

All Committees are encouraged to conduct their meetings via Zoom prior to the Convention

**Pre-Convention Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Registration located Throckmorton ABC Hall Area..... Opens at 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening **Throckmorton E** Cash Bar "Street Taco Station"  
Join the Fun Playing BINGO with the Bingo Babes and Win McKinney Bucks for Shopping

9:00 p.m. **Executive Committee Meeting – President’s Suite**

**Thursday, April 25, 2024 – Breakfast on your own**

Tour (LOGO Apparel)

Bus departs hotel at 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Visit the Fallen Warrior Portraits  
10:00 a.m. Shop Downtown McKinney  
11:00 p.m. Tea & Tour Historic Chestnut Square  
1:30 p.m. Return to Hotel

Registration located in the Hall Area Throckmorton ABC– Open until 4:00 pm

2:00 p.m. Committee Meetings (if needed-All Committees are encouraged to meet before convention if possible)  
Scholarship –**Throckmorton A**  
Historical Foundation – **Throckmorton B**

5:30 p.m. Doors Open - **Throckmorton ABC**

6:00 p.m. Call to Order - Convention Opens .....Billie Williams, GFWC Texas President  
(Lower Head Table – **District Presidents**)  
(Dress – “Give Child Abuse the ‘BOOT’” .....*Western Attire*)  
Invocation .....Tissa Peterson GFWC Texas Chaplain  
Post the Colors..... VFW Armistice Memorial Post 2195, Allen Texas  
Pledges to American and Texas Flags .....  
Welcome to McKinney .....the Honorable George Fuller, Mayor of McKinney, Texas  
Response ..... Katherine Hajek, So Tex District President  
Introductions..... Novella Byrd GFWC Texas 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Presentation of Special Guests and Members  
Introduction of Those Seated at the Head Table-.....Barbara Harvey, GFWC Texas President-elect  
Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee .....Billie Williams  
Preliminary Registration Report.....Linda Gerd, Chairman  
Presentation of Credentials Report.....Elaine Wilde, Chairman  
Establishment of Quorum .....Billie Williams  
Presentation of Rules and Procedures.....Patricia Tate, GFWC Texas Parliamentarian  
Presentation of Program.....Kathy H Smith, Ph.D., GFWC Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Appointment of Pages, Tellers & Timekeepers.....Billie Williams

6:30 p.m. Enjoy Your Dinner ... “Parmesan Crusted Chicken”

7:15 p.m. Greeting from GFWC.....Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer 2022-2024

7:30 p.m. Reports of State Officers *(each officer will have 5 minutes)*  
 Second Vice President .....Kathy H. Smith, Ph.D.  
 First Vice President..... Novella Byrd  
 President-elect..... Barbara Harvey  
 President..... Billie Williams

8:00 p.m. Awards Session 1 .....Novella Byrd  
*(each presenter will have 5 minutes)*  
 Outstanding – Americanism .....Emily Holt, Chairman  
 Federation.....Marsha Wellman, Chairman  
 Club Program .....Lindy Stumberg, Chairman  
*(each presenter will have 10 minutes)*  
 LEADS Candidate for 2024 .....Beth Hemby, Chairman  
 Juniorette of the Year..... Cammie Hyatt, Chairman  
 Clubwoman of the Year .....Patsy Troell Chairman  
 Community Impact Program Award.....Marion Gamertsfelder  
 Entertainment.....Magnolia District  
 Announcements.....Pamela Windham, Trinity District President

9:30 p.m. Recess until 9:30 a.m. Friday Morning

**20 minutes after recess**  
**District Presidents Meeting - President's Suite**

**Friday, April 26, 2024 - Breakfast on your own**

Morning Session – Throckmorton ABC  
 (Lower Head Table –Historical Foundation Trustees)  
 (Dress – Business Casual)

8:00 a.m. Past District Presidents Breakfast Meeting - **Throckmorton E**

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting Reconvenes  
 Recommendations of Executive Committee.....Nancy Snead, GFWC Texas Secretary  
 Presentation of Finance Report..... Helen Lamberth, Finance Chairman  
 Presentation of 2024-2025 Budget ..... Helen Lamberth, Finance Chairman  
 Report of Nominating Committee.....Margaret Underhill, Chairman  
 Presentation of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws.....Patricia Tate, GFWC Texas Parliamentarian

- 10:15 a.m.     **Awards Session 2** ..... Novella Byrd  
*(each presenter will have 3 minutes for awards and 3 minutes for the Most Creative Club Award)*  
 CSP   ARTS and CULTURE.....Fran Mask, Chairman  
 CSP   CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH.....Carolyn McLeod, Chairman  
 CSP   EDUCATION & LIBRARIES ..... Louisa Franklin, Chairman  
 CSP   ENVIRONMENT..... Margaret Underhill, Chairman  
       State President’s Special Project “Protecting the Pollinators” .....Margaret Underhill, Chairman  
 CSP   HEALTH & WELLNESS .....Wanda Godso, Chairman  
 GFWC Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children .....Therese Crocker, Chairman  
 GFWC Signature Program – Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention .Teresa Crow, Chairman  
 Presentation of GFWC Texas DSVAP Fund.....Billie Williams
- 10:55 a.m.     **Break & Shop (BEE Generous)**
- 11:10 Oa.m.    Proposed Bylaws and vote.....Patricia Tate, Parliamentarian
- 11:30 a.m.     Lunch Buffet ... “Backyard BBQ Buffett”  
 Expression of Thanks .....Tissa Peterson, Chaplain  
 (Lower Head Table –**District Scholarship Representatives**)  
 (Dress – *Business Casual*)  
 ‘DRESS TO IMPRESS’ Style Show presented by Chico’s
- 12:15 p.m.     Meet the Candidates – *Each District President of officer candidate will have 3 minutes to present their candidate and each candidate will have 5 minutes for their speech*
- 1:00 p.m.     **Awards Session 3** .....Novella Byrd  
*(each Presenter will have 3 minutes for awards and 3 minutes for the Most Creative Club Award)*  
 Leadership.....Barbara Harvey, GFWC Texas President-elect  
 Membership.....Kathy H. Smith, Ph.D., GFWC Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Communications and Public Relations.....Patricia Davis, Chairman  
 Fundraising & Development.....Dixie Gilley, Chairman  
 Legislation & Public Policy .....Maridell Fryar, Chairman  
 Women’s History & Resource Center.....Mary Lou Gilbreath, Chairman
- 1:30 p.m.     **Break & Shop**
- 1:20 p.m.     Historical Foundation Report.....Therese Crocker, Chairman
- 1:30 p.m.     **Awards Session 4** ..... Novella Byrd  
 Texas Heritage (each Heritage Topic will receive 5 minutes)..... Brenda Grimes, Chairman  
       People  
       Places & Things  
       Special Projects  
       Texas Woman’s University Library  
*(each presenter will have 3 minutes for awards and 3 minutes for the Most Creative Club Award, if required)*  
 Dollars for Delegates .....Stephanie Stephens, Chairman  
 UT MD Anderson ..... Dee Ann Archer, Chairman  
 Scholarship Awards ..... Sharon Walker, Chairman  
 Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) .....Mary Nettie Rodriguez, Chairman

2:30 p.m. **Break & Shop**

2:45 p.m. In Memoria, "GFWC Texas Remembers" .....Tissa Peterson, Chaplain  
 Announcements.....Pamela Windham

3:30 p.m. Recess until 6:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. POLLS OPEN.....TBA  
 5:00 p.m. POLLS CLOSE

Friday Evening

5:30 p.m. Procession Formation.....Pre-function Area

6:00 p.m. Evening Session – "PAINT THE TOWN RED" .....Throckmorton ABC  
 (Lower Head Table – **District Presidents**)  
 (Dress- "Dressy in RED")  
 Expression of Thanks ..... Tissa Peterson, Chaplain  
 Enjoy Your Dinner ... "Grilled Salmon"  
 Champagne Toast

7:00 p.m. Reconvene Meeting  
 Announcement of Officer Elections.....Carol Habgood, Chairman  
 Reports from the District Presidents – "Billie's Busy Bees" (3 minutes each)  
 Alamo District.....Diana Canavan  
 Capitol District.....Amy McDaniel, *Secretary of the District Presidents*  
 Caprock District.....Tina O'Connor  
 Lone Star Administrative District .....Kathy Horak Smith, Ph.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Magnolia District.....Dianne Amerine  
 Pioneer District.....Lou Hitt, *President of the District Presidents*  
 South Texas District.....Katherine Hajek  
 Trinity District.....Pam Windham  
 Western District.....Nancy Williams

8:00 p.m. Awards Session 5  
 Juniorette Awards.....Cammie Hyatt, Coordinator  
 Photography Contest.....Tina O'Connor, Chairman  
 Writing Contest..... Fredda Schooler, Chairman  
     Adult Short Story.....Youth Short Story  
     Adult Poetry.....Youth Poetry  
 Yearbook Contest Awards.....Novella Byrd  
 Yearbook - Gold Star Clubs  
 Yearbook - Cover Contest Winners

Announcements ..... Pamela Windham

9:00 p.m. Recess until 9:30 a.m. Saturday Morning

**20 Minutes after recess those attending the 2024 GFWC Chicago Convention meet in President’s Suite**

**Saturday, April 29, 2023 – Breakfast on your own**

Morning Session **Throckmorton ABC**

(Lower Head Table- District Presidents)

(Dress – Business Casual)

8:00 a.m. ESO Breakfast – Throckmorton E  
Lone Star Administrative District Breakfast - TBD

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting Reconvenes  
Thought for the Day.....Tissa Peterson, Chaplain

9:40 a.m. Awards Session 5 (if required)..... Novella Byrd

10:00 a.m. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws (if required).....Patricia Tate, Parliamentarian

10:15 a.m. Final Remarks from GFWC.....Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer

**Break**

10:45 a.m. Invitation to 128<sup>th</sup> spring Convention in Corpus Christi.....South Texas District

11:00 a.m. Final Registration Report.....Linda Gerd, Chairman  
Fundraising Report.....Dixie Gilley, Chairman

11:15 a.m. Farewell Address and Special Recognitions.....Billie Williams, GFWC Texas President 2022-2024

11:30 p.m. Lunch ... “Hot Deli Table”  
Expression of Thanks.....Tissa Peterson, Chaplain

12:30 p.m. Announcements.....Pamela Windham

IN UNISON  
COLLECT

“DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS”  
“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

3:30 P.M. Rehearsal for Installation Ceremony.....Throckmorton C

Dinner on your own

6:30 p.m. Doors Open.....Throckmorton C

6:45 p.m. Procession Formation.....Pre-function Area

7:00 p.m. Installation of 2024-2026 GFWC Texas Officers.....Throckmorton C  
*(Dress-Formal)*

**Adjournment of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual GFWC Texas Spring Convention  
Reception Follows**

**Sunday, April 30, 2024**

8:00 a.m. 2024-2026 Administration Orientation Meeting Throckmorton E

GFWC Texas President 2024-2026 – Barbara Harvey presiding

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