Club sent a donation. They give monetary donations to our Warrior's Weekend and to Restoration House Ministries, an organization who helps young women restore their lives and the lives of their families. To support the Arts in our community, they donated money to Theatre Victoria. One mustn't forget their support for the precious animals that need homes so we support our local Adopt-A-Pet. Victoria has a beautiful Hospice of South Texas Facility, and they have gratefully donated to this worthy organization. Morning Study Club has donated to Beating The Odds, an organization that assists a high school graduate who overcame a significant difficulty in graduating from high school. The club has supported Mid-Coast Family Services, an organization that diligently works to empower children, individuals and families to live a life free from family violence, homelessness, sexual assault and substance abuse. This last year they led a plastic bottle collection for De Leon Elementary School so they could reap from the recycling of said bottles. One of their programs will be given by a representative of the Gabriel Project, and we are looking forward to learning more about what this caring organization strives for in helping our community. Another program they will have this year is about a new project in Victoria, The Promise Pointe. This is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide permanent affordable housing and a supportive community for the chronically homeless. Their goal is to build a transformative residential community to serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.

There are members of Morning Study Club who volunteer for various organizations throughout Victoria. One of the members was nominated for being an "Everyday Hero", and a nice article was written in the newspaper about how she contributes her time to the community with her gifts and talents of singing and playing the piano for nursing home residents. Another member of Morning Study Club spent 60 years volunteering at one of the local hospitals. The newspaper published a wonderful article on her service to the patients and staff at the hospital. The Morning Study Club is so proud of our community, and we enjoy it when we can get together to share in events such as the Veterans Day Parade and the Christmas Parade. We have fun and love sharing our joy with the participants and with those cheering us on the sidelines.

In our efforts to support these well-deserved organizations, Morning Study Club works to make money by have an annual fundraiser with a luncheon, a silent auction, a country store and a gathering of dedicated bridge players who fellowship and enjoy the tasty desserts so willingly shared by our members.

As you can see in the pictures, our Morning Study Club Members share in the joy of giving and serving and want our community and other areas to know we appreciate them and encourage them in their efforts to make a difference in so many lives.

Members care about each other and about what's going on around us, so it's a simple feeling of our Club . . .

We choose to choose JOY in whatever we're doing!





Around The State

Special Presentation for a Special Lady!

Winnie McLain of the Women’s Civic Club of Jasper, Texas was honored with a special presentation at the club’s September 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. McLain, who will be 96 years old in two months, is the club’s Federation Reporter and all agree that she gives the best federation reports! A war bride from England, Winnie McClain has High Tea every day so she was presented with a pillow that is embroidered with “You can never have a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.” There are also two pins on the pillow, one is a tea cup and the other is the British emblem. Ms. McLain ended the presentation saying, “But America is the greatest!” She is described by fellow club members as being one of the most patriotic people they have ever met and a gem that brightens their club!



Club President. Marilyn Ratcliff presents the pillow to Winnie McLain.



Alamo District Summer Workshop

The Alamo District Summer Workshop was hosted by the Woman’s Club of Pleasanton on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton, Texas. The day was very informative for all attendees. GFWC President, Carol Habgood gave members an overview of her special project and goals as well as going over the Seven Grand Initiatives proposed by GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock. A reporting workshop was given by GFWC 1st Vice President Billie Williams and the membership workshop was presented by GFWC Texas 2nd Vice President Carolyn McLeod. GFWC Texas President-elect, Cindy Simmons and Pioneer District President Kathy Horak Smith were also among the special guests present.





Alpine Juniorette awarded First Rookie of the Year at AHS Award Ceremony

As a sophomore, Matthew Fields is in the top echelon of his class. He joined the Juniores and was elected as the secretary. As an officer, he showed leadership by example. He attended meetings on time, kept the minutes precisely, and took membership responsibilities seriously by paying dues on the dot and volunteered on all club activities and projects. He was the first to promote and sell all and above the sales price of club key ring and submit proceeds of fundraising received promptly. He was chosen as a student representative of AHS in the recent AISD bond discussion to build a new high school building which for the 2nd time didn't passed. The AISD administration keeps the discussion open and hopes in the future that the bond would be accepted and passed without much opposition. He is the first Juniorette to be named as Rookie of the Year. Matthew other extracurricular activities include Band (marching and concert), One-Act Play, Computer Science UIL. He was the low brass captain in the band and the tuba section leader. His interests include music, acting, cinematography, writing, general artistic works, politics, economics, and philosophy. He collects records as a hobby



Matthew Fields



GFWC Texas President, Carol Habgood and President-Elect, Billie Williams attended the Caprock District Fall Board Meeting on September 22, 2018. in Levelland. They are pictured by the Quannah Parker Trail Arrow in a Levelland park

The 20th Century Club of Midland, Texas

Maridell Fryar, President of the 20th Century Club of Midland reported that their club has planned a two year, in depth study of the organizations in their own community which offer opportunities to volunteer. They plan to find out how and who they serve, what volunteers contribute to them, and what services they offer. Ms Fryar said that the group was overwhelmed with the number and variety of such organizations in their community. Eight organizations were selected to be studied including: "Make a Wish Foundation", "Keep Midland Beautiful", "Mary", "MM Hospital Auxiliary", "American Heart Association", "Petroleum Museum", and "Master Gardeners". The focus of this study will involve field trips, organization director speakers, client speakers, and volunteer speakers. The club's projects will be contributions of funds or items to benefit the organizations in their community. This plan is in line with Maridell's theme of "Volunteering: Enriching Our Lives and Others."





**The Fortnightly
Club of
Brenham
“Book Magic!”**

On September 12, 2018, nine volunteers of The Fortnightly Club of Brenham distributed approximately 588 books to the children at the Boys & Girls Club. The volunteers helped the children who range in age from 6 years old to teenage years to select two new books for their very own.

This and other book distributions were made possible because of the Magic Book Basket Program. The Fortnightly women donate new children’s books to the Magic Book Basket at each meeting and activity throughout the year.

These books are transported to each event and are displayed by The Fortnightly volunteers, who greet the children and supervise the event. Children are invited in small groups to visit the display, choose a book or two to “own”, and take the books home with them.

The Fortnightly calls the Book Basket “MAGIC” because the Basket fills up with donated books, the books are given away, and the Basket fills up again! It is truly magic!

The Lady Lobos of Monahans High School raised \$324.30 by having a Bake Sale. With the money raised, the Monahans High School students bought a book for every “graduating” Kindergarten student. The group had \$142.00 left; with which, they will donate to “Parcels of Hope”, a project of the First Methodist Church to provide food baskets for those in need. The high school students who are members of this active Juniorette club are pictured with the high school Librarian and their sponsor, Jolene Davis.

The Lady Lobos of Monahans in the Western District



The Albany Study Club

At the first meeting in September Carolyn Waller demonstrated Heel-toe (tandem) Walking, a balance exercise, during a presentation by a local physical therapist. The therapist explained the importance of balance and joint health for senior adults because the number one cause of injuries for senior adults is falls. The members participated in some exercises for better balance and how to build strength in leg muscles for better body control and joint health.



Above—Carolyn Waller practices balance walk. To the left—Tammy Glover gets pampered treatment!



We women take on many roles in the home, workplace and community often without taking time to rest and relax and take care of our mind and body. For this October club meeting program, Charlotte McCain treated Tammy Glover and her club members with an inexpensive way to treat oneself to a relaxing "Spa Day" using what you have at home!

Tammy is being treated with cool cucumbers on her eyes to take away puffiness from her tired eyes. (Some ladies just ate their cucumbers!) That was followed with an avocado based mask. Her tired feet soaked in warm water filled with rose petals and chocolate mint leaves. She felt quite refreshed afterwards. Each member was given a take away gift of brown sugar scrubs and ideas for making other spa items from our home. Taking care of our health and learning to relieve stress makes for healthier and happier volunteers!

Albany Study Club will meet November 8 and provide a luncheon for veterans of the community and commemorate the Armistice Day 100th anniversary.

The Amity Club Begins New Club Year

Members of the Amity Club of Bowie, Texas began their 2018—2019 club year on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:15 p.m. with their annual Opening Dinner at the John H. Matthews Guest House. The meal was a three course delight prepared by the Guest House. Gabrielle Sakel, granddaughter of Past GFWC Texas President Barbara Winingham, was the guest speaker. Gabrielle is a senior attending Bowie High School where she was crowned BHS Homecoming Queen. Miss Sakel plans to attend TAMU after graduation.



The Book Lovers Club of Alice, Texas

GFWC - Book Lovers Club of Alice held their 1st regular meeting for the year on September 18, 2018 presiding by President Dee Dee Cantu Arismendez. The first program was presented by United Veterans Burial Association. Staff Sergeant Samuel Juarez- Public Relations Officer stated the association begun in 1995 and receives no funding from the government. The 60 members are all volunteers. Their main purpose is to give any Veteran Military Honors with a presentation of the flags and 21 gun salute followed by playing of the taps. They travel wherever, as far as George West, Freer, Falfurrias and other distant places per family requests. Book Lovers Club members donated total of \$190.00 to the association to assist in purchasing flags. President Arismendez gave a Dr. Suess book to the association as a thank you gift. The club theme for this year is "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

In photo: Staff Sergeant Samuel Juarez and Dee Dee Cantu Arismendez, President of Book Lovers Club of Alice.





Summary of the Minutes

By GFWC Texas Secretary

Fran Mask



The GFWC Texas 122nd Fall Board Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Midtown, Austin, Texas on September 12-15, 2018.

GFWC Texas President, Carol Habgood, presided over three days of meetings, training sessions, and social gatherings.

Nan Park, GFWC Texas Credentials Chairman, presented a report stating there were 63 voting delegates. Barbara Menking, GFWC Texas Registration Chairman, announced that although 71 members were registered, 10 members were yet to arrive.

Cindy Simmons, GFWC President-elect, presented the awards that GFWC Texas received at the GFWC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in June.

Fran Mask, GFWC Texas Secretary, gave the recommendations from the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee recommends joining the GFWC Grand Initiatives:

“The 2018-2020 Million Dollar Club”.

This initiative asks that 1000 people or groups give \$1000.00 to the Capital Campaign for the Headquarters in Washington, D.C. It is our intent that donations be collected and sent as a state donation. With your donation you will be given a ticket and from those tickets a winner will be drawn and that person will receive the “Million Dollar Pin”.



Shirley Thomas, Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer of the Year Contest Chairman, asked each club in the state to submit a nominee for the contest.

Marion Gamertsfelder, GFWC Texas President, 1998-2000, asked each district president to solicit submissions for the Community Improvement Program.

Novella Byrd, GFWC Texas Junioretee Chairman gave a workshop on how to start a Junioretee Club.



President Habgood announced that funds raised for the “The Million Dollar Club” had exceeded expectations: \$1295.00 from members and \$1000.00 from an individual.

Kathy Horak-Smith won the “Million Dollar Pin”!

Patricia Siegfried-Giles, Chairman of the GFWC South Central Region Conference, presented details of the upcoming conference.

Barbara Harvey, Vice Chairman of the GFWC South Central Region Conference, told the group about a notebook of helpful details that would be passed along for future conferences.

Dr. Kathy Horak-Smith distributed information about the Photography Contest and demonstrated with a Power-Point various examples of photographs.

“The Reporting Fairy” (aka Billie Williams, GFWC Texas First Vice President) showed illustrations and gave helpful information to encourage clubs to report.



The “Reporting Fairy” was the hit of the Meeting!

Donna Hogue, Past Caprock District President, spoke about the fleece throws she makes for the “Wounded Warrior Project”. Learning of the GFWC Grand Initiative- Women in the Military, she has agreed to make throws and use them for a service opportunity for women at local military bases. She committed to donate 100-120 throws throughout the 2018-2020 GFWC Texas administration.



Carolyn McLeod, GFWC Texas Second Vice President. held a membership workshop.

She distributed material on membership and had the group play “Get To Know You Bingo”. Carolyn then introduced Cindy Simmons, Tina O’Connor, The Texas Clubwoman Editor, Lonnie Matthew, South Texas District President, and Lou Hitt, Outstanding Federation Day Program Chairman, who added information through PowerPoint illustrations. Carolyn McLeod closed the workshop with her poem “Unified by Diversity”.



The bingo winner!



Members seemed to enjoy playing bingo!



The September 14, 2018 meeting was held at the headquarters building.

Fran Mask invited everyone to see the newly redecorated President’s Suite and thanked Patsy Troell for a table she donated. The Pleasanton Woman’s Club also gave a donation for the suite.

Mari Lopez, TFWC Headquarters Manager and Melisa Hayes TFWC/ Historical Foundation Office Manager were introduced by President Habgood.

Barbara Harvey, Historical Foundation Trustee Chairman, gave a historical account of the Mansion and Foundation.

Helen Lamberth gave a new initiative "Preserving Our History" report.

Convention Chairman, Patti Poe gave the GFWC Annual Spring Convention update.

Tina O'Connor gave the Texas Clubwoman magazine publication dates and asked members to send articles for the magazine.

Chairman reports continued:

Arts CSP----Tissa Peterson

ESO---Mary Nettie Rodriguez

Home Life CSP---Linda Turner (read by Billie Williams)

International Outreach CSP---Kerry Kay Cook

Women's History and Resource Center---Mary Lou Gilbreath (materials distributed by Billie Williams)

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Awareness Program---Lynn Long

Carolyn McLeod distributed a handout requesting pictures for the GFWC International Convention - State Night, June 28,

Wanted ...Pictures of Texas

Iconic Texas scenes...bluebonnets oil wells, etc

2019txphoto@gfwctexas.org



Beth Hemby, Trinity District President, presented a Power Point program showing her experiences during the 2018 LEADS training at the GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Cindy Simmons, former LEADS and current Leadership Chairman, presented a LEADS Workshop. She introduced all LEADS graduates attending the meeting. Former LEADS representatives, Patti Poe, Lonnie Matthew, Cindy Jackson, Joan Pate, and Amy McDaniel contributed to the workshop.

The group performed a skit showing conflict resolution.

President Habgood introduced the Grand Initiatives of the 2018-2020 GFWC Administration.

Fran Mask introduced the idea of a Legacy Cub within GFWC Texas. An event will be planned for the 2019 GFWC Texas Spring Convention.

Patsy Troell asked all Past District Presidents to email her if they are willing to help with a mentoring initiative.

“Carol’s Pearls”, The District Presidents’, were introduced by Dr. Kathy Horak-Smith, President of the District Presidents.

In costume and Dr. Seuss hats, the presidents entered and gave their reports, a few even made the reports rhyme. With colorful Dr. Seuss story titled shopping bags, the ladies circulated throughout the room and collected 152 Dr. Seuss books donated by attendees.



Collecting 1000 Dr. Seuss books to be distributed to children is one of the Seven Grand Initiatives.

Angela Short, GFWC Texas Web Page Editor, presented a "Technology Update".

She outlined a new tool to reach members called Constant Contact.

She explained the Team App and announced that the website is moving to a new location, Blue Host. It is a work in progress and will be up and running soon.

She showed pictures she had received for the slideshow for the GFWC Annual Convention and asked members to send more to : 2019txphoto@gfwctexas.org.



Patricia Tate, GFWC Texas Fundraising Chairman, drew raffle tickets, and winners were announced:

Jewelry and Purse---Nan Park

Patio Dishes and Birds---Mary Nettie Rodriguez

DEEBOT Vacuum---Marsha Wellman

Barbara Menking announced the final number in attendance was 66.

Patricia Tate gave the final fundraising report:

\$1025.00 GFWC Convention Funds

\$1035.00 GFWC Texas General Funds

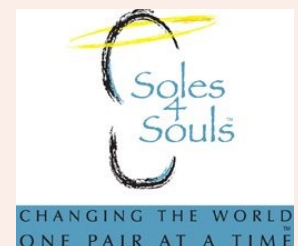
Amy McDaniel of Capitol District gave the invitation to the GFWC Texas Spring Convention in Austin, Texas, April 24-27, 2019.

All members in unison recited the "Club Collect".

President Habgood adjourned the 122nd GFWC Texas Fall Board of Directors Meeting



One of the
Grand Initiatives
A 1000 pair of shoes
to be donated by clubs



Campaign to warn
women about
their # 1 killer
Heart Disease.

Hey Ya'll!

It's my turn to submit to the Texas Clubwoman, and since I'm 1st Vice President in charge of reporting, it only stands to reason I would do something about reporting. So here goes:



Your Key to Successful Reporting :

1. Gather your information and check your facts...using yearbook, minutes of meetings or project notes to refresh your memory
2. Use the **CLUB LEVEL REPORTING FORM** found on the state website
3. Group all the programs that fall under the same CSP heading (Education, Conservation, etc.)
4. Write your Narrative – up to 10 projects under the same CSP on TWO (2) pages, single spaced with 1 inch margins
5. **Emphasize** the Community Impact your projects/programs had
6. Meet your Deadline:
 - Club – February 1
 - District – February 20
 - State – March 15
7. Find out who your District Chairmen are and have their correct contact info. Find out if you can send your report via email or hard copy.
8. After you have sent your report, double check to make sure it reached its destination
9. Give your Club President a copy as it will help her on the Statistical Report
10. Put your feet up and relax

If you're a **District Chairman**, after you pick the winners, fill out the form, found on the state website, and send to your District 1st Vice President and State Counterpart. Write your narrative using the same format, up to 10 projects and forward to your state counterpart; make sure that she receives it. Be sure to contact the clubs to let them know that you received their report and to thank them for their hard work.

If you're a **State Chairman**, again, pick the winners, send that information to me. Write your narrative using the same format and forward to your GFWC Counterpart. Her contact info can be found on the GFWC Website. You may need to write a "Most Creative Project/Program" narrative over one single project you considered to be the most creative, not necessarily the one that earned the most or took up the most hours.

As always, if you have any questions, problems, concerns, or you just want to chat; my number is (936) 336-5811. Leave a message and I'll get back with you ASAP, or you can email me at diamondb3@wt.net.

Happy Reporting,

Billie Williams

GFWC Texas 1st VP

(aka The Texas Reporting Fairy)



Fryer's Facts

Information about GFWC Texas Scholarships

By Maridell Fryer

Chairman of the Scholarship Committee



1. The forms for scholarship applications and reporting are in the current directory. Please use only these forms. The Scholarship Committee is in the process of revising them and will update them for the next administration.
2. We are asking that this year, all scholarship donations be undesignated and marked "for use in current year," so that funds can be allocated to the scholarships most in need. Our goal is to have sufficient funds to award every scholarship.
3. We will notify every district by mid-December if any scholarship will be unfunded so that applicants will not apply for unfunded scholarships.
4. Clubs are strongly encouraged to report scholarship contributions on the statistical form and to include a narrative!!
5. 2019 Scholarship assignments:
TFWC State- Western & Magnolia
Penny Arts – Magnolia & San Jacinto
Musical Penny – Pioneer & Trinity
Eleanor Tipps – Trinity

Order Your Holiday Greetings



Include your name or club name
on a GFWC Texas Greeting
Page.....\$5.00

2" x 4" Greeting from you or your
club with illustration.....\$10.00

(Ex. Merry Christmas, picture of a Christmas tree,
& Name)

4" x 4" Greeting\$20.00

Deadline for Christmas Issue:

December 10th