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Editor's Note --

You will be seeing the GFWC Texas Convention pictures in two parts because of page number constraints. I will have other things carried over as well. Please bear with me . . my cataracts are giving me fits!!

This being Sandi Conway's last issue as President of GFWC Texas is going to be more centered on the business meeting of the convention and our exciting visit from GFWC President Babs Conway.

Madam President, you have been an inspiration to many with your quiet, warm and loving attitude towards all of your members. You have truly been our "little mother." You have listened to us, helped us work through changes and problems by always doing it with a positive "we can work together and get it done" attitude. THANK YOU!!

You love us, your sisters, . . . and always know that we love you. It has been an honor to serve you and your administration.

-- Linda Mesler



From the Desk of
2014-2016 TFWC President

Sandi Conway

Theme: *"Caring and Sharing the Volunteer Spirit."*

Your President is humbled by the generous gifts that were bestowed on me in Granbury. This officer thanks you for this great two year journey. Each of you is very important, needed, and lifts me up when we are together. GFWC Texas is the greatest organization, and you gave me many cherished memories. In my travels I was able to meet amazing women.

I love this job. I am sad my time has come to an end, but it is time to move into the 2016-2018 administration. There are so many to thank. My beautiful "STARS," the Executive Committee, State Chairmen, and my aids. Each one of you helped in my job. I also thank each one participating to make our Fall Boards and Conventions great.

As I traveled the state, I was met by lovely women who have shown me every courtesy and given me so much joy. My heart is filled with love and appreciation for your support. My goal was that we would work together in harmony. My thanks to each of you for all your accomplishments. New goals were met on legislative opportunities such as the Jason Flatt Act and banning the third trailer on big trucks. Our dedicated women stood strong to make these things happen. Changes and challenges gives us the strength to move forward. Another mission for Domestic Violence Awareness and Child Abuse was spread out across our state, with each club seeing to the needs in their community.

I thank the districts and clubs that invited me to install new officers and speak on Heifer International, Domestic Violence, and Why Do We Belong To GFWC Texas? My passionate desire for who we are and what we are all about holds a special place in my heart. For the past 20+ years federation has given me a new life with my federated family. Our love for one another will keep our legacy, and our volunteer spirit will be lasting. No matter how big or small our clubs, we value the foundation that was laid down for us.

I ask you to support Patti and the next administration like you did for me. Your GFWC Texas 58th President thanks you for giving me two wonderful years. I extend my love to each of you, and Jenny June is happy to ride in her new carry all.

Continue your volunteer service and unite our great organization. We are the ones to make a difference. Thank you, and God bless you and GFWC Texas.





This Is GFWC Today.

And, We Love it!!



(Above) GFWC President Babs Condon and newly installed GFWC Texas President Patti Poe pose for pictures with the TNT Juniorette Club from Bowie. (Right) President Condon dances with Juniorette Harper Lee and her mother Tracey Jennings.

Actions speak louder than words. The heart and spirit of GFWC President Condon captured our hearts. Lead by example, ladies - it works!



President Condon gets the membership to their feet and teaches them a new dance. It came in very handy at the dance after installation.





Stars Across The Brazos



GFWC Texas President Sandi Conway opens the convention



President Conway and Crystal Hammet present LEADS certificate to Angela Short, GFWC Texas' newly named LEADS Representative.



(Left) Carolyn McLeod, President Pioneer Dist.

(Right) Beth Lewellen, Pioneer Dist. HF Rep.



(Left) Tessa Buckley, Pioneer Dist. President-elect and Convention-Chair,



Members were delighted in the performance of child prodigy Ridge Roberts.

Sandi's Stars Shone Brightly



Alamo District



Capitol District



Caprock District



Magnolia District



Mesquite District



Pioneer District



San Jacinto District



South Texas District



Trinity District



Western District



**Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer of the Year
Jean Cochran**



Points being made and clarification by Carol Waller (above left) and Patti Poe after presentation by Patricia Siegreid-Giles (above right) over Charett recommendations.



President Conway (left) introduces special guest GFWC President Babs Condon (right) to the convention attendees.



The many faces
of the very
approachable
GFWC
President
Babs
Condon.



GFWC Chief Operating Officer Rosemary M. Thomas LOVED shopping curbside between sessions. (Pictured Above and Right)



Fun
and
Fellowship



GFWX President
Babs Condon recognizes
TFWC Past President
Frances Skiles for her 70
years as a Federation
member. (Right)
Frances Skiles,
TFWC President
Sandi Conway and
President Condon
(Far Right)



Frances Skiles - 70 Year Member to Federation!

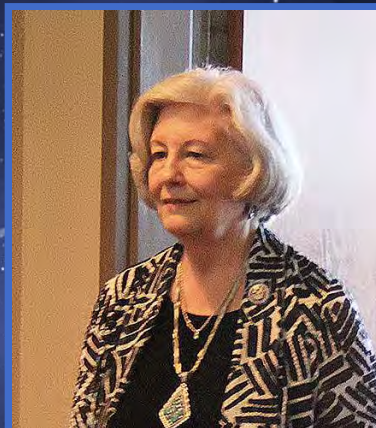
The Long Road Begins To End



Stephanie Stephens



Patsy Troell



Patricia Stevens



President Sandi Conway's Farewell Address



President Sandi Conway's Farewell Gift -
★ A Charm Bracelet with charms from each of her Stars and a pet carrier for Jenny June.



Yes, there were yellow roses.



GFWC Texas Award Winners—2015

Summary

Total Awards: 254

Pioneer District: 67
South Texas District: 59
Magnolia District: 33
Trinity District: 27
Alamo District: 18
Western District: 13
Capitol District: 13
Caprock District: 10
San Jacinto District: 10
Mesquite District: 3

Outstanding Clubwoman:

Jean Cochran
GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury
Pioneer District

LEADS:

Angela Short
GFWC GRITS Junior Club
Pioneer District

Arts CSP

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Progressive Study Club, Caprock District

Category 2:

First Place: Stephenville 20th Century Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District
Second Place: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Category 4:

First Place: Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Sandra Sterling, Magnolia District
Second Place: Mary Stockard, Pioneer District

Conservation CSP

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

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Second Place: Stephenville 20th Century Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Category 4:

First Place: Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Brenda Lukefahr, South Texas District

Second Place: Dee Sharp, Capitol District

Education CSP

Category 1:

First Place: GFWC Culture Club, Western District

Second Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Granbury Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Second Place: Fidelis Inter Se, Trinity District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: Denton City Federation, Pioneer District

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Linda Somervill, Pioneer District

Second Place: Sandra Stephenson, Caprock District

Home Life CSP

Category 1:

First Place: GFWC Culture Club, Western District

Second Place: Wednesday Club, San Jacinto District

Category 2:

First Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Second Place: Fortnightly Club, San Jacinto District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Lonnie Matthew, South Texas District

Second Place: (Tie) Rona Vickers, Trinity District
Jeri Harkins, Capitol District

International Outreach CSP

Category 1:

First Place: Albany Study Club, Mesquite District

Second Place: Tau Lambda Study Club, Western District

Category 2:

First Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: TFWC Twentieth Century Study Club, Western District

Category 3:

First Place: Bronte Club of Victoria, Alamo District

Second Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Betty Rackley, Alamo District

Public Issues CSP

Category 1:

First Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Second Place: Woman's Monday Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Pierian Club, Capitol District

Second Place: TFWC Twentieth Century Study Club, Western District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Fidelis Inter Se Club, Trinity District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Jean Cochran, Pioneer District

Second Place: Patricia Hogan, Alamo District

Communications and Public Relations

Category 1:

First Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Second Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Second Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Linda A.F. Gerd, South Texas District

Second Place: Patricia Tate, Trinity District

Fundraising

Category 1:

First Place: Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club, San Jacinto District
Second Place: Woman's Monday Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Pleasanton, Alamo District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District
Second Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Category 4:

First Place: Greater Keller Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Billie Williams, Magnolia District
Second Place: Patty Stratton, San Jacinto District

Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children:

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Category 2:

First Place: Wednesday Review Club, Capitol District
Second Place: Granbury Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Debbie Unterbrink, South Texas District
Second Place: Tessa Buckley, Pioneer District

Leadership

Category 1:

First Place: The History Club of Whitesboro, Trinity District
Second Place: Liberty Coterie Club, Magnolia District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District
Second Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Category 4:

First Place: Greater Keller Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Carolyn McLeod, Pioneer District

Second Place: Patricia Tate, Trinity District

Legislation and Public Policy

Category 1:

First Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Second Place: GFWC Culture Club, Western District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Second Place: The Amity Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: No entries

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Patricia Tate, Trinity District

Second Place: Carolyn Flatt, Pioneer District

Membership

Category 1:

First Place: Nineteenth Century Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Woman's Club of Cleveland, Magnolia District

Category 2:

First Place: GFWC Fireside Juniorettes, South Texas District

Second Place: The Stephenville 20th Century Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Second Place: Fidelis Inter Se Club, Trinity District

Category 4:

First Place: Greater Keller Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Kathy Horak, Pioneer District

Second Place: Shari Gunter, Magnolia District

Juniorettes

Category 1:

First Place: GFWC Juniorettes of Alpine, Western District

Category 2:

First Place: (Tie) GFWC Fireside Juniorettes, South Texas District

First Place: (Tie) GFWC Bluebonnet Drama Juniorettes, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Category 3: No entries

Category 4: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: (Tie) Mary Vongsavath, Western District

First Place: (Tie) Jennifer Alexander, South Texas District
First Place: (Tie) Cindy Simmons, South Texas District

**GFWC Signature Project:
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**

Category 1:

First Place: See category 2
Second Place (Tie): GFWC Culture Club, Western District
Second Place (Tie): Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club, San Jacinto District

Category 2:

First Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District
First Place: Woman's Club of Cotulla, Alamo District (was incorrectly placed in Category 1)
Second Place: TFWC Twentieth Century Study Club, Western District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, Pioneer District
Second Place: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Mollie Jamison, San Jacinto District
Second Place: Lynn Long, Pioneer District

**GFWC Signature Project:
Prevent Child Abuse America**

Category 1:

First Place: Woman's Monday Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Liberty Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Category 2: No entries

Category 3: No entries

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Chairman's Narrative:

No award given.

Women's History and Resource Center

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Woman's Monday Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Monday Review Club, Capitol District
Second Place: No entry

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Category 4: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Ann Barton, Pioneer District
Second Place: Gloria Stratton, Magnolia District

Texas Heritage: Special Projects

Category 1:

First Place (Tie): Woodville Woman's Study Club, Magnolia District
First Place (Tie): Nineteenth Century Club, Pioneer District

Texas Heritage: Historical People

Category 1:

First Place: Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club, San Jacinto District
Second Place: Wednesday Study Club, Pioneer District

Category 2:

First Place: Monday Review Club, Capitol District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Pleasanton, Alamo District

Category 3:

First Place: Bronte Club of Victoria, Alamo District
Second Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Category 4: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Mary Virginia Jacobs, Alamo District
Second Place: Maree Johnson, Magnolia District

Texas Heritage: Historical Places and Things

Category 1:

First Place: History Club of Whitesboro, Trinity District
Second Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: The Amity Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Decora Study Club, Alamo District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Nan Park, Pioneer District
Second Place: Mary Burt, Trinity District

GFWC Texas President's Special Project: Heifer Project

Category 1:

First Place: Las Fidelis Study Club, Caprock District
Second Place: Woman's Monday Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Fortnightly Club, Brenham, San Jacinto District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Lonnie Matthew, South Texas District
Second Place: Kathy Krajca, Pioneer District

Outstanding Club Program

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Cleveland, Magnolia District

Category 2:

First Place: Silsbee Woman's Club, Magnolia District
Second Place: The 36 Club, Capitol District

Category 3:

First Place: Decora Study Club, Alamo District
Second Place: Bronte Club of Victoria, Alamo District

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Outstanding Federation Program

Category 1:

First Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District
Second Place: Pierian Club, Mesquite District

Category 2:

First Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District
Second Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Decora Study Club, Alamo District

Category 4: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Patricia Siegfried-Giles, Trinity District
Second Place: Vicki Hines, Pioneer District

Outstanding Americanism Program

Category 1:

First Place: Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club, San Jacinto District
Second Place: Whitesboro Study Club, Trinity District

Category 2:

First Place: Woman's Club of Cotulla, Alamo District
Second Place: Fairfield History Club, Trinity District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Category 4:

First Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Cammie Hyatt, South Texas District

Second Place: Maridell Fryar, Western District

U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Center

Category 1:

First Place: Las Fidelis Study Club, Caprock District

Second Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: Silsbee Woman's Club, Magnolia District

Second Place: Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3:

First Place: Decora Study Club, Alamo District

Second Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Category 4: No entries

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Tina O'Connor, Caprock District

Second Place: Melissa Hughes, Alamo District

Yearbook Cover Design

America

First Place: Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club, San Jacinto District

Second Place: Fidelis Inter Se Club, Trinity District

Volunteer

First Place: Wednesday Study Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: The Woman's Club of Kingsville, South Texas District

Federation

First Place: President's Council, South Texas District

Second Place: Woman's Wednesday Club, Pioneer District

Texas

First Place: The Amity Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Albany Study Club, Mesquite District

Whimsical

First Place: Stephenville Study Club, Pioneer District

Second Place: Woman's Club of Pleasanton, Alamo District

Scholarship Program

Category 1:

First Place: Tau Lambda Study Club, Western District

Second Place: Florence J. Scott Study Club, South Texas District

Category 2:

First Place: San Gabriel's Woman Club, Capitol District
Second Place: Woman's Club of Pleasanton, Alamo District

Category 3:

First Place: Woman's Club of Aransas Pass, South Texas District
Second Place: Fidelis Inter Se Club, Trinity District

Category 4:

First Place: The Greater Keller Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: No entry

Chairman's Narrative:

First Place: Patricia Stevens, Alamo District
Second Place: Barbara Menking, Capitol District

Adult Short Story

First Place: Billie Williams, "The Memory Bench," Magnolia District
Second Place: Roberta Thomman, "The First of Many," Caprock District

Adult Poetry

First Place: Sandra Phillips, "Old Children," Capitol District
Second Place: Missy Jones, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," Pioneer District

Youth Short Story

Category 1: (Grades K, 1 and 2)

First Place: Blake DeHart, "My First Sleepover," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 2: (Grades 3, 4 and 5)

First Place: Emma Johnson, "Santa's Off Time," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 3: (Grades 6, 7 and 8)

First Place: Tanner Scroggins, "The Championship," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 4: (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12)

First Place: Presley Dailey, "Humans," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Youth Poetry

Category 1: (Grades K, 1 and 2)

First Place: Shelby Hampe, "Cat Naps," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 2: (Grades 3, 4 and 5)

First Place: Kino Sanders, "Don't Pick Me," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Gaby Deleon, "Shoes," Phebe K. Warner Study Club, Caprock District

Category 3: (Grades 6, 7 and 8)

First Place: Tristen Paul Stice, "Fall," Phebe K. Warner Study Club, Caprock District
Second Place: Lucas Russell, "The Frozen Morning," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District

Category 4: (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12)

First Place: Brett Bean, "Life Expectancy," Decatur Woman's Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Joshua O'Connor, "Where I'm From," Las Fidelis Study Club, Caprock District

Photography Contest

The World in Pictures – Living Things

First Place – "New Life", Linda Lang, Woman's Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District
Second Place – "Eastern Tiger Swallowtail On Lantana", Gayle Stephens, Kountze Woman's Club, Magnolia District,
Third Place – "Blue Beauty", Kathy Abilez, Wednesday Review Club, Capitol District

The World in Pictures – Scenes

First Place – “Charlottetown Prince Edward Island”, Marsha Wellman, The Woman’s Monday Club of Corpus Christi, South Texas District,
Second Place – “Texas in Autumn”, Ernestine Shugart, Granbury Woman’s Club, Pioneer District
Third Place – “Endless Bluebonnets”, Gayle Stephens, Kountze Woman’s Club, Magnolia District,

The World in Pictures – Still Life

First Place – “What Has Been and What Will Be”, Sandra Phillips, Franklin Woman’s Reading Club, Capitol District
Second Place – “Lee County Courthouse”, Gayle Stephens, Kountze Woman’s Club, Magnolia District,
Third Place – “Winter’s Fountain”, Shari Gunter, Woman’s Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

GFWC Volunteers in Action

First Place – “Heart of A Champion”, Lynn Long, Decatur Woman’s Club, Pioneer District
Second Place – “I Volunteer”, Shari Gunter, Woman’s Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District
Third Place – “Serving Cowboy Chili”, Linda Lang, Woman’s Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

A Year in Pictures

First Place – “Fall at Dam B”, Linda Lang, Woman’s Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District
Second Place – “Bluebonnets on Slope”, Gayle Stephens, Kountze Woman’s Club, Magnolia District,
Third Place – “Spring’s Bountiful Blossoms”, Shari Gunter, Woman’s Civic Club of Jasper, Magnolia District

Community Improvement Program

Category 1:

First Place: Las Fidelis Study Club, Caprock District
Second Place: GFWC Juniores of Alpine, Western District

Category 2:

First Place: The Amity Club, Pioneer District
Second Place: Wednesday Review Club, Capitol District

Category 3:

First Place: Fidelis Inter Se Club, Trinity District Woman’s Club of Cotulla Advocates for Child Abuse Prevention

Thank You!

To the generous members and officers of the Pioneer District for their involvement in the GFWC Texas Convention held in Granbury and their efforts to make it the success that it was.

“Special Thanks” to Tessa Buckley, chairman of the event, for an outstanding Convention. Attendees were very complimentary of all activities from the style show put on by GFWC Woman’s Wednesday Club, to the beautiful decorations by Granbury Woman’s Club, to the charming young fiddler Ridge Roberts who amazed us with his talent and poise, and a wonderful night at the theater with the reception after hosted by Stephenville 20th Century Club, Stephenville Study Club, and the Heritage Club of Comanche, and to the little treat bags of chocolates provided at one luncheon by The Amity Club of Bowie.

*Sammy Poe, the reception for Patti’s installation was SUPER!! Thank you!
And, THANK YOU especially to those that attended! Join us again!!*

Make Reservations NOW For Fall Board In Austin

AUSTIN --The 2016 GFWC Texas Fall Board Meeting will be called to order on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. The pre-board meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the afternoon. Plan to book your room beginning Wednesday night if participating. The Executive Committee is planning a fun event for Wednesday evening. The Board Meeting will be adjourned by 12:00 Noon on Saturday.

Please make your reservations NOW to insure plenty of rooms. Information is as follows, **NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION!** Holiday Inn, Austin Midtown; 6000 Middle Fiskville Road; Austin, TX 78752

1-800-315-2621 - Reservations or 1-512-451-5757 - Front Desk

DATES: September 14 - 17, 2016 Just tell them you are with Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

**GO to your
phone and
make
reservations
for the
Fall Board
NOW!!**

**Coverage
of the
GFWC Texas
Installation
of Officers
will be in the
Fall edition, as
well as Fall
Board Info.
Don't miss it!**



2016-2018 GFWC Texas Traveling Team Workshop Schedule

July 6, 2016 - Caprock District - Levelland

July 19, 2016 - Capitol District - Temple

July 23, 2016 - Mesquite, Pioneer & Trinity
Districts - Decatur Church of Christ

August 4, 2016 - Magnolia & San Jacinto
Districts - Cleveland

August 13, 2016 - South Texas District -
Kingsville

August 20, 2016 - Alamo District - Pleasanton

**Please watch for your District President's Call for
the location and time of this workshop.**

**This will be a very casual meeting. Everyone
wear your capris, jeans, or anything comfortable.**

Alamo District

Alamo Spring Convention Hosted by Woman's Club of Pleasanton

PLEASANTON -- The Alamo District 2016 Spring Convention was held on March 19, 2016; hosted by the Woman's Club of Pleasanton at the Civic Center in Pleasanton, Texas. There were 42 members present representing six of the seven clubs that are members of the Alamo District.

The highlights of the day included the Awards Ceremony conducted by First Vice President Judy Shields and installation of the 2016-18 Alamo District Officers by GFWC Texas President Sandi Conway. The new officer team includes: President Shirley Thomas from the San Antonio Women's Federation, President-elect Pat Hogan from Woman's Club of Pleasanton, First Vice President Louisa Franklin from Woman's Club of Cotulla, Second Vice President Mary Ann Wright from Decora Study Club of Victoria, Secretary Carol Habgood from the San Antonio Women's Federation, Historical Foundation Committee representative Patsy Troell from Woman's Club of Pleasanton and the GFWC Texas Scholarship committee representative Patricia Stevens from the Woman's Club of Pleasanton.

Awards were given to the following clubs:

- Woman's Club of Cotulla: Category II-1st place Community Service, 1st place Outstanding Club Program, 2nd place Fundraising, 1st place Americanism, 2nd place Historical People, 1st place Domestic Violence, 2nd place Home life, 1st place Public Policy;
- Woman's Club of Pleasanton: Category II-1st place Community Services, 1st place Fundraising, 1st place Yearbook Cover-Whimsical, 2nd place Americanism, 1st place Historical Places, 1st place Historical People, 1st place Advocacy for Children, 1st place GFWC Scholarships, 1st place Home Life;
- Morning Study Club of Victoria: Category II-2nd place Yearbook Cover, 2nd place Advocacy for Children;
- Bronte Study Club of Victoria: Category III-2nd place Community Services, 2nd place Community Service, 1st place Outstanding Club Program, 1st place Historical People, 2nd place Home Life, 2nd place Federation Day;
- Decora Study Club of Victoria: Category III-1st place Community Service, 2nd place Outstanding Club Program, 1st place Community Services, 1st place Fundraising, 1st place Yearbook Cover, 1st place Historical Places, 2nd place Historical People, 1st place Home Life, 1st place Federation Day.

Congratulations and well done to all the hardworking members in the Alamo District.

Steps Taken by Woman's Club of Cotulla for Child Abuse Prevention

COTULLA -- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Woman's Club of Cotulla partnered with the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) group and the new LaSalle County Child Advocacy Center to place Child Abuse Awareness signs in various locations around Cotulla this month. The signs feature a large boot with the slogan: "Giving Child Abuse the Boot." On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 members of the Woman's Club and CASA of South Texas met at LaSalle County Courthouse to place two signs at the Main Entrance.

According to the Prevent Child Abuse Texas website each day in the United States: four children die from child abuse, 27 children die from poverty, 689 babies are born with inadequate prenatal care, and 13,700 children are abused and neglected. Additional facts from the website state that every 11 seconds a child is reported abused or neglected, every 5 minutes a child is arrested for a violent crime, every 17 minutes a baby dies, every 2 hours a child is a homicide victim.

According to information provided by the LaSalle County Child Advocacy center each year 40,000 children receive critical services at one of over 60 children's advocacy centers in Texas. Of the total number of children served last year 74% were involved in sexual abuse cases, 99% knew their perpetrator, 27% were not old enough to attend kindergarten.

More information about Child Abuse Prevention and what to do in case of suspected abuse or neglect can be found at www.lasallecountycac.org. Raising child abuse awareness and advocating for prevention of abuse and neglect is a signature



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project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The GFWC is one of the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, non-denominational women's volunteer service organizations, dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. The Woman's Club of Cotulla has been a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 93 years, receiving its club charter in 1923.

Fingerprinting Students Provides Safety Measures Often Overlooked

COTULLA -- Child Safety advocacy is at the forefront of several community service projects sponsored by the Woman's Club of Cotulla. In keeping with April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the club sponsored a fingerprinting project of Kindergarten students attending Cotulla ISD elementary schools, as it does annually.

This year the project was conducted on April 26th with the LaSalle County Sheriff's department graciously volunteering to perform the fingerprinting of the students. Approximately 78 students were fingerprinted this year on a form provided by the National Child Identification Program. In addition to the complete set of fingerprints, parents can record all vital information pertaining to their child on the form so they have all information in one convenient location in the event of a missing child.

The project chairs, Dorothy Kinsel and Novella Byrd, would like to thank the following LaSalle County Sheriff's Department personnel who so graciously volunteered their time for this project: Sheriff Miguel Rodriguez, Lieutenant Joey Garcia, and Deputy Eddie De Leon. We would also like to thank the following Woman's Club members who helped at the two campuses: Mildred Allen, Melanie Ayala, Louisa Franklin, Candace Tetzlaff, Mary Jane Treff, and Liz Whitwell.



Franklin Named 2016 Jefferson Acorn Award Finalist

COTULLA -- On March 30, 2016, our Woman's Club President Louisa Franklin was named as one of eighteen finalists to vie for the 2016 Jefferson Acorn Award. A few of Louisa's volunteer activities that earned her the nomination for the award:

- membership and participation in volunteer activities in the Woman's Club of Cotulla, currently serving as the chapter president;
- her work as a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of South Texas volunteer, working tirelessly to ensure "her kids" receive the services they are entitled to; her faithful commitment to the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church community including initiating the St. Timothy's Christmas Cheer for Children toy drive;
- and serving on the Board of the Children's Advocacy Center of South Texas that was instrumental in the drive to open the satellite center in Cotulla.

Established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the Jefferson Awards salute and celebrate public service in America. The annual award is bestowed locally by the Laredo Area Community Foundation and the Laredo Morning Times to honor those who go above and beyond the call of duty in their service as community leaders; Louisa certainly fits this description! Congratulations Louisa, well deserved!



Louisa Franklin
2016 Jefferson Acorn
Award Finalist



Pioneer District Travels to Comanche to Hold 56th Annual Fall Board

Editor's Note: Pioneer District has been pushed to the back (news-wise) too many times by this editor to make room for other news and to stay within the 24 page guidelines mandated. The old saying about "the doctor's kids are the sickest on the block" comes to mind. Allow me to play catch up as a way to thank this district for their patience . . .and my scalp!

COMANCHE -- The 56th annual TFWC Pioneer District Fall Board Meeting met at the First Baptist Church in Comanche, Texas on Saturday, October 3, 2015. The Comanche Study Club and The TFWC Heritage Club of Comanche hosted the event at the First Baptist Church in Comanche. President Carolyn McLeod opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Sixty-six members registered and there were three guests present.

The Business Session included reports from Executive Committee members and a Thank You note from scholarship recipient Nathan Davis from Iowa Park. After Executive Committee reports, guest speaker Nancy Robinson Masters captivated the audience with her animated, humorous and inspirational speech.

The Newly formed GRITS Club gave its' first report with Angela Short, club President, doing the honors. District President McLeod announced that The Amity Club's, Bowie, member Nan Park had been named as the TFWC Jenny Award recipient at the TFWC Fall Board Meeting held in September in Austin.

Visiting Magnolia District President Billie Williams, along with Magnolia District's TFWC Historical Foundation Representative Helen Lamberth gave the membership a visit from the Reporting Fairy (Billie Williams) to generate enthusiasm and understanding of the importance of club reporting.

After other business and announcements, President McLeod adjourned the meeting.



Pioneer District President hugs Nan Park after recognizing her as the GFWC Texas Jenny Recipient for 2016.



Author and Keynote Speaker Nancy Robinson Masters entertained and kept the members "moving."



Magnolia District's Helen Lamberth (Left), President McLeod (Center), and Magnolia District's President Billie Williams (Alias, The Reporting Fairy).



The Reporting Fairy and the lonely Volunteers get together and see progress with the wave of a wand. Magic!

Annual Closing Dinner --

The Amity Club Installs New Officers for the 2016-2018 Term

NOCONA -- The Amity Club of Bowie held its' annual Closing Dinner in the home of member Darlene McGaughey on May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Members were treated to hamburgers and assorted accompanying dishes and desserts. Plans were discussed for the upcoming installation of GFWC Texas President-elect Patti Poe as President of that organization later in the month. Retiring President of Amity Club, Linda Mesler urged members to attend, noting that Granbury wasn't that far and was a great place to visit. Plans were made to make treat bags of chocolates to be used where needed at the convention as Amity's contribution to the Pioneer District's hosted event. Those going planned to attend "Hello Dolly" on the Friday evening before the installation ceremony and expectations were high for that performance.

Patti Poe conducted the Amity Club installation ceremony, and the new slate of officers are as follows: President, Penny Tripp; Vice President, July Devine; Barbara Winingham, Secretary; Carolyn Hankins, Treasurer; and Nan Park Parliamentarian. Best wishes for a very productive and enjoyable term, ladies!



Amity Club members listen as plans are discussed for the installation of fellow member Patti Poe to TFWC President later in the month.



(Above) TFWC President-elect Patti Poe congratulates the newly installed officers of The Amity Club for the 2016-2018 term.

Trinity District

Life Member Celebrates 95th Birthday with Club Members

Whitesboro -- Liz Morlean, Life Member of Trinity District celebrated her 95th birthday on April 25 at Lovejoy's on Main St in downtown Whitesboro. She shared the day with some of her fellow History Club of Whitesboro friends and some potential members. It was a glorious celebration. Liz says "Everybody should have a 95th birthday!"



Liz Morlean and Betty Capehart enjoying the party in style. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LIZ!!

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