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## **T. O. the Point**

We are now well underway with the new club year of 2019 – 2020. Coming off of a summer break for most clubs, there is not a great deal of news and reporting of club activities so Around the State is a little brief. Hopefully, now that we are in full swing, clubs will send me information and pictures of the wonderful things they are doing this year. We had a very good Fall Board meeting that everyone enjoyed, and the South Central Region meeting is coming up at the end of this month on October 25 –26 in Tucson, Arizona. Hope to see you all there. As usual, I am asking that you send to me pictures and information about your club meetings and projects. Let everyone know what great things that you are doing.

***Tina***



# **Pearls of Wisdom**

Carol Habgood  
President GFWC Texas

Dear Sisters in Federation,

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Fall Board Meeting is in our rear view mirror. We had a successful meeting and celebrated all of our successes this past year.

Next up are the District Fall Board Meetings, several of which have already been held. I will try to make as many as I can, but there are scheduling conflicts. I have asked the Executive Committee to attend when possible. Hopefully, each District will have at least one state officer at their meetings.

The annual South Central Region Conference in Tucson is right around the corner, October 25-27. Details are on our website, [www.gfwctexas.org](http://www.gfwctexas.org). We will present our Cheer Challenge for the GFWC Grand Initiatives. Billie Williams, First Vice President, has created quite a skit for the Texas women to present. If we are one of the two Region finalists, then it's off to Atlanta next year for the GFWC Annual Convention where we will compete against the other Regions.

Plans are being finalized for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Spring Convention next April 22-25 in Corpus Christi. Once registration details are available, they will also be on our website. We will be at the Omni Corpus Christi. When the hotel provides a link to register for a room, we will post it to the website.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do individually and collectively for Federation.

In Federation Friendship and Sisterhood,

*Carol*

Carol Habgood



# In Memory of Bettye Green



Past Texas State President

Theme: "Seek.... Share.... Serve!"

Texas State  
President  
1984- 1986

South Central  
President  
1998 - 2000

Bettye Richardson Green passed away on July 26, 2019 after ninety-three years of a full life. She was married to Harold Green for seventy-two years. Bettye graduated from the Baylor University School of Music and taught music in Waco, Texas and Tahoka, Texas.

Bettye Green was a devoted federated club woman. She was very active in her local club, the Phebe K. Warner Study club of Tahoka, Texas as well as active on the state level and above. Bettye served as the President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs from 1984—1986. She was President of the South Central Region of the General Federation of Women's clubs from 1998-2000 as well as serving in other capacities. Fellow Phebe K. Warner club member, Loretta Teakle said of Bettye..." She was very dedicated to federation...and she was lots of fun!"

Bettye was very involved in her community also. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and on the board of the Lynn County Hospital board; as well as, she was on the Board of Directors of Boy's Ranch and Girl's Town. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society and served on the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature where she was the Secretary of the Criminal Justice Committee. Bettye Green also served with the Lynn County Historical Society where she was on the committee to write the grant to restore the Lynn County Court House which is being restored at this time.

The following was part of Bettye's President's Message in the January/February 1985 issue of "The Texas Clubwoman" magazine:

*As we volunteer our services for worthwhile projects and programs, let each of us resolve: ...To forget past mistakes... To put first things first, To make my work a joy, To allow nothing to disturb my peace of mind, To never lose self-control, To spend so much time improving myself that I have no time for criticism of others, To think the best, work for it and expect it, To be a friend to all, To stand for the right, To be true and kind, To take every disappointment as a stimulant, To live on the sunny side of every cloud, To smile, To look ahead and keep moving, To continue to*

**SEEK opportunities SHARE Federation SERVE others !**







## Around the State

**South Texas District President Lonnie Matthew** who brought the Federation Program, "Carney Kid to District President". She challenged stereotypes of carnival people. She went to college and became an accomplished RN and businesswoman. She highlighted how her work in the family carnival business led to her developing the leadership skills of responsibility, accountability, standing up for oneself, thinking on your feet, and dealing with people. These skills are useful in her role as District President and have allowed her to be successful in her service to the GFWC Texas Federated Women's Clubs.



**TFWC Western District - Twentieth Century Study Club, Midland**, enjoyed a club program on ANGIE'S BABIES. Two friends started collecting and sharing babies dolls with Alzheimer's homes in the West Texas nursing homes. The ladies, Mary Wright-McCourt and Julie Gray, have been on Facebook and received baby dolls from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Last year, their first year, they placed over 1000 babies in the loving arms of women and several men! The idea came after Gray's grandmother, "Angie" was lost to Alzheimers. Their generosity is growing, and they are collecting this year and will place more baby dolls on Mother's Day 2020.

### Wanted ..... Your Club's News

The Ladies of GFWC Texas want to read about your club's programs and projects!  
Please share by sending your pictures and information to the Texas Clubwoman!

# The Heart of a Volunteer

A goodwill invitation made by a GFWC Texas Clubwoman, Myrna Bolter, of Denver City Texas and member of the Tejas Study Club, Caprock District exemplifies the true heart of a volunteer. Myrna offered her home to a young man from Thailand and his family as a place for them to live while Suttirak Iadpum attended Texas Tech University to obtain his PHD in Music Education. Suttirak, his wife Teepamai, and his two sons, Pleng and Plu, lived with Ms. Boulter for 5 years while Suttirak completed his PHD. The boys went to school in Denver City and participated in everything that young boys do in a small Texas town. Mr. Iadpum defended his dissertation successfully and graduated in August. The family has moved back to Thailand where he will use his PHD to improve music education in country.



Suttirak Iadpum



Suttirak, his sons, Pum and Pling, his wife, Teepamai, with Myrna Boulter (Under pink marker) and supportive friends and faculty

## Traditions

Every club has traditional activities; things they do every year. Below are a few from the three clubs that responded:

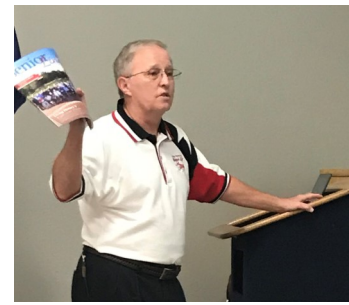
**The Women's Club of Pleasanton** - They have a pink piggy bank they have passed around at every meeting for the last ten years. The money is used to buy animals for Heifer. Rotating the schools, this club gives gift cards to show appreciation for their dedication to the teachers and staff of the schools in Atascos County.

**The Tejas Study Club of Denver City**- These ladies place flags on the graves of all Veterans in the local cemetery

**The Las Fidelis Study Club of Levelland** - Each month, the members who have a birthday that month are recognized and sang to. The members then pay 10 cents for each year of age which goes into the club funds for upcoming projects. The club's year always begins with the president serving brunch to the members and ends with the five members who have the most absences providing lunch for all club members at an end of the year luncheon.

## Caprock District Fall Board Meeting

The Caprock District held their Fall Board meeting at South Plains College on September 28th. After the business meeting where Bettye Green past president of Caprock District as well as Past President of GFWC Texas and the South Central region was fondly remembered, the members and guests enjoyed a lovely lunch catered by the Great Western Food Service of SPC. The guests of Caprock were the representatives from the Texas South Plains Honor Flight, which is a project of Caprock District. The members were privileged to hear these volunteers who work so hard to assure that veterans from our area who did so much for our country get to be honored by being taken on a trip to Washington D.C. Paul Anderson who is the Outreach Chairman of the Texas South Plains Honor Flight spoke first followed by Larry Williams, the Veterans Liaison Co-chairman. Both men are veterans themselves. The last speaker was Angela Allen, a Registered Nurse who is the President of the Honor Flight. Angela works at the VA Clinic and goes on the trips as nurses are on every flight and each bus while in Washington. She spoke enthusiastically of how much she loves going on the trips and seeing the reaction of the veterans. One thing of interest that Angela told the club members is that she is trying to arrange an all female Honor Flight for next fall. All three volunteers are passionate about Honor Flight and work tirelessly to assure its success. All workers are volunteers in the South Plains division. There are no salaried workers and every cent that is raised goes to these wonderful veterans for insuring us of our freedom, liberty, and way of life. The South Plains division sends approximately a hundred veterans each year at the cost of \$1500.00 for each veteran. The veteran, of course, pays nothing. The three-day trip is filled with visits to the war memorials, Arlington cemetery where a wreath is placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Service Museums, and the Capitol where the Veterans are greeted by our Representative, Jody Arrington. The speakers told of the pride and emotion that these veterans feel when visiting these places and the showing of support and honor that they receive everywhere they are, from the airports to the Capitol. It was a great program and renewed our interest in the Honor Flights.



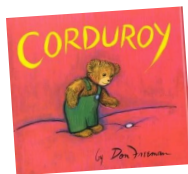
Top row: Left- Paul Anderson, Middle- Angela Allen, right- Larry Williams Bottom Row: Sandra Stevenson, Fredda Schooler (President of Caprock District) and Representative, Jody Arrington with a Veteran.



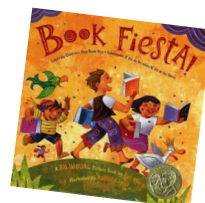
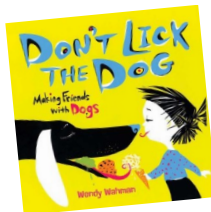
## LaSalle County First Graders Receive “First Books”

Literacy has long been a focus of The Woman’s Club of Cotulla. The September monthly meeting was held at the Alexander Memorial Library in Cotulla. In the 1930s, Clubwomen raised money to purchase and donate books to the school library. Seeing a need for books for the community at large they partnered with two other like-minded organizations in Cotulla to create a free, public library for townspeople. The public library was started in 1937 in a room in the LaSalle County Courthouse. The public library is now housed in its own building on donated land from Mr. Ben Alexander. The library is known as the Alexander Memorial Library. Today, the library has meeting rooms, summer programs and technology in place for patrons to listen to audio books. Accelerated Reader books that are used in Cotulla ISD are available at the library for checkout.

The Woman’s Club of Cotulla participated in the First Books Program promoting literacy in LaSalle County. Thirteen students from Encinal Elementary were presented a book to own by members Louisa Franklin, Amy Franklin, Novella Byrd and Amanda Menke on September 19, 2019. On September 16, 2019 eighty-two students at Ramirez Burks received books from club members Melanie Ayala, Julie Walker, Diana Ramirez and Novella Byrd. The books are purchased or donated by Woman Club members.



LaSalle County  
First graders  
with their  
“First Books”





## Magnolia District Fund Raiser

Magnolia District is selling tickets for a chance to win this beautiful and original stained glass piece titled "Hearts of Magnolia". The tickets are being sold for \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00 and you do not have to be present to win. The drawing will be held at the Magnolia District Spring Convention in March of 2020. If you are interested in buying a ticket to win this beautiful piece of art contact Margaret Underhill or any member of Magnolia District.

**Just for Fun!** After the meeting adjourned for the night, Ladies gathered for a Party by the pool!



The brave ones! A gathering of Bathing Beauties! Then there were the "Let's not get our hair wet bunch!"



The next issue of the Texas Clubwoman will be the December issue so if you want to put a Christmas greeting in the magazine, the deadline will be November the 28th. Please send your information in Word and do not send a pre-designed ad. Just tell me what symbol you want if you have a preference and what you want in the space. I will make it look really nice!

**A 2 inch x 4 inch Greeting will be \$10.00**

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**Send to: [totexasclubwoman@gmail.com](mailto:totexasclubwoman@gmail.com)**





# 123<sup>rd</sup> Fall Board of Director's Meeting

September 11-14, 2019

Austin, Texas

Members started arriving on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

The TFWC Historical Foundation Trustees, TFWC Scholarship Committee, and The Long Range Planning Committee scheduled meetings for the afternoon, and that evening the Holiday Inn Midtown hosted a Welcome Reception for all members.



On Thursday morning, President Carol Habgood convened the GFWC Texas Fall Board meeting. She described the meeting as a celebration of volunteers and the successes of both GFWC South Central Region meeting and the GFWC Annual Convention.

Barbara Menking reported 61 members had registered to attend, and Nan Park reported 56 voting delegates were registered.



The Executive Committee reported very busy summers traveling to various meetings and workshops. The Finance Chairman, Patricia Stevens, reported funds raised for the two conventions exceeded expenses and received a round of applause from the members.

Recommendations from the Executive Committee were:

1. **GFWC Texas purchase new officer's pins.**
2. **GFWC Texas purchase Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for officers.**

The two recommendations were approved.



Cindy Jackson and Margaret Reid had the group digging the bottom of their purses as we played a game of "Let's Make a Deal". Prizes were given for the most phony money.



Explaining the Game!



to



Before the game, Cindy and Margaret gave Carol a special T-Shirt!



This will be  
perfect for  
Arizona!



Now..."Let's make a Deal" Billie is digging in her purse! With that purse, surely she has the called for item?!

Fran is looking ...  
but ...Billie found it and  
gets the money!

Everyone had lots of fun trying to win Fake money playing "Let's make a Deal" but wait ...



Everyone participated and lots of "money" won!

The game was a big success!



Patricia Tate, GFWC Texas Fundraising Chairman, gave a short seminar on fund raising and how to report your efforts. Talking about real money this time.



## Past GFWC Texas President, Barbara Winingham

### 2019 Jennie Award Recipient

The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.



Thursday night, September 12, 2019, at the 123rd fall Board meeting, Barbara Winingham was honored by being named a GFWC Texas recipient of the Jennie Award. Barbara's accomplishments and volunteer efforts are amazing and numerous. It is with great pride that GFWC Texas recognizes the contributions made by Ms. Winingham to her community and the State. Far too numerous to list, Barbara's nomination papers include eighty-nine projects and activities that she worked with in order to make her community and state a better place. These activities include projects such as organizing a county wide vaccination of the Salk Polio vaccine. Over 500 children were vaccinated. Barbara was named to the city of Bowie's 4 B Economic Development Board. She was the only female named and was a Charter member. Barbara is a Honorary Life Member of the National and Texas Parents & Teacher's Association and she served as Chairman of the American heart Association's Risk Task force. She was recognized in 1986 as an Outstanding member. Barbara Winingham is an outstanding federated club woman. She has served in all offices of her local club, the Amity Club of Bowie including President three times. She was Secretary of GFWC Texas in 1996 –1998 and was President of GFWC Texas in 2004—2006. Barbara was appointed to the GFWC Leadership Committee and the GFWC Membership Committee, served as Secretary to the GFWC Past President's, was elected to the 2018 Nominating Committee of the South Central region, and was an Aide to TFWC President Patti Poe as well as currently serving as an Aide to TFWC President Carol Habgood. GFWC Texas is very proud to honor Barbara Winingham as their 2019 Jennie Award recipient!



The GFWC Texas Headquarters was the location of the Friday meeting.



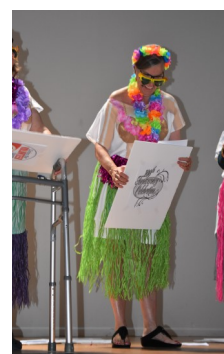
Left -Novella Byrd, the 2019 L.E.A.D.S. representative, reported on her training at the GFWC Annual Convention. Right—Carolyn Swenson, the first-time attendee scholarship winner, spoke on her experiences at the GFWC Annual Convention .



Below— Billie Williams distributed GFWC Awards to members and clubs of GFWC Texas. Carol is presenting the awards to various members and clubs



Following lunch, Board Meeting members were entertained by the “Cheer Challenge”. Members dressed as “older hula girls/ cheerleaders” presented a skit that will be presented in competition at the South Central Region meeting in Arizona.



Before returning to the hotel, members were treated to a Wine Tasting and Auction.





The Friday night entertainment was an encore performance of the Award Winning "Jadettes". The group's Lip-Sync song won first place at the GFWC Annual Convention. Although they were dressed in Jose Cuervo t-shirts and threw mini bottles into the crowd, the music did not cooperate and there was no lip-syncing to be done.



The Scholarship Committee put on a humorous skit to draw attention to their Wine Give Away. The selling of chances to win a bottle of wine was done in an effort to raise money for GFWC Texas Scholarships. The skit was cute and the winners pleased with their winning bottle of wine but most importantly, the Scholarship funds were enhanced.



The Scholarship committee held a "Cork Pull" to raise money for scholarships. Pulling corks and Lucky Winners!





Carol's Pearls did not disappoint. Dressed in construction vests and hats, the District Presidents dispensed their "Pearls of Wisdom". The GFWC Texas Districts have been busy preparing for the upcoming club year. President of District Presidents, Dr. Kathy Horak-Smith, always provides an entertaining avenue for District reports to be given.



**Friday evening concluded with the South Texas invitation to the GFWC Texas Convention in Corpus Christi April 22-25,2020.**



President Habgood adjourned the 123<sup>rd</sup> GFWC Texas Fall Board Meeting.

Minutes by Fran Mask,

GFWC Texas Secretary





## **The Past District Presidents Club ... More than just a Breakfast Club**



The Past District Presidents Club met at the annual GFWC Texas Board of Directors Meeting on September 12, 2019. These women will meet again at the annual GFWC Texas Convention in the spring. They meet twice a year at state meetings for a breakfast meeting along with fellowship, conversation and to take care of business. Even though they no longer hold leadership positions in their respective districts, they meet as a state club to participate in the world of GFWC and GFWC Texas to keep their membership alive.

It's an ideal club, no bylaws or standing rules and no yearbooks to keep track of, but they do have projects, report their activities, often receive certificates, and every two years there is the opportunity for new members. Dues are simple: \$40 per year, \$15 each to GFWC and GFWC Texas to maintain their per capita Federation standing, and \$10 for the club. Membership is easy; just be a retired District President. Outgoing District Presidents are invited to the meeting in the even numbered year and encouraged to join. Other past district presidents are welcome to join at any time.

The meetings are listed in the schedule of events in the official state meeting agenda, a breakfast on a Thursday or Friday. Over the last several administrations, the members have taken a more active role in GFWC Texas. For example, they have increased their contribution to the current district presidents to \$30 per year. This is a relatively new project for them and a more tangible show of support for the current district presidents. This is in addition to the money given by the state. The club also contributes to the GFWC Texas Scholarship Fund for use in the upcoming scholarship cycle, as well as contributions to the scholarship fund to honor a deceased member.

In this administration, the Past District Presidents Club, like many clubs throughout the state, is participating in the GFWC Grand Initiative Women in the Military. The club makes an annual monetary contribution to the "Throws of Love Project" founded by Caprock Past District President Donna Hogue. The amount and distribution of the throws is reported to the state and to GFWC so GFWC Texas gets credit for the club's efforts. Another way of participating on the state level is the formation of a Leadership Committee. An idea from last administration now germinating in this; how can the talent and experience of the membership be harnessed to benefit GFWC Texas.

The Past District President's Club is an active club of women dedicated to GFWC and GFWC Texas. As a per capita member of this club, they can remain active in Federation, offer their leadership experience and have a chance to visit with old friends. The Past District Presidents Club is more than just a breakfast club.

