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T.O. the Point

Merry Christmas to everyone in GFWC Texas!

What a wonderful organization! I am proud to be a part of this very worthwhile group, and I know you are also. Not only do we get to be part of the Texas group, we have the privilege of belonging to GFWC. This organization has a long history of service and leadership. For many years, GFWC members have contributed to our country and our communities. We are Blessed! Have a very Merry Christmas!

Tina



Pearls of Wisdom from Carol Habgood, GFWC Texas President

Dear Sisters in Federation,

The annual South Central Region Conference in Tucson is over. Our Cheer Challenge for the Seven Grand Initiatives was selected as one of the two finalists to compete at the 2020 GFWC. Billie Williams, First Vice President, wrote quite a skit for the Texas women to present.

And speaking of Billie, she created the GFWC Texas “Gift Box” for display at GFWC headquarters in Washington, D.C. I am pleased to announce that it received a very prominent place of display in the main room where the Christmas tree was located. A photo of the very unique, very Texas gift box graces this column in place of my usual photo. It certainly was not difficult to spot; it just screamed Texas! We received many compliments from club women around the country who were visiting GFWC headquarters as part of the 2020-2022 GFWC Administration Orientation.

Plans are being finalized for the 123rd 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

GFWC Texas President, 2018-2020

GREETING FROM THE ONE AND ONLY....."TEXAS REPORTING FAIRY"

(aka-Billie Williams, GFWC Texas 1st Vice President-Dean of Reporting)



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE 'REPORTING FAIRY':

Well, let me start off by sayin' that the "Texas Reporting Fairy" has just about exhausted her supply of "fairy dust". She was soooooo excited by the Texas "**Big Win**" at the International Convention in Austin that she 'bout wore her wings down to nothing; flitting here, there and just everywhere, letting everyone know that Texas brought home 21 awards, including those for **Membership, Fundraising and Home Life . . .** real honest to gosh awards for projects that our amazing Texas Club Women reported on and that our equally amazing State Chairmen wrote up and submitted. That was the icing on the cake; then, the Cherry on top was that Texas Clubs made the Top Ten Projects list at GF . . . check it out online at GFWC.

Now, back to the business at hand. Reports are coming up sooner than you think, so now is the time to be getting all your projects in a row and start gathering your materials together so you can submit the perfect report. Just remember the following and you will do fine:

WHO . . . WHAT . . . WHEN . . . WHERE . . . HOW . . . and most important . . . COMMUNITY IMPACT . . .

Who was involved, what did you do, when did you do it, where and how? Then how did that project impact your community?

Don't forget the mechanics of the report. All reporting forms can be found online at gfwctexas.org. On the left side of the page, click 'Governing Documents' and then 'Club Level Entry Form' . . . all forms are fillable, so just fill it in, print it, type your narrative (2 pages) and either email or snail mail to your district chairman by **February 1, 2020**. **Please follow up and make certain that she got your report.**

If you are unsure about who to send it to, check out your District's Page in the Directory. It's also online at gfwctexas.org or contact your District President or **ME** (the Reporting Fairy) if you need help.

The Deadlines for Reports are:

- Club Level.....February 1, 2020
- District Chairmen.....February 20, 2020
- State Chairmen.....March 15, 2020



See Ya'll Soon in Corpus Christi as we prepare to Celebrate
our Amazing Texas Club Women



Around the State!

Woman's Club of Cotulla

Texas Arbor Day is observed on the first Friday of November. Woman's Club of Cotulla planted a Mexican Olive Tree in Spanish Anacahuita at Encinal Elementary School on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in observance of Texas Arbor Day. The Club chose this project in answer to GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock's Grand Initiative "to plant 1000 trees across the nation" during her administration. The species was chosen because it does well in the area's climate and also features a showy display of white blossoms when mature.



Pictured left to right are: member Stephanie Canales, 1st VP Liz Martinez, Liz's daughter Anahi, (Liz's husband George also helped but he was the photographer), President Novella Byrd, and member Liz Whitwell.



The Women's Club of Cotulla members: Louisa Franklin, Melinda Ramirez, Novella Byrd, Vicki Rodriguez, and Mary

On Saturday, November 2; members from the Woman's Club of Cotulla participated in a trash pick up as part of the *Don't Mess With Texas* campaign. The Club adopted two miles of highway 97 outside of Cotulla as their conservation project. Members picked up a total of 20 bags of trash along the highway. The project is ongoing; trash pick ups are scheduled throughout the club year. Remember: It's our Texas, let's all pitch in to take care of it!

HISTORICAL JEFFESON TRIP

For the 37th year, GFWC Amity Ladies Study Club sponsored the 7th grade class at Atlanta Middle School's historical Jefferson, Texas field trip. Mrs. Lindsey Boston helped coordinate the event with us this year. Other teachers participating were Andrew Allday, Nickey Armstrong, Tanner Shirley, Megan Murphy and Stephanie Easley. Approximately 139 students rode to Jefferson on four buses. Upon arrival, students toured four historical venues.

Left—The Chamber of Commerce courtyard and the General Store

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The seventh graders toured the Excelsior Hotel, the Jay Gould Rail Car, the Jefferson Historical museum, and the House of Seasons.

Elaine Johnson, docent and Garden Club member, provided students with historical information on both the hotel and the Rail Car. She also provided information on how the town of Jefferson was established and populated. Donna Hanner along with the two tour guides led the students through hands-on history.



The House of Seasons is a period home and now currently a bed and breakfast. Teresa Crow, along with two tour guides, helped the students learn about this beautiful home. The home built in in the 1870's showcase furniture and architecture of that period. The home is called the House of Seasons because of the cupola that has stained glass in the structure. It allows light to come into the home from the ceiling to the hall way.

The Amity Club of Bowie Supports Wreaths Across America



The Amity club is working to get sponsors to put wreaths on every one of the 750 veteran's grave in the Elmwood Cemetery.

TFWC Victoria Study Clubs Present Backpacks



Decora Study Club President Mary Ann Wright, Bronte Club President Emily Koenig, and Morning Study Club President Maurice Williams all located in Victoria; presented backpacks to Tim Hornback, Executive Director of the Golden Crescent CASA Organization for children served through the program. The project is the special project of Alamo District President Louisa Franklin. Well done ladies.

Woodville Woman’s Study Club

Ladies from Woodville Woman’s Study Club had fun and help raise funds at the Annual Tea and Purse Auction Held by the Tyler County Child Welfare Board. The money raised in this event benefits children in our community in foster care, through assistance to the Adopt an Angel program and in many other ways



Las Fidelis Study Club Caprock District

Las Fidelis Study Club toured Breedlove , a commercial-sized dehydration food processor dedicated to humanitarian aid. The plant is located in Lubbock, Texas and sends aid in the form of food all over the world. Since 1994, Breedlove has distributed more than two billion serving of food to communities both in the United States and more than 70 countries. Breedlove’s Mission is “Partnering globally to provide nutritious food to the world’s most vulnerable.”



Top Left —The Plant sign, Top Right— Three of the top people in management are women including the woman to the left who is in charge of the entire warehouse and production facility. The lady to the right is the head lab manager who works to maximize the nutritional value of the food. We were able to taste the food and were impressed with what they do. The Ladies pictured above are three Las Fidelis members; Betsy Moreland, Maxine Cook, and Sandra Stephenson wearing the required hairnets and hardhats. Ms. Cook is one of Las Fidelis’s two 95-year-old members who are up for everything! The last picture is one of their boxes. The Las Fidelis members just liked what it said . . . “US AID from the American people”!

Whitesboro Club and Scouts Honor Veterans



In honor of Veterans Day, the TFWC History Club of Whitesboro and local Whitesboro Girl Scout Troops 5221, 5222, 5223 and 5224 and their parents and grandparents placed American flags upon grave sites at Whitesboro's Oakwood Cemetery on Saturday, November 9. The organizations worked together to remember those who fought in past wars or served in the military so that we may have our freedom today. History Club of Whitesboro members present were Donna Parkinson, Brenda Warren, Mary Nan Story, Betty Capehart and Beverly Scarbrough. Scout leaders were present as leaders of the Daisy group, Brownies, and Girl Scouts.

Army Veteran Brandon Beckett and Brownie Scout member Abigail Benoy place a flag at the Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro in observance of Veterans Day. They were among several scouts, veterans, members of the History Club of Whitesboro and others who placed 271 flags at the cemetery on November 9.



Magnolia District Fall Board Meeting 2019

Woodville Texas, Hosted by the Woodville Woman's Study Club and the Woodville Reading Club



The ladies of the Woodville Clubs outdid themselves. The Methodist Fellowship hall was decorated with beautiful appointed tables transformed by members using several themes developed around the shoes they received. The table displays were amped up stilettos. Before the end of the meeting all of the shoes were auctioned off to the highest bidder and the proceeds, \$185.00 after reimbursing the shoes purchaser, was donated to Heifer International. Heifer International made a personalized video message for Magnolia District members and sent a representative to deliver it and two video slide shows highlighting multiple heifer projects that they can view or download and use for their meetings. The photo shows most of the group that attended the meeting. Getting this image has a story of its own. No less than two photographers, defying death or a broken limb at least, set the timer and jumped out of the back of the pickup we were using to get the photo and then ran to get in the photo . . . well you can imagine how interesting that was.



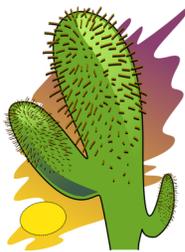
South Central Region

The Sonora Desert was a great place for the 2019 GFWC South Central Conference meeting. The seven states that make up the South Central Region meet at the Sheraton Tucson on October 25—26, 2019 for their annual meeting. The meeting conducted by GFWC SCR President, Pat Pisarski and attended by GFWC President Elect, Marion St. Clair was informative and fun.

The meeting started for all with a field trip to the Presidio San Agustin del Tucson which was built in 1775. After visiting the Presidio, the group had lunch and shopped at the La Cocina and then visited a Museum of Miniatures before meetings started that evening and continued through out the next day.



Left - A demonstration of the dye derived from the cochineal, an insect that lives on the cactus and the only early source of red dye. The Spaniards who arrived in the 1700s were amazed to see red dye which did not exist in Europe. The Indians made it from the insect. The first picture on the left is a museum volunteer showing how the dried insect is crushed to make the dye. In the second picture, Billie Williams is holding her book mark she painted with the cochineal dye.



Saturday's session began with the Sons of the Revolution Color Guard (Above left)



After the mornings business session, the SCR Ladies participated in a "Done-in-a Day" project by filling gallon size bags with items such as lip stick, nail polish, make up and other toiletries to be donated to "Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse." Above GFWC Texas Ladies fill bags.



GFWC South Central Region Cheer Competition



The Great State of Texas Famous Hawaiian Tropic Cheerleaders . . . Geriatric Division and one of the two SCR teams chosen to compete in Atlanta this coming summer!



Novella Byrd, Texas Leads Graduate; Barbara Wingham, Texas Jennie Award winner and SCR Nominee; and Lynn Long, Capital Committee; all spoke to the SCR attendees.



The Texas delegation to the South Central Region Conference





Favorite Recipes Shared for the Season



Marinated Cheese/Olives

From Beth Hemby

1/2 cup white wine vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 tsp. dried basil

1/2 tsp. dried oregano

1/2 tsp garlic (or more to taste)

1/2 tsp salt

Mix dressing and pour over the other ingredients. Stir and chill at least 4 hours or overnight.

12 oz. cheddar cheese (can mix with marbled cheddar or white cheese) To make easier use 2 bags of the already cubed Kraft cheddar and Monterrey Jack cubes

1/2 jar of roasted red peppers, cut up

1 jar pimento stuffed green olives, drained

1 can of pitted black olives, drained

Optional: fresh cilantro leaves or 1 Tbsp of dried cilantro



Carolyn McLeod's Famous Christmas Candied Fruit Cookies

Sift Together

3 ½ cups plain flour

1 teaspoon salt

1teaspoon soda

Blend in Mixer

1 cup butter

2 cups (packed and leveled) light brown sugar

2 unbeaten eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

Add

Flour to sugar mixture, alternating with ½ cup buttermilk

Add

1 ½ cups coarsely chopped pecans

2 ½ cups candied cherries, chopped

2 ½ cups chopped candied pineapple

Do not use the chopped mixed candied fruit. It will change the taste of the cookies. No citron, raisins, etc. are used in these cookies.

Cover the dough and chill it in the refrigerator for at least an hour. The chilling keeps the cookies from spreading too thin as they bake. Dough can even be kept covered in the refrigerator overnight. Use a regular teaspoon to scoop the dough. Drop on an ungreased cookie sheet about an inch apart. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 14-15 minutes or until light golden brown. Recipe makes about 6 dozen cookies.



Recipes Continued . . .



Carolyn McLeod's Blueberry Salad

(Grandson Ridge McLeod's Favorite Item on the Thanksgiving Table)

- 2 packages (3 oz. each) blackberry Jell-O (If you can't find blackberry Jell-O, black cherry works just fine.)
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 can (14 oz.) blueberries (Do not drain.) **OR** 1 can blueberry pie filling (I like the pie filling.)
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple (Do not drain.)

Combine Jell-O and boiling water. Stir until Jell-O is dissolved. Add blueberries and pineapple with juices. Mix and chill until firm.

Topping

- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ to 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine topping ingredients and mix until smooth. Spread on firm Jell-O mixture and sprinkle with sliced almonds if desired. (We have never used the almonds, but they would likely be good if you like almonds.)

Peanut Butter Stuffed Jalapenos

*a treat at the Artist Cottage
from Patricia Siegfried-Giles*

- 1 can Pickled Whole Jalapenos (pickled are better than fresh)
- 1 jar Peanut Butter, Chunky (I use Smucker's Natural Chunky)
- Cut jalapenos lengthwise, remove seeds and membrane

Fill each cavity with peanut butter

Place filled jalapenos on decorative platter
Serve and enjoy



Crock Pot Fajitas

Submitted by Tina O'Connor



Easy meal if you need to feed a crowd!
Add ingredients to Crock pot in order listed:
Do Not Lift the LID While Cooking!

A boneless roast—uses spices that you want on roast (pepper, garlic, cayenne, etc)
Then add 1 and 1/2 cups dried red beans
Next 1 chopped onion
1 big can or 2 small cans green chilies
1 can cream of mushroom soup
On top...2 cans Rotel Tomatoes
Cook on Low for at least 12 hours...can cook longer as it fits your time schedule better or turn off and keep on warm setting.

Serve with warm tortillas and have on the side...sour cream, grated cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, tortilla chips, hot sauce, and of course guacamole is wonderful





Recipes Continued . . .



From the kitchen of Cindy Simmons,

Williamsburg Pecan Pie

- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups light corn syrup
- 1 T. melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie shell



Preheat oven to 400 degree. Beat eggs lightly, add sugar, salt, corn syrup, cooled melted butter & vanilla. Stir until mixed well. Spread pecans on bottom of unbaked pie shell & cover with filling. Place in oven and immediately reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until mixture is firm in the center of pie.

Pear and Cranberry Cobbler



- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 T cornstarch
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen Cranberries
- 2 to 3 medium pears, unpeeled and shredded
- Topping**
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup uncooked oats
- 1 slightly beaten egg

Reheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine corn syrup, sugar & cornstarch I medium sauce pan. Stir in cranberries. Heat to boil, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes or until cranberries pop open. Stir in pears, coat well & pour into 9 inch baking dish. For topping: combine flour & sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in oats and mix well. Add egg, mixing until mixture is moistened. Crumble evenly over fruit. Bake for 30 to 35 minute or until top is golden brown.



Christmas Greetings!



**DECK THE
HALLS**



LIBERTY COTERIE CLUB

Seasons Greetings



& Best Wishes

From

Billie Williams



From

**The Amity
Club**

Bowie, Texas



The Sugar Plum Fairy

Has agreed to stand in
for her cousin...

the

Texas Reporting Fairy

In wishing all the ladies of the
Texas Federation the Merriest of
Christmases and the Happiest of
New Years!



From The

Las Fidelis

Study Club







*Wishing You a Joyful Christmas Season
and a New Year Full of Promise!*

TFWC Historical Foundation
Trustees and Staff

**Merry Christ-
mas to All!**

Brenda Grimes



**Merry Christmas
to All of the
Districts of GFWC
Texas!
From Caprock!**



**Thank You
GFWC Texas Family**



For All You Do...

All Year 'Round!

Carol Habgood GFWC Texas President