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- ~~Look~~in' at Us -
 Ladies --

"The best laid plans of mice and (wo)men . . ." DogFest became a virtual fundraiser with the exit of Hurricane Harvey. Many of our coastal districts were affected with destruction and flooding. All attention was focused on our friends and fellow Texans in need. We missed our sisters who usually come to our state meetings in Austin. But . . . with the generosity of our GFWC sisters rallying around us, in thought and deed, we allowed our bigger volunteer hearts to go into action and help our neighbors plan for a new tomorrow and pick up what pieces could be saved.

God love GFWC!!
 L.L.M.



From the Desk of
2016-2018 TFWC President

Patti Poe

Theme: *“Preserving the Past, Pioneering the Future.”*

Dear Ladies,

The year is passing quickly, I can't believe that in just a couple of months I will be turning the reigns over to Carol. This president was able to attend the Caprock District Fall Board Meeting, Magnolia District Fall Board, San Jacinto District Fall Board, and Pioneer District Fall Board. It is always great to visit our members across the state. I then traveled to San Antonio to finalize the hotel plans for the Spring Convention. You will find a direct link to the Embassy Suites Hotel reservations on our website. Please go ahead and make your reservations in order to make sure we have enough rooms. Alamo District is planning a great time for us during San Antonio's 300th Anniversary! We will start the convention off by going to the Riverwalk and eating at the famous Casa Rio, the oldest restaurant on the Riverwalk - Since 1946. We will be celebrating our accomplishments for reporting and we will celebrate the wonderful donations that have been made this year to Canine Companions for Independence and Hurricane Harvey. We will then finish the convention with the beautiful installation of your 60th GFWC Texas President Carol Habgood.

Twenty-two Clubwomen and friends traveled to beautiful Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, North Carolina. We spent two days site seeing and then boarded the bus to travel to Washington DC. We played games, slept and had a great fellowship on our trip up to DC. We toured the memorials at night, had a special tour of The Capitol by U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry's office. Congressman Thornberry serves as the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, the first Texan to hold this position. We concluded our trip by visiting GFWC Headquarters for the Holiday Reception.

What a wonderful time to be a Clubwoman!! It has been a busy time for everyone this last couple of months. The Fall Board Meeting in Austin was once again a success. Our numbers were down and some of our "regulars" were not able to be there due to Hurricane Harvey, but the Volunteer Spirit is alive and well. We started out with donations for the victims around \$26,000, which I was so excited about, little did I know that the outpouring of members and non-members across the United States would be so fantastic. We have now reached the \$115,000 mark and donations are still coming in. We have disbursed \$74,500, as follows:

- Magnolia District - \$18,000
- South Texas District - \$18,000
- Aransas County ISD (Rockport) \$3,000
- Aransas Pass ISD \$3,000
- Buna ISD \$3,000
- Mauriceville ISD \$3,000
- Ingleside ISD \$3,000

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- Port Aransas ISD \$3,000
- Sour Lake ISD \$1,000
- Aransas Pass Day Care \$5,000
- Hitchcock Library \$500
- Camp Aranzazu \$2,000
- Families in Need \$11,000

There is approximately \$39,000 left in this account which will be sent to the affected libraries this Spring. This president has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of help from across the United States from our fellow sisters. Personal thank you letters were mailed to the donors thanking them for their help during this time. I'm very excited that we will be able to make such substantial donations to the libraries across South Texas.

Thank you again for your service to GFWC Texas and your communities. Thank you so much for your support and help, I am honored to be your President!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Patti Poe



Merry Christmas!

Remember: It's not what's under the tree that matters, but rather, WHO is around the tree.

And, wishes for a very happy New Year!
Patti Poe
President, GFWC Texas



Thank You, GFWC Sisters!

How can two little words (thank you) mean so very much? Please know that the many acts of kindness shown to our state's victims/survivors of Hurricane Harvey are being passed to them in the name of Federation and from the hands of Federation members. Your love and volunteer spirit is flowing through us as a conduit for your generosity and much needed aid.

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
-- William Arthur Ward*

Thank you for being the wonderful volunteers you are and proving that Federated women are the best!!



GFWC Texas



9/4/2017

Dear friends,

Please accept this enclosed donation to support the efforts of GFWC TEXAS to provide Hurricane Harvey relief to those in need.

I attended both the GFWC convention in Baltimore and again this year in Palm Springs. I actually roomed with Barbara Harvey (Dallas) and through Barbara, also established friendships with Billie Williams & Helen Lambert (Liberty), as well as others.

You are all in my thoughts + prayers. Thanks for your good work.

Sincerely,
Linda Browne (GFWC-NC)

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 12:23 PM, Melisa Hayes <tfwc@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ladies,

We've been receiving so many donations for Hurricane Harvey relief! I am collecting all these notes for Patti including even the smallest scribbles of love and support. Since you all were mentioned specifically in this note, I thought I would share it with you right away. I hope this makes y'all feel a little better.

I've been spending the last few days sniffing and tearful opening cards and notes and processing donations pouring in for Texas. What a blessing to be a part of Federation.

Melisa

GFWC Texas

121st Fall Board of Directors Meeting

September 13 - 16, 2017

Holiday Inn Midtown Austin, Texas



The Heads & Tails game is about to begin. BUY YOUR BEADS!!



The Heads & Tails Game



ROCK STARS



These two women worked very hard



Peacock theme.



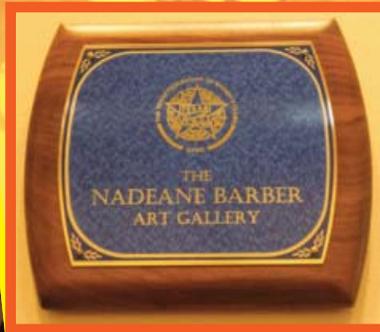
WORKSHOPS



MARGARET KRIEDEL
2017 GFWC Texas Jenny Award Winner



Meeting Resumes at GFWC Texas Headquarters



Do you have a running car outside with a full tank of gas?

The unveiling of Lola, "Hang Lola" fame, and the formal opening of The Nadeane Barber Art Gallery.



Happy Winner!



In line for lunch service.



The beautiful metal topper graces the windows in the ballroom.



I won, I won!!

GFWC Texas works hard . . . and, plays hard.



Sometimes things get serious.



GFWC Texas was thrilled and humbled with donations coming in for Hurricane Harvey victims. Little did we know that the love would continue to pour in and we would be a conduit for GFWC compassion and generosity. THANK YOU, GFWC SISTERS!!

2017 Fall Board Meeting - A Synopsis of the Minutes

The 121st GFWC Texas Fall Board Meeting in Austin, Texas was called to order by President Patti Poe on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The theme “Lone Star Ladies Making a Difference” resounded throughout the next few days.

Sharon Grooms, Capitol District President, welcomed members and one guest and Dixie Gilley gave some facts about Austin.



Grooms



Gilley

Patti’s Peacocks, the District Presidents, reported on the activities of their districts. Highlighting the accounts was the arrival of Wonder Woman. Marshia Foster, reporting for San Jacinto District, surprised the audience as she slipped out of her dress and underneath she was in costume. The Presidents reported many successes and many needs.

Cindy Simmons, GFWC Texas First Vice President, presented the GFWC awards Texas received at the the annual convention in Palm Desert, California:



Simmons

Canine Companions for Independence Award – Happy Tails – Caprock District

Canine Companions for Independence Award – GFWC Texas – Leaders of the Pack

Member Short Story Writing Contest – 3rd Place – Billie Williams

Outstanding Newsletter – GFWC Texas – Linda Mesler, Editor

Outstanding Achievement in the Arts – Mary Muckleroy, Chairman

Outstanding Achievement in ESO – Elaine Wilde, Chairman

Outstanding Achievement in Conservation – Silsbee Woman’s Club

Juniorette Participation Award –

Teens of North Texas

Bluebonnet Drama Club

Alpine Juniorettes

Lady Lobos of Monahans

Fireside Juniorettes



Mesler



Muckleroy



Wilde

Workshops in state reporting, membership/fundraising, club reporting, and GFWC partnerships gave members attending insight on new information.

Marian St. Clair, GFWC First Vice President, attended the meeting even though her home had damage after Hurricane Irma. Ms. St. Clair spoke on “ Words of Wisdom”.



St. Clair

Jackie Hendricks, Jennie Award Chairman, introduced Nan Park and Melba Gafford as past recipients of this award. She then introduced Margaret Kriegel, GFWC Texas Parliamentarian, as the 2017 Jennie Award winner.



Hendricks



Kriegel

Past GFWC Texas President, Patricia Siegfried-Giles, presented the GFWC Texas Grant to the Amity Club of Bowie, Pioneer District.



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The meeting on Friday was held at GFWC Texas Headquarters.

Dee Ann Archer, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman, presented a program on GFWC's cornerstone DVAP project.



Archer

Lonnie Matthews reported on the LEADS training she attended at the GFWC Convention in Palm Desert, California.



Matthews

Margaret Kriegel instructed the members on the correct way to conduct a meeting and Lynn Long, State Chairman of M.D. Anderson and GFWC Capitol Campaign Committee member, spoke on these two subjects.

The members adjourned to the newly redecorated Nadeane Barber Art Gallery. Billie Williams unveiled a painting found at headquarters and explained the "Frame Lola" project. Minnie Sammang, Past GFWC Texas President, gave some of her memories of Ms. Barber. Barbara Harvey, Historical Foundation Vice Chairman, explained the restoration of the gallery and the reason behind it and then invited everyone to enjoy the other art in the room and to take a tour of the mansion.



Williams



Sammang



Harvey

Sharon Grooms explained the switch from actual to virtual for the DogFest and gave the totals raised at over \$13,000.00.



Habgood

Carol Habgood presented the Long Range Plan for GFWC Texas and it was approved.

Marian Gamertsfelder, Past GFWC Texas President, gave information on the Community Improvement Award and Kathy Horak Smith, GFWC Photography Chairman, gave ideas for the Photography Context. Linda Turner, Past President of Top of Texas District, spoke on the GFWC Public Issues Community Service Programs.



Gamertsfelder



Turner



Horak-Smith

Marian St. Clair was the speaker for the evening.

At the close of Friday night's meeting President Poe gave the total of funds raised to this point: \$26,013.37. She also explained that funds were being sent to Magnolia and South Texas Districts, to a daycare for underprivileged children, and to six schools. Boxes of donated school supplies will be given to schools, also. Little did we know that the fund would more than double in the next few weeks.

On Saturday morning the Executive Committee gave reports on their activities and Ms. St. Clair gave her top five reasons for loving Texas.



St. Clair

Barbara Menking, GFWC Texas Registrar, reported 54 in attendance.



Menking

Carolyn McLeod gave the totals for fundraising:

Total for meeting - \$2355.00

Total for current administration - \$11,288.50



McLeod

Alamo District invited everyone to the 121st GFWC Texas Spring Convention in San Antonio, Texas in 2018. Please make plans to attend.

The Club Collect was recited in unison and after singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" the meeting was adjourned.

Report form the 2016-2018 GFWC Texas Nominating Committee

Patricia Siegfroid-Giles, Chairman

The Nominating Committee met at the annual convention April 2017 in Odessa. President Poe opened the meeting and a chairman was elected. Three candidate endorsement packets were hand delivered by the candidate to the committee chairman. No additional endorsements were received prior to the Fall Board meeting September 2017 when the committee met to select a slate of three officers; president-elect, 1st vice president and 2nd vice president. The position of Secretary is appointed.

After careful review of the candidate endorsements, the vote to accept the candidates on the strength of their qualifications was unanimous.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2018 – 2020 Administration:
President-elect Cindy Simmons from South Texas District
First Vice President Billie Williams from Magnolia District
Second Vice President Carolyn McLeod from Pioneer District

The Nominating Committee is heartened to have such dedicated and qualified members interested in state leadership positions. Our best wishes to them all.

Candidates For GFWC Texas Slate of Officers 2018-2020 Term



Eligible for President-elect Cindy A. Simmons

Cindy is a wife, mother, grandmother and clubwoman. She has been married to her husband Charles for 37 years, together they have two sons and five (5) grandchildren.

Cindy has belonged to the Ingleside Woman's Club since 1994, rose through the ranks on the club level becoming president in 2002-2004. Served as South Texas District President 2008-2010 and continues to serve her district currently in the offices of DVAP District Chairman and LEADS Chairman. Cindy was chosen GFWC Texas LEADS Representative in 2004 and has conducted several workshops on both the district and state level. As a LEADS graduate she was instrumental in proposing a LEADS pin which was accepted by GFWC. The pin is presented to every LEADS Representative at their induction ceremony at the GFWC International Convention.

She is active in her own club (1st Vice President) as well as the President's Council (Treasurer), the Woman's Monday Club, GFWC Texas Past District President's Club (Past District Pin Chairman) and Sponsor of the GFWC Fireside Juniors.

She began her service on the state level as the Empowering Woman Chair in 2006-2008. She was part of

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selecting the Empowering Women Past & Present and represented GFWC Texas at the GFWC International Presentation Banquet. She was the official photographer when GFWC Texas hosted the South Central Region in 2007. She continued her service as the official photographer in the 2008-2010 administration and continues to give her service whenever needed. She began attending South Central Region meetings in 2004, served on the Fundraising Committee 2010-2012, served as the Protocol Chairman 2012-2014 and continues her service with South Central Region as a member of the Audit Committee 2016-2018. She has attended twelve GFWC Conventions beginning with Orlando in 2004.

She is currently serving as the GFWC Texas First Vice President Dean of Reporting. As Dean of Reporting she has tried to make reporting fun. She has communicated with all of the District 1st Vice Presidents. She serves on the Long Range Planning Committee.

She has enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee in the capacities of Recording Secretary, Second Vice President and First Vice President. She is dedicated and passionate about the future of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She is excited about the prospect of serving as the GFWC Texas President-elect.

Eligible for First Vice President

PERSONAL HISTORY

Husband: Burnice Williams

Married: 43 years

Children: 2 sons, 1 married w /1 grandson, 1 granddaughter

Own & operate diamond B Services, Inc., since 2000

CLUB SERVICE

Liberty Coterie Club - Joined 2009

Club President - 2010 / 2012

Club President - 2012 / 2014

Yearbook Chair - 2010 - Present

Federation Chair - 2010 / 2012

Conservation Chair - 2012-2014

Parliamentarian - 2014-2016

Nominating Committee - 2014-2016

DISTRICT SERVICE

Home Life Chair p 2011-2012

District Secretary - 2012-2014

District Paresident-elect - 2013-2014

District president - 2014 - Present

Served under President Darlene Nolen & Helen Lamberth

STATE SERVICE

Nominating Committee - 2012-2014

Arts CPS Chair - 2014-2016

Minutes Approval Committee - 2015

Served under Presidents Dorothy Roberts, Jannelle Holden, Sandi Conway, and Patti Poe.

GFWC Texas Second Vice President 2016-2018 term



Billie Williams

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Activities:

Local Schools - Helped develop and implement a reading program for Pre-K through 1st grade . . . President of PTO . . . Chair for HOSTS Reading Program.

Served on Citizens Long Range Planning Committee for District Expansion, Board of Directors of Ex-Student Scholarship Association for 20 years. Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Liberty County Historical Foundation, Friends of the Liberty Library, United Way, TVE Rodeo Scholarship Fund, Spirit of Sharing, Valley Players Little Theater Group Summer Workshop, Friends Committee - Lucher Theater Orange, Texas, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Columbarium Fund, and House of Destiny, (a faith based program for women with addictions).

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OTHER

I am an academically published author and a prize winning photographer. I enjoy reading, music, travel, water sports, family time and club work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Eligible for Second Vice President *Carolyn McLeod*

Carolyn McLeod will represent GFWC Texas members with energy, passion, and pride. She seeks your vote as she strives to continue to serve GFWC Texas as a member of the executive committee in an organization that was begun by women for women. She is seeking the position of Second Vice President.

PERSONAL HISTORY

- Native of Laurel, Mississippi who lived in Louisiana for eight years but got to Texas as fast as she could.
- BS in English Education with a Minor in Library Science from Louisiana State University.
- Graduate studies at Texas Wesleyan and University of North Texas.
- Married to Hal McLeod, her high school sweetheart.
 - o MBA, University of Southern Mississippi with continuing business studies at Harvard and Chicago School of Business.
 - o Retired as VP of Sales from Johnson & Johnson Medical, Arlington, Texas and from DFB Corporation, Fort Worth.
- Mother to Victor.
 - o BS Business, University of Texas, Arlington.
 - o Professional Sales Trainer for Smith and Nephew, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Grandmother to Ridge.
 - o BA Communications, Texas Christian University.
 - o Sales Representative for United Rentals, Nashville, Tennessee.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- On-site Conference Manager with Council on Education in Management.
 - o Supervisor of employment law seminars for the central region of the United States but also covered other areas of the country.
- Secondary School Teacher.
 - o Lamar High School English Department, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
 - ‡ Teacher of the Year 1994.
 - ‡ Student Teacher Mentor.
 - o Sam Houston High School English Department, 10th and 11th grades.
 - ‡ Grade Level Leader.

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- o Marrero Middle School English Department, 7th and 8th grades.
- Realtor.
 - o Million-dollar producer.

GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury (WWC).

- Membership Chairman 2014-2018.
- Ways and Means Chairman 2012-2014.
- Parliamentarian 2010-2012.
- President 2008-2010.
 - o Oversaw the interior renovation of the clubhouse, including furniture and decorative additions, a \$27,000 project.
- First Vice President 2006-2008.

GFWC TEXAS PIONEER DISTRICT

- Historical Foundation Trustee 2016-2018.
- President 2014-2016 with special project of "Delivering the Goods to the Children of the Rainbow Room" adapted from *The Little Engine that Could*.
- President Elect 2012-2014.
- First Vice President & Membership Chairman 2010-2012.

GFWC TEXAS

- Fundraising and Development Chairman 2016-2018 and 2012-2014 to date having raised over \$20,000 for GFWC Texas.
- Chairman of District Presidents 2014-2016 under President Sandi Conway.
- Creative Writing Chairman 2014-2016.
- Federation Day Chairman 2010-2012.
- Minutes Approval Committee Member for two administrations.

GFWC SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

- Election Committee for President Joyce Ward 2016-2018.
- Jennie Award Chairman for President Mary Ann Arnold 2010-2012 and President Rena Labat 2012-2014.
- Regular attendee of SCR meetings since 2009 & GFWC Conventions since 2011.

COMMUNITY

- Member Granbury Independent School District Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) 2016-2018.
- State Owners Associations Advocate 2015.
 - o Initiated Companion Bills for the Protection of Voting Rights of Owners Association Members to the 2015 Texas Legislative Session of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives.
 - o Spoke in support of the bills before the Texas House Business and Industry Committee.
 - o Lead a delegation to Austin to support the legislation.
 - o Watched with pride as Texas Senate Bills 862 and 864 and Texas House Bills 2147

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and 2148 carried by Senator Brian Birdwell and Representative Jim Keffer passed both chambers and were signed into law by Governor Abbott.

- Member of the DeCordova Bend Estates (DCBE) Owners Association Board of Directors 2004-2007.
 - o President 2006-2007.

Alamo District

Beeville Hosts Alamo District Fall Board

BEEVILLE -- The Alamo District Fall Board was held on October 21, 2017. All clubs from the district were represented with 22 delegates attending. The meeting was graciously hosted by the Rosetta Club of Beeville at the Beeville Country Club. Highlights of the meeting included discussion about the 121st



Alamo District members showed their support against domestic violence by wearing purple clothing to the annual Fall Board.

Spring Convention which will be hosted by Alamo District in San Antonio, Texas. First Vice President Louisa Franklin announced state award winners from Alamo District. Louisa also gave attendees an update on reporting that was discussed at the GFWC Texas Fall Board. President Shirley Thomas requested all attendees wear purple to show support for victims of domestic violence.



Warmest wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

GFWC Texas
Executive Committee

Merry Christmas
and wishes for a
Happy New Year!

Carol Habgood
GFWC Texas President-elect

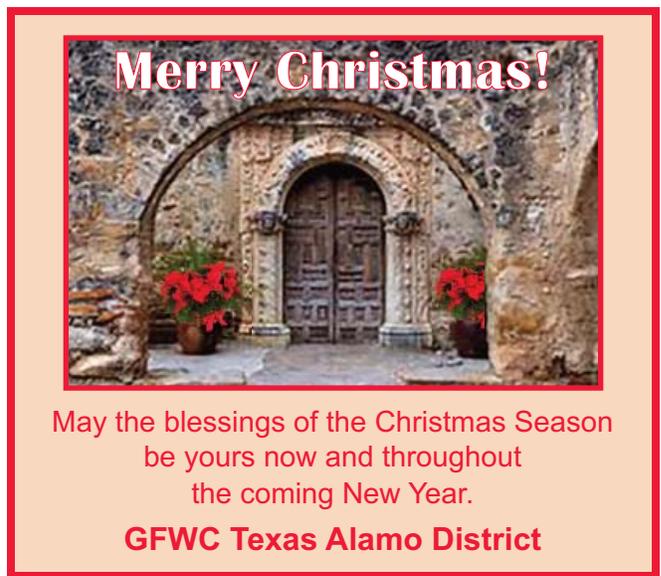
The Woman's Club of Cotulla starts club year providing books

COTULLA -- The Woman's Club of Cotulla has started the 2017-18 club year off with a bang. September is the month that we focus on literacy with our First Books project. We collected and distributed age appropriate picture books to 89 children from 6 first grade classrooms in Cotulla ISD; for many of these children it is the first book they have ever owned. Any member who has ever participated in this project all agree that the smiles on these children's faces are priceless.

October is the month to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. The Woman's Club of Cotulla is committed to informing our community about this horrible crime. Members met at the Alexander Memorial Public Library in Cotulla and set up a display honoring victims of domestic violence. The display features a silhouette of a woman with a plaque dedicated to a Cotulla woman who was a victim of domestic violence in 1997. Her life was tragically ended by her estranged spouse in front of her young daughter. The display included brochures containing information defining domestic abuse and phone numbers of agencies offering assistance. Donning our purple wear at the October meeting to show our support for victims of domestic violence, we took a group photo which was included in the October 12 issue of *GFWC News & Notes!*



Upper Left: First Graders at Encinal Elementary receive books from The Woman's Club of Cotulla.
Upper Right: Members with their DVAP display at the public library.



Caprock District

Two year project --

Las Fidelis Study Club completes “Days for Girls” project

LEVELLAND -- Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland, Texas completed their two club year long project for “Days for Girls.”

“Days for Girls International” is a non-profit organization that endeavors to create a more dignified, humane and sustainable world for girls through advocacy, reproductive health awareness, education and sustainable feminine hygiene -- because no girl should go without lasting feminine hygiene solutions. This group believes that every girl deserves dignity, every girl deserves health, every girl deserves an education.



Las Fidelis started this project last November when member and club President, Tina O’Connor told members about this organization and the problems faced by girls and women in many counties around the world. She reminded members that we, as citizens of the United States, should be very thankful that we are privileged to not have the types of concerns that so many girls and women have. Throughout the world, something so simple often stands between a girl and a free, productive, and healthy life. Through sustainable feminine hygiene solutions, “Days for Girls” is restoring opportunities to girls who have grown up believing there is something embarrassing or taboo about menstruation. What if not having feminine supplies kept you isolated during menstruation? It happens worldwide to women in impoverished communities. Knowing that these girls miss up to 8 months of school in 3 years and have to resort to using

leaves, mattress stuffing, newspaper, corn husks, etc. which often leads to painful infection, Las Fidelis felt that this was a project that they needed to embrace.

“Days for Girls” believes that washable, quality hygiene kits and accompanying education can change all that, and providing these kits is their goal. Last February, Las Fidelis began the project of creating these kits. Sandra Stephenson, Las Fidelis member, made a kit to show the members and led Las Fidelis Study Club in a workday to begin making the kits to send to “Days for Girls” for distribution in impoverished countries. These kits are created to very specific instructions and criteria. Because these kits are often among the only things these girls own, they are to be made out of colorful bright fabrics with no dull colors and no white. The “Days for Girls” organization even specifies what type of material, what type of thread, what fabric patterns are allowed and which ones are not allowed according to the society’s beliefs. Every seam width is specified and specific instructions are given. There is a purpose behind this. Through trial and error, “Days for Girls” has discovered how to make the kits so they will be durable and functional.



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Members of Las Fidelis say they had no idea how difficult this project would be. Even with several members who are very competent seamstresses, the project proved to be complex and time consuming. Dedicated



members continued working on the kits over the summer and the group put the completed kits together at their October the 10th meeting this club year. This Federated club which is part of the Caprock District, feels that even though the task proved to be more difficult than they anticipated, it was a worthwhile project because girls who have sanitary hygiene are more confident in school, their attendance will rise and they are more likely to graduate. According to “Days for Girls,” for every year of education a girl receives, her future income increases, and that of her nation as well. When a girl has 7 or more years of education, she marries 4 years later and passes on her



knowledge and strength. She will speak up for herself and others plus bring greater strength to her community. The members of Las Fidelis are thankful that they could participate in creating these colorful and life changing kits.

Magnolia District

Celebrating Friendship --

Magnolia District Fall Board held in Beaumont

BEAUMONT -- Magnolia District Fall Board was held in Beaumont at the historic Beaumont Woman’s Club clubhouse October 19, 2017. Mayor Becky Ames welcomed us, followed by a response from past GFWC Texas President Janelle Holden. GFWC President Patti Poe gave us an update on the hurricane Harvey relief fund and how it is being used. We were excited to see past GFWC Texas President Mary Beth Guy in attendance. It was a great honor to have all three distinguished presidents present.



We had our regular updates from the Magnolia District Board members followed by the “Wrong Doers Club” skit. **Left to Right: Guy, Holden, and Poe.** (Thank you Margaret Kriegel for sharing this with us.)

Everyone seemed to enjoy the quirky members and president as they struggled through a meeting. When asked if anyone heard any errors someone responded “every sentence.” It was a fun way to demonstrate what not to do when presiding.

In the afternoon, First Vice President Emily Holt gave an update on our Magnolia District project “Days for Girls.” It was started at the Fall Board of 2016 by viewing a video titled “Days of Shame.” The video was very moving and several different clubs participated. Womans Club of Silsbee partnered with

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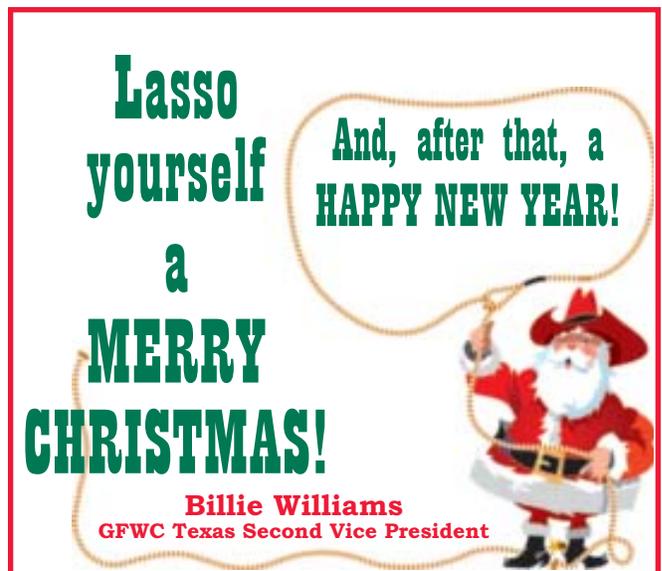
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a local LDS group of ladies to make 650 sustainable pads and over 20 shields. The Kirbyville Woman’s Civic Club and Woman’s Club of Cleveland also participated with an estimated 80+ additional pads. It was a great International Project and the items will be mailed near the end of December to allow time to make more. “Days for Girls” was introduced at a GFWC Texas Fall Board by Mesquite District President Carolyn Waller.

As always, the Beaumont ladies were perfect hostesses with lovely fall decorations and delicious salad lunch and continental breakfast. Helen Belcher our Scholarship chairman donated a magnolia designed table runner that was raffled. Thank you, Helen and everyone who participated in the silent auction. We finished a little early but no one complained about beating the traffic on the way home.



October 19, 2017, The Magnolia District Fall Board held at the Beaumont Women’s Club clubhouse. Two former GFWC Texas Presidents were in attendance as was the current GFWC Texas President Patti Poe.



Capitol District



KILLEEN -- Pictured here are some of the 48 people that attended the Capitol District Fall Board meeting at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Killeen, Texas on October 18th, 2017.

South District

South Texas District holds 58th Annual Fall Board Meeting

INGLESIDE -- The 58th Annual GFWC Texas South Texas District Fall Board Meeting, hosted by Ingleside Woman's Club, was held October 21st at the Helen Kleberg Community Center in Kingsville, Texas, District President Therese Crocker, presiding with the American Creed being read in unison.



Clubwomen from eleven clubs throughout South Texas came together for the purpose of "Uplifting Our Children, Uplifting Our World" by sharing ideas, info on State Awards won by South Texas District and reporting in all areas of federation. Joyfully, the three Juniette clubs sent representatives and reported. The newly organized, db Harbor City Juniettes performed a skit and presented a tri-fold

poster on their club which brought a wonderfully positive energy to the meeting.

A table displaying gift bags for nine Hurricane Harvey victim families along with photos and short bios of the victims from Ingleside, Rockport and Aransas Pass and three general bags for each of the cities listed allowed club members to donate gift cards into the bags to the victims of their choice. \$1,395 was collected in gift cards.

South Texas District's Dianne Brown Disaster Fund netted \$2,000. These funds were presented to Hurricane Harvey victim, Dianne Brown who lost her home and suffered severe damage to her business,

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Aransas Child Care. An Amazon Wish List was also established for Aransas Child Care to help purchase supplies, shelves and children’s furniture.

South Texas District received a letter from Manistique Woman’s Club in Michigan along with a \$600 check to send to Hurricane Harvey victims. The District chose a family still in need of a home and added extra money to make the donation \$1,000.



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Above: Darby Florence reporting for the Bluebonnet Drama Club, a Juniorette club in Kingsville.



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Above: Farrah Gauthreaux, hospitality member and Fire-side Juniorette from Ingleside. (We’ll be able to see her face in the hostess picture.)

Juniorette Clubs participate in District Fall Board Meeting

INGLESIDE -- Ingleside Woman’s Club hosted the South Texas District Fall Board Meeting held in Kingsville in October. President Therese Crocker presided over the gathering of enthusiastic members representing eleven clubs throughout South Texas, including three juniorette clubs. Officers and chairmen caught members up on opportunities available in the various departments and partner organizations. The reports on activities of the Juniorettes by their representatives were cheered by all members. Clubs and individuals had the opportunity to place gift cards in bags representing families affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Woman’s Club might be small . . .but it’s a very busy club

RIO GRANDE CITY -- Woman’s Club of Rio Grande City We are a small club in number but big in heart and pride in our community and country. Our club celebrated its 90th anniversary last year. In those 90 years, our club has supported our nation, club and women and children’s causes

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National, State and Local issues. We participate in events that promote and support our veterans in events. We attend Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies with veterans as well as attend programs in schools on those days. We unite with veterans to replace torn flags as well as clean veterans's plot. We are active in promoting Revive Fort Ringgold during the 50th Anniversary of Hurricane Beulah to keep the fort available for students and tourists as a learning environment

The last four years, we joined with Florence J. Scott for meetings and projects. We join to in events to help our community in times of need. The FJS Study Club and we donated goods for Hurricane Harvey victims, Abused Women center, Protective Services Center, as well as the Earthquake victims especially school children. We make effort to support indigenous women by buying from them.





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**A Day in Dallas - Two Iconic Symbols of Dallas
Neiman Marcus and the 6th Floor Museum**

Neiman Marcus

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Your lunch will begin with the traditional demitasse of chicken bouillon and popovers with their famous strawberry butter.

The 6th Floor

The 6th Floor Museum chronicles the day that brought the world together: the assassination of the 35th President John F. Kennedy.

The museum is located in the Texas School Book Depository the sight where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot the President. Displays include a moving overview of the time period and the life and accomplishments of the 35th President of the United States.



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Alpine Youth Demonstrate Their Creative Talents & Knowledge as Stewards of Our Environment

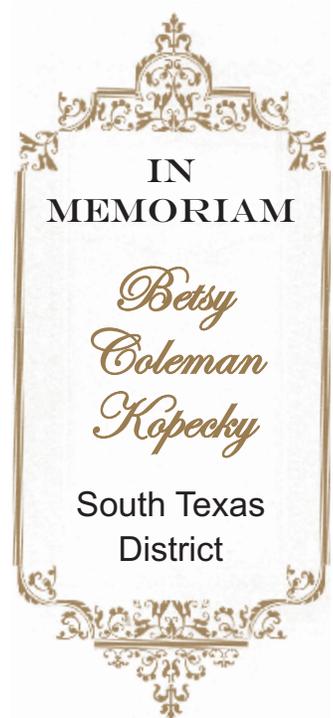
ALPINE -- For the past two years, Alpine youth, specifically Grade 5 & 6 students of Alpine Middle School, have demonstrated their creative talents and knowledge of how to save our planet and portray Alpine as the City of Green that everyone loves by participating in the annual READ GREEN PROJECT (RGP) hosted by the GFWC Juniores of Alpine High School.

The Alpine Juniores donated Green Earth Award Winning Books to the Alpine Public Library and students chose their book to read. They then created a poster that reflected their book and our city. Entries were judged by a panel of Judges chaired by Dr. Kathy Stein. The judges were Judge Roy Ferguson, Mayor Andres Ramos, Dr. Laura Payne, & Dr. Don Wetterauer. 40 students joined the 2017 RGP with outstanding entries that were exhibited at the 9th Annual GO TEXAS Festival held at the West Texas National Bank lobby from Nov 13 to 17 and on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the bank's Community Room.

The GO TEXAS Festival promoted products, services, our culture, and our community. The Juniores host the Go Texas Festival annually to benefit club projects. The Panel of judges chose 3 winners from each grade and the Public who came to view the exhibit voted 3 additional awards: the Award of Excellence, Best of Show, & the Award of Merit. Winners and prizes were announced/presented at the closing of the Festival. Family members, friends and students attended. Each winner received the new commemorative Alpine Texas key ring commissioned by the Alpine Juniores. All participants received West Texas National Bank ball point pens as a token of appreciation. The Juniores gratefully acknowledge sponsors and supporters of the festival: Village Farm, Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Fort Davis State Bank, West Texas National Bank, Shopko, True Value, McCoys, the Valles Family, Mandujano Farms, Rangra Theater, "US" band, and everyone who supported this festival. For further information, please call 432.837.9188 or email: gfwcalpinejuniorettes@yahoo.com



Pictured are Alpine Juniores officers: Left - Right, Junior Ambassador Riley Spencer, VP Katelynn Lilley, Treasurer Rose Angeline De Guia, HOBY Ambassador Nominee Dominic Smith, HOBY Ambassador Nominee Mary Anna Roberts, Corresponding Secretary Ann Costabile and Recording Secretary Matthew Fields.



The Trip To Biltmore and Washington





