



GFWC Texas NEWSLETTER

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Porsha McFarland, Editor



A Message from 2020-2022 GFWC Texas President



Dear GFWC Texas Sisters:

Welcome to the GFWC Texas 2020-2022 Administration. Your President would like to thank all of you who attended the GFWC Texas Spring Convention in Corpus Christi. During our convention we

acknowledged the beginning of a new tag line "COVID19". This isn't the way your president dreamed her administration would start, but we have risen above the pandemic! We have learned to Zoom and touched the world of technology. When it comes to GFWC Texas members we will not let anything hold us back from doing what Federation Women have done for the last 130 years. Your President is so proud that our women have stepped up and still continue to help make the world a better place.

The future is different but we will be stronger and better for it. All communities will know that nothing stops GFWC Texas members from helping their communities.

My pledge was to visit every club in the state of Texas and this officer will work hard to keep that promise by attending club meetings and meeting you and your members. The last two administrations emphasized working as a Team. Teamwork will continue during my administration and will be a top priority making sure the Executive Committee attends as many of your important events as possible.

This President looks forward to when we can all meet together for GFWC Texas events and working hard to continue making the world a better place.

My project is Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention - Helping our Children and Women in the Military, you will be receiving information on a statewide project to involve everyone during the spring convention. My theme Volunteerism - For Home and Country, coincides with my President's Project and will further clubs abilities to help the military families abroad and at home.

We must continue to make membership our number one priority! If every member would ask one person to join their club, we would double our membership. We have placed a lot of emphasis on Juniors and Junior Clubs. Ladies, the youth is our future. We have a wonderful Juniors Chairman, please give her a call and let her help you to organize a Juniors Club in your community.



Your 61st GFWC Texas President has enjoyed her Federation journey and intends to continue for many more years to come. Let's make the GFWC Texas 2020-2022 Administration one to remember.

In Federation and Friendship,

Cindy

Cindy A. Simmons

GFWC Texas President 2020-2022



A Message from 2020-2022 GFWC International President



I hope you are all well and making every effort to stay safe. I know that everyone is disappointed that we cannot get together in June. I've received many cards and emails and I want to thank you for your kindness. Like you, I'm disappointed but not disheartened. Moving forward we will make every effort to honor and recognize the current Administration and enjoy some of the traditional celebrations that would highlight the incoming Administration. Currently, my main concern is staying connected with you and our members and facilitating a positive start to the 2020-2022 Administration. Attached please find the long-awaited handouts for the 2020-2022 Community Service Programs. As you know from previous communications, the aim is to provide an overview of how these program areas have been refocused and redefined. The 2020-2022 Club Manual will be available online on July 1. In the event there is any lingering confusion where current (2018-2020) programs fit in the new system, please refer to the final attachment, "CSP 2020-2022 Realignment of 2018-2020 Projects." Many thanks go to the CSP Chairman for their hard work and great ideas. I hope you will applaud them, as I do, and be excited by what you see. I also want to acknowledge the GFWC Staff involved in the process, particularly COO Patty Budka and the Communication and Program staff members. Thanks also to Treasurer Jolie Frankfurth for contributing her design skills to the production of the handouts and to the other GFWC Officers for their various assistance and support. Also, the EC and 2020-2022 Chairmen are looking at additional ways to provide information on Special, Community Service, and Advancement Programs after July 1. So, stay tuned and rest assured that we are doing everything we can to embrace new ideas and to provide the leadership that our members deserve.

Yours in Living the Volunteer Spirit!

Marian St. Clair

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A Message from your President Elect, Billie Williams

Ladies,

It is my honor and privilege to be elected as GFWC Texas President-Elect during the 2020 Spring Convention in Corpus Christi. The only state in the entire federation to hold a spring convention due to fears of COVID-19.

2020 so far has been a year of challenges and the troubles that are facing our beloved federation, though serious and ever changing, will be met with calm resolve, and ***“Get ‘er Done”*** Texas attitude. Determination to continue forward, to hold our members together, to keep them informed and to help them maintain club functions as close to normal as possible, ***“The New Normal!!”*** will be this officer’s objective throughout the term.

We are lucky in that Texas has a strong executive committee willing to explore new avenues of communication and to go the extra mile to help accomplish our goals. ZOOM meetings will take the place of in-person meetings for a while and we will make it work, no matter what.

This officer looks forward to working with President Simmons and the executive committee and does hereby pledge to do her utmost to help guide the Texas Federation to the brighter days ahead.

Yours in Federation,

Billie Williams, President Elect

GFWC Texas 2020-2022



A Message from your 1st Vice President, Carolyn McLeod

Hello, GFWC Texas Members.

This officer looks forward to the 2020-2022 administration.

As DEAN OF REPORTING, I am excited to see all the service programs and projects that Texas clubs will engage in over the two years. Part of my duties will be to create all the certificates that honor the outstanding clubs Living the Volunteer Spirit. What an honor to be in a position that has the honor of honoring others!

I hope by convention time in Lubbock when clubs are recognized for their work we will all be greeting each other in person and that I can see your smiling faces. Until then, stay healthy; stay active, and Report; Report; Report!

Laissez les bon temps
Hugs,
Carolyn McLeod
GFWC Texas First Vice President



A Message from your 2nd Vice President, Barbara Harvey

GFWC Texas Ladies

I am excited to be GFWC Texas Second Vice-President and Dean of Membership for the 2020-2022 Administration. I spent 42 years as an insurance executive and have been retired for 12 years. I served the last two years as the TFWC Historical Foundation Chairman.

The pandemic and dealing with all the changes in everyone's lives has been a challenge. I have been extremely impressed with the way the executive committee, district presidents and all our members have embraced the new way of involving everyone while remaining socially distanced.

We must all look for ways to ensure we keep our current members involved with the organization. With everyone staying at home more due to COVID-19, this may be a good time to invite friends to your club meetings. They might like it and help grow our organization.

This officer looks forward to meeting with you virtually until we can be together again in person. Stay safe, happy and healthy until we meet again.

Yours in Federation

Barbara Harvey
Second Vice-President
GFWC Texas 2020-2022



A Message from your Recording Secretary, Fran Mask

Dear Members,

I am deeply honored to be appointed for a third term as GFWC Texas Secretary.

During the last four years our organization endured the hardships of a devastating hurricane and came back stronger, Hosted a South Central Region Conference and the 2019 GFWC Convention very successfully. Through all of these events, we have been unified as an organization that "Lives the Volunteer Spirit."

It continues to be my privilege to chronicle meetings: executive committee meetings and general sessions, including officer and committee chairman reports.

I take very seriously my responsibilities to archive these records to be available for historical information.

Yes, the current situation with Covid-19 forces us to think outside the box with our meetings, but a problem is a chance to do our best. We are not only Federated Women, we are Texas Women.....

NOTHING STOPS US

Love you ladies,
Fran Mask



A Message from your Parliamentarian, Patricia Tate

Greetings from your Parliamentarian! As we struggle with the challenges of the pandemic, it is important not to lose sight of how resilient and innovative clubwomen can be. Conducting business using good parliamentary practices can make things run more smoothly, allowing everyone to be heard and decisions to be made without confusion.

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs and the new 12th edition is scheduled for release on September 1. Time to revisit your club bylaws making needed changes addressing such issues as virtual meetings, voting practices in emergency situations, etc. Watch for more parliamentary pointers in the days to come!



A Message from your GFWC Texas Scholarship Chairman, Donna Tyus

I was honored to have been recommended by our Past State Scholarship Chairman, Maridell Fryar, and was voted to serve as State Scholarship Chairman by the Scholarship Committee. Having served as Trinity District Scholarship Chair for four years, I have the background and knowledge to know the challenges the Committee has regarding appropriate investment choices, monitoring scholarship funds and ensuring scholarship recipients are notified and receive those scholarship funds they have been rewarded.

Having over 39 years' experience in the Banking and Financial business, I am confident that we will establish an Investment Policy for GFWC Texas including investing the scholarship funds.

I encourage all Districts and Club President's to work with local schools for scholarship applications.

We have an excellent committee and I look forward to working with each of them during the next two years and serving on the Executive Committee.

In the Spirit of Friendship and Volunteerism

Donna J. Tyus

GFWC Texas Scholarship Chairman



A Message from your TFWC Historical Foundation Chair,

GFWC Texas Members,

This officer is honored and challenged to be your Historical Foundation Chairman. With over 35 years of work experience in Information Technology including 15 years of managing budgets and personnel in the oil and gas industry. A fun five years was spent as I.T. support for a large property management group owned by Mitchell Energy including the Tremont and Hotel Galvez in Galveston, and apartment buildings in the Woodlands.

After retiring from the business world in 2006 a friend introduced this officer to the Woman's Club of Cleveland, Texas. From that time forward WCC, Magnolia District and GFWC Texas has consumed a great deal of time, energy and effort. Just ask my husband James.

Purpose and a sense of worth was once again part of this officer's life. The rewards gained from volunteering keep accumulating. As GFWC Texas LEADS representative a clearer understanding of GFWC was provided. Inspiration from the two GWC International conventions attended is priceless.

All of this cumulative experience has prepared this officer to be the Historical Foundation Chairman and to manage the Historical Foundation business to the best of my abilities.

Yours in Federation,

Joan Pate, GFWC Texas

2020-22 Historical Foundation Chairman



A Message from your GFWC Texas Finance Chair, Helen Lamberth

Fellow GFWC Texas Members,

Having personally operated a successful business for many years, I feel that I am qualified and possess the education and job skills necessary to be an asset as the Financial Officer of GFWC Texas 2020/2022, and I am honored to have been asked by President Simmons to serve in this capacity.

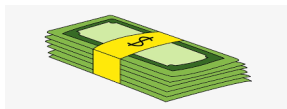
It will be my responsibility to make sure that the finances of the Texas Federation are handled with honesty, integrity, and complete transparency. Making sure to explore every avenue our collective monies travel for the good of the organization and to keep GFWC Texas solvent during the difficult times that we are facing.

I look forward to serving with the outstanding group of women who make up the executive committee and to serving the membership of GFWC Texas.

Yours in Federation,

Helen Lamberth, GFWC Texas

2020-2022 Financial Officer



A Message from your Newsletter Editor, Porsha McFarland

I am blessed and forever grateful to have been given the opportunity to be the newsletter editor for this 2020 – 2022 term under our GFWC Texas President Cindy Simmons. I was publicity for the last 4 years of The Woman's Club of Aransas Pass under President Dianne Brown. It is something that I enjoyed very much! Being editor of the newsletter allows me to expand my creativity and share the love of volunteerism within each GFWC Women's Club throughout Texas!

Please send me your feedback and suggestions, especially since this is my first edition. Please keep the photos and writeups coming!

Sisters in Federation,

Porsha McFarland

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GFWC Texas 123rd Annual Convention





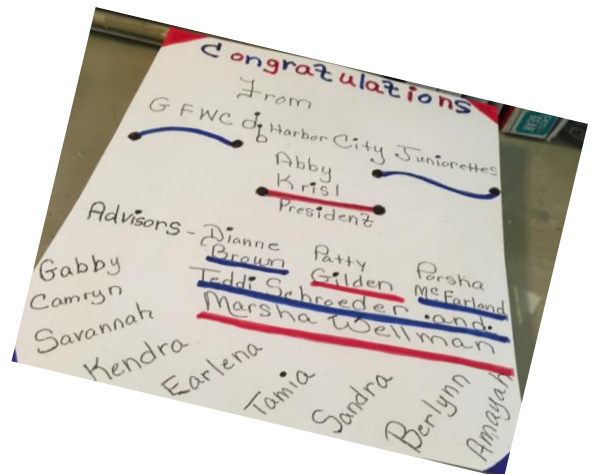
MAKING HEADLINES

The Mayors of Aransas Pass and Ingleside, along with members of The Woman's Club of Aransas Pass and The Ingleside Woman's Club came together to officially proclaim July 1st as Cindy Simmons day. Cindy was recognized and honored for her continuous hard work and dedication for the past 20+ years throughout her community and GFWC.



GIFT OF APPRECIATION

The GFWC db Harbor City Juniores presented GFWC Texas President Cindy Simmons with a custom-made traveling podium. The girls are very grateful for all that Cindy has done for them and look forward to working with her in the near future. She is an awesome role model that the girls look up to and hope to one day be able to follow in her footsteps.



Aransas Pass Woman's Club Bluebonnet Tea "Federation"

Honoring Club Woman of the Year Dianne Brown





"If it were not for women like Rosalie, Decatur Woman's Club would not be where it is today."

Decatur Woman's Club is trying to collect 100 birthday cards for their Honorary Member Rosalie Gregg. She will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 17th. They are reaching out to International, South Central Region, State and District administrations in order to achieve their goal.

Please mail to:
Decatur Woman's Club
Attn: Rosalie Gregg
P. O. Box 1144
Decatur, Texas 76234

SISTERS IN FEDERATION





GFWC Texas
Call to 124th Fall Board of Directors
Meeting September 19, 2020

To: 2020-2022 GFWC Texas Board of Directors

From: GFWC Texas President Cindy Simmons

Date: August 22, 2020

You are cordially invited to attend the September 19, 2020 GFWC Texas 124th Fall Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom.

According to TFWC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, Membership, the Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- A. Elected and appointed members:
 - 1. TFWC elected and appointed officers.
 - 2. District elected and appointed officers.
 - 3. Trustees.
 - 4. TFWC Scholarship Representatives.
 - 5. TFWC Past Presidents
 - 6. TFWC Life Members and Honorary members.
 - 7. Club Presidents
- B. Other Appointed members:
 - 1. TFWC Chairmen of Department Programs/Special Projects.
 - 2. TFWC Standing Committees.
 - a. Legislation.
 - b. Bylaws.
 - c. Resolutions.
 - d. TFWC Finance
 - 3. Projects and Contests Committee chairmen.
 - 4. Convention chairmen.
 - 5. Life Membership Committee.

All other Federation members are also invited to attend as non-voting guests.

CREDENTIALS: Deadline: Postmarked by September 10, 2020

To be eligible to vote, those entitled to vote shall complete the credentials card included with this Call. The credentials card shall be sent to the Credentials Chairman, Elaine Wilde, postmarked by September 10, 2020, to the address on the card.

REGISTRATION: Deadline for Registration: September 10, 2020

Registration for this Board of Directors Meeting will take place through GFWC Texas Headquarters using the Registration Form included with this call. Registration deadline is September 10, 2020.

By registering and attending the GFWC Texas 124th Fall Board Meeting, you consent to being photographed or videotaped for use by GFWC Texas and/or its agents for publicity purposes in The Texas Clubwoman, the GFWC Clubwoman, and other publications deemed appropriate.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

None required. Dress comfortable, grab a cup of your favorite beverage and turn on your computer!!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our 124th Fall Board of Directors Meeting online via Zoom.

In Federation Friendship,

Cindy

CINDY A. SIMMONS
GFWC TEXAS PRESIDENT

**GFWC Texas 124TH Fall Board of Directors Meeting
September 19,2020
Via Zoom**

Friday, September 18, 2020

HF Trustees
Scholarship Committee
Long Range Planning Committee

To be Determined

6:00 pm

Executive Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

CREDENTIALS CARD

GFWC Texas 124th Fall Board Meeting

OFFICIAL USE

Deadline: Must be Postmarked by Sept. 7, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Verified by Nan Park
Credentials Chairman

Date Postmarked Date Received

Mail to: Elaine Wilde
5026 Yorktown Blvd #17
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

CHECK ONE:

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

Name of Club: _____

of members in club: _____

District: _____

GFWC Texas 124th Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom
September 19, 2020
Registration Form

Registration Deadline: September 10, 2020

Please use one form per person.

Name:	Title/Position:
Address:	
Phone Number:	Email:
District:	Club:

_____ Board Member

_____ Non-voting club member

_____ Guest (non-GFWC Texas member)

_____ First Time Attendee

Mail to: Elaine Wilde
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