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Thank you!!!

CALENDAR

OF TFWC, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

MARCH

TFWC Alamo District March 21 - 22 **Capitol District** March12 **Caprock District** March 15 Key District March 8 Magnolia District March 20 Mesquite District March 15 **Pioneer District** March 29 San Jacinto District March TBA South Texas District March TBA Western District March TBA

APRIL

<u>*TFWC</u></u> <u><i>Trinity District*</u> April 5 <u>*Top of Texas District*</u> April 12 April 24 Week of April 24 April 30 - May 3</u>

MAY

<u>TFWC</u> <u>The TEXAS Clubwoman</u> May 20 2014 Spring Convention, TBA

2014 Spring Convention, Killeen

2014 Spring Convention, Lubbock

2014 Spring Convention, Atlanta

2014 Spring Convention, Liberty

2014 Spring Convention, Albany

2014 Spring Convention, Granbury

2014 Spring Convention, Brenham

2014 Spring Convention, TBA

2014 Spring Convention, McCamey

2014 Spring Convention, Kaufman

2014 Spring Convention, TBA FEDERATION DAY Volunteers in Action Week TFWC Annual Convention - 2014, Abilene

Deadline for Summer Issue

Please contact Club/District Presidents in Directory for more information.

To Submit Pictures and Articles to The TEXAS Clubwoman

When taking pictures for submission, try to do group pictures versus two or three people at 200 - 300 DPI. Articles need to cover the basic "Who, What, When, Where & Why" with added descriptions when needed. Questions, contact Linda Mesler @ 940-825-3201. *I will work with you! PLEASE, Send me your stories!!!*



Official Call and Tentative Agenda: TFWC President Janelle Holden and TFWC Recording Secretary Cindy Simmons cordially invite you to

Spring Finale

TFWC 117th Annual Spring Convention

May 1st - May 3rd, 2014 - Elegante Suites - Abilene, Texas- Mesquite District

Wednesday, April 30th, 2014 - Pre Convention Meeting

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting - President's Suite - Order Dinner

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Registration Hotel Lobby

Thursday, May Pt, 2014

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Room
8:45 a.m.	Meet for Tour	Hotel Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Tour Departs	Hotel Lobby
12:00 noon	Lunch	Hotel Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	TFWC Scholarship Committee	Meeting Room #1
2:00 p.m.	TFWC HF Trustees	Meeting Room #2
2:00 p.m	Long Range Planning	Meeting Room #3
3:00 p.m.	. Nominating Committee	TBA, if needed
4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee	President's Suite

"Open Heart's in Celebration"

7:00 p.m. Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Formal Opening of The 117th Annual Spring Convention

Lower Head Table, District Presidents Dress: After Five

Opening (Call to Order)	.TFWC President Janelle J. Holden
Invocation	.Mary Beth Guy
National Anthem	.Barbara Winingham / Robin Hogue
Pledge to U.S. Flag	.Carol Habgood
Texas Song	.Barbara Winingham
Pledge to Texas Flag	Janice Brundrette, Second Vice President
Greeting From Abilene, Texas	.Honorable Mayor Norm Archabald
Welcome to Abilene, Texas	.Pam Sikes
Response	.Ann Latiolais



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Introductions of those seated at Head Table	Sandi Conway, President-elect
Introduction of Special Guests	Patti Poe, First Vice President

GFWC Officers, SCR Officers, Past State Presidents, TFWC Life Members, Past TFWC Jennie Award Recipients, First Time Attendees

ENJOY DINNER

Special Introduction	.Janelle J. Holden
Greetings	.Rebecca Weber, Director of
	Junior Clubs - GFWC
Special Program Presentation	.Sandi Conway, Convention
	Chairman
Abilene Gold Handbell Choir, Cathy Taylor, Director	
Outstanding Awards Presented	.Patti Poe, TFWC First Vice
	President
Outstanding Club Program	

Outstanding Federation Day Program Outstanding Americanism Program TFWC L.E.A.D.S. Representative Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer TFWC Life Membership Announcements

Recess until Friday Morning 9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 2nd, 2014

"Celebrating Teamwork with Happy Hearts"

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.Registration	Hotel Lobby
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.Breakfast	
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.Past Dist Presidents Meeting	Hotel Dining Room
9:30 a.m.Reconvene Convention	Convention Meeting Room

Lower Head Table Scholarship Comm.	Dress Business Casual
Dyess Air Force Base Color Guard	

Thought for the Day	Mary Beth Guy
Introductions: Head Table Seating	
Committee to Approve Minutes	Janelle J. Holden
Presentation of Program	Linda Mesler
Rules and Procedures	Margaret Kriegel
Registration Report	Barbara Menking
Time Keepers : Pat Stevens & Patsy Troell	Janelle J. Holden
Door Keeper / Page	Ann Latiolais / Nancy Nelsen
Reports of Officers	President Janelle Holden
President-elect	Sandi Conway
First Vice President	Patti Poe
Second Vice President	Janice Brundrett
Parliamentarian	Margaret Kriegel
Secretary	Cindy Simmons
TFWC HF Chairman	Patsy Troell
TFWC HF Financial Report	Peggy Sofyanos

TFWC Scholarship	Chairman Gloria Joswiak
15 Minute Break	
TFWC Financial Report	.KerryKay Cook
Presentation of TFWC Budget	.KerryKay Cook
Recommendations of Executive Committee	.Cindy Simmons
Report of Nominating Committee	.Carolyn Waller, Chairman
Meet the Candidates	Janelle J. Holden President
Introduction of Candidates, 3 minutes each.	
15 Minute Break	
12:15 p.m	
Lower Head Table Seating: Trustee's Committee Conver	ation Room
Table Grace	
	Chairman
Luncheon Guest Speaker	
Development Director of Noah Project, Paul Kenley	5 5
GFWC Corner Stone Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention	Nelda Lee
Requested Skit	
Break 15 minutes	
TFWC President's Special Project "The Healthy Heart / The Stress Free Volunteer	"Mary Lou Gilbreath
Resolutions	•

"Happy Hearts – Celebrate – Reporting"

Power Point Presentation	Reports Chairman Patti Poe,
	First Vice President
Photo Opt's / Individual and Group	
Recess15 minutes	
In Memoriam	Barbara Winingham
Recess until Dinner	
4:00 p.m. POLLS OPEN	
	Committee Chairman

5:00 p.m. POLLS CLOSE

"Texas State Night" "The Hearts in Texas are Big and Bright" "Celebrating a Job Well Done by All Members of BOD"

Lower Head Table: District Presidents	Dress Formal
6:15 p.m.Processional Assembles	
Dining Room Opens	
6:30 p.m.Processional	Jeri Harkins, Protocol Chairman
Call to Order / Welcome	Janelle J. Holden
Table Grace	
7:00 p.m. Enjoy Dinner	
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Janelle J. Holden
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Reb	becca (Becky) Weber
Reception	Presidents Suite
Honoring GFWC Director Of Junior	Clubs Becky Weber

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

"Celebration 2012-2014"

Reconvene 9:30 a.m.	
Lower Head Table: Trustee's Committee	Dress Business Casual
Thought for the Day	
Awards Follow Up	Patti Poe
District Pres. Reports Begin (3 minutes each)	
Introductions, State President	
Alamo District	
Capitol District	-
Cap Rock District	1 I
Key District	
Magnolia District	
Mesquite District	
Pioneer District	
San Jacinto District	
South Texas District	
Top of Texas District	÷
Trinity District	
Western District	Shirley Bagley
Break - 20 miuntes	
Clear Tables for Lunch	
12:00 NoonLunch Starts	
Lower Head Table – Trustee's	
12:30 p.m. Come to Order	
Table Grace	Mary Lou Gilbreath
Luncheon Program	-
Recognition of Board of Directors	
Program / Entertainment	
Final Registration Report	Barbara Menking
Fundraising Report	•
Farewell Address	
Announcements / Recess	
3 p.m	
7:30 p.m	
Adjournment117 th Annual Convention	Janelle Holden / Sandi Conway
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Sunday May 4th 2014



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TFWC 117 TH SPRING CONVENTION Official Registration Form - Abilene, Texas May 1 - 3, 2014 - Open to ALL TFWC Members					
TFWC Board of Directors Registration *POSTMARKED EARLY DEADLINE: <u>April 11, 2014</u> *Early Online Registration Deadline if using PayPal is <u>April 11, 2014</u> Early: \$15.00 Late: \$20.00					
Please fill out a form for each person attending.					
Check One) Board Member Cl	lub Member (nonvoting) Guest				
Name	TOUR - To be counted, please indicate Yes or No				
Address	Registration : Early \$15 or Late \$20 \$15 or \$20				
	Thurs. Breakfast – No Charge Yes or No				
Title / Board	Thurs. Tour 8:45 a.m. \$10				
Position	Thurs. Lunch (Lasagna) \$17				
District	Thurs. Dinner (Lemon Pepper Tilapia) \$20				
	Friday Breakfast – No Charge Yes or No				
Phone	Friday Lunch (Croissant Club) \$17				
Email:					
	Sat. Lunch (Chicken Cordon Blue)\$24				
FIRST TIME ATTENDEE (Please Check If Yes)	(\$123.00 Attending All Early Reg.) Total				
If you have dietary restrictions please notify Protocol Chairman Jeri Harkins by April 1, 2014 Jeri can be reached at (254)-580-2652 or Email <u>Leeharkins@sbcglobal.net</u>					
Sunday Morning, May 4, 2014. Orientation for 2014-2016.					
Mail the Registration Form with your check to TFWC Headquarters 2312 San Gabriel Austin, Texas 78705-5014	*By registering and attending the TFWC Board Meeting you consent to being photographed or video taped for use by TFWC and / or its agents for publicity purposes in <i>The Texas Clubwoman</i> , <i>The GFWC Clubwoman</i> , and other publications deemed appropriate by TFWC.				
Hotel Accomodations					
MGM Elegante Suites	Cut Off Date: April 16 th				
4250 Ridgemont Drive	Tell them you are a				
	Texas Federation of				
ADITERIE, TEXAS Women's Clubs Member					
(325) 698-1234 Rate: \$102.00 per diem, 1-4 persons	for the rate.				

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Bountiful Basket Fun'Raiser Info

The Bountiful Basket Fun' Raiser is going great. Currently, the following themed baskets have been promised. With the districts and the executive committee members bringing baskets, there should be at least 20 Bountiful Baskets in the silent auction at the state convention in Amarillo. Those not yet on the list at this point will likely make their decisions at their district conventions.

Themed Baskets

1. Pink Basket (Mary Kay items), **Trinity District**, Germaine Carney.

2. Alamo District will have a "Taste of Alamo District". The Basket will have food products that are produced and prepared in Alamo District. These foods will not be home prepared but produced by small commercial companies. Patricia Stevens, Alamo District President.

3. **Patti Poe** will bring a Homemade Goodies Basket.

4. Bling Basket, **Patsy Troell**, Historical Foundation Chairman.

5. Relax Basket, Margaret

Kriegel.

6. Wiseman House Chocolates Basket, Beth Lewellen, **Pioneer District.**

BBQ Basket, Capitol District.
 Hair Products Basket, Capitol District.

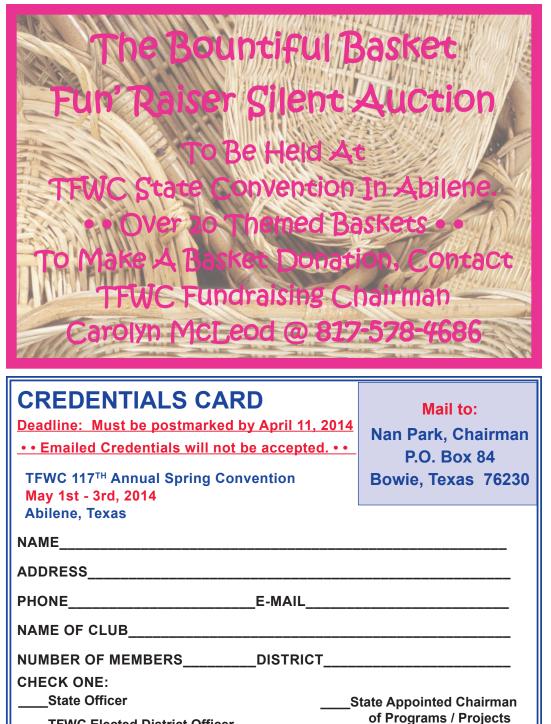
9. July 4th Picnic Basket, Janelle Holden.

10. Christmas Basket, Cindy Simmons.

11. "Greetings From **South Texas District**," Sue Miller. (Each club is asked to donate a gift card of at least \$25.00 value plus an item that represents theirclub/town/ area.)

12. BBQ Basket with items from the **Mesquite District** Area, Bennie Parker.

13. Purple Passions Basket, **Magnolia District**, Helen Lamberth. (All of the baskets major items will be hand crafted by artisans in our membership.)



TFWC Standing Committee

_TFWC Appointed Project / Contest Chairman

Life Membership Committee

Convention Chairman

(Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance)

TFWC Elected District Officer

____TFWC Past President

____TFWC Trustee (1 per district)

____TFWC Scholarship Rep. (1 per district)

____TFWC Life Member / Emeritus Member

_____TFWC Texas Clubwoman Editor

_Club Delegate (1 per 15 members of club)

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DATE POSTMARKED _____ DATE RECEIVED _____

CHANGES TO TFWC BYLAWS

Article III, Section 1, 12

Currently reads:

The TFWC Life Membership Committee shall report such action to the TFWC Board of Directors or the TFWC Convention body for a vote of approval.

Delete Number 12.

Rational: The Life Membership Committee has already verified all the required information for Life Membership and has approved the Life Membership to be bestowed on the member therefore, it is unnecessary for the Board or Convention to approve it again.

Article III, section 2, A, I, D

Currently reads:

Payment for one year's subscription to *The Texas Clubwoman* for each member of the club except in the case of Juniorette Clubs and Federations.

Delete this D and change to d. There shall be ten (10) members to form a new club.

Rationale:

We no longer need *The Texas Clubwoman* statement in this bylaw. There is no information in the bylaws as to the number of members needed to form a club. TFWC members have requested that we reinstate the number ten members to form a club.

Article III, Section 6, A

A. Delete A subscription to *The Texas Clubwoman* will be sent to the Club President with the payment of dues.

Rationale: Since the magazine is on line we no longer need this statement.

Article III, Section 6, C

C. Delete Included in this fee will be a subscription to *The Texas Clubwoman* in the name of the Club President.

Rational: Since the magazine is on line we no longer need this statement.

Article III, Section 6, D. D. Delete And *The Texas Clubwoman*.

Rationale: Since we no longer have the magazine as a printed magazine we no longer need this statement.

Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1- President F. Currently reads: Appoint all state chairmen of Departments, Programs and Committees subject to approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a liaison Trustee from Austin etc.

Insert after appoint: Web Master

The first sentence would then read:

Appoint a Web Master, all state chairmen of Departments, Programs and Committees, etc.

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Rationale: The bylaws have no provision for a Web Master. A rule is needed as to how a Web Master gets her office.

Article III, President-elect, E.

Currently reads:

Beginning in September, before assuming the office of President, appoint chairmen of Departments and Programs, Chairmen and members of Committees, and a Parliamentarian.

Change to read:

After President, appoint a Web-Master. Rational: to make provision for the President-elect to provide for a Web-Master.

Article III, President-elect, H

Presently reads: Co-sign with the President and/or Financial Officer all TFWC checks issued. Strike the word officer and insert Chairman. **Rational:** to conform with the title Financial Chairman throughout the bylaws.

Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 6, Financial Chairman, K

Delete present K which reads: Help to prepare the annual TFWC Budget.

Make K to read as follows:

K. Reports and Budget

1. Meet with the Finance Committee several times a year to review the

financial status of TFWC and prepare the annual TFWC budget.

2. The proposed budget should be a balanced budget.

3. Present the proposed budget to the Executive Committee for their approval prior to the presentation of the budget to the Fall Board Meeting body for final approval.

4. Include in the budget two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) annually for the Leads Representative to attend the GFWC Convention.

5. Include in the annual budget one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the TFWC Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer Chairman to purchase the plaque to be presented to the winning volunteer in recognition of her contributions to society.

6. Include in the annual budget fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually for the purchase of the award to be presented to the winner of the Jennie June Contest.

7. Present an updated financial report to the Executive Committee at each meeting of the committee.

Delete from the Standing Rules II, Finances, D and E as this is specified in the above bylaw change. Change the following letters to follow in proper

succession.

Rational: This change to the bylaws offers a more specific outline of duties for the Budget Committee including items that should be budgeted.

Article XV State at Large, Section 1, B, change the word from to for. For Approval)

<mark>By</mark> request of the TFWC Executive Committee the term Financial Officer shall be changed to read Financial Chairman throughout the bylaws.

Rational:

The term officer denotes more authority than the word Chairman and fits the office and her duties in a more appropriate manner

Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 1, President Strike the word Officer and insert Chairman

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Article VI, Section 3, H Strike the word Officer and insert Chairman

Article VI Section 6, G, Financial Officer

Strike the word Officer and insert the word Chairman

Article VIII, Section 1, B, Appointed Members:

Delete 2. This is the same statement as the one just before it, renumber the following statements.

Article IX, Executive Committee, Sections C and D Strike the term Officer and insert Chairman.

Article X, Section C, TFWC Finance 1. Strike the words Officer and insert Chairman.

2. Presently reads:

a. To prepare a budget and submit it with the recommendations to the Executive Committee for presentation at the Spring Convention.

Delete Spring Convention and insert Fall Board Meeting.

b. Presently reads:

The proposed budget shall be printed in the Texas Clubwoman along with the Call to the annual TFWC Spring Convention in which the proposed budget would be adopted.

Delete Spring Convention and insert Fall Board Meeting.

b. will then read: The proposed TFWC budget shall be printed in the Texas Clubwoman along with the Call to the annual TFWC Fall Board Meeting in which the proposed budget would be adopted to align the finances with the new administration which begins on July 1st.

Rational a and b: It has been difficult to work with a budget that covers months of one administration and months of another. By changing this to the Fall Board Meeting it will align the finances of the organization with the new administration beginning on July 1st.

The following suggested changes were submitted by the GFWC Texas Nominating Committee.

Amend Article IV, Officers, Section 2, Eligibility, Paragraph D: strike "this being the only candidate" and insert <u>there</u> being no more than two candidates.

If approved will read: Endorsement by candidates district in convention, there being no more than two candidates to be so endorsed for any single election period.

Rational: The current eligibility requirements are too restrictive and eliminate many qualified candidates for state office. By allowing up to two candidates from a district, it opens up the restrictions.

Amend Article XI, Districts, Section3, Officers, A Eligibility, paragraph 5:

In line one strike "one" and insert two; insert letter<u>s</u> on "candidate." In line two, insert between the words no and two <u>more than.</u>

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If approved, 5 will read: <u>No club shall endorse more than two candidates for district office, but may endorse a full ticket of offi-</u> cers, provided no more than two candidates are members of the same club.

Rational: The current eligibility requirements are too restrictive and eliminate many qualified candidates for office. By allowing up to two candidates from a club, it opens up the restriction. Many districts are struggling to find qualified officers and his will help them.

The Bylaws Committee does not recommend the change to Article IV, Officers, Section 2, Eligibility, Paragraph D, for the following reasons."

(1) Texas is a large state with twelve districts. The reason this section was placed in the bylaws was to give each of the twelve districts the same opportunity of placing a representative from their district on the Executive Committee.

(2) The diversity of the state enables a better representation of more districts and a better balance of officers.

(3) Having more districts represented would encourage better attendance at State meetings as the members of the district the officer is from tend to support their representative.

(4) Each District should encourage a representative from their district to run for an office and in doing so would provide a better mixture of women from all over the state.

(5) While other State Federations allow two officers from the same District, they are much smaller than Texas and do not have the number of Districts that Texas has, therefore the necessity of electing two officers from the same district.

(6) Many clubs and districts struggle to have candidates for their own clubs and districts, to get two from a club or district seems unlikely.

(7) The same rational applies to clubs and District Officers. Two or three elected Executive Officers from the same club would not give the District Executive Committee the balance that one officer from each club would give. You could easily have one club represented with three or more officers. In some Districts you already have two members from the same club on the Executive Committee by virtue of the fact that the President appoints the Secretary and Treasurer. Also, because the Trustee Representative and Scholarship Representative could very likely be elected as chairman of these bodies and they have a position on the TFWC Executive Committee, so you could easily have three or more from the same club or District and TFWC Executive Committees.

Remember the Federation Motto: "Unity in Diversity"



Paul Kenley

Noah Project Paul Kenley to be Guest Speaker at TFWC Spring Convention

ABILENE -- Paul Kenley joined Noah Project as Development Director in November of last year after having served as a pastor in Texas for four decades. A native of Tahoka, on the South Plains of Texas, he holds a bachelor's degree in English from Texas Tech University, and a master's degree in religion from Hardin-Simmons University. His goal is to help secure the financial stability of the Noah Project Family Violence Center in Abilene for generations to come through sustaining gifts and the Perpetuating Peace Endowment Fund. He is available to tell the center's story to churches, civic clubs, and service organizations throughout the Big Country and across the state.

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STANDING RULES CHANGES

I. General

Delete E. which reads: At the beginning of each administration, stationery shall be given to the members of the Executive Committee, District Presidents, and TFWC Parliamentarian. Other members of the Board of directors may order stationery from Headquarters at cost. TFWC Stationery or facsimile thereof shall be used for Federation work only.

(Make F, E; G, F etc.)

Rational: In this age of electronics we are able to send messages with email thereby saving the cost of paper and postage. And, if we actually need something looking more official we can print a heading on our message denoting that this is official from TFWC.

Add K to read:

The presentation of the Texas State Domestic Violence Program Award shall be presented at the even numbered Spring Conventions

Rationale: To give importance to this new project to be scheduled into the election year program.

Add L to read:

The District Presidents shall elect a **Chairman** of this group at the beginning of each administration. The official title of this office shall be **Chairman** to avoid confusion with the TFWC President. **Rational:** The term President of the Presidents seems to be confusing, thus the use of the term Chairman.

II Finance

G. Strike the word Officer. In its place use the work Chairman.

Insert new H to read:

Prior to the compiling of the budget for the New Year the Executive Committee shall review the salary and work of the Office Manager and IF advisable offer a salary increase.

Delete current J

Rational: This practice is obsolete and no longer needed in the Standing Rules. Move current H to J and adjust remaining letters.

IV. The Texas Clubwoman Magazine

F. Strike the word Officer and insert the title **Chairman Rationale:** The term Financial Chairman is being used throughout the Bylaws.



She's a traveling dog --

GFWC Texas has a new 4legged mascot named after founder "Jenny June"

ALBANY -- GFWC Texas does have a secret. We have our very own "Federated Dog" and she was named after the founder of our organization. She is three months old and named JENNY JUNE! She is a tiny little 1 pound Yorkie. Her owner, Sandi Conway, says "she is precious." She will be traveling the roads of Texas for the next two years. You will have the opportunity to meet her soon.

RESOLUTION

Submitted by Trinity District

Expressing concern over the public health crises of teen suicide; recognizing that suicide is the leading cause of preventable death in this country; and expressing the sense that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs should support all efforts to provide educators in Texas with suicide awareness and prevention training to save the lives of children; Trinity District submits the following resolution.

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control, suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages ten to fourteen years of age, claiming the lives of more than one hundred young people each week in the United States; and

Whereas, As many teens die by suicide as those who die from all natural causes combined; and

Whereas, Four out of five teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs; and

Whereas, Suicide is the leading cause of preventable death in our nation today; and

Whereas, Educators have a unique and ongoing presence and influence in the lives of children; and

Whereas, Recognizing the warning signs and risk factors for suicide and being prepared to react will save lives; and

Whereas, Fourteen states have passed legislation requiring regular suicide prevention training for public educators and have been successful at reducing the rate of teen suicide; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs express its support for training and education programs for teachers and educators concerning youth suicide awareness and prevention; and

- 2. That they actively support legislation such as the Jason Flatt Act which requires teachers to have annual suicide prevention training within the states' current continuing education requirements; and
- 3. That its members are educated on the "silent epidemic" that is teen suicide; and
- 4. That they support the Jason Foundation in its efforts to prevent youth suicide through educational and awareness programs that equip young people, educators and parents with the tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth throughout the entire United States.

This Resolution to be considered and voted on at TFWC Spring Convention.

GFWC Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Proposed Budget for 2014-2015

Prepared by the Budget Committee:

KerryKay Cook, Finical Advisor; Janelle Holden, TFWC President; Sandy Conaway, President-Elect Lynn Long, Pioneer District; Pasty Troll, Alamo District

Approved by the Executive Board - January 2014

Income		TOTALS	Expenditures		TOTALS
RKI Insurance Royalties	\$700.00		•		
Fall Board Meeting	\$9,000.00		Fall Board Meeting	\$9,000.00	
Spring Convention	\$15,000.00		Spring Convention	\$15,000.00	
		\$24,700.00			\$24,000.00
Dues					
2014-2015 TFWC Dues	\$44,000.00				
City Federations	\$480.00				
Juniorette/Members-at-Large	\$100.00				
GFWC Dues (In & Out)	\$46,000.00		GFWC Dues (In & Out)	\$46,000.00	
			South Central Region Dues	\$40.00	
		\$90,580.00			\$46,040.00
Fundraisers/Merchandise	\$3,000.00		Inventory Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00
Capital One Credit Card	\$1,500.00				
		\$4,500.00			
Booth Rental at State Meetings	\$600.00	\$600.00	Booth Rental at State Meetings	\$150.00	\$150.00
Texas Clubwoman Magazine					
Subscriptions	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	Editor	\$2,400.00	
			Composite Fees	\$707.80	\$3,107.80
TOTAL INCOME		\$122,180.00			
	·		Allotments		
			TFWC President Expenses	\$6,000.00	
			President-Elect (Pd every 2 yrs.)		
Restricted Income (NOT included in	Budget TOTAL)	District Presidents Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00
JULY 2014-June 2015	-		Other Expenditures		
UBS General Funds Interest	\$568.87		Bank Safety Deposit Box	\$65.00	
UBS General Funds Donations	\$100.00		Donations	\$400.00	
UBS Scholarship Funds Interest	\$1,643.17		LEADS	\$250.00	
Donations to Scholarships Funds	\$2,000.00		Outstanding Volunteer	\$100.00	
Donations to Texas Domestic			Miscellaneous	\$600.00	
Violence Scholarship Program	\$2,000.00				\$1,415.00
			Office Expenses		
Total	\$6,312.04		Copier Rental	\$2,200.00	
			Equipment	\$550.00	
			Printing	\$1,200.00	
			Office Supplies	\$550.00	
1.1			Postage	\$100.00	
			Telephone	\$800.00	
			Pay Pal Fees	\$100.00	
			Website (1 year)	\$78.00	
			Domain PD. Every 2 years	\$50.00	
					\$5,628.00
			Professional Fees - CPA	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
			Payroll Expenses		
			Salary	\$28,400.00	
			Medicare	\$411.80	
	1		Social Securty	\$1,760.80	
		MAL	Pay Tax Expenses (Direct Deposit)	\$166.60	
	and the				\$30,739.20

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$122,180.00



From the Desk of 2012-2014 TFWC President

. Janelle Holden

From My Heart

The harsh winter is beginning to turn into a promise of spring. Some areas are still experiencing discomfort, but Federation members always look to the good news of a promising future. This writer sees good things ahead for Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

The 2012-2014 administration will be ending in a few months. We have many reasons to celebrate. Now is the time to say Thank You to all members who were a part of the team, working for the goals of being optimistic, taking responsibility, admitting mistakes, following rules, honoring confidentiality, and listening to others speak. These are a few of the things that enable an organization to be strong.

The firm foundation is so important. This is a special thank you to the Club Presidents who are on the front lines. Club Presidents are the link to the groups of members who make it possible for us to be Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. From our foundation to the Board of Directors we all need each other. There is strength in "Unity and Diversity".

If every club would plan a Membership Drive before the administration ends, we would have a wonderful gift to give to those who follow in the next few years. Just think what it would be like if every club increased by two or if every member invited two new members to join our organization. The possibilities are endless. The potential for growth starts in the clubs.

This administration has seen many changes. The financials are greatly improved. We have every expectation of closing in the plus column again this year. This means we must be very aware of the path we take. The cost of the magazine has been reduced, but there are still expenses. Being online is not "free". The office is running smoothly and communications are much better. Our Office Manager has readily taken on more responsibility and assisted GFWC with their request for more information.

We will be donating the FIRST award from the Texas State Domestic Violence Scholarship Program during the Convention of 2014. The award goes to the Noah Project Domestic Violence Shelter in Abilene. The amount of \$1,500.00 is due to membership generosity. This award will be presented during future Spring Conventions in even numbered years as funds permit. This method assures rotation around the state and gives all TFWC members something to unite behind as a state project.

The Spring Convention in Abilene is for everyone. Hopefully, we will have great attendance as we welcome our GFWC guest, Director of Junior Clubs, Rebecca (Becky) Weber.

The High Standards that were set by those who went before us can be maintained by friendship, faith, and focusing on the ideals of Federation. Please, remember to do away with limits, "Open Your Doors – Open Your Hearts" and see Texas Federation of Women's Clubs grow.

With Loving Thanks to All Who Have Been a Part of These Very Special Two Years,

Janelle.

A donation has been made to The Texas State Domestic Violence Scholarship Program honoring the Membership, Club Presidents, and Members of the 2012-2014 Board of Directors.

Thank you for your dedicated service to Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Janelle Holden, TFWC President, 2012-2014.

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2012-2014 TFWC President-elect

Leadership Matters

Celebrate with me being a club member. Being part of the oldest women's volunteer service organization is an honor, pleasure, and a joy. GFWC Texas shows us challenges, success, and change. We must, we can, and we will act now.... We are going to expand the walls of our house to extend ourselves to meet the needs of our organization.

As federated women, we have the responsibility to our clubs, districts, and state. Among the most critical issues is to do all we can working together to strengthen our membership. To accomplish this requires a commitment to membership growth. The objective is to be serious about this if we intend to remain the woman's organization we can be.

There are women out there that do not know who we are and what we are about. Guess who can be the one to inform them? We all have friends, relatives, church families, and others who cross our path in life that need to know all about us. It is they that should have the opportunity to join and grow our clubs. In order for this to happen, we all have to stand up and share what we believe in. make the effort to reach out to people in your community.

There is no doubt in my mind that if we work together we can make a difference in GFWC Texas. It is entirely praise worthy to do service in your community by adding new members to our membership rolls.



Margaret Kriegel

2012-2014 TFWC Parliamentarian

From the Parliamentarian..... PERTINENT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. If the minutes of the meeting have been previously distributed so that all have had a chance to read them, they need not be read again. The Chairman asks, "Are there corrections to the minutes that you have previously received?" If there are none, she will announce, "The minutes are approved as previously distributed." If there are corrections, "The minutes are approved as corrected."
- 2. Minutes do not state who seconded the motion, but must state that the minutes were seconded, unless the motion comes from a committee and properly presented as "By direction of the _____ Committee I move the adoption of the recommendation as presented."

- 3. A motion to approve the Statement of the Treasurer is not in order. The presiding officer asks "Are there questions re garding the statement of the Treasurer?" If none, "The report is filed."
- 4. When debating a motion a member may only speak to a question twice, and never more than ten minutes at a time.
- 5. All remarks are made through the chair when debating.
- 6. The motion to accept the report of the nominating committee is not in order. The report is given, the information handed to the Presiding Officer who immediately calls for nominations from the floor for each office. If there are no nominations from the floor, after due time is given, she declares nominations closed. The election proceeds according to the bylaws of the organization.
- 7. If the bylaws specify the vote be taken by ballot a ballot vote must be taken.
- 8. An election report should give an accurate report of all votes cast. All votes except blanks should be counted. The re port should state: number of votes cast, votes necessary for election, number of votes each candidate received and the number of illegal votes. The chairman of the tellers hands the report to the presiding officer without saying who is elected. This is the responsibility of the presiding officer.
- 9. If a member presents a motion that is long or difficult, the chair has the right to request that it be written.
- 10. There are three "C's" to Parliamentary Procedure: Christian Courtesy, Consideration, and Common sense.



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Capitol District Crystal H. Hammett, President

Capitol District twelve Club's and one new Junior Club have had a very successful 2013. We have an outstanding District and very dedicated Club President's and members.

Our Clubs had programs on Master Quilters, Cattle Brands, Down syndrome, Life and Death Checklists, Local County Histories, Autism, Space Teachers, Twilight Teas, Annual Christmas Programs, Book Reviews, Sunflower Sisters – Domestic Violence Awareness, Americanism, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, Senior Efforts, Leadership, CASA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Club trips, Historic Churches, Travel Abroad, Child Adoptions, HARP – Homeless Awareness Response Program, Clothes Closets, supplies from paper goods to towels and clothing and art supplies, Families in Crisis, Food Pantries, Baby Blankets, Hearing Loss, Horticulture, and many more.

Our District Clubs have had numerous fund raisers from spaghetti dinners, cookie sales, baked good sales, Military luncheons, graduation dinners, Bluebonnet Girls State, Word Wrangler Festivals, children lunch programs, , Christmas for Seniors, Fat Tuesdays, and more all in support of our many programs and donations.

All Clubs in Capitol District have been large supporters for the Capitol District President's Special Project – Wounded Warrior Project, raising many dollars for this very special project.

Our District supported 2 HOBY Students and distributed 6 Scholarships. Capitol District and Capitol District Clubs and Members have made many donations to TFWC Historical Foundation and GFWC Texas fundraisers and in-kind donations.

Our District has been visited by our 2012-2014 GFWC Texas First Vice President, Patti Poe who spoke to our District on Federation and gave an electronic presentation on our TFWC website. GFWC Texas Domestic Violence Awareness Chair, Nelda Lee was our keynote speaker at our Fall Board, and Sandy Conway 2012-2014 GFWC Texas President-elect will be our keynote speaker and Installation Officer for our 2014-2016 GFWC Texas Capitol District Executive Committee at our Spring Convention in March 2014.

This President has visited all Clubs in the District, attended all Capitol District Meetings and all State meeting with the exception of one due to illness in family. We will distribute 24 Special Capitol District President Award Certificates, eleven Capitol District Club Presidents Narrative Awards, and six Crystal Bell's to members in Capitol District, as well as many GFWC Texas District Award certificates. We've travelled many miles and was a keynote speaker on nine different occasions speaking on Federation and the Wounded Warrior Project, and installations of seven Club Executive Committees.

Our Capitol District Clubs are ringing our bell's to celebrate the present and look back at our glorious past!

Total 2013 reporting information from GFWC Texas Capitol District the following is submitted:

TOTAL PROJECTS 2013 - 146	VOLUNTEER HOURS 12,881
DOLLARS RAISED \$18,187	SCHOLARSHIPS DISTRIBUTED \$3,345
DOLLARS DONATED \$20,462	

Our two year - 2012-2014 GFWC Texas Capitol District Administration has the following totals: Total Projects - 255; Volunteer Hours – 16,482; Dollars Raised - \$37,472; And Scholarships Distributed \$8,990

Our Capitol District Clubs have met and exceeded our District THEME:

"Plan S.M.A.R.T. Goals For Our Future" Our goals have been: SMART Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as 2012-2014 GFWC Texas Capitol District President. Capitol District has an outstanding group of Federation Sole Sisters!!!

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Caprock District

Las Fidelis Study Club establishes needed library

LEVELLAND -- The Las Fidelis Study Club, Caprock District, started a book library for abused kids and single moms at The Genie Farley Harriman Center, formerly known as Girls Town. The children are ages infants to 12 yrs. The moms have a job and also earn their GED or HS degrees. The books will be a benefit to all.

Shown right: Fredda Schooler; Sandra Stephenson, Paula Dunn, Sue Jo Cole, Dianne Bridges, Georgia Decker, Tina O'Connor, Maxine Cook, Betty Morgan, Dee Ann Thorton, Lunette Dickson, Floriene Stern, Kaye Brown, Helen Brown, President Betsy Moreland and Roberta Thomman.



1946 Study Club's First Meeting of the New Year

O'DONNELL -- The O'Donnell 1946 Study Club met on Wednesday afternoon, January 8, 2014 from 3:45 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at O'Donnell Community Center. There were 9 members and one guest present at the meeting.

After hostesses Kay Mires and Connie Bagley provided everyone with refreshments, Club President Stephanie Stephens called the meeting to order. Kay Mires led everyone in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

The club's Annual Business Meeting began with Mazell Little reading a report courtesy of Treasurer Rhonda Kingston. Secretary Elaine Pearson briefly read the minutes from previous meetings, and President Stephens appointed a nominating committee to search for the 2014-2016 Study Club Officers that will be installed at the meeting in May. The nominating committee consisted of Carole Edwards, Elaine Pearson, and Mazell Little.

After the business meeting, President Stephens introduced the program, Western District President Shirley Bagley of Monahans. Shirley spoke to the club about her feelings about Federation and her experiences as a 2012-2014 District President.

After the program, Connie Bagley led everyone in the Club Collect and President Stephens adjourned the meeting.

Magnolia District

Coterie Club delivers Project Bags to Family Services

LIBERTY -- Coterie Club President Billie Williams delivered 12 "Party in a Bag" Project Bags to Becky Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator at Family Services of Southeast Texas in Beaumont. Each bag contained enough supplies for a child in a shelter to celebrate a fun birthday. Cake mix and a can of frosting, candles, plates, napkins, party favors, tablecloth, cups and a package of dry drink mix are just some of the items in the bags. For approximately \$22.00 per bag, a child in a shelter can celebrate their birthday and perhaps, for a little while, forget the sometimes ongoing nightmare that is their life.

The Family Services of Southeast Texas provides a safe refuge and services for victims of domestic violence. Safe house and

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24-hour hotline for victims and their children, emergency transportation, advocacy, legal referral, counseling, children's services, housing and clothing assistance, transition health services, education and advocacy.



Liberty Coterie Club President Billie Williams (above) delivers 12 "Party in a Bag" Project Bags to Becky Rogers, Coordinator at Family Services of Southeast Texas in Beaumont.



Pictured (left to right): Co-hostess Frieda Joyce; Club President Joan Pate; Liberty County Extension Agent Alexis Cordova; Co-hostesses Linda Lundy and Charlene Capers; Conservation Committee Chair Amelia Anderson. Picture by Claire Garrett

Woman's Club of Cleveland Studies Indoor Air Quality

CLEVELAND -- The November meeting of the Woman's Club of Cleveland was held at Cleveland First United Methodist Church. Alexis Cordova with the Liberty County Extension Office did an informative presentation on "Clean and Healthy Indoor Air Quality". So many illnesses can be traced to poor air quality, which includes the presence of fungi, bacteria, mold, chemical interactions, etc. – many of which can be controlled by making use of our county's excellent extension services and brochures. See picture above right.

The Gifts of the Magi inspire December Meeting

LIBERTY -- During the December meeting of the Liberty Coterie Club 80 bags were filled with items for residents of the Magnolia Place Health Care Facility. Items included: body powder, lotion, white socks and peppermint candies. Enough bags were filled so that each resident would receive a gift Christmas Morning. Liberty Coterie is a Cat. I club in Magnolia District and this is a recurring project. Afterward the members enjoyed a delightful and tasty Christmas Tea. Congratulations on a job well done ladies! See pictures below.



The Coterie Club got busy and filled 80 bags for a nursing care facility and then enjoyed this beaurtiful table of Christmas Season goodies.

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Silsbee Woman's Club members Lea Gardner, Susan Woodall and Emily Holt with one of the wreathes they distributed for a Remembrance Ceremony. (Left) BSA Scout Troop 88 places wreathes in honor of each military branch at the Silsbee Veterans Memorial Park during ceremony. (Right)



Silsbee Woman's Club contributes efforts to Remembrance Ceremony

SILSBEE -- Lea Gardner, Susan Woodall and Emily Holt of the Silsbee Woman's Club distributed preordered wreaths before attending the Remembrance Ceremony sponsored by Wreaths Across America. The ceremony took place at the Silsbee Veterans Memorial Park and was led by the SMS band director. Scouts from Troop 88 had the honor of placing ceremonial wreaths in recognition of each military branch of the US Service including the Unknown Soldier. The ceremony ended with the playing of Taps. The people attending were so appreciative. Three local Vets were also recognized. It was a very nice event enjoyed by all.



Trinity District *Germaine Carney, President*

WHITESBORO - Trinity District currently has eleven Club's. We lost the Waxahachie Mothers Club. Most of the ladies who were members actually belong to one or all of the other Waxahachie Clubs. The four clubs of Waxahachie club members for the most part were and are all members of each of the clubs.

This President has spent time reiterating the importance of all segments of Federation: Local Club, Trinity District, TFWC/Austin and GFWC Washington DC. As the light bulbs began to light up, there was more of an appreciation of the total picture. The old saying is: "... strive to **BE** a good neighbor and your neighbor will become awesome!"

The Trinity District Clubs had programs on therapeutic horsemanship for disabled children, photography, town heritage, sleeping and dreaming, writing your own history, stem cell research, "A Pillow for Our Head and a Book to be Read" for a local crisis center, "Mommy & Me Basket" for mothers and babies (Living Alternatives). Women's health, heart attack symptoms - men versus women, programs addressing issues on a national, state and local level, Texas history, Baton Death March, Heifer International, quilting history and culture, MD Anderson, Legacy of Literature, Kids Against Hunger, gardening, Vegetarian Meals for 25 cents, food pantries, women's shelters, community emergency exit plans, local courthouse history and hosting foreign exchange students, just to name a few.

The projects these ladies accomplished were numerous: filling gently used purses with personal items such as shampoos, tooth brushes and tooth paste and giving them to the woman's shelter. Blue Bonnet planting, establishing recycling and library volunteering, cleaning up highways and roadways, beautifying their towns by planting trees, flowers, reestablishing an elementary school garden, nursing home monthly birthday celebrations, setting up Santa Come To Town events, hosting local candidate forums, working polling booths, checking out children car seats to see if they are properly being used, reading to the little ones at Library Story Hour, doing a once a month "JUST DO IT" project which included collecting phone cards for our service people, shoes and rain clothing for a local school, school supplies, and baby items for the ABBA House, help set up a "Thank You, Soldiers" breakfast for retired service men and women. Contributing funds as well as coloring books for waiting rooms, taking books and magazines to nursing homes, The list goes on and on. These ladies have been busy and have truly made a difference in their communities.

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Trintiy District Clubs are also working together with their close sister clubs. Sharing a meeting and a meal together once a year, sharing ideas and plans. This accomplishes deeper friendships and exchanging ideas make for a stronger Federation of Women Clubs. Sharing ideas and working thru challenges, gives a club HOPE, for a better future!!

All the Clubs have made this President "AMAZININGLY PROUD" by their support of her Trinity District Chosen Project which is Heifer International. Every club has purchased furry and feathered and flying critters. Heifers, water buffalos, rabbits, bees, geese, ducks, chickens have all been purchased. Trinity District has also honored our State President Janelle Holden by every club having a program scheduled regarding "Healthy Heart".

This President will have visited each club twice by the end of her term of office. State Board Meetings and annual conferences have all been attended by this president. She has also attended an international convention and SC Regional meeting in her first year of office. Trinity District has held two very successful summer workshops. Attendance was high, much was learned and fun was had by all within the relaxed atmosphere.

Every Trinity District Club gives monies toward a local scholarship. In many cases more than one; each at some pretty hefty amounts such as \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,500, they are giving multiples scholarships at \$500 each. Few clubs are donating monies to the GFWC/TFWC Scholarship funds. Trinity District has a "Janette Loftis" Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$500 is received each year from the Janette Loftis Memorial Scholarship Trust, a second Janette Loftis Memorial \$500 scholarship is given each year thru efforts of fund raising at each Spring Convention and donations throughout the year. This Fund has existed since 2002.

Membership has been on a bit of a roller coaster but has been climbing up. As of this date, Trintiy District membership is at 240 members. Celina's Club had a growth of 10 members last year. Currently, we are at a loss of nine over 2013. Trinity suffered with the loss thru death of many members. As with many clubs, the members are getting in their higher years of wisdom!! The recruitment of new members has been awesome. Clubs are changing to fit the new era! Our other 2013 Trinity District Figures are: Total Projects : 390; Volunteer Hours: 9,381; Donated Dollars: \$65,901.24; Raised Dollars: \$60,710.22; In Kind Donations: \$5,303; and Dollars Spent: \$2,945.

THIS PRESIDENT'S THEME OF "DREAM IT" "BELIEVE IT" "ACHIEVE IT" HAS BEEN FULLFILLED.

This President has been more than proud to serve, represent and lead this GFWC/TFWC/ TRINITY DISTRICT. GFWC/TFWC Trinity District has a very diversified and awesome group of ladies. Dreaming, Believing, Equals Achieving many great things for Human Kind!



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