

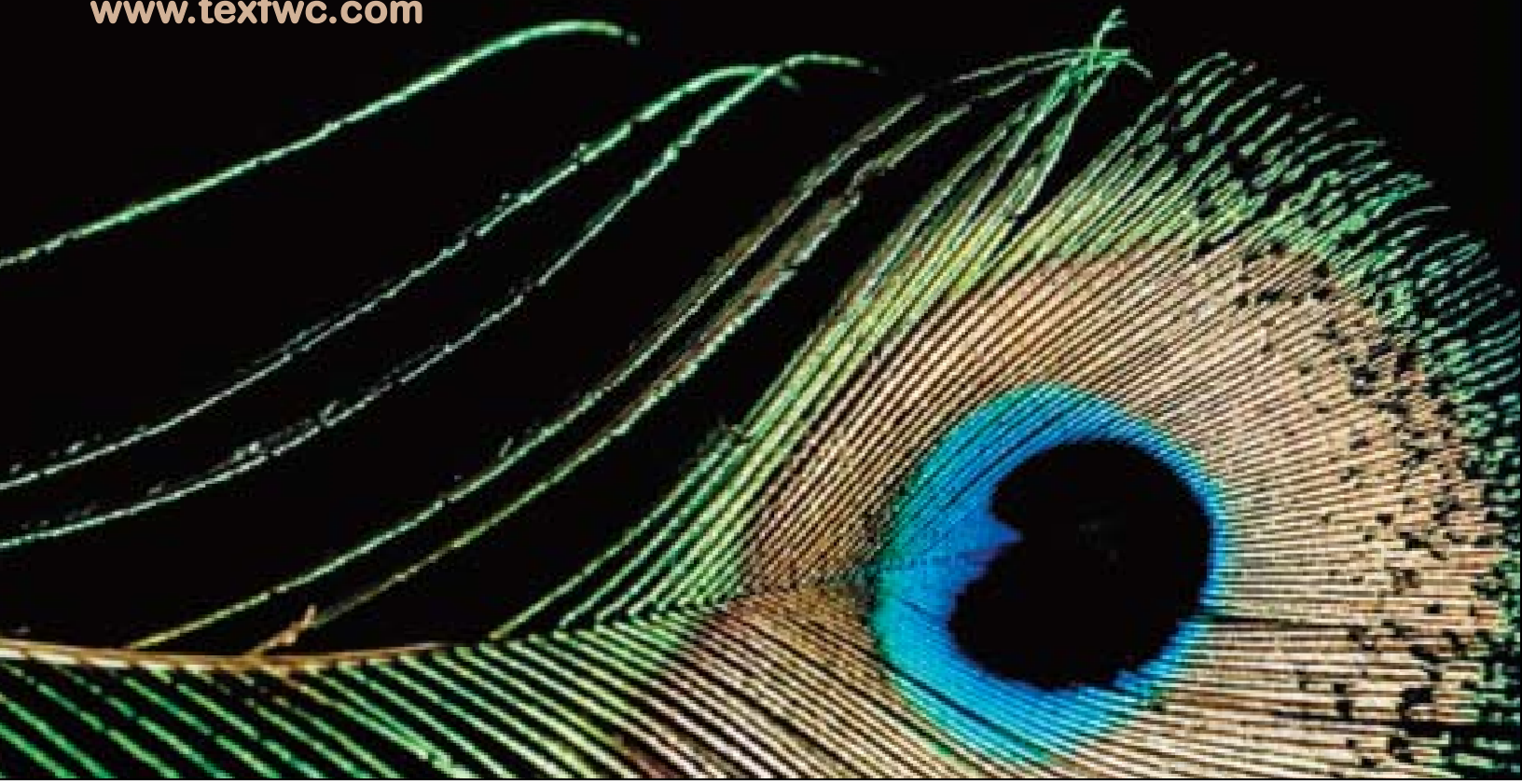


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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea is at Headquarters and ready to get to work! Welcome to Headquarters, Madam President!



From the Desk of
2016-2018 TFWC President

Patti Poe

Theme: *"Preserving the Past, Pioneering the Future."*

Dear Club Members:

Welcome to the 2016 - 2018 administration. We started off with a big bang in Granbury during our Spring Convention and we will be working hard and playing hard for the next two years. I am so excited about bringing back the Traveling Team! It is so important for all the Executive Committee to meet the membership of our great organization at all levels. I was so excited during our GFWC Texas installation to include the club presidents in the processional. As we all know, without our club presidents there wouldn't be districts, and without our districts, we would not have a state organization.

During the last administration it was emphasized that working together we can show concern and deeply appreciate the involvement of our membership. I believe that this was accomplished and I am working to continue Sandi's legacy of bringing joy back to our federated friendships. Our members are bonding and really feeling the sisterhood that GFWC brings us.

We will be working to raise funds and to bring awareness regarding the domestic violence and child abuse in our society. My president's project is Canine Companions for Independence. The joy on the faces of the recipients of these special dogs is priceless. We will also be recognizing our Veterans in some special ways. There is nothing more rewarding than to see the face of a Veteran when you thank them for their service!

We must work hard to increase our membership. I believe that the way to pioneering our future is with our Junior and Juniette Clubs. Contact your local junior high and high school counselors and get these ladies involved in forming clubs. When you begin to form your juniette club you need to understand that these young ladies will have to have someone bring them to their meeting, and what better way to begin a junior club, but with the mothers of the juniorettes. Every member needs to make a special effort to invite at least one of your friends or acquaintances to your club meeting.

I am looking forward to a great two years, and with your help and participation, I know that GFWC Texas will accomplish our many goals!!

Sincerely,

Patti Poe
GFWC Texas President 2016 - 2018



GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

• BALTIMORE •

JUNE 25-29, 2016



Signing the poster (Right)
Billie and Helen sport
their "Crabby" teeshirts
from the crab dinner
(Below)

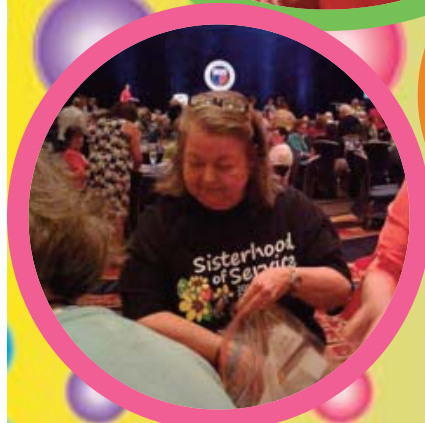


(Above and Left) GFWC
President, 2014-2016, Babs
Condon



(Below)
TFWC President
Sandi Conway
was honored.

Processional
into GFWC Convention



TFWC President-elect
Patti Poe (Right) stands
in front of picture of the
TFWC Clubhouse that is
on display at the GFWC
Headquarters in Wash-
ington D.C.



Helen Lamberth (Above,
Far Right) found her cyber
club flock from Florida.

Clubwomen filled over 1,000 toiletry bags for the Weinberg
Housing and Resource Center in under thirty minutes at the
Sisterhood of Service Luncheon. The Weinberg Center is
a low-barrier shelter that houses Baltimore's chronically home-
less. Volunteers work, even at convention!

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(Left) TFWC Second Vice President Cindy Simmons sits at the GFWC President's desk while visiting the GFWC Headquarters. (Right) Dinner being enjoyed by TFWC President Sandi Conway, Nelda Lee, and Shirley Thomas.



The blue shirts of TFWC stand out in many pictures, as seen (Right).





GFWC Headquarters



GFWC President
Sheila Shea



(Above) Federation necklace worn by Mrs. Philip North Moore, sixth President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. 1908 - 1912. One of many items seen at GFWC Headquarters.



(Left) The newly installed 2016-2018 GFWC Executive Committee, Sheila Shea, President.

Congress Passes Bipartisan Legislation To Address Opioid Epidemic And Trends

At the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention, a Resolution “to promote legislation and regulations to combat opioid overdose and addiction” was approved by delegates. Acting on that commitment, clubwomen came together and utilized the GFWC Legislative Action Center to support the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. The House of Representatives and the Senate voted to overwhelmingly pass the bipartisan bill.

Once signed into law by President Obama, the legislation will create grants and other programs that address drug abuse which is a crippling problem affecting every community in the United States. Since 1999, overdose deaths involving opioids, including prescription opioid pain relievers, has nearly quadrupled. With over 40 people per day dying from overdoses involving prescription opioids, the time had come to pass legislation to combat this issue. Among other provisions, the bill includes an expansion of prevention and educational efforts and an increase in the availability of naloxone which reverses the effects of opioids.

We thank GFWC clubwomen for taking action and urging their representatives to pass this bill. If you do not already receive Legislative Action Center alerts, please subscribe.



Canine Companions for Independence Plans Event

DALLAS -- DogFest Walk ‘n Roll is coming to DFW again this fall, so get ready to have a tail-waggin’ good time! We’ll change lives, four paws at a time. Form a DogFest team online now, then bring your friends, family and dogs together on October 1 to join the fun! Attendees will enjoy music, food, and fun activities while supporting our life-changing mission. For more information, visit cci.org/DogFestDFW.



Prevent Child Abuse America Thanks GFWC Clubwomen for Their Ongoing Support

BALTIMORE -- Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) would like to thank the many clubs that have embraced the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. It was greatly appreciated. Although PCAA was unable to exhibit at the 2016 Annual Convention, PCAA wishes to recognize those clubs who applied for the PCAA award. While PCAA was not in Baltimore this year, PCAA hopes you will continue to support their work, in particular, at the state level in partnership with our chapters.

The following clubs received a certificate in appreciation for their participation in PCAA’s Pinwheels for Prevention campaign: Elgin Junior Women’s Club (Illinois), GFWC Illinois Woman’s Club of Bismarck (Illinois), Gilman Woman’s Club (Illinois), **Liberty Woman’s Club (Texas)**, Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club (Wisconsin), and Temecula Valley Women’s Club (California).

Spotlight Your Club on the GFWC Facebook Page

WASHINGTON -- Are you interested in having your club featured on the GFWC Facebook page and GFWC.org? Visit bit.ly/clubprofiles to learn how to submit your club’s profile! Read the profiles of some GFWC member clubs at <http://gfwc.org/featured-clubs/>.

Connect to GFWC - Download the 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual !

Celebrate the beginning of GFWC International President Sheila Shea’s administration by downloading the 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual! President Shea is excited to kick off her administration by releasing this valuable membership tool,

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which is filled with hands-on projects and ideas that your club can implement on a local level. The Club Manual is a comprehensive guide to GFWC's Signature Programs and Community Service Projects, Advancement Areas, and more, making it a must-have resource for anyone who wants to learn more about GFWC. If you're looking for a document to guide your club throughout the year, look no further than here! In addition to in-depth information about GFWC's areas of focus, the Club Manual includes an overview of GFWC Awards, Contests and Grants. You'll also find the 2016-2018 Administration Calendar, which lists important dates such as Convention, Board of Directors Meetings, Volunteers in Action Week, and more.

The Club Manual is a living document that will be updated to reflect new information. It's one of the best ways to promote GFWC on a grassroots level. To download the Club Manual, please visit <http://bit.ly/GFWCClubManual>.

In addition to celebrating the beginning of the 2016-2018 Administration by reviewing the Club Manual, you can read a special welcome from President Shea by downloading her letter, available at <http://bit.ly/29IRLIT>. A welcome letter from Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth is also available to view at <http://bit.ly/29Psfuc>. Share these letters with your club as we embark on another two years of Living the Volunteer Spirit!



GFWC President Sheila Shea proudly holds a copy of the GFWC Club Manual available now on-line.



WASHINGTON D.C. -- GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea was interviewed by Timothy Barber of ABC7/WJLA Washington, D.C. about the groundbreaking accomplishment of seeing a woman secure the nomination of a major political party for the presidency of the United States. As an organization that was instrumental in women obtaining the right to vote, we celebrate this historical moment.

GFWC Texas

GFWC Texas Traveling Team's Mission is to Strengthen Membership Ties While Providing Technical Tools and Information



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Convention minutes concerning Charrette and bylaws changes

GRANBURY -- The recommendations/results of the Charrette Committee and By-laws Committee were taken from the minutes of the GFWC Texas Convention held in May, 2016 and are as follows:

Patricia Siegfried-Giles and Barbara Harvey were given one hour to present the recommendations from the 2015 Charrette Committee.

Patricia Siegfried-Giles moved that the convention adopt the Charrette Committee recommendations as presented.

Carol Habgood led convention attendees in a discussion of each recommendation from the Charrette Committee. Each recommendation was voted on separately.

These recommendations will not be implemented until they are sent to the Bylaws Committee and voted on again next spring. These recommendations will not take effect until next year. 

Recommendations from the 2015 Charrette Committee were as follows:

Recommendation #1: Pertains to districts

In order to shorten the time it takes to move up the line, we recommend the office of the District Second Vice President be replaced with a Membership Chairman appointed by the President-elect after her election and is eligible to serve more than one administration. **Recommendation approved. The Bylaws Committee will prepare the amendment for approval at the 2017 convention.**

Recommendation #2: Pertains to districts

To adjust the requirements for a quorum, we recommend that a quorum for the District Board of Directors be a majority of the voting members present and that the quorum for a convention be a majority of the voting members present. **This recommendation was not discussed as it was to be considered under bylaws amendments.**

Recommendation #3: Pertains to districts

If a district cannot meet minimum requirements, it no longer exists and is dissolved. The requirements for being a district is the ability to fill all positions on the Executive Committee (no duplicates), have members willing to take the responsibility of a chairman for the approved affiliate with another district will be considered At-Large Clubs.

Patsy Troell moved to postpone this recommendation indefinitely. Motion adopted. 

Recommendation #4: Pertains to state

The state Second Vice President be replaced with a Membership Chairman appointed by the President-elect after her election and is eligible to serve more than one administration.

This motion was lost, and the recommendation did not pass. 

Recommendation #5: Pertains to state

The state secretary become a position appointed by the President-elect and is eligible to serve more than one administration.

The recommendation was not discussed as it was to be considered under bylaws amendments.

Helen Lamberth moved to consider recommendations 6-10 in gross. Motion lost. Time expired, and the remaining recommendations were not discussed. 

The next recommendations are referring to the state level.

Helen Lamberth moved that we accept recommendations from Charrette engross and send all to the Bylaws Committee to be brought back to the members for voting in the spring 2017.

The motion was lost, and the recommendation was not approved. 

Time for consideration of these recommendations expired. It can be considered later on in convention. The motion was lost. 

Carol Habgood presented the amendments to the bylaws.

Amendment 1 – Amend Article III – Membership, Section 1 – Classification D by striking the word “girls” after the words
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“composed of” and inserting the word students.

Carol Habgood moved to adopt amendment 1 on conforming amendment 1A and conforming amendment 1B.

The convention voted. The motion carried, and the amendment will be adopted as read. 🖐️📄

Amendment 2: Clarifying elected officers and appointed officers; making the recording secretary and finance chairman appointed officers.

Carol Habgood moved to adopt amendment 2 on conforming amendment 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, and 2H. **The convention voted. The motion carried, and the amendment passed.** 🖐️📄

Amendment 3 – The Bylaws Committee withdrew this amendment for further study. 🖐️📄

Amendment 4 – Amend Article VI – Duties of officers, Section 1 – President, F by striking “from Austin” after the words “liaison Trustee.”

Carol Habgood moved to amend Amendment 4 and conforming amendment 4A. **The motion carried, and the amendment was adopted.** 🖐️📄

Amendment 5 – Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 7 – Meetings, A by striking “fifteen” and inserting “majority of.”

By direction of the Bylaws Committee, Carol Habgood moved to adopt amendment 5. **The motion carried, and the amendment was adopted.** 🖐️📄

Amendment 6 – Amend Article XI – Districts, Section 7 – Meetings, B3 by striking “twenty” and inserting “majority of.”

Carol Habgood moved to adopt amendment 6. **The motion carried, and the amendment was adopted.** 🖐️📄

Amendment 7 – Amend Article XII TFWC Historical Foundation, Section 2 Membership, by adding paragraph “D.”

The motion carried, and the amendment was adopted. 🖐️📄

The bylaws amendments voted on at this convention today went into effect immediately.

List of GFWC Texas Awards Received at GFWC Convention

BALTIMORE, MD -- GFWC Texas received 11 awards at the GFWC convention in Baltimore in June:

- Charlotte Emerson Brown Award for Exemplary Service & Excellence in State Leadership to Sandi Conway
- HOBY Certificate of Appreciation to GFWC Texas for dedication to HOBY and its ambassadors
- Legislation and Public Policy: Outstanding Achievement, First Place
- Legislation and Public Policy: Honorable Mention: GFWC Fairfield History Cub
- Education CSP: Outstanding Achievement: GFWC Fidelis Inter Se club of Celina
- Outstanding Increase in Clubwoman Magazine Subscriptions to GFWC Texas
- Writing Contest, Member Short Story, First Place: Billie Williams
- Writing Contest, Member Poetry, First Place: Sandra Phillips
- Juniorette Participation Award:
- GFWC Juniorettes of Alpine
- GFWC Bluebonnet Drama Club
- GFWC Fireside Juniorettes



If attending the Fall Board Meeting in Austin, be sure and fill out your Credentials and mail them to the address, & by the date, on the form included in this issue of *The Texas Clubwoman*.

From GFWC Texas President-elect Carol Habgood -- An Important Message about Filing the 990-N (electronic postcard)

AUSTIN -- On February 29, 2016, the system for filing the IRS electronic postcard (Form 990-N) was moved to the IRS website. This means there is a new procedure for filing the electronic postcard. An organization cannot file the 990-N until after the end of its tax year. Below are the steps to follow:

1. Open the electronic filing page at: <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard/>
2. The next page will give you the choice of selecting First Time Users or Returning Users.
 - a. If you have not filed through IRS since February 29, 2016, select First Time Users. You need to set up your account with IRS. Follow the instructions. When you request a password from IRS, open a new window and check your email—then go back to the window with the IRS page and enter the password. Once you reach the e-postcard profile page, you will select either Exempt Organization or Preparer in the “user type” field. If you select preparer, you can use your login to add as many organizations as you wish. The old system did not allow this, but with the IRS system it makes it easier to file for multiple organizations without logging out and logging in for each electronic postcard.
 - b. If you have filed through the IRS, select Returning User. Enter your password and you are on your way to filing.

As you know, when you enter your club’s EIN, Texas Federation of Women’s Clubs will come up as the name. Follow the instructions and enter dba [doing business as] your club name when prompted.

Once you have established an account, in the future, you can log in as a Returning User. You can bookmark the log in page, so in the future you can go directly to logging in as a Returning User.

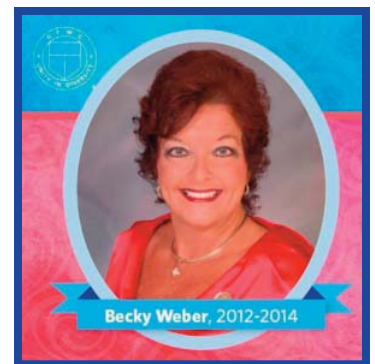
It really isn’t difficult, but it is a bit tedious the first time you set up the account.

IRS does not send out confirmation notices. To see if your form was accepted, click the GET UPDATED STATUS button. That should be visible after seven minutes.

GFWC Texas Fall Board Meeting -- 2014-2016 GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman to be Guest Speaker

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Becky is a 28 year member of GFWC Illinois. She is a member of the GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman’s Club and the GFWC Illinois Junior Woman’s Encore Club. She has served on the GFWC Illinois 17th Junior District board and the 17th District board, as well as, the GFWC Illinois Junior Board of Directors, including State Director of Junior Clubs. On the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, Becky has served as Public Issues chairman, Central Region Vice President, GFWC Illinois LEADS chairman and currently as the Legislation chairman.

During the 2012-2014 administration, Becky was the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. Additionally, she served as Public Issues chairman for 2 administrations and was the 2014-2016 GFWC Legislation/Public Policy chairman, as well as a member of the GFWC Resolutions committee. She is currently serving as the 2016-2018 GFWC Legislation/Public Policy chairman and will be working with the newly formed Legislation/Public Policy committee. She will also continue to serve on the GFWC Resolutions committee, as well as, serving as GFWC Illinois Legislation chairman. Becky has been an active CASA Volunteer since 2009 and has played Taps at military funerals since she was 12.



Rebecca “Becky” Weber

Becky has been married for 38 years to Mike. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren with two on the way.



GFWC Texas Installation



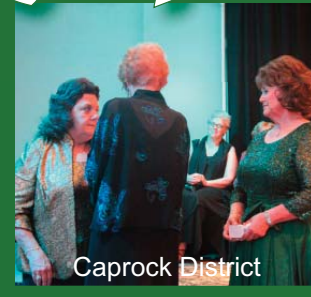
The Torch Is Passed



Alamo District



Capitol District



Caprock District



Magnolia District

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Mequite District



Pioneer District



San Jacinto District



South Texas District



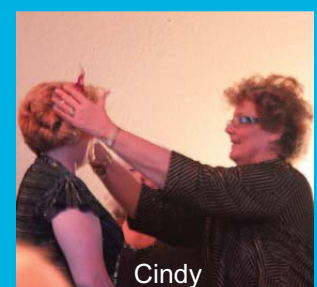
Trinity District



Western District



Carol



Cindy



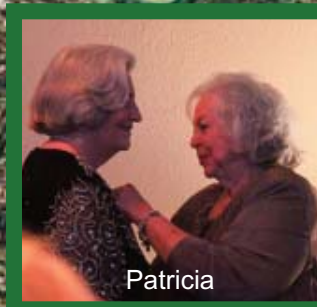
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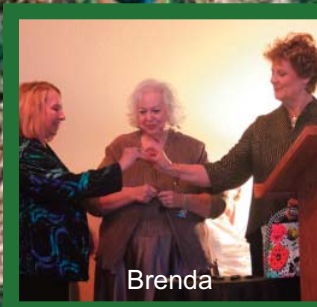
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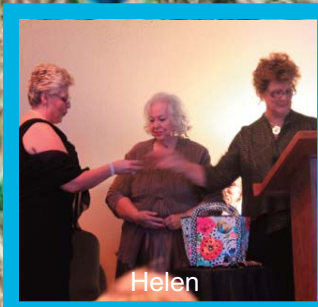
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Patricia



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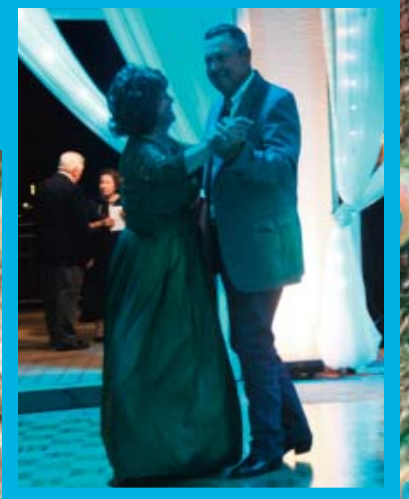
Helen



Patti



The 2016-2018 GFWC Texas Administration



As promised . . . Photos that placed in Photography Contest

The World in Pictures - Living Things (First, Second & Third Places, Left to Right)



Linda Lang

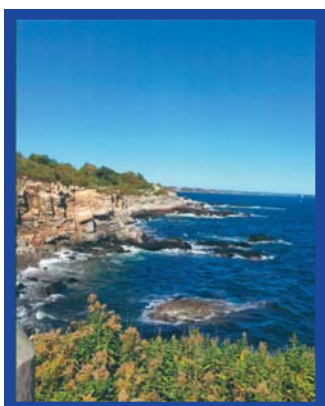


Gayle Stephens



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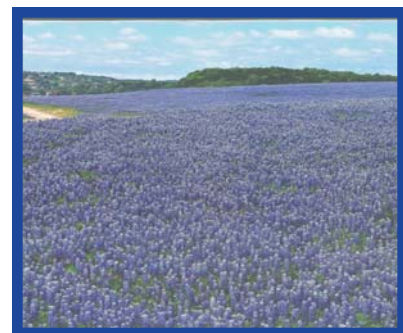
The World in Pictures - Scenes (First, Second & Third Places, Left to Right)



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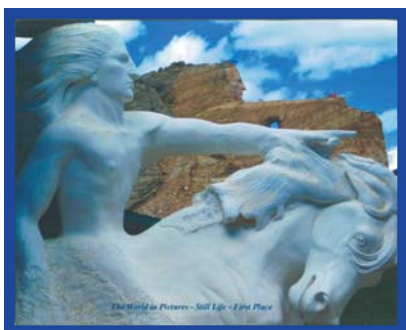


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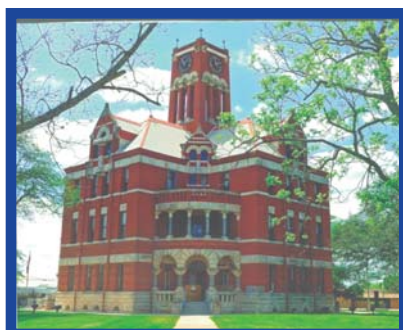


Gayle Stephens

The World in Pictures - Still Life (First, Second & Third Places, Left to Right)



Sandra Phillips



Gayle Stephens



Shari Gunter

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Shutterbugs, one and all -

Watch out for your contrast when editing. Too much is as hurtful as too little. Also, compose your picture; then "FRAME" your subject with the camera before you take the picture.



GFWC Volunteers in Action (First, Second & Third Places, Left to Right)



Lynn Long



Shari Gunter



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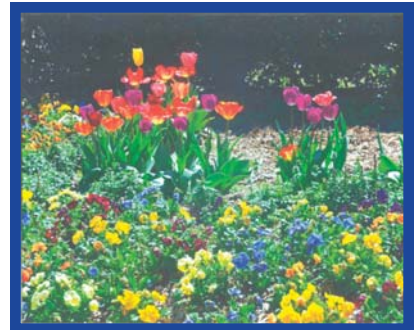
A Year in Pictures (First, Second & Third Places, Left to Right)



Linda Lang



Gayle Stephens



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Traveling Team Makes Tracks across Texas and Enjoys Fellowship



(Above) The members of the Caprock District met with the GFWC Texas Traveling Team on July 6 in Levelland, Texas, to discuss changes in procedure and guidelines for the new term.



(Above and Left) The Capitol District met with the Traveling Team on July 19th in Temple, Texas to get the new term off to a great start.





Above, Left to Right: GFWC Texas Federation of Women's Clubs' President Patti Poe and Congresswoman Kay Granger.

President Poe attends Presentation for Congresswoman Kay Granger for Work on Supporting CABT

President Poe,

Thank you so much for attending the Thank You presentation for Congresswoman Granger on Monday. I was very pleased with the event and thought the Congresswoman was truly appreciative of the presentation.

I have attached both a group photo and your individual photo. I would encourage you to share on any social media you use as well as the GFWC magazine and let me know when you do.

Thanks again,

Rick



Pictured Front Row, Left to Right: Police Chief Barbara Childress, Richland Hills Police Department - representing the Texas Police Chiefs Association; Judge B. Glen Whitley, Tarrant County; Congresswoman Kay Granger, Patti Poe, President of GFWC Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Back Row: Police Chief Cody Phillips, Haltom City Police Department; Rick Van Houten, President Ft. Worth Police Officer's Association; Fire Chief Micheal Richardson, Decatur Fire Department - representing the State Firemans' and Fire Marshalls' Association; Lloyd Cook, Ft. Worth Police Officer's Association - representing Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas.

This event was held in Granger's office in Fort Worth, hosted by the above organizations.

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Regional Director Rick Cowan to Address GFWC Texas members at Fall Board Meeting



Rick Cowan

MCKINNEY -- Rick Cowan was born and raised in a small community in East Central Missouri. His family lived on the Ralston Purina Research Farm in Gray Summit Missouri where his father worked as a research technician.

After attending college at Southeast Missouri State University Cowan entered the U. S. Air Force where he served overseas. Upon completing his service, he entered into Law Enforcement in Louisiana where he worked as a City Police Officer and later as a Deputy Sheriff. His service to that profession spanned over 33 years.

Mr. Cowan retired from Law Enforcement in 2009 and later was employed by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. He is currently a Regional Director covering eleven states for the non-profit organization.

Mr. Cowan lives in McKinney, Texas, with his wife, and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Pack Light!

Great News, Ladies!!

Fall Board in Austin will be in a new location and the dress code has relaxed!! Check it out!! Corporate Casual or Casual the entire meeting.

OFFICIAL CALL AND TENTATIVE AGENDA
GFWC TEXAS PRESIDENT PATTI POE AND GFWC TEXAS SECRETARY FRAN MASK
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

GFWC Texas 120th Fall Board of Directors Meeting

September 14- 17, 2016
Holiday Inn Midtown
Austin, Texas

"Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference"

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hotel Lobby
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TFWC HF Trustees	Oak Room
	TFWC Scholarship Committee	Pecan Room
	Long Range Planning Committee	Magnolia Room
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet Becky Weber, GFWC Legislative Chairman Complimentary Reception provided in the Red Pepper Bar & Grill, Holiday Inn Midtown	
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	President's Suite - Room 920

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Breakfast on your own

8:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration	Hotel Lobby
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Formal Opening - 120th Fall Board of Directors Meeting

GFWC Texas President Patti Poe, Presiding

Dress - Business Casual
Hill Country A & B

Business Session

Lower Head Table - District Presidents

9:30 a.m.	Opening Call to Order & Welcome	Patti Poe, GFWC Texas 59 th President
	Expression of Thanks	Tissa Peterson, GFWC Texas Chaplain
	National Anthem	Barbara Winingham GFWC Texas Past State President Kay Mara Past District President Pioneer District
	Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag	Kathy McBride President, Silsbee Woman's Club
	Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag	Patricia Tate Resolutions Chairman
	Welcome to Austin	Sharon Grooms Capitol District President

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Response	Dixie Gilley GFWC Texas Liason to Historical Foundation
Introduction of those seated at head table	Patti Poe
Presentations of Special Members and Guests	Carol Habgood GFWC Texas President-elect (Past State Presidents, Life Member, SCR Board of Directors and GFWC Board of Directors)
Committee to Approve Minutes	Carolyn McLeod Elaine Wilde Mary Ann Ashby
Credentials Report	Nan Park GFWC Texas Credentials Chairman
Rules & Procedures	Margaret Kriegel GFWC Texas Parliamentarian
Presentation of Program	Linda Mesler, <i>Texas Clubwoman</i> Editor
Preliminary Registration Report	Barbara Menking GFWC Texas Registration Chairman
Pages	Patti Poe
Time Keepers	Patti Poe

Patti's Peacocks Strutting their Volunteerism

Reports from the District President's (4 minutes each)

Western	Lindy Stumberg
Trinity	Wanda Godso
South Texas	Therese Crocker, President of the District Presidents
San Jacinto	Janice Brundrett
Pioneer	Tessa Buckley
Mesquite	Carolyn Waller, Secretary to the District Presidents
Magnolia	Joan Pate
Caprock	Tina O'Connor
Capitol	Sharon Grooms
Alamo	Shirley Thomas

10:45 a.m.

Break to Shop

11:00 a.m.

Conservation and "Saving the 'Bats' For Tomorrow"	Lonnie Matthew GFWC Texas Conservation Chairman
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Introduction of Special Guest	Patti Poe, President
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Welcome from GFWC Legislative Chairman	Becky Weber
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12:00 p.m.

Lunch	Elm Room
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Expression of Thanks	Tissa Peterson
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Enjoy Your Lunch



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1:30 p.m.	Presentation of GFWC Awards	Carol Habgood
	Presentation of Special Awards	Carolyn McLeod Fundraising Chairman
	Report from GFWC Convention	Billie Williams Helen Lamberth
	Directory Update	Bonnie Haynes, GFWC Texas Directory Chairman
	Protocol Skit	Mary Lou Gilbreath GFWC Texas Protocol Chairman
	Prevent Child Abuse Texas	Wendell Teltow, M.Ed. Director - Prevent Child Abuse Texas
	3:00 p.m.	Break for Shopping
3:15 p.m.	GFWC Texas Website & GFWC Texas Team App	Angela Short
	Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc.	Helen Lamberth
	Alzheimer's Walk Update	Austin Alzheimer's Chapter

Counterparts Meeting for all Members

Recess until 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.	Dinner	Elm Room
	(No Lower Head Table) Business Casual / Casual - Bat T-shirt	
	Announcements	Barbara Winingham

Recess until 9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.	Carpool to Lone Star River Boat Ride & Bat Watching.
	We will leave the dock at 7:00 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16, 2016

Breakfast on your own

8:30 a.m.	Board Bus for Headquarters	
	Lower Head Table - TFWC HF Trustee - Helen Lamberth, Chairman	
	Business Casual	
9:30 a.m.	Reconvene Meeting	Patti Poe, President
	GFWC Texas Bylaws Update	Margaret Kriegel
	Credentials Update	Nan Park
	GFWC Texas Reporting Guidelines/Changes	Cindy Simmons GFWC Texas 1st Vice President
	Domestic Violence Awareness/Signature Program	Lisa Tate

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Veteran's Program - Wreaths Across America Representative from
Wreaths Across America

10:30 a.m. **Break for Shopping**

10:45 a.m. Human Trafficking/Unicef A Representative from Travis Co. District Attorney's Office

12:00 p.m. **Lunch - Compliments of the GFWC Texas Historical Foundation**

Introduction of Luncheon Speaker Patti Poe

Presentation of Canine Companions for Independence

..... Mikell Bollinger, Regional Director of Advancement, South Central Region

..... Lacey Wicks, Regional Volunteer and Event Coordinator, South Central Region

..... Robin Kinsel, Volunteer Chapter President

1:30 p.m. LEADS 2016 Report Angela Short
2016 GFWC Texas L.E.A.D.S.

Legislation Presentation Becky Weber
GFWC Legislation Chairman

2:45 p.m. **Break for Shopping**

3:00 p.m. Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Rick Cowan
CABT Regional Director

The Texas Clubwoman Linda Mesler

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) Elaine Wilde
GFWC Texas ESO Chairman

4:30 p.m. **Board Bus for Holiday Inn Midtown**

6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

Lower Head Table - District Presidents
Business Casual

7:30 p.m. Introduction of Guest Speaker Linda Mesler
GFWC Texas Chairman President's Project

Canine Companions for Independence

..... Mikell Bollinger, Regional Director of Advancement, South Central Region

..... Lacey Wicks, Regional Volunteer and Event Coordinator, South Central Region

..... Robin Kinsel, Volunteer Chapter President

"West Muttster" Dog Show Picture Contest Results Linda Mesler

Announcements Barbara Winingham

Reception sponsored by CanineCompanions for Independence following presentation.

Recess until 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Breakfast on your own

8:00 a.m. Past District President's Breakfast Elm Room

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

Lower Head Table, GFWC Texas District Presidents

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Report from the Executive Committee

(3 - 5 minutes each)

President	Patti Poe
President-elect	Carol Habgood
First Vice President	Cindy Simmons
Second Vice President	Billie Williams
Recording Secretary	Fran Mask
Chairman of the TFWC Historical Foundation Trustees	Helen Lamberth
Scholarship Chairman	Brenda Grimes
Parliamentarian	Margaret Kriegel
Finance Chairman	Patricia Stevens
Recommendations from the Executive Committee	Fran Mask
Long Range Planning Committee Report	Carol Habgood
Final Registration	Barbara Menking
Fundraising	Carolyn McLeod
Invitation to the 120 th Spring Convention	KerryKay Cook, Chairman
Club Collect	In Unison
Let There Be Peace On Earth	Barbara Winingham Kay Mara
Farewell/Adjournment	Patti Poe, President

Fall Board Meeting --**Thursday's Excursion Is Sure To Drive You "BATTY"**

AUSTIN -- GFWC Texas members are urged to sign up for the Thursday eveing boat excursion to watch the bats under the Congress Avenue bridge do their nightly departure from under the bridge to feed on insects and fruits in the area.

The Congress Avenue Bridge Bats, the world's largest urban bat colony, lives under this bridge; and come dusk their nightly emergence is one of the grandest wildlife viewings in the world.

This nightly migration was initially met with fear, but slowly an appreciation developed and now, as the sun sets, visitors watch as the angry black cloud of 1.5 million bats spiral out into the summer sky. Making for one of the most unique and fascinating tourist attractions anywhere, the Congress Avenue Bridge Bats is a summer sight not to be missed.

This excursion evolved into a project of **CONSERVATION** and member's participation will not only make this a fun event but support that project.

T-shirts with the graphics shown will be available and you may purchase one when you use the registration form. Please pay then for the excursion and the T-shirt if you would like one. Be sure to circle your size.



The above graphics will be on a blue T-shirt. These are offered only to those who order on their Registration Form.

Sign up NOW!!!



TFWC 120TH FALL BOARD MEETING

Official Registration Form

September 14-17, 2016

New Location!



Holiday Inn Midtown; 660 Fiskville Road; Austin , Texas 78701

512-451-5757

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE - August 24, 2016

Rate: \$109.00* plus tax for single

Rate: \$119.00* plus tax for double

***Breakfast included in this price**

Please fill out a form for each person attending.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE _____

(Check One)

(Please Check If Yes)

Board Member _____ Club Member (non-voting) _____ Guest _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Title/Position _____ District _____

Registration & Meals

_____ \$10.00 Early Registration

_____ \$13.00 Late Registration

_____ \$28.00 **Thursday Lunch:** Mixed Green Salad, Grilled Breast of Chicken Topped with Grilled Shrimp, Sliced Tomato, Avocado, Melted Monterey Jack Cheese and Tomato Salsa, Served with Rice Pilaf and Market Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Chef's Selection of Dessert, Tea or Coffee.

_____ \$34.00 **Thursday Dinner:** Beef and Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas, accompanied with Flour Tortillas, Pico de Gallo, Homemade Guacamole and Salsa, Shredded Cheese, Refried Beans and Spanish Rice, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Tea or Coffee.

_____ \$20.00 **Thursday Evening:** Lone Star River Boat Ride & watching the Mexican bats emerge for the evening. We will be loading on the paddle boat by 7:00 p.m., the ride is a 2 hour ride and there will be soft drinks and set ups available for purchase on the boat. You may also bring a small ice chest if you would like to do bring your wine or beer on board.



_____ \$12.00 Please circle one: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X 3X
GFWC Texas went "BATTY" visiting Austin T-shirt.



_____ Free **Friday Lunch** provided by the GFWC Texas Historical Foundation Committee. (However, please mark if attending so we may have a head count.

_____ \$47.00 **Friday Dinner:** Mixed Green Salad, A Thick Cut of Roasted Prime Rib accompanied by Au Jus and a Light Horseradish Sauce, Twice Baked Potatoes, Rolls & Butter, Chef's Selection of Dessert, Tea or Coffee.

_____ TOTAL *** If you have dietary restrictions please send an email to mpowers@hiausmid.com by September 1, 2016. ***
She is an employee of the hotel and can take care of your restrictions.

Mail this 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 *The Texas Clubwoman*, *The GFWC Clubwoman*, and other publications deemed appropriate by TFWC.

CREDENTIALS CARD

GFWC Texas 120th Fall Board Meeting

Deadline: Must be postmarked by Aug. 26, 2016 ←

OFFICIAL USE

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Verified by Nan Park
Credentials Chairman

Date
Postmarked

Date
Received



CHECK ONE:



Mail to: Nan Park
P. O. Box 84
Bowie, TX 76230

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| _____ State Officer | _____ State Appointed Chairman |
| _____ Elected District Officer | _____ of Dept. Programs/Projects |
| _____ Past State President | _____ State Standing Committee |
| _____ Trustee Rep. (1 per district) | _____ (Bylaws, Resolutions, Finance) |
| _____ Scholarship Rep. (1 per dist) | _____ State Project/Contest Ch. |
| _____ State Life Member | _____ State Convention Chairman |
| _____ State Honorary Member | _____ State Life Membership Committee |
| _____ Clubwoman Editor | |
| _____ Club Delegate (One delegate per 15 members of your club) | |

Name of Club _____

of Members in Club _____ District _____

Print out, clip out, fill in, and mail.



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(Left) The members of the Western District and the GFWC Traveling Team. The Traveling Team was busy in the first week of August by traveling from East Texas - Cleveland, Texas, on August 4 to West Texas to visit with the Western District and hold a workshop in Sanderson, Texas, on August 6. They were guests of The Longfellow Ranch while there and enjoyed the beautiful setting and facility.

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Hotel Accomodations

Holiday Inn Midtown

(Note NEW Location!)

**660 Fiskville Road
Austin, Texas 78701
(512)451-5757**

Cut Off Date For Group Rate:

August 24, 2016

Code:

**Texas Federation of
Women's Clubs'
Fall Board Meeting**

**Check Registration Form
on Page 23 for rates.**



To help with fundraising for **President Patti Poe's
Special Project, Canines For Companions**

GFWC Texas will hold a

“West Muttster” Dog Show

at the annual Fall Board Meeting in Austin in September.

If you are a dog owner and feel that your “four-legged baby” is “beyond compare,” then simply take a picture of your “baby” and enter it in the dog show. \$5.00 per each entry.

Winners will be voted on by member attendees, who will pay a \$1.00 to have the privilege to vote. Pooch with most votes wins and will be awarded a prize to be determined before contest and will also be featured in the Winter Issue of *The TEXAS Clubwoman*.

To enter: Bring a 5” x 7” color picture of your dog “aux natural” or in costume/dress attire with dog’s name and your name and address, club name, and district name on back of picture. Submit picture and entry fee to Special Project Chairman Linda Mesler by Thursday, September 15, 2:00 p.m. Look for her at the “dog house.”





(Left) The combination of Mesquite, Pioneer and Trinity Districts made for a great workshop on July 23, in Decatur, Texas, for the GFWC Texas Traveling Team. (Lower Left & Right) Attendees were attentive and enjoyed the information and fellowship.



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(Left and Lower Right) The Traveling Team was in deep East Texas for the Magnolia and San Jacinto combined District Workshop on August 6.

(Lower Left) Tables were decorated in a picnic theme. CUTE!





Pioneer District

Editor's Note: After two years of leading her district in the attire of a railroad conductor, Pioneer District President Carolyn McLeod made her parting train whistle and remarks to eighty-six members at the Spring Convention in Granbury on Saturday, April 9, 2016.



Ladies, who am I?

Answers rang out that their president was Bozo the Clown or that she was a circus clown.

No, I answered. I am the clown from *The Little Engine that Could*, and I need your attention for just a few moments as this administration comes to a close.

First you all know that I love the book, *The Little Engine that Could*, and that it has been this president's inspiration during her term. Also, a couple of meetings back I told you there was a secret hidden in plain sight in the pages of this Golden Book and offered a prize for the first person that approached me with that gem. Well, since no one came, this president wants to end her term with what she learned. She learned to pay attention to pronouns, that hidden in their use dwells a major reason for both the success of the of the little engine story as well as the book's theme of believing in yourself and its application to life and to our federation.

Friends, the train carrying the circus characters and the goods for the children on the other side of the mountain as well as the Little Blue Engine that came to the circus train's rescue are feminine characters as seen in the personal pronoun references in the text; no names are given, and it is the circus clown that keeps looking over the hill for a solution for delivering the goods to the children on the other side of the mountain. Watty Piper uses masculine pronouns for all the other trains including the Shiny New Engine, the Dusty Engine, the Big Engine, and the Rusty Old Engine. Each train offers an excuse for not helping. One snorted he was too important, another moaned he was too old, another barely uttered he was too tired with an end result of could not would not engines. It is the Little Blue Engine that comes cheerfully along and although she is small thinks she can get the job done and indeed does pull the broken down train over the mountain to the children waiting on the other side.

This officer closes with the suggestion to be like the clown and the little blue engine that believed they could help one another. She asks for you to value such club members who approach projects and the club with the attitude of I think I can, I think I can, I think I can. These members are essential assets to keeping our clubs and our federation sound for generations to come.

"Chug, chug, chug. Puff, puff, puff. Ding-dong, ding-dong."



In Memoriam

Ethel Beck

Alamo District

Eileen Coleman

Alamo District

Genevieve Coleman

Alamo District

Vicki Gafford

Alamo District

Elizabeth Jones

Alamo District

Fredaline Krueger

Alamo District

Mary Martin

Alamo District

Madeline Hegi

Caprock District

Louise Massey

Mesquite District

Jane Watson

Mesquite District

Helen Hall

Pioneer District

Elaine Dorow

San Jacinto District

Carrie Marsh

San Jacinto District

Rosemary Alderdice

Trinity District

Marion Armstrong

Trinity District

Sarah Anderson

Trinity District

Virginia Curry

Trinity District

Gayle S. Woodson

Magnolia District

Hazel Kunkel

Pioneer District



Gone . . . but not forgotten.



GFWC Texas Club Presidents:

Please send the name(s) of members in your district (active and honorary) that have passed away to *The Texas Clubwoman* so that we may honor them. Also, please, include the name of your district. Thank you!

*Congratulations.
Frances!!*

GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



Frances Skiles
The Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford
GFWC Texas Pioneer District

May 2016

Dear Frances,

Congratulations! I understand that you are celebrating a milestone anniversary of your seventy remarkable years of service to The Twentieth Century Club of Weatherford, the GFWC Texas Pioneer District, and GFWC Texas serving as president 1982-1984. Not many people can claim all of these achievements and you should be very proud of all that you have accomplished during your seventy years in GFWC.

This momentous occasion reminds me of one of my favorite songs which is entitled... *I Was Here*. I've included some of the lyrics for you here – so you can see why it reminds me of you and your service to GFWC. Being able to say I have left something of importance is something I strive for each and every day as your GFWC President, and I firmly believe you can truthfully say... I was here and you have left your mark on the world!

You will notice me - I'll be leaving my mark, like initials carved in an old oak tree – you wait and see. Maybe I'll write like Twain wrote - maybe I'll paint like Van Gogh - cure the common cold, I don't know, but I'm ready to start cause I know in my heart ... I want to do something that matters, say something different, something that sets the whole world on its ear. I want to do something better with the time I've been given. I want to try to touch a few hearts in this life and leave nothing less than something that says...I was here.

Again, congratulations and please know that we at GFWC value your commitment and dedication to our organization. Have an AMAZING day!

Thanks for Living the Volunteer Spirit!
You are an inspiration to us all,

Babs J. Condon
GFWC International President 2014-2016





On a facts finding trip to Irving to better understand what the needs of this organization are. Impressive and clean facilities. (Above)

Branded van. (Right)

This pup was sure that the “little pup” wanted out to play. (Below)



Robin Kinsel, Volunteer Chapter President met us - all smiles - August 9th.



GFWC Texas President Patti Poe meets one of the “pups” to begin in-depth training 08/15/16.



The President's Special Project is: Canine Companions for Independence. Get ready for some fun while helping this organization!!