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**TO the Point**

With all of the Christmas greetings plus pictures from the wonderful South Central Convention, the magazine is full and I hope enjoyable. I would like to receive more news from around the state letting us know what you are doing. The next issue will be out on the last day of February, so email pictures and news about your clubs by the middle of the month. Have a wonderful time with family and friends this Christmas! **Tina**



## *Pearls of Wisdom*

Dear Texas Club Woman,

What can I say? Well, what a wonderful showing Texas had at the South Central Region Conference in October. One thing I have noticed is that Texas women come out and support our Federation efforts. We had about 50 women from Texas attend the "Greatest Show on Earth" put on by the greatest GFWC clubwomen. In all, approximately 120 women (and some men) attended from the six states that comprise South Central Region. This is an outstanding attendance at a Region conference.

Thank you for all the hard work you put into making Texas shine...to the committee chairmen and committees who did all the work in putting this together, to the women who supported us by their attendance and donations, and to the women who supported us every step of the way.

Let me share with you the note I received from GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock:

*The Texas Clubwomen outdid themselves as hostess of South Central Region. The table decorations were lovely with each one outdoing the one before. I loved the photo op backdrop as it encouraged members to have fun and make photo memories.*

*The Executive Dinner was very special. It was so nice to be able to sit and talk with the members at the table. Loved lunch at Neiman Marcus! The Book Depository tour was poignant and amazing how those memories flooded back into my being.*

*The gift from the dinner was so very special and one that will always remind me of a special time with some very special sweet women.*

As we approach the holiday season, I am reminded of the importance of family. It is a time to be with those who are special to us. Our Federation family is very special, and one I look forward to seeing as I travel the breadth of the state.

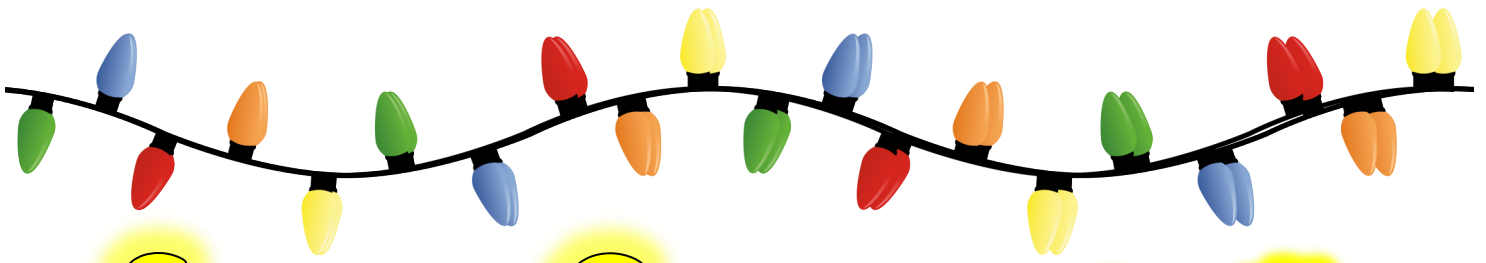
In Federation Friendship and Sisterhood,

*Carol*

Carol Habgood

GFWC Texas President, 2018-2020





# Spotlight Club



GFWC Woman's Club of Cotulla  
Alamo District

President: Novella Byrd

Present membership: 36 active members, 2 associate members, 1 member on leave of absence.



The Woman's Club of Cotulla was organized in October 1923 and chartered in November 1923. There were 22 charter members. Two of our members are granddaughters of one of these charter members; the daughter-in-law of one of the present members marks the fourth generation of membership in the Woman's Club.

Seeing the need for books for the local school children and community in general, the Woman's Club sought to establish the first free public library in Cotulla. Through the persistent efforts of the Woman's Club, the first public library was built in 1937. The Club helped obtain and borrow over 100 books from the San Antonio Public Library. The Club continues to assist the local library which in 1973 was moved to its current location and is now known as the Alexander Memorial Library.

The Woman's Club of Cotulla also had an influence in our local Veteran's park which sits in front of the La Salle County Courthouse. The Club would often have fundraisers to help with the upkeep of the park and members would prepare care packages for the many local men of Cotulla that were deployed.

The Club was also influential in the upkeep of Cotulla, in the 1940's when there was no trash pickup for the town, the Woman's Club arranged and paid for the trash pickup in the whole town. The Club was also responsible for getting the first street signs installed on the main streets of Cotulla. In the 1980's the Club assisted in bringing in the first EMS service to the area. In 2018-19 the Club has adopted two miles of highway and will participate in the "Don't Mess with Texas" Campaign. In 1960, Nelda Watson, the President at that time, decided that students needed to be recognized for academic achievement similar to students that were recognized for athletics and band. She organized the first Honors Banquet. In 2019, the Woman's Club will sponsor its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Honors Banquet. During the Banquet the Club honors the top three students from each grade 9-12 and recognizes the members of the National Honor Society and the Middle School's National Junior Honor Society members. The scholarship program began as a money loan program in 1985; the club is now able to give three scholarships and one high English award to graduating seniors going on to higher education. More recently the Club strives to help those people who are marginalized in the community raising awareness and monies for Child Abuse Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Dating Violence Awareness and Human Trafficking. Monetary and in kind donations are collected for the Wintergarden Women's Shelter and the Children's Alliance of South Texas, a Child Advocacy Center.

During the 2018-19 Club year the Woman's Club of Cotulla will participate in three of the Grand Initiatives proposed by the International Administration. We will plant trees for Arbor Day, donate blankets, books, and stuffed animals to the Child Advocacy Center for the MLK National Day of Service and donate Dr. Seuss books to a local daycare that offers free daycare to young mothers who are still in school.

Recruitment is a priority;  
*Unity in Diversity* is our mantra.





## Members Matter

### Remember: Members Matter; You Matter!

Carolyn McLeod

GFWC Texas 2nd Vice president

Congratulations on the start of another wonderful club year. As the GFWC Texas officer in charge of membership, I look forward to hearing about your club's membership, numbers and stories.

To begin our chat, I will share a story about my own club. Over the summer, GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, Inc. had an unusual loss of five members. We were a bit panicked as that does not happen often. Even though most of the losses were due to members moving or a need to devote more time to family, it was a scary time for WWC. Well, several of our members just took the loss as a challenge and immediately contacted friends about interest in joining. Good news! Yes, those friends were interested, came to the first meeting in September, joined the group, and immediately signed up to work the annual style show fundraiser.



Kathy Preissinger, Cynthia Gookins, Tammy Anderson, Janie Lewis, and Betty

Reporting Periods are as follows:

**Summer—Retention** (June, July, August; **Report due September 1**)

**Fall—Recruitment** (September, October, November; **Report due December 1**)

**Winter—Mentoring** (December, January, February; **Report due March 1**)

**Spring—Recognition** (March, April, May; **Report due June 1**)

While the reporting period has already started, one can always back report. Just get those new members names down and share them with GFWC and GFWC Texas on the next due date.

Also remember that February 1 is the last postmark date for sending reports on your club telling what the club has done through 2018. This officer is waiting to hear from you on membership. Tell me your stories, the fun you had, the ways you recruited members, and the ways you honored your current members to keep them part of your club.

Keep those membership rolls filled; invite a friend; invite a neighbor; invite an acquaintance. If you love your club, chances are others will also.

**Happy Holidays, Y'all!**

Carolyn McLeod



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Merry Christmas!

Work at the TFWC Headquarters' Building has been ongoing and busy as the TFWC Historical Foundation Trustees oversee the work of the staff. The work includes both maintenance work and the work to ensure the building is shining when GFWC Texas hosts the GFWC International Convention. The facilities manager was notified in June by the Austin Fire Marshal and the City of Austin that there was not a certificate of occupancy for hosting events in the building. The facilities manager has continued to work with the fire marshal's office. In October, we were granted a temporary occupancy load of 600 guests. If we plan to have more than 300 guests, we must hire a fire watch to be onsite during the event. The facility manager and I will meet with the Austin Fire Marshal in an effort to determine what will be required to obtain a permanent certificate of occupancy. The Past Presidents Pavers were moved, the broken stones repaired, and new stones engraved for the presidents who did not have stones. The pavers are in place and look great. The ballroom floor was refinished using a new product and looks wonderful. The travertine floors have been deep cleaned, honed and sealed. The parlor has been refurbished. Five chairs were reupholstered. Two new sofas and two new chairs were purchased. A new carpet runner was installed on the stairway in the entry. We continue to host weddings and receptions in the building. The facilities manager is always looking other potential clients. There have been several interesting groups using our building as a venue for their events including Austin Ballet shooting their season brochure, The Macallan Manor tasting, and a four day yoga conference.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

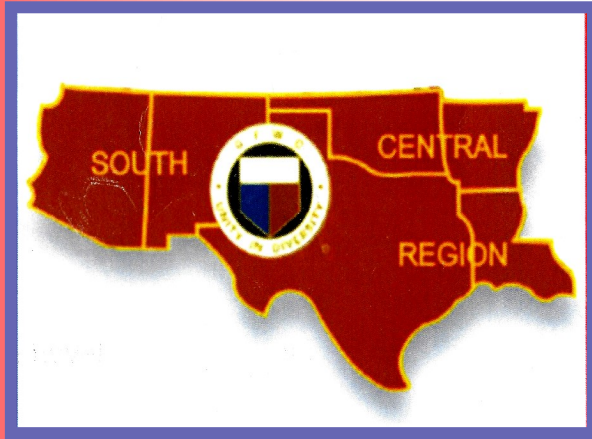
*Barbara Harvey* TFWC Historical Foundation Chairman



Thank you for your donations to the Disaster Fund to support hurricane relief in North and South Carolina and other natural disasters. I am in awe of the generosity of the Texas clubwomen to their sisters around the country. Individual thank you notes will be sent to those who have donated.

*Carol*

Carol Habgood  
GFWC Texas President



## South Central Region Annual Conference 2018

**No Place Like Home**  
**Irving, Texas**

Texas was delighted to serve as host for the 2018 South Central Region Conference. We welcomed GFWC members from all of the South Central States; Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and of course, Texas! We also were especially pleased to welcome the South Central Region President, Pat Pisarski and from GFWC our International President, Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President- Elect Marian St. Clair. After lunch at Neiman Marcus and a visit to the 6th Floor museum at Dealeu Plaza, GFWC members enjoyed a very good conference with great speakers, great food, and amazing entertainment by students from the Booker T. Washington High School of the Performing Arts. We enjoyed showing off Texas and welcoming our GFWC friends from across the region.





Field trip! Lunch at Neiman Marcus and tour of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza



Carol Habgood

President GFWC Texas



Mary Ellen Brock

Pres. GFWC



Pat Pisarski

Pres. GFWC Texas



Cindy Simmons Marian St.Clair

Pres. SCR of GFWC Pres. Elects GFWC



Friday night, we Celebrated Texas! No one can celebrate their state like Texans! We did it big...because everything is bigger in Texas!



From Lynn Long's Boots to Carolyn McLeod's tip of her hat, we celebrated Texas!



Districts of TFWC designed table decorations to symbolize their areas!



Mary Ellen Brock gave the Official Greeting. Members visited and enjoyed each others company!

Deep in the heart of Texas

American folk song

1. The stars at night are big and bright, (clap, clap, clap, clap) Deep in the heart of Tex- as, \_\_\_\_\_ The  
prai- rie sky is wide and high, (clap, clap, clap, clap) Deep in the heart of Tex- as, \_\_\_\_\_

2. The sage in bloom is like perfume,  
Deep in the heart of Texas,  
Reminds me of the one I love,  
Deep in the heart of Texas.

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# Celebrate Texas!

Friday night's entertainment was provided by the Booker T. Washington High School of the Visual and Performing Arts of Dallas

These amazing students gave a very professional performance and it was enjoyed by all. Mary Ellen Brock, Pat Pisarski. And carol Habgood congratulate the students



Saturday was Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day!



Saturday's meeting provided the opportunity for Department Chairmen and Director's of Special Programs to provide needed information. Among these informative presentations, Patti Poe, Chairman off GFWC Communications and Public Relations gave a demonstration of her very clever "recipe" for communicating with your members.



The Luncheon Speaker was Muriel Simms, a Breast cancer Survivor and guest speaker told her story. (right top) There were an amazing number of Breast Cancer Survivors among the members at the Meeting. Kaye Brown, member of Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland, Texas (left bottom) is a two time survivor. The table decorations reflected the theme of Breast Cancer Awareness and each survivor took home a plaque.



Elizabeth Hemby, The 2018 Texas Leads Graduate, gave a very good speech as she always does! (right bottom)





**Patricia Tate hard at work raising money !**



**Above top—State Presidents; Lucinda Martinez, Carol Habgood, and Alisa Estrada. Above bottom—The six State Presidents and the Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs.**

**Left top—Patricia Siegfroid-Giles Conference Chairman . Left bottom—Barbara Harvey, Vice Chairman**

## **A Thank You from Patricia Siegfroid-Giles, Conference Chairman**

**It was my honor to be the Conference Chairman and working with Region President Pat Pisarski and thank GFWC Texas President Carol Habgood for the opportunity.**

**They say you can tell a good leader by the people she has working with her. Well, I'm here to tell you that I am a good leader!**

**And here's why...**

These are the people I had the pleasure to work with:

**The 2018 GFWC Texas Conference Committees**

**Core Committee**

Patricia Siegfroid-Giles, Conference Chairman

Barbara Harvey, Vice Chairman

Fran Mask

Patricia Tate

**Registration**

Barbara Menking

Cindy Simmons

Dixie Gilley

**Fundraising**

Patricia Tate

**Table Decorations and Favors**

Fran Mask, Chairman

GFWC Texas Districts:

Alamo, Novella Byrd

Capitol, Sharon Grooms

Caprock, Tina O'Connor

Magnolia, Joan Pate

Mesquite, Mary Lou Gilbreth

Pioneer, Lou Hitt

San Jacinto, Patsy Korenek

South Texas, Nelda Lee, Marsha Wellman

Trinity - Fran Mask, Beth Hemby, Judy Seay, Gina Mock,  
Janet Calvert

Western, Nancy Williams

**IP Welcome Gifts**

Patricia Tate

**A Day in Dallas Tour**

Barbara Harvey

Carol Habgood

**Celebrate Texas Processional**

Patricia Tate, Announcer

Irene Irely, Stage Manager

Pam Windham, Stage Manager

**Door Prizes Curtesy of GFWC Texas Districts**

Kathy Horak Smith, President

Beth Hemby, Trinity District President

**GFWC Texas Ambassadors**

Irene Irely

South Texas District Crew:

Elaine Wilde

Marsha Wellman

Lonnie Matthew

**PR & Communications**

Helen Lamberth

Angela Short

Patti Poe

**Hostesses for GFWC Officers**

Patti Poe

Lynn Long

**The Blessings**

Cindy Simmons, State Night

Irene Irey, Saturday Lunch  
Carolyn McLoed, Saturday Gala

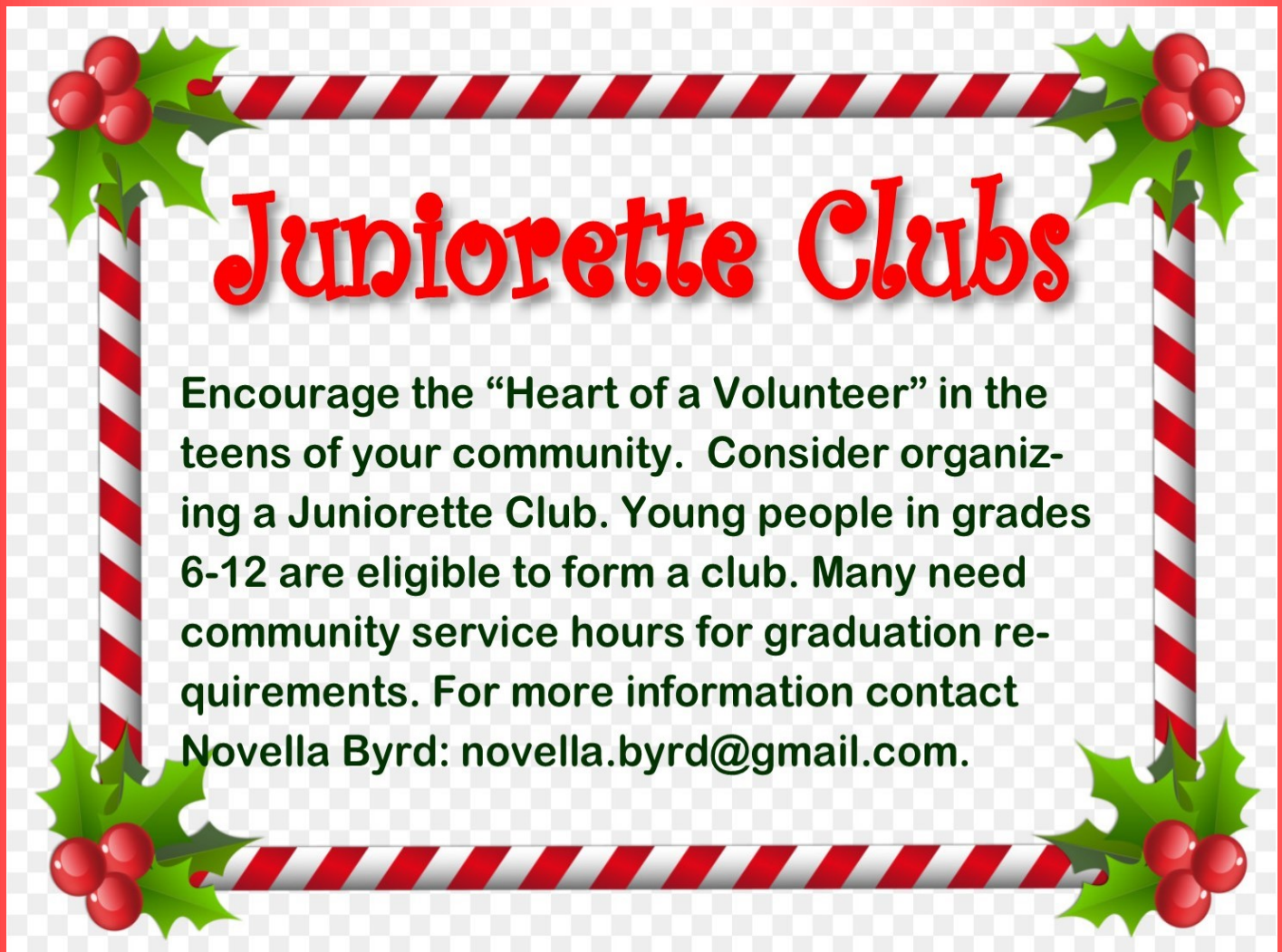
**The House South Central Built**

Carolyn McLoed  
Patsy Troell  
Patti Poe  
Patricia Siegfroid-Giles

**With Grateful Appreciation**

Reilly Horsak, Convention Services Manager Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel Irving  
Wendy Foster, Convention Services Manager Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Nathan Leslie, Area Manager Dallas/Fort Worth Scott Brown Media Group  
Byron Cain, Founder and Owner Heritage Tours  
Jeff Dains, General Manager of Downtown Restaurants, Neiman Marcus

And to all the wonderful members of GFWC Texas!



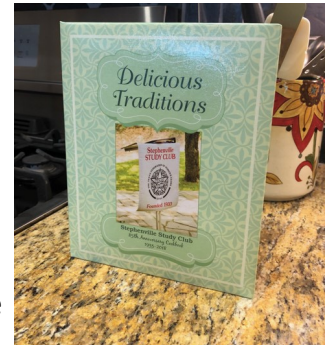
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Around  
the  
State

### Stephenville Study Club Creates Cookbook

Donna Hendershot, chairman of Public Relations of the Stephenville Study Club, reports that their club was very busy over the course of the summer. Last year they decided as a club to resurrect a Study Club Cookbook. It was a big endeavor but they all embraced it and gathered new and original recipes. The last cookbook was from 1980 and since our membership has grown, we collaborated and started a committee. The committee chair is Kelijon Nance. Other members contributing to the committee are Alissa Terrell Starbird, Cathy Erck, Sandra Hodges, Susan Spindor, Donna Hendershot, Gwen Schneck, Lynda Weatherby and Patricia Weldon. The Cookbook title is Delicious Traditions: Stephenville Study Club 85th Anniversary Cookbook 1933 –2018.



### The Book Club of Alice donates to the Food Pantry



The Book Lovers Club of Alice, Texas donated food to the Food Pantry as one of their service projects. They also gave the Pantry \$40.00. Members pictured are:

Front—Melba Gafford, Melba “Sugar’ Rios, Zulema Cantu, and Maria Monhoff

Back—Sandra Bowen and Clare Wonders

Bottom Picture -

President Dee Dee Cantu Arismendez with Pantry Volunteers.





Pictured is the GFWC Advocate for Children Kickoff hosted by the Harbor City Juniores, The Women’s Club of Aransas Pass, and Aransas Child Care. The Harbor City Juniores are very active. They also made care packages for the Costal Bend Troops Support for overseas troops.



Top Left—the Texas State tree created by Billie Williams and sent to GFWC Headquarters in Washington DC. All of the states created a tree representing their state. Billie’s Texas tree was placed on the fire place mantle . The tree features pictures of the District Presidents in their DR. Seuss



Left—Clara Campbell and Patti Poe admire the tree while in Washington at the GFWC Headquarters



Las Fidelis of Levelland visited the Texas Tech University Museum to see an exhibit on “Red”. A quilted wall hanging made by member, Sandra Stephenson was featured as well as red clothing from the 1800’s to the present and the red dye known as cochineal extracted from beetles.



**Merry Christmas  
GFWC Texas!**

May you and your family  
have a wonderful holiday season.

See you in 2019! Hugs,

**Carolyn McLeod**

Vice



Second  
President



Carol Habgood,

GFWC Texas President

May your holidays be joyous  
and surrounded by your loved ones.  
Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

**Carol**



“Seasons Greetings”



**Merry Christmas**



From the


**Poe's and the Short's**




**Patricia and Jer**




# Happy Holidays!


The Reporting Fairy says....."Ya'll Have a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!"




To all of our Federation Friends  
From  
**The Coterie Club**  
Of Liberty, Texas




*Merry Christmas*  
From  
*Magnolia District*



**Billie Williams**  
1st Vice President GFWC Texas  
The "B" Team at the Biltmore last Christmas season—a fun group!



Mary Vongsavath Wishes All



Joy to the world...

Merry Christmas

Brenda Grimes



Merry Christmas



The History Club  
of Whiteboro

Christmas Greetings!

Fredda Schooler

President Caprock District



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From the

Wednesday Review Club

Killeen of Capital District



Merry Christmas from the Paris Noon Club



GFWC Tau Lambda Study Club—Monahans



**Merry Christmas**



**Merry Christmas**



Merry Christmas from the GFWC

Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury.

Pictured left to right: Melinda Charbonnet, Treasurer; Ann Schmidt, Secretary; Lisa Koiner, First Vice President; Cheryl Troxel, President; Carolyn McLeod, Second Vice President; Joyce Garrison, Corresponding Secretary; Ernestine Shugart; Federation Counselor-

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from  
Las Fidelis  
Study Club  
Of  
Levelland

