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Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury would like to welcome you back from your COVID hibernation. For 123 years, we have focused on developing the potential of women, promoting voluntarism, and providing opportunities to improve our community.

Today, we stand 61 women strong in our combined active, associate, and honorary life memberships. We continue to make helping our community a top priority as well as equipping women to be civic leaders and promoting the education of female graduates from the Hood County area. We are proud of our heritage and how the work we have done over the past twelve decades is showcased throughout our city.

The current focus for our resources and volunteer efforts is centered around area businesses and neighborhoods in need as well as continuing Lois G. Cleveland Memorial Scholarship program. We are thrilled to collaborate with other non-profit organizations that also recognize the needs throughout our community. By pooling our resources, we will make Hood County stronger for tomorrow.

When we feed a family, we change lives. When we provide resources to a business, we support families. When we focus our collective efforts on education, we change our community and we empower women from our community who could change our world.

WWC….FEARLESS! Protecting, Strengthening, and Promoting our Community.

Cathey Briscoe
President

Committee Correspondence

AUDIT: Due to COVID quarantine, Audit Committee asked the board to waive audit; Executive Board approved.

CIVIC COMMUNITY: The civic committee will announce community improvements and encourage participation by members of the club. The month before each club project, announcements will be made at the monthly meetings. Members may bring needed items in January, February, and March for the Purple Can organizations.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE: This committee will continue to oversee maintenance and repair of the building and landscape. Over the summer we tended to an outdoor plumbing leak, shrub trimming, and routine service to the AC unit.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER: Communication with members is a way of sharing and preserving information on club activities. Smile for the photographer. The newsletter will be emailed each month and copies filed as a historical record of the club's activities. This year will again Spotlight our members and their community activities. We have a new column, Legacy, which will highlight past programs and projects of WWC. Check out our website at www.womanswednesdayclubgranbury.com and friend us at www.facebook.com/WomansWednesdayClubofGranbury.

COURTESY COMMITTEE: Cards have been sent to Mary Lynn Martin who lost her sister-in-law; Tommie Hicks whose husband is on Hospice; and Kay Crain who lost her brother. Please notify Joyce Vardeman when the need arises.

HOSPITALITY: The committee met and assigned duties for each monthly meeting. A member of the committee will call to remind members of the assignments each month.

LEGISLATION: GFWC promotes legislation based on the resolutions passed by members at the annual national convention. To stay informed, WWC members can subscribe to the free email publication, News and Notes, and join the GFWC Legislative Action Center at www.gfwc.org.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently we have five membership openings available. Invite friends to attend our gatherings and send a letter of application and a bio to Donna Roessler.

SCHOLARSHIP: It is almost time for the scholarship search! Know any Hood County graduates in their junior or senior year of college? Check out our website, www.womanswednesdayclubgranbury.com/scholarships. The submission deadline is September 15, 2020.

TELEPHONE: Expect a phone call each month reminding members of upcoming meetings and any special information.

WAYS AND MEANS: WWC's annual luncheon and style show is scheduled on March 5, 2021. The committee is working diligently planning a fun event, "Puttin' on the Ritz".

TASTE OF GRANBURY: The October fund-raising event, Taste of Granbury, is just around the corner. Eighteen of our nineteen tables are sold. We have 8 seats available. The Food, Whiskey, and Wine committees have been working overtime, and most of our vendors are secured. The Tarleton Jazz Trio will be playing that evening and we believe this will be a premier event for Granbury. A live auction has been planned and we expect to raise additional money for our scholarship fund. Thank you to all our members who have pulled together tables for the event and many thanks to our committee chairs for their hard work over the Summer months: Lula Pope, Michelle Davis, Cathy Weeks, Donna Campbell, Linda Frost, Janet Lell, and Patsy Hurd. We really appreciate you, and it would not be happening without your dedication. Melinda and Cathey.

Budget Report

Woman's Wednesday Club
Budget
2020-2021

	Approved 2020-2021 Budget
Income	
Membership Dues	5,200.00
Clubhouse Rental Income	1,500.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	50.00
	6,750.00
Style Show	
Ticket Sales 200*40	8,500.00
Sponsorships	6,000.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	2,080.00
In-Kind Contributions	9,750.00
Donations see below	1,800.00
Wine Pull	1,000.00
Live Auction	7,000.00
Decorations	250.00
Silent Auction	2,000.00
Total Style Show	38,380.00
Total Income	**45,130.00**
Expense	
Postage, Mailing Service	100.00
Cleaning and Lawn Care	2,500.00
Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00
Deposit Box Rental	70.00
Supplies	450.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,375.00
Speaker Honariums	300.00
Utilities	4,000.00
May Luncheon	400.00
Gifts, Flowers, Cards	50.00
Socials	350.00
Scrapbooks	25.00
Yearbooks	150.00
Federation Dues	2,080.00
Capital Assets	8,000.00
Website	450.00
Families First Project	4,000.00
Total Operating Expense	27,300.00
Style Show Expense	
Decoration for Style Show	600.00
Live Auction Expenses	150.00
Printing	1,200.00
Credit Card Charges	550.00
Bartered expenses	9,750.00
Sponsorship expense	1,000.00
Unknown	1,000.00
Style Show Lunch ($20 PP *200)	4,000.00
Total Style Show Expense	18,250.00
Net Ordinary Income	**(420.00)**
Restricted Scholarship Contr	
Designated From 2019-20 Fund Balance for Scholarships	5,000.00
Scholarship Contributions	2,000.00
Scholarship CD Interest	450.00
Club Scholarships	(12,000.00)
Total Restricted Scholarship Activity	(4,550.00)
Total Net Income before Depreciation	**(4,970.00)**

August Birthdays

Linda Frost
Jonnie Gaffin
Cathy Weeks
Zeta Martin
Jimmie Stanton
Chloe Steinhagen

September Birthdays

Bobbie Brownlee
Donna Campbell
Robin Echols
Diann Lewis
Cynthia Gookins

EMPOWERING EVERY VOTE

When the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in August 1920, it launched a century of empowerment for American women.

"Women need the vote because they needed protection through the laws. Not having the vote, the lawmakers could ignore women." Ida B. Wells-Barnett.

In 1848, when the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., American women were deprived of legal rights in all dimension of their lives. They were excluded from higher education and most professions. When they married, they lost all control over finances, wages and owning property in their name. If the marriage dissolved, custody of children went to the husband.

"I have always felt that women's suffrage was something that happened "out there" in Seneca Falls, or in Washington, D.C. But the women's suffrage fight also happened here, in Texas."

A group of Texas Women, led by three dressed in white, marched in a suffrage parade under the Texas banner in Washington, D. C., on April 7, 1913. Daughters of the Republican of Texas Museum, Austin.

The suffragists in Texas organized and lobbied the public and officeholders for support. They held their first state convention in 1913. To publicize their cause they sponsored lectures, maintained booths at fairs and in department stores, marched in parades, made house-to-house canvasses, and sent letters and petitions to legislators and congressmen. They distributed thousands of pamphlets and kept newspapers supplied with suffrage news.

In the 1920's the progressive era became a boon to the causes of women's suffrage. They supported issues on reforms for protection for workers, end to child labor, and prohibition. Locally, the Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, Texas had programs in the 1920's that included the following: Sanitation in our Home Town,; Why Women Work, Legal Positions of Women, Early Women's Movement, American Women in Politics, Women Suffrage, Betterment of Education, Child Labor Laws, and Federal Laws on Pure Food.

In 1918, Nellie Gray Robertson of Hood County ran unopposed for county attorney in the Democratic primary, two years before women gained the right to vote on the national level. In the general election, she was elected by the men of the county, in a remarkable victory of 446 votes to 2 over her male opponent—thus becoming at the age of twenty-four, the first female county attorney in Texas. Two years later she successfully ran for re-election, this time appealing to both male and female voters. She was a member of the Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, Texas.
In 1918 the Texas legislature passed a bill that gave women the right to vote in a primary elections and nominating conventions; however, it gave them only 17 days to register before the election. An amazing 386,000 women registered to vote in that short time period.

During the special election in 1919, Granbury merchant Jess Baker was a leading advocate of enfranchising women, and he became known as the "legislative father of equal suffrage in Texas." During debate on the house floor in 1917, he gave a speech presenting a history of his efforts to pass a suffrage amendment. "Remember that the women are one half of the human race, and, therefore are entitled by inherent right to all the privileges accorded to men. We are only asking you to submit an amendment of the Constitution to the qualified voters of the entire State, which shall take our women and lift them to a higher plane, where their intelligence and patriotism may have full play."

On a national level, Texas broke the solid South's resistance to women's suffrage and made it easier for other conservative states to vote for women's suffrage. Texas became the ninth state in the U.S., and the first state in the South, to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 28, 1919. With the ratification, the state was set for July 1919, when Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Montana also ratified. By 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution became official with the ratification by the Tennessee state legislature. Texas women are henceforth allowed to vote in elections at all levels.

The advantages of adding the voices of half of the population continue to be essential today. The League of Women Voters is still educating prospective voters. Women are integrally involved in policy decisions that affect all parts of their lives. Female elected officials continue to grow in numbers, and it is not unusual, even expected, that there be women in positions of authority throughout the entirety of the government and society.

Since Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, Texas, was organized, the concerns have been that of a woman for a better way of life and influence on local, state, national and international movements, which include wars and economic situations as well as cultural, educational and civic.

Pat Flatt

Patsy Newsom, board member with People Helping People, graciously receives donations from the Lakeside Baptist Church Light the Way class. Members of this group purchased two carloads of items to be given away to the 40-50 families that receive assistance from People Helping People each week. Everything from diapers to canned vegetables were part of the donation.

"That's my son!" exclaimed Diane Miles. At the Cresson City Council, it was announced about Matt Miles' latest lifesaving effort which counts for the third time in four years. Cresson Mayor Teena Conway, daughter of Rose Putteet, said "It's no surprise to me that our longtime Cresson citizen, Matt Miles, would be willing to respond quickly to a fellow in need." Matt said, "It was rewarding to come to someone's aid when they need it the most."