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TFWC members --

This has been a difficult issue to produce. I regret it's so late but weather did have a big part to do with the time factor. THANK YOU for always sharing your clubs' news!! Christmas hugs!! -- LLM

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Deadline For Spring Issue:

March 15, 2014

Please adhere to this date.

CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

DECEMBER

JANUARY

GFWC

January 16 -19, 2014

GFWC Executive Committee Meeting

TFWC

January 20, 2014

TFWC Historical Foundation Meeting - Austin

January 21-22, 2014

TFWC Executive Committee Meeting - Austin

FEBRUARY

TFWC Districts

February 1

Club Reporting Deadline

February 20

District Chairmen Reporting Deadline

*Please contact Club/District Presidents in Directory for more information,
or check the TFWC website: www.texfwc.org.*



*Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year!*

2012-2014 GFWC Texas District Presidents

Alamo - President Pat Stephens

Pioneer - President Beth Lewellen

Capitol - President Crystal Hammett

San Jacinto - President Marshia Foster

Caprock - President Stephanie Stephens

South Texas - President Sue Miller

Key - President Leslie Tijerena

Top of Texas - President Cynthia Jackson

Magnolia - President Helen Lambert

Trinity - President Germaine Carney

Mesquite - President Bennie Parker

Western - President Shirley Bagley

Be A Gem - Sparkle As A Volunteer!

South Texas District's Melba Gafford Chosen As TFWC Jennie Award Nominee, 2013

AUSTIN -- One of the highlights of the TFWC Fall Board Meeting was the announcement of the TFWC nominee for the Jennie Award. This award named in honor of

TFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, is the only national honor that recognizes individual club members for commitment to their club, community and family. Six Texas clubwomen were nominated for their contribution to their clubs. The nominees were Marzie Barton, Eumathian Club, Pioneer District;



Melba Gafford

Melba Gafford, Woman's Study Club of Kingsville, South Texas District; Maridell Fryar, Twentieth Century Study Club, Western District; Margaret Reed, Prospectus Study Club, Top of Texas District; Chloe Steinhagen, Women's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District; and Patsy Todd, 23 Study Club, Pioneer District.

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Below: Melba Gafford is assisted with sash proclaiming her TFWC's Jennie Award winner.



Joy
to
the
world!

To everyone -
Janelle Holden
TFWC President
2012-2014



**From the Desk of
2012-2014 TFWC President**

Janelle Holden

From My Heart

The year is rushing past at an alarming pace. The Holiday Season is in full view all over town. People are more excited everyday.

However, please remember we have things to be excited about in GFWC Texas. Many of our members will be busy unpacking after attending two very successful meetings. GFWC Texas held the Annual Fall Board meeting in Austin during September and than a number of our members quickly rushed off to Tempe, Arizona, for the SCR Conference Meeting.

The Austin meeting will always be remembered for the weather event (flooding) which forced the “note burning in the Headquarters Courtyard” to become a “note Shredding party” in the President’s Suite. In any case, we had a grand time together, delighted in the beautiful award commemorating that the HQ Building is debt free. The award is in the display case in the State President’s Office. We had a time of fun and visitation while enjoying one another, coffee and cookies. There are times when the spur of the moment activity is the most delightful of all. Thank you HF Trustee Committee.

Our Saturday Night Dinner guest spoke to us about child abuse. The young lady is the Education Coordinator from Austin for the Center for Child Protection. This program fell right in line with our Advocates for Children Community Service Program. A very special thank you is due to those who worked to make this meeting successful and interesting.

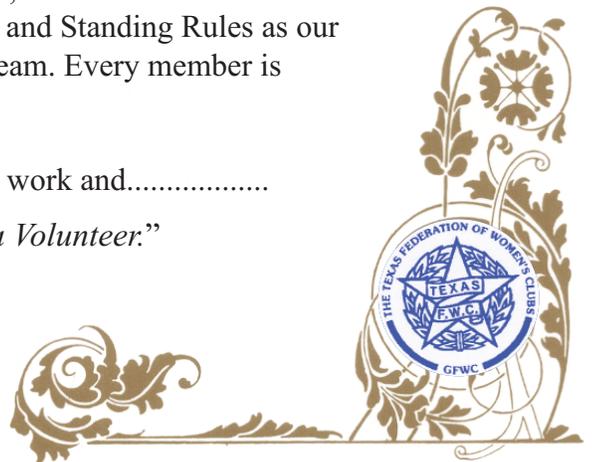
The next months will also move quickly. Some of us will be attending the GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Virginia. The Thanksgiving Holiday will follow very soon and the holiday events will be moving forward into the New Year as we plan to schedule our Reporting Deadlines.

We must not be moved off track by the minor trials that come about; T. F. W. C. has tremendous guidelines, the Collect for Clubwomen, a firm foundation, Bylaws, and Standing Rules as our guide. We will always reach our full potential when we work as a team. Every member is necessary and important.

The key to a bigger and brighter future is time, determination, hard work and.....

”Open Hearts, Open Doors, Be a Volunteer.”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Janelle Holden, President
TFWC 2012-2014.





GFWC Texas Federation of Women's Clubs *117th Annual*

Fall Board Meeting - In Review

Holiday Inn Town Lake
Austin, Texas
September 20th-22nd, 2013



Dining Room

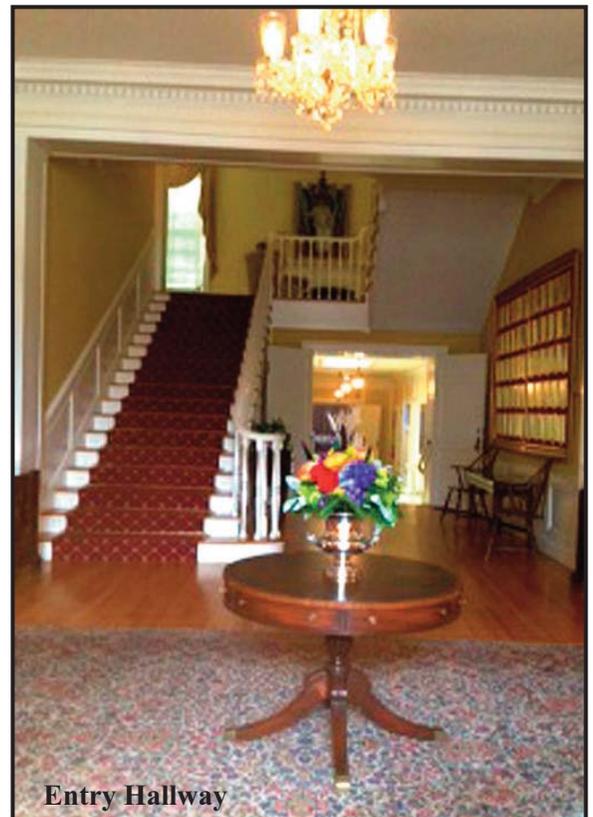


2312 San Gabriel, Austin - TFWC Headquarters

Typically, September brings warm sunny skies to Austin. . . but not on this weekend!

2312 San Gabriel, TFWC Headquarters, had been made ready to greet members and stand proudly for the long awaited "note burning" ceremony that held the grand old house captive. Everything was polished and shiny, with fresh flowers adding to the stately ambiance that something this large and beautiful casts. Excitement filled the air for those who planned this long awaited day.

Members gathered at the hotel to be bussed over to Headquarters only to find that torrential rains had flooded the streets of Austin and the ceremony would have an impromptu new location - the TFWC President's suite at the hotel. With grateful hearts, TFWC members squeezed into the suite and heard the story of how the Headquarters building was saved by some brave members and the note



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came into being. Instead of a “note burning,” members witnessed a “note ripping” ceremony. It was a happy end to a long journey for TFWC. . . and, truly, **a RED LETTER DAY!**



More than ready to tear up that note!!



The sound of tearing paper never sounded so good. . . especially to these ladies!!



Past TFWC President Barbara Winingham listens as Top of Texas' Margaret Reed gives a recount of how the infamous Clubhouse Note came into being. Everyone should thank Margaret and others involved. They did a bold and risky thing for TFWC.



DONE!!!



To commemorate the occasion.



These Past TFWC Presidents, and the current TFWC President, with Margaret Reed record a moment of celebration and thankfulness for this day's coming.

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TFWC President Janelle Holden opens the Fall Board Meeting (left) Carolyn McLeod tries to excite TFWC members about Fundraising. (right)



Audience participation provided by Bobbie Brownlee



Caprock District President Stephanie Stephens gives her report (top)



Pioneer District's Kay Mara provided lovely music (right)



Financial Officer KerryKay Cook looked so serious . . . but had good news (right)



TECHNOLOGY was the buzzword at this Fall Board Meeting. Magnolia District President Helen Lamberth created websites for each TFWC district and conducted a class on how to use the sites for the district presidents during down time between sessions. Patti Poe assists in presentation of sites to general assembly. (top and left)





Tables readied for viewing

Fundraising can be fun and very exciting if you have a little imagination and members who are both generous with donated items and their financial support. Here, purses were donated that were new or gently used. Inside each purse was a wrapped gift item that only the winning bidder would see first. . . and be pleasantly surprised. Fundraising Chairman Carolyn McLeod was very happy with the \$1,000 + made at this auction held at the TFWC Fall Board..

Carol Habgood would not be out-bid and won her favorite purse finding angel earrings inside. (Lower right).



Spirited bidding begins after Carolyn McLeod provides a good look at item.

Inside each auctioned purse was a surprise "extra."



Carolyn McLeod in high gear



L.E.A.D.S. Tessa Buckley bids
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Carol Habgood wins bid



Capitol District President
President of District Presidents
Crystal Hammett

Several Reports Given By District Presidents Gave Cause For **Thought**, *Giggles*, And **HEART-FELT PRIDE**. Here Are Three --



GFWC Texas Fall Board 2013 President of District Presidents Report 2012-2014



Madame President, Executive Committee Members, District Presidents, Club Presidents, Club Members and Guests – Your Capitol District is focused and on track to meet our District goals (RING YOUR BELL)

As 2012-2014 GFWC Texas President of our District Presidents Your Chair wants to share a concept with you about being open and Being All In, and to share with you from an author Brenea’ Brown who is the NY Times #1 Best Selling author of *Daring Greatly*.

Show of hands, have you read her book or heard her TED talks? Great The phrase “Daring Greatly” is from Theodore Roosevelt’s speech “Citizenship in a Republic”. The speech sometimes is referred to as “The Man in The Arena,” was delivered at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, on April 23, 1910. This is the passage that made the speech famous:

“It’s not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again, Because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasm, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; Who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly...”



Brown goes on to tell us: “Daring Greatly” does not know victory or defeat, its understanding the necessity of both, it’s engaging. Remember this “It’s being all in!”

This feeling is not a weakness, and the uncertainty, risk, and emotional exposure we face every day are not optional. Our only choice is a question of engagement. Our willingness to own and engage determines the depth of our courage and the clarity of our purpose; the level to which we protect ourselves from being all

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out is only a measure of our fear and disconnection.

The author states, “When we spend our lives waiting until we’re perfect or bulletproof before we walk into the arena, we ultimately sacrifice relationships and opportunities that may not be recoverable, we squander our precious time, and we turn our backs on our gifts, those unique contributions that only we can make”, which is our passion and purpose for our lives. Perfect and bulletproof are seductive, but they don’t exist in the human experience.

We must walk into the arena, whatever it may be – a new relationship, an important Club, District or State meetings, our creative process, or a difficult family conversation – with courage and - **KEY PHRASE** – “the willingness to engage”. Rather than sitting on the side lines or hurling judgment and advice, we must dare to show up and let ourselves be seen. This is daring greatly! Remember it’s being all in!”

What drives our fear of being exposed to risk? This is our aversion to uncertainty or emotional exposure. We open ourselves to being disappointed, too much emotion, we don’t like how it feels, or it’s like we need to fix whatever’s happening.

How are we protecting our selves from emotional exposure? By not being all in!



What price are we paying when we shut down and disengage? We stop investing, not willing to devote the time or effort to our organization, or not really all in.

How do we own and engage ourselves so we can start transforming the way we lead, meet our organization, and live? This one’s very important - When our leaders and members spark and sustain change and this is perceived as courageous by members, this then inspires other to follow suit. Otherwise it prevents us from taking initiative and Being All In! Studies have shown if we ask each other for support and help in leading - **KEY WORD** - our initiatives this will cause our concepts to surge with innovations.

In Closing from Brown, “ Connection is the energy that is created between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment. You share your story with those who have earned the right to hear your story.”

I encourage you to take more risks for this organization. Live a contagious life and Be All IN! Be A GEM – Sparkle as a Volunteer! THANK YOU! (RING YOUR BELL)

Crystal Hammett, President – 2012-2014 GFWC Texas Capitol District
2012-2014 GFWC Texas President of District Presidents



**Pioneer District President
Beth Lewellen**



FEDERATION: WHY I CHOOSE TO STAY

**CONDENSED VERSION FOR
PIONEER DISTRICT REPORT
SEPTEMBER 22, 2013/AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Every once in awhile I get asked what the reason people have or the reason clubs have for staying in our GFWC/TFWC Federation. I can’t answer that question without telling you why I stay in a Club

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that is connected to the Federation, and why I choose to volunteer my time at the State level, and why I attend meetings at the National and International level.

I am a member of the Stephenville Study Club of the Pioneer District of the Texas Federation Women's Clubs that is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We belong to the Pioneer District of GFWC Texas as it is known today. I was first invited to a Club meeting when I was new to the community of Erath County. I enjoyed the monthly meetings of the Club and still enjoy the monthly meetings of the Club. We have dessert, a speaker, cry over losses and praise successes. We volunteer and have local projects. I am a member of that club because I choose to stay in a group of classy, fun ladies that I like to meet with and talk to and share ideas with ... **I STAY FOR ME.**

My club is a member of the Pioneer District. I began to attend the District meetings to learn about what other Clubs were doing in the District. We share ideas, lunches, yearbooks, stories, pictures of children and grandchildren. We learn new ways to communicate on the computer because we live a little further apart. We travel together and laugh at our navigational skills. We learn new places to visit and new causes to champion. We organize lunch for fifty people without batting an eye. We could keep all our meetings to our one original Club but by attending District meetings we learn just a little bit more, meet new people face to face, stay current with the times and broaden our speaking abilities. **WE STAY FOR EACH OTHER.**



Many of the ladies from our Clubs enjoy going to State meetings. I began to go to the State meetings to learn about other projects other people were doing around the State. At these meetings, we learn Protocol, Parliamentary Procedure and brush up on our Manners to convey to younger generations. We have functions where we dress up in formal wear and attend speakers and State functions and meetings. We learn the history of the organization and see why the structure of the organization is so important at the State level. We visit the beautiful Clubhouse in Austin that has the presence of those that came before us dancing with joy. We stay with the State organization not for ourselves, but for those women that struggled before us to create a positive avenue leading to a place where women could assemble in freedom. **WE STAY FOR THOSE THAT CAME BEFORE US.**

Finally, we attend meetings on a National and International level. We address the atrocities that still befall women in many villages and communities here and around the world. We meet to help fix and change things for the betterment of women and the GFWC organization so it will continue to champion women. We praise the successes people have made by being a part of an organization with a long shared history of Clubwomen everywhere. We teach our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and younger ladies that they can do anything because women have worked hard to preserve that right for them. We teach them that they deserve respect. **WE STAY BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO.**



Beth Lewellen
Pioneer District President 2012-2014





**San Jacinto District President
Marshia Foster**

San Jacinto District President's Report

**TFWC 117th Board of Directors' Meeting
September 20 - 22, 2013**

**Holiday Inn
Austin, Texas**



The Outstanding District call San Jacinto has such a rich HISTORY and diversity in it's membership. From the San Jacinto monument to the District's Club Newsletter the "STAR" it is filled with wonderful, talented and I would go so far as to say "VERY SEXY" women. **(Black bedroom slipper)**

There is not a "Lazy PUP among them. **(Dog house shoe)** Women who work for the betterment of their committees knowing the strong abilities within each lady having a different but solid foundation and a commitment to make sure the job is done well and complete. **(Purple Shoe)**

Fundraisers have been planned and executed by the District Clubs with all the thriftiness of the Scottish wearing the plaid of their clans. **(Plaid Heel)** A total of over \$14,558.00 has been achieved by the membership through various fundraisers.



Our District can offer exceptional opportunities to women in our areas; opening to them the possibilities of new growth, helping and assisting our towns, cities, counties and our nation by joining with like-minded women. Various and different ways **(Tri Color Heel with buckle)** by volunteering service available to them through-out the District, TFWC and GFWC.



Marshia's Props

We in the San Jacinto District welcome eleven (11) new members!!

These District successes come from very dedicated Club Presidents. Each Club is assisted when just a phone call can bring help from Past Presidents, Officers and a continuing guide and direction is always available from our very own and beloved Janice Brundrett serving at this time as TFWC 2nd Vice-President. Janice is always very exciting and colorful **(Orange/Green Sandal)**, and always helping me: Mollie Jamison and Gloria Joswiak.

Lastly, our Ladies are CLASSY, lots of STYLE and of course-----BLING! **(Glittered Heel)**

Respectively Submitted:

Marshia Foster, President
San Jacinto District



*May the meaning of the season be deeper,
Its' friendships stronger,
And its' hopes brighter.*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!
Magnolia District*

*Membership,
Executive Committee, and
Helen Lamberth, President*





Sandi Conway

2012-2014 TFWC President-elect

Dreams of Leadership

Dreams of Leadership . . . let us focus on membership. The dream is up to you, as is the responsibility to relate or share your dream that will be for your club. All we can do as federated women is to plant the seeds and go with it. Be the leader with a compassionate heart. Working together, we can encourage one another to be strengthened in the challenge we face of increasing our membership.

What makes a good leader is to challenge others, and surround yourself with volunteers to translate their dreams to reality.

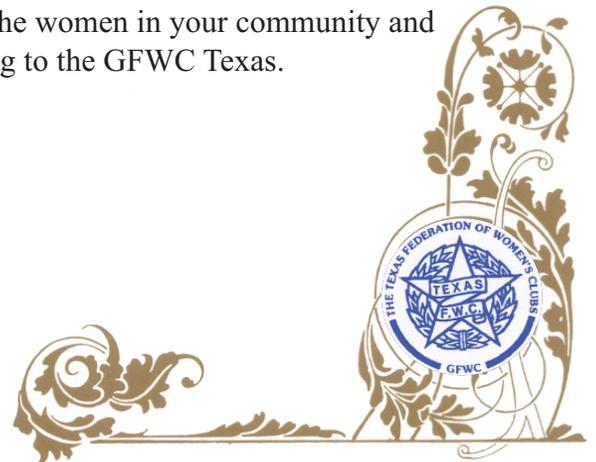
Fellow leader Martin Luther King did not say i have a goal, or i have an aim, but his most powerful message was “. . . I have a dream . . .”

Everyone should have a dream, a vision, a goal. The challenge is really two-fold. First, identify your dream. Second, work to achieve your dream. There is nothing more disturbing than a dream unfulfilled. It's never too late to find your dream. Have you found yours for your club?

How important is it to you to belong? Out club work is to volunteer to help others in need. As leaders, we need to understand our basic purpose, to enrich lives and to live to be the helping hands in our communities.

No matter how big or small we are, we have a foundation laid out for us and a legacy to follow. Our founders were women who are willing to give up almost anything to stand together and fight for what they knew was right. They knew the value of our organization and they felt a sense of responsibility. Are we the same type of women today?

Our new tag line states that we are living the volunteer spirit. Let us join together and live up to the tag line. 52% of the world population is female. Reach out to these women, and let us move forward and focus on our membership. We need the gifts and talents of women. Seek out the women in your community and bring them in. Let them know and experience the joy of belonging to the GFWC Texas.



-- Meet the Candidates --

Patti Poe **Candidate for** **TFWC President-elect**



GFWC/TFWC The Amity Club of Bowie, and the TFWC Pioneer District proudly endorse Patti Poe as candidate for GFWC Texas President-elect. Patti has been a member of TFWC The Amity Club since 1997, serving three terms as the club's secretary and two terms as the club's president.

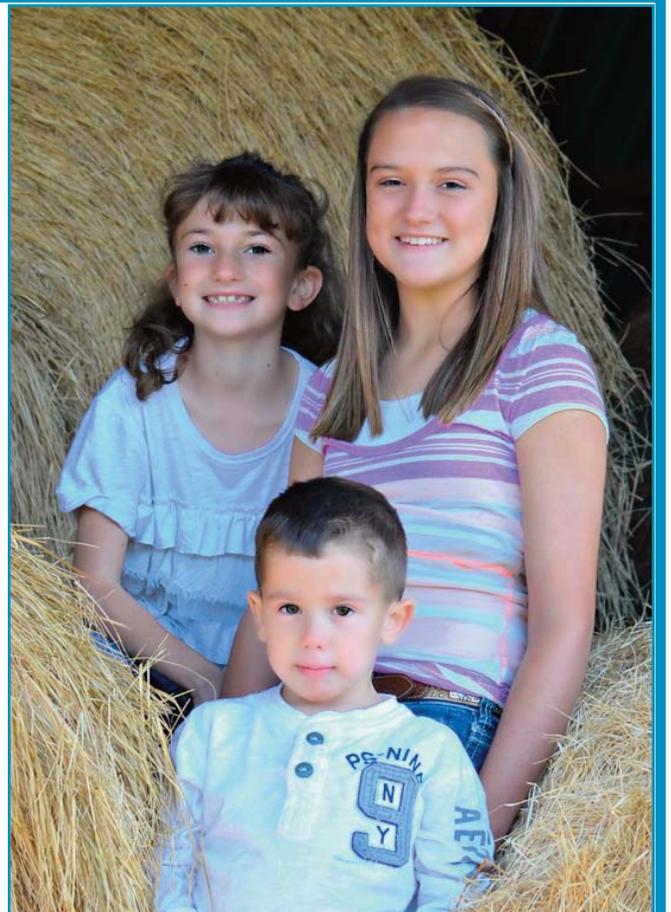
In addition she has served on numerous committees. Patti is also a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford, New Jersey.

Patti was selected as the first TFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) representative in 2002. She served Pioneer District as Second Vice President, First Vice President and then
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*- Blessings of The Season -
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*



*Patti Poe
and Family*



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assumed the duties of District President. Patti served as TFWC Secretary from 2008 - 2010; TFWC Second Vice President 2010 - 2012; TFWC First Vice President from 2012 - 2014, and also serves as the TFWC Webmaster since 2008.

Patti is very active in her church, where she currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the First United Methodist Church of Montague She is a Board Member of Patsy's House Children's Advocacy Center. Patti is also a Board Member for the FCCLA in Montague County which works in cooperation with the local 4-H Program. Patti retired December 2010 as Victim/Witness Coordinator to the 97 District Attorney where she had been employed for 32 years. She serves as Tri-County Bar Association Secretary, and has for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Poe has been married to Sammie Poe for 38 years. She and Sammie have two children: Angela and husband Brad Short have two daughters; Maylie, age thirteen and Kenzie, age eight. Keith and wife Anna have a 5 year old son, Sammie Boss. Sammie and Patti live on the paternal family farm four miles from Montague, Texas. This farm has been in the family for over 75 years. With Angela and Keith's families living close by, the Poe's enjoy the activities of the grandchildren, along with raising Brangus cattle.

Patti is a 1975 graduate of Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. Upon graduating from MSU, Patti was employed by the 97 District Attorney's Office in Montague as Secretary/Victim Witness Coordinator. Patti fills in part-time with the 97th District Judge as his court coordinator. Patti Poe was endorsed as a candidate for the office of GFWC Texas President-elect for the 2014- 2016 term by TFWC Pioneer District at their 2013 Spring Convention.

A Word From The Nominating Committee

The offices of First Vice President and Secretary are open. Anyone wishing to be nominated from the floor for these, or any other office, **MUST** bring the appropriate documents and give them to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee after her nomination as candidate. These documents are the letter of "...endorsement from the candidate's club which shall be a per capita club in good standing. ..." and a letter of "... endorsement by candidate's district in convention. ..." The "... endorsement by candidate's district in convention. ..." must come from the 2014 District Spring Convention.

-- Carolyn Waller,
Chairman
TFWC Nominating
Committee
2013-2014



-- Meet the Candidates --

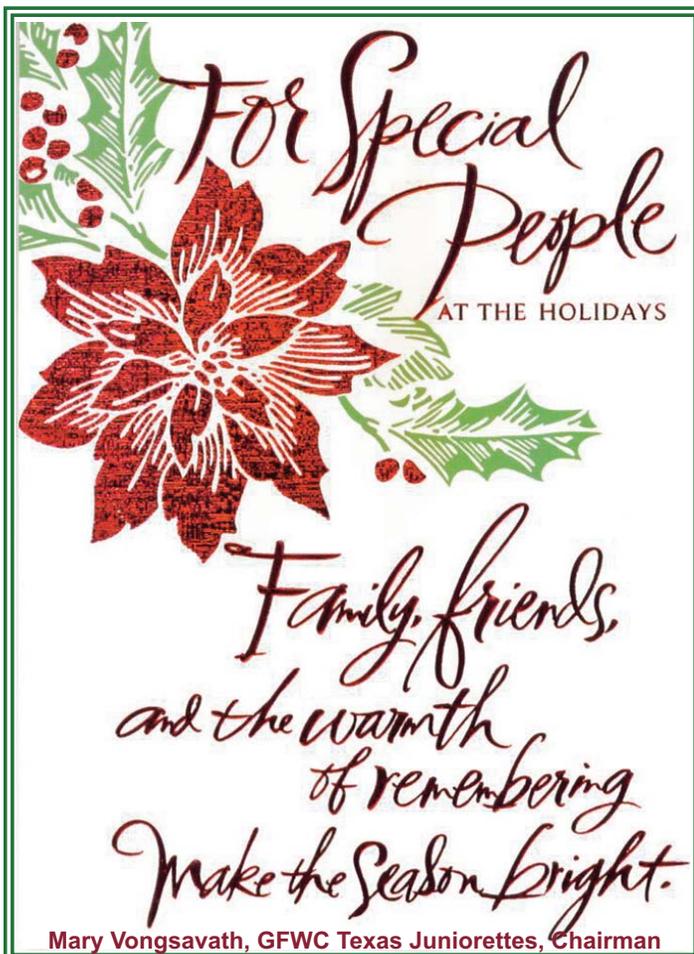
Cindy Simmons Candidate for **TFWC Second Vice President**



GFWC/TFWC Ingleside Woman's Club and South Texas District are proud to endorse Cindy Simmons for the office of TFWC Second Vice President for the 2014-2016 administration.

Cindy has served on all levels: club, district, state and regional. She joined Ingleside Woman's Club in 1994 and moved up the ranks to serve as president during the 2002-2004 administration. She also is active in the President's Council, the Woman's Monday Club and the TFWC Past District President's Club. She served South Texas District as First Vice President, President-elect and President 2008-2010. She currently serves South District as L.E.A.D.S. Chairman and as well as the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Chairman.

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Peace On Earth

The beauty of the winter season reminds us of how blessed we are in so many ways, including the friendship of members like you.

Happy Holidays!

CAPITOL DISTRICT

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As a L.E.A.D.S. graduate, she was instrumental in proposing a L.E.A.D.S. pin and worked with artist Jer Giles and federation member Patricia Siegfried-Giles on the design and acceptance of that pin by GFWC. The L.E.A.D.S. pin is still used today.

Cindy began her service on the state level as the Empowering Woman Chair in the Siegfried-Giles administration and represented TFWC at the GFWC Presentation Banquet that followed. She was the official photographer when TFWC hosted the South Central Region in 2007 and during the Williams administration of 2008-2010. During Dorothy Roberts' administration, 2010-2012, Simmons served as TFWC Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman and also as one of Roberts' aides.

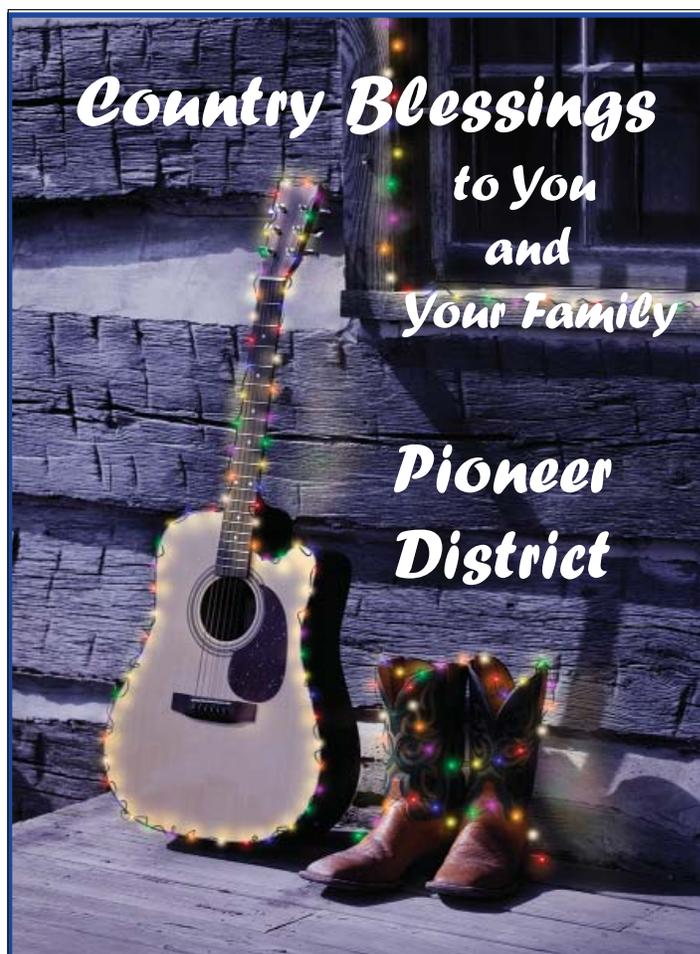
Attendance to South Central Region meetings began in 2007 and service followed shortly with the administration of Region President Mary Ann Arnold, 2010-2012, and a term on the Fundraising Committee. She currently serves as the SCR Protocol Chairman, 2012-2014, and the TFWC Recording Secretary, 2012-2014. Simmons has attended eight GFWC Conventions beginning with Orlando in 2004.

Cindy is proud of her long involvement in "Operation Phone Card," a project she began in 2007 when her son was deployed to Iraq. Even though her son is now home, she continues to encourage others to participate in this project so that service men and women away from home will always be able to 'phone home.'

Cindy has been active in Lions International since 1994, joining the Ingleside Lions club, the North Bay Lions Club and became the first woman member of the Portland Lions to join in service with her husband Charles. She has held the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer and President 2004-2005. She was named Lion of the Year (2003-2004) and was bestowed the honor of being a Jack Welch Recipient (2006).

Cindy is active in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and has co-sponsored major fundraising events that allowed youth groups opportunities to travel and see the Pope both in this country and in Italy. She is an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America and has held several leadership positions in that organization.

Cindy and Charles have been married for 33 years and have two sons and four grandchildren. She graduated from Sam Houston University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology. She worked 2 years with the F.B.I. after graduation and has worked the last 15 years for KBR Services, Inc.



Federation Around The Lone Star State

Caprock District

Progressive Study Club of Tulia Celebrates 65th Anniversary

TULIA -- Caprock District's Progressive Study Club celebrated its 65th anniversary on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church of Tulia. Ka Wilfong gave the welcome and invocation, and club president Jeanne Johnson introduced special guests.

Juliana Howard delivered an inspirational message and President Johnson introduced guest speaker Virginia Taylor. The Progressive Study Club Federation Day theme focused on "Keeping the Past Alive" and Taylor's fashion presentation called "Hats, Now and Then" reflected that theme.

After the program, clubwomen recited "The Collect" and enjoyed refreshments and visitation.

O'Donnell 1946 Study Club Hosts Annual Community Christmas Program

O'DONNELL -- The O'Donnell 1946 Study Club hosted its annual Community Christmas Program in Saleh Park at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, December 1, 2013. The Club President Stephanie Stephens gave the official welcome, and Casey Flynt opened the meeting in prayer.

Connie Bagley had the honor of presenting Kris the Bear to Blandon Bishop (Karen and Ronnie Gardenhire's grandson) who won the bear in the annual drawing.

Kay Mires and Jaci Flynt led a children's Christmas choir presentation. A special Christmas message was given by Rev. Weston Pendergrass, pastor of

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O'Donnell and Draw United Methodist Churches.

Donna Forbes led everyone in the singing of Christmas carols. At the conclusion of the singing of carols, everyone soon recognized the surprise Christmas guest from the North Pole. It was none other than Santa Claus arriving in a horse drawn carriage. All the children visited with Santa, and then everyone ended the evening on a joyous note by way of a train-ride on The Blue Weed Special, courtesy of Leighton and Jo Ann Knox. Study Club hostesses for the evening were Mazell Little, Elaine Pearson, and Brenda Dickey.

Thank you to all who made the Community Christmas Gathering a success again as we celebrated the birth of Jesus and the lighting of our parks Christmas Lights. A Special Thanks is extended to Sandy and Cecil Kizer for escorting Santa in their beautiful horse-drawn carriage and to Leighton and Joan Knox for sharing their magnificent Christmas Train with all the kids (and adults!). The memories will last a lifetime. Thank You for sharing with us all!

O'Donnell 1946 Study Club Hosts Party for Lynnwood Assisted Living Facility Residents in Tahoka December 11

O'DONNELL -- The 1946 Study Club of O'Donnell hosted a Christmas party for residents of the Lynnwood Assisted Living Facility in Tahoka at 3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, December 11, 2013.

Study Club ladies present at the party included Patsy Sanders, Betty Barton, Mazell Little, Carole Edwards, and Stephanie Stephens. In addition to Study Club ladies, there were 19 Lynnwood residents present. Other guests included Lynnwood Activity Director Byron Norwood of Tahoka, FBC O'Donnell Youth and Music Director Casey Flynt, Rex Little, and FBC O'Donnell's new pastor Taylor Wood.

Study Club hostesses for the event were Patsy Sanders and Jimmy Gay Ash. They provided everyone with refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch.

Special Guest of Honor was Lynnwood Resident Oleta Smith. Oleta celebrated her 100th birthday on July 13th, 2013. She was a longtime O'Donnell resident who was a charter member of the O'Donnell 1946 Study Club. Oleta was a member of the club for many years, not to mention the fact that she was a former Future Homemakers of America school teacher for O'Donnell ISD and a former leader of Young Homemakers of America. Oleta is a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell. She was married to Warren Smith, and they had two sons, David and Denzel.

Club President Stephanie Stephens gave the official party welcome, and Casey Flynt played the piano and led everyone in the singing of Christmas carols.

The program for the afternoon was called "Christmas Memories." All the Lynnwood residents were asked to

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share their name, where they were from, and at least one Christmas memory. The focus was to have a happy, joyful afternoon – sharing, visiting, listening, and learning from the residents’ sharing of memories.

After the program, Mazell Little gave a summary of the benevolence committee’s Christmas activity. This committee consisting of Kay Mires, Patty Vestal and Mazell Little provided Christmas gifts for a special family.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the study club ladies passed out Christmas presents for all the Lynnwood Residents.

Magnolia District

District President Lamberth Honored by Rotary Club as Paul Harris Fellow

LIBERTY -- Recognized for her extensive community activities and her “Service above Self,” Helen Lamberth was awarded with a Paul Harris Fellow on October 28, 2013 at the regular meeting of the Liberty Rotary Club by Al and Nancy Brandli. (Pictured below) Barbara Lange, President of the Liberty Rotary Club, Al and Nancy Brandli, and honoree Helen Lamberth.

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Kountze Woman’s Club Member’s Photo Showcased

KOUNCE -- Gayle Stephens, member of the Woman’s Club of Kounce, had the honor of having her photo entry (pictured above) chosen as ‘Photo Friday’ winner under the contest theme of “Fall Frenzy.” by GFWC during the week of October 6, 2013. The photo was highlighted on the GFWC Facebook Home Page and displayed at the Magnolia District Fall Board as part of the Federation Museum exhibit.



Photo courtesy of *The Vindicator*



Linda L. Mesler, Editor, *The TEXAS Clubwoman*

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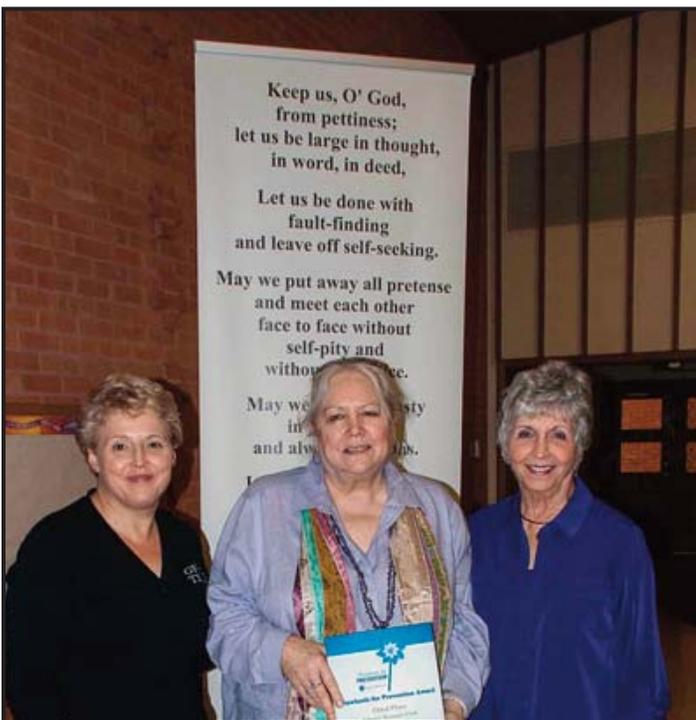
She is a tireless fundraiser and supporter for the Liberty Fire Department, the Friends of the Liberty Library, very active with Texas Federated Women’s Clubs and serves as the TFWC Magnolia District President for the 2012-2014 administration. Her other projects are too numerous to name.

Liberty County Combined Club Meeting - Holiday Food Drive

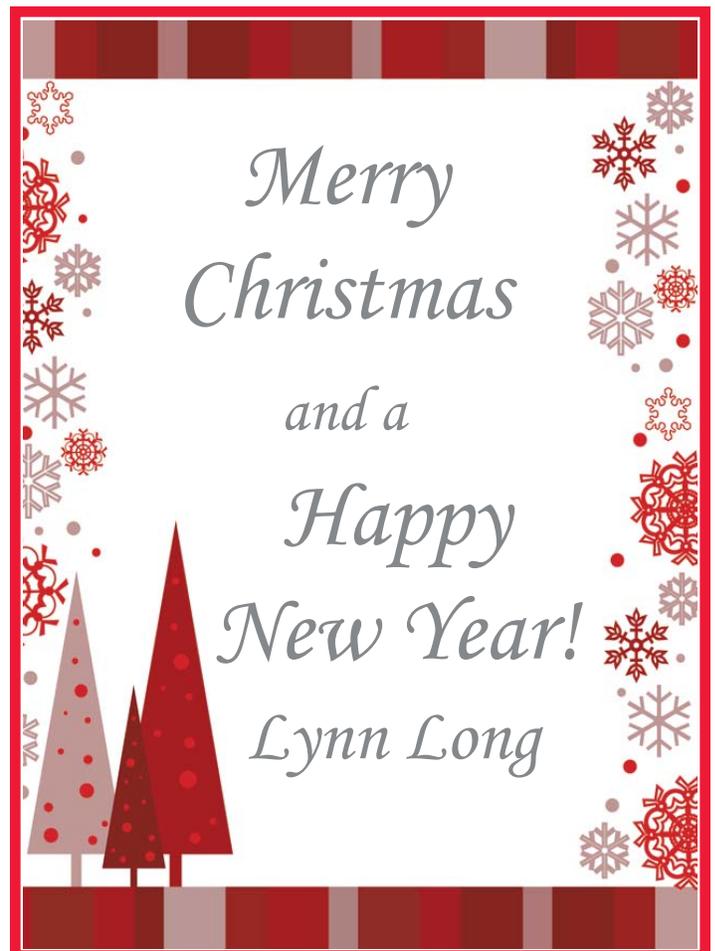
LIBERTY -- The clubs of Liberty, Texas once again invited all 7 of the Liberty County and members from other Magnolia District Clubs attended as well its 3rd annual Combined Clubs Meeting. Each year these clubs come together in October to celebrate friendship, fellowship and federation. All members are encouraged to relax and enjoy entertainment, provided by the Liberty Coterie Club, Liberty Trivium Club and the Liberty Woman’s Club and a meal, often a covered dish meal. This year the meal was cooked and provided by the Coterie Club President Billie Williams. Members and guests were entertained by a Houston Comedian, educated about Hobo history and lore.

The clubs donated more than 300 pounds of food for local food assistance programs in each city. This is especially important during the holidays when families in need sacrifice nutrition to provide happy holiday memories for their children.

Billie Williams also did a skit defining the Club Collect for Women for those in attendance. The purpose of the skit was to illuminate the full meaning of The Collect and why and how it applies to each of us and how we should apply it to our lives. The Collect is a gift that we should be cherishing and extolling.



The 8 ft. banner behind these women is a copy of “The Club Collect.” It was purchased to be displayed at all meetings so that members could pause, reflect and reinforce the purpose of “The Collect” and rededicate oneself to the deliberate goals all clubwomen should aspire to.



Feature your club or district by sending in your activities and pictures!

Magnolia District Fall Board Meeting Brings New Ideas

DAYTON -- Magnolia District has begun a new history project, **IT'S OWN**. At the 2013 Fall Board Meeting, held in Dayton, Texas on October 24th, members were encouraged to bring any article or artifact dealing with club or district history. Just a few of the items that were included were bound hand written minutes and reports, paintings and renderings by members and others for special projects, yearbooks dating back to the 1960's, gold headquarters holiday ornaments, club calendars current and past, cook books from clubs. This idea was adopted from a seed planted by members of the Silsbee Woman's Club who had presented a Federated Bus Tour program earlier in the year that the District President happened to sneak into, unannounced. "Mighty oaks from acorns grow. . . "



FEDERATION MUSEUM (Top, left and right)

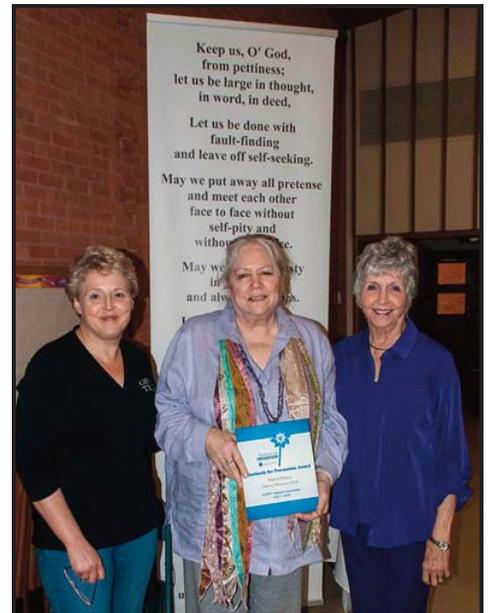


(Above) Magnolia District President Helen Lamberth, in black shirt, addresses her District Fall Board Meeting attendees. (Right) New District Patch adopted. (Lower right) Recognition for Pinwheel Program participation went to the Woman's Club of Liberty.

Members of Magnolia District at Fall Board

Pin So Successful, Patch Next

Magnolia District has voted to purchase a new district patch that will match the recently redesigned district pin. The pins were purchased as a membership tool and were so successful that they have actually become a fundraiser in spite of the original intent. The patches continue the theme of giving back to the district members and will be available shortly. They may be added to a number of items including clothing, tote bags, yearbooks and binders. The limit of uses for the patch is the imagination.



Woman's Club of Cleveland --

Club Joins to Help Welcome the Vietnam Traveling Wall

CLEVELAND -- A 288-foot granite replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. was on display in Cleveland, Texas during October.

The Moving Wall is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for almost thirty years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built "The Moving Wall." It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled the half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, "The Wall That Heals" has visited more than 350 cities and towns throughout the nation, spreading the memorial's healing legacy to millions. Bringing The Moving Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit, known as "The Wall That Heals," allows the many thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.



(Left) "The Moving Wall" as it appeared in Cleveland, Texas during October.

(Above) Members of the Woman's Club of Cleveland



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Jasper Woman's Civic Club Honor Veterans

JASPER -- The members of the Jasper Woman's Civic Club, along with many community leaders, came together on Thursday, November 14th for a luncheon and program to honor local military veterans. The event was held in the organization's headquarters in downtown Jasper.

Local attorney Jennifer Job Seale began the program by singing the National Anthem, followed by each song of each branch of the armed forces. Special speaker for the program was Texas State Representative, and local veteran James White. Representative White made a special presentation of an Honor & Remember flag to Debbie Walker in the name of her brother, U.S. Army Private First Class Hollis A. Walker, who died in Vietnam. Among the veterans in attendance were World War II fighter pilots Kenneth Elander and D.J. Robbins, both of Jasper. More information about the Honor and Remember Flag Texas Chapter <http://tx.honorandremember.com/> located in the City of Jasper.

Jasper County Historical Museum Facebook entry: On Thursday November 14th Jasper County Historical Museum had the honor of recognizing and providing lunch to veterans attending the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Civic Club of Jasper. There were 44 veterans; with guests, museum board members and civic club members 112-120 in attendance. The Museum extends much appreciation to the Civic Club for hosting this very special event. Sincere gratitude to those who served as part of the program. The heroes of the day and always, OUR VETERANS

A new book is to be published of veterans stories in their own words. A photo of Woman's Civic Club member, and war bride, Winnie Maclin and her husband Ervin is planned to be one of the many book entries.



Veterans Kenneth Elander and D.J. Robbins



Veteran's memorabilia and pictures.



(Lower left) Shari Gunter, President of Woman's Civic Club, Jasper, and Magnolia District President Helen Lamberth pictured at the Community Luncheon on November 14th.



(Lower right) Photo of couple to appear in book to be published.

Shari Gunter Receives GFWC National Award for Photo

WASHINGTON -- "Heaven's Wisteria" by Shari Gunter was chosen as the May entry for the 2014 GFWC Year in Pictures Calendar that will soon be available on the

GFWC Marketplace <http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Marketplace.asp?SnID=1579490357>.

The photo was one of many entered for this annual contest.

The award National Award was presented to Shari at the 2013 Magnolia District Fall Board Meeting held in Dayton, Texas on October 24.

Shari had the photo enlarged and framed and added it to the new Federation Museum that Magnolia District started at the board meeting. Having not a little bit of interest in the photo, she generously offered the item up to be auctioned off at the meeting. Earning another \$75.00 to the fundraising efforts of the meeting.

Congratulations Shari from all the members of Magnolia District.



"Heaven's Wisteria" by Shari Gunter.



Woman's Club of Cleveland Meets State Senator

CLEVELAND -- Texas State Senator Robert Nichols was the guest speaker at the Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on November 3rd where he discussed future legislative issues and the future growth of Liberty County. The club used Senator Nichols as their program.

Pictured left, left to right: Mari Rich, Charlene Capers, Senator Nichols, Jean McAdams, Claire Barker, Joan Pate, Allene Hines and Jane Nelson

Pioneer District

Iowa Park --

Twenty-Three Study Club Celebrates 90th Anniversary

IOWA PARK -- For months the excitement had built and preparations had been made to celebrate a moment in time that was golden. On October 17, 2013, The Twenty-Three Study Club observed its' 90th anniversary and celebrated its' members and their years of service to thier club and community.

Current and past officers were recognized and special guest, TFWC First Vice President Patti Poe was in attendance for such a special occasion. See pictures that follow.



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Pictured left to right: TFWC First Vice President Patti Poe, Colleen Roberts, Twenty-Three Study Club President Jean Johnson and Pat Aulds



Happy Members, left to right: Louise Clapp, Lita Watson, Peggy Robertson, Frances Park, Joann Yarbrough and Wanda Singer



High Spirits, left to right: Joan Horsky, Stormy Mikkelson, Patsy Todd, Connie Robinson and Margaret Soell



All Smiles, front, Dusty Andree; back, left to right: Lucy Reynolds, Bonnie Medlinger, Suzanne Berend, Billie Dowell and Nancy Davis



Ready to Celebrate, left to right: Shirley Lowrey, JoAnn Hale, Tammie Patterson, Beverly McClure and Sue Scott



Recognized, front, Margaret Soell; back, left to right: Lita Watson, Patsy Todd and Wanda Singer



Installation of Officers Attended by TFWC First Vice President

FORT WORTH -- The Federation of Women's Clubs of Fort Worth held its' installation of officers for the new club year at the September meeting. TFWC First Vice President patti poe was in attendance and conducted the installation ceremony. Club members and new officers are pictured to the left.

South Texas District



Pictured top, left to right: Debi Krueger, Sandy Chisholm, Sylvia Woelfel, Connie Cashen, Linda Gerd, Lynn Nollkamper and Sue Miller, President

The Woman's Club of Kingsville Displays Pinwheels at Courthouse Memorial to Support Prevention of Child Abuse

KINGSVILLE -- The Woman's Club of Kingsville supported "Prevent child Abuse America Week," during the week of October 20 - 26 by placing 360 Pinwheels For Prevention in their community. club officers placed pinwheels at the courthouse memorial for Clayton Durham, a local young victim of child abuse.

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ATTENTION ALL FEDERATED WOMEN!!!

One of Our “Own” Is In Harms Way And Needs Support

KINGSVILLE -- Sue Miller, President of The Woman’s Club of Kingsville is asking all Federation members, including Junioresettes, to send 2 Lt. Kirby E.R. Crites a card for Christmas. Sue writes. . . “Kirby Crites is a former member of the Bluebonnet Drama Club, the Junioresette Department of the Woman’s Club of Kingsville. The Woman’s Club is proud of Kirby. She has been stationed at Kandahar, Afghanistan since early August as the Personnel Support/Management Officer.

We think Kirby is probably the FIRST member of a Texas Junioresette club to be commissioned as an Army officer and to be deployed to a war zone as an active-duty soldier. We invite all women’s clubs and all Junioresette clubs to send her a card. Address for Kirby is:

**2 Lt. Kirby E.R. Crites
Kandahar Airfield
HSC 601st ASB
APO, AE 09355**



THANKS!

Woman’s Club of Kingsville

Western District

Alpine Junioresettes Celebrate 10th Anniversary And Participate In 5th Annual GO TEXAS Fall Festival

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, 2013, the GFWC Junioresettes of Alpine are pleased and excited to sponsor the 5th annual GO TEXAS Fall Festival, which benefits community projects such as Keep Alpine Beautiful. The Alpine Junioresettes are Alpine High School students making a difference!

The GO TEXAS Festival aims to showcase the diverse cultures, services, and products that Texas has to offer. The GO TEXAS Festival was held November 22nd and 23rd, 2013, at the Civic Center with the support of the City of Alpine. On Friday, November 22nd, the hours will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, November 23rd, the hours will be from 9:00a.m to 6:00 p.m.

Browse; indulge in great shopping at exhibitors’ booths from around Texas featuring unique products, produce and services.

Outstanding performances by both local and visiting groups will be offered on both days. Performances will consist of dancers, singers, and musicians.

This year we will also have the Dog Costume Contest. The theme this year is “Holiday.” Bring your costumed pet to the stage after the parade on Saturday for judging.

Food will also be available this year. Selections will range from hip and trendy to simple and satisfying. The food will be sumptuous, and there should be something to please everyone’s palate.

The Alpine Junioresettes invites everyone to come and enjoy this wonderful event in beautiful Alpine. The officers are President Rebecca Garcia, Vice President Courteney Malik, Secretary Hannah Olvera, Treasurer Megan Gilmore, Corresponding Secretary Kaela Michaelis, Senior Ambassador Jonathan Celaya and
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Junior Ambassador Victor Vega. Monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Alpine High School Library. Alpine High School students are welcome!

Reservations are required to attend the Juniorettes' meetings and all its activities! For further information, please email: GFWCALpineJuniorettes@yahoo.com; or call 432.837.9188.

www.GFWCALpineJuniorettes.byethost7.com



Pictured left are the officers and committee members of the GO TEXAS Festival 2013: Front, left to right: Kaela Michaelis, Megan Gilmore, Rebecca Garcia, Erika Novosad, Mimi Vargas; back, left to right: Victor Vega, Hannah Olvera, Jonathan Celaya, Tim Ou and Courteney Malik. Not pictured: Catherine Ritzi and Maggie Hillery.

GO TEXAS Festival Featured The Weber Furlong Collection And Was Hosted by Alpine Juniorettes

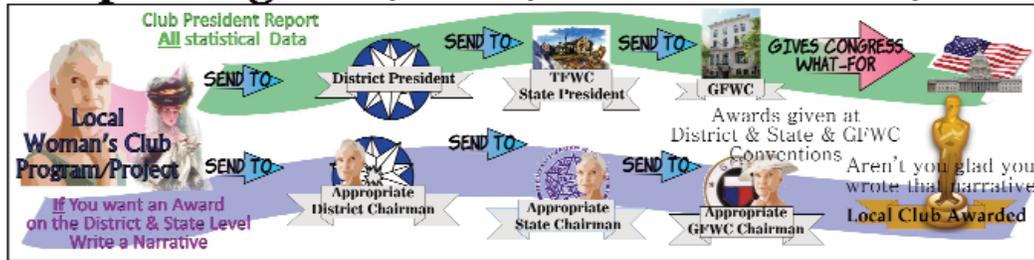
The Weber Furlong Collection of Modern Art, the keynote feature of the GO TEXAS Festival hosted by the GFWC Juniorettes of Alpine was displayed at a presentation of the treasured art of Weber Furlong. Weber Furlong was the preeminent woman artist of the early American Modern art movement.

Attending the lecture by Author Clint Weber in spite of the cold icy weather were art patrons from Alpine and Marfa held at the Civic Center November 22nd -23rd, 2013.

Pictured are Alpine Juniorettes and Advisor Mary Vongsavath wearing their GO TEXAS hand painted signature hats with Special Guests Mayor Rangra and new City Manager Erik Zimmer and Mona Garcia, the Founder of the International Women's Foundation of Marfa. Left to right: Clint Weber, Mary Vongsavath, Mayor A Rangra, Mona Garcia, Maggie Hillery, Jonathan Celaya & Erik Zimmer.



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The nominees were judged by an independent panel appointed by the TFWC President. The clubwoman chosen by this panel as the Jennie Award nominee for the TFWC is Melba Gafford, Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District.

Melba has been a member of her club for sixty years and has served tirelessly in almost every office and club project. In 2012-2013 alone, her club activities have included Parliamentary Advisor, Flair Department chairman; Chairman of the January Club meeting which included planning lunch for forty-five members; Chaired the TFWC South Texas District Spring Convention in Kingsville; and Co-chaired Flair's Annual Silent Auction and Lunch.

In her years of club work, she has been a leader in many club projects including Operation Smile, Drop Everything and Read, GFWC Youth Writing Contests, Blue Reflector project, Toys for Tots, books for Babies, just to name a few. This amazing lady shows no signs of slowing down in serving her club and in her devotion to TFWC.

All of the nominees are deserving of the Jennie Award, but only one can represent TFWC at South Central Conference. Melba Gafford was chosen as the TFWC nominee for the Jennie Award and will represent TFWC at the South Central Region Conference in Tempe, Arizona.

Jackie Hendricks
JoAnne McClurg
TFWC Jennie Award Co-Chairmen



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