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How refreshing the cool air has been over the past few weeks. It almost feels like fall in Granbury with this much-needed break from the Texas heat!

WWC is excited about the launch of its newest project, WWC Taste of Granbury Whiskey & Wine, which is focused on local business involvement, giving back to our community and the scholarship fund. The event has sold out for 2020 and we continue to have requests for tickets! The committees have worked diligently to pull this event together. A special thanks to Melinda Charbonnet, Cathy Weeks, Donna Campbell, Linda Frost, Linda Bush, Michelle Davis, Lula Pope-Tidwell, Patsy Hurd, & Janet Lell for all their hard work. It is exciting to see all the local energy around a project WWC has been working on and the impact it can make in our community next year. It is an honor to work alongside such talented women.

Melinda has planned a fun program for everyone this month: flower arranging. Please RSVP for the meeting so arrangements can be made for flowers. We will be meeting at Hewlett Park at 10:00 am. Don't forget to bring a small vase, mason jar, or something to use for your arrangement. Ample bench seating is available under the pavilion. Our hostesses for the meeting include Joyce Vardeman, Tammy Anderson, Bobbie Brownlee, Linda Frost, Carolyn McLeod, & Lula Pope-Tidwell.

If you were not available to attend the September meeting, please remember to bring a lottery ticket to the October meeting. These tickets are being used for the Lottery Tree at the October 15th fundraiser.

See you all soon!

*Cathy Briscoe*  
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# September Meeting

GFWC WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY CLUB  
GRANBURY, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
September 2, 2020 Regular Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 recommendations, the September meeting was scheduled as an outdoor event at Hewlett Park, 10:00 AM. However, the meeting was rescheduled to the Langdon Concert Hall due to rain.

President Cathey Briscoe called the meeting to order.

Peg Harding delivered the invocation.

President Briscoe thanked the hostesses: Mary Lynn Martin, Diane Schumann, Betty Cure, Janie Lewis, Linda Somervill.

Doris Wisdom led the pledges of allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Linda Somervill introduced the TFWC Federation Program. She reviewed the founding of the WWC in 1897 and reflected on the many outstanding presidents it has had. She announced the names of our living presidents, their term, and theme. The WWC honored the past presidents and presented each of them or their stand-in with a red rose. They included the following: Sally Cleveland (Bobbie Fallon); Zeta Martin; Dora Moffett (Joyce Vardemen); Jonnie Gaffin; Tommie Hicks (Donna Roessler); Bobbie Brownlee; Carolyn McLeod; Jimmie Stanton (Chloe Steinhagen); Carolyn Riley; Sally Timmons; and Cheryl Troxel.

Bobbie Fallon presented past president, Cheryl Troxel, with an appreciation gift for her service.

Business Meeting: Recording Secretary Pat Flatt said that the March minutes were filed electronically. She reported 27 Active Members and three Honorary Lifetime Members for a total of 30 present.

Review of Committees: The August WWC Newsletter reported most of the committee correspondence.

Ways and Means: Janet Lell reported that the Annual Luncheon and Style Show has been rescheduled to March 5, 2021. The committee is working on items for the auction. The theme is "Puttin' on the Ritz," a remembrance of the '20's.

Clubhouse: Linda Bush said that the new rugs, appliances and tablecloth are ready to be installed.

Taste of Granbury: Cathy Weeks described the outdoor fundraising event "WWC Taste of Granbury Whiskey & Wine" scheduled for October 15 at Hewlett Park. There are many participants including ten food & dessert vendors, four winery vendors and two distillery vendors. Since the distilleries cannot pour their own liquor due to regulations, the committee is requesting help. Activities will include a live auction, Heads or Tails, bidding on a lottery ticket tree and door prizes. Music will be provided by the Tarleton Jazz Trio.

Courtesy: Carolyn Riley reported on the Active, Associate, and Honorary Life members, including Tommie Hicks, Connie Cleveland, Jimmie Stanton, Rose Putteet, Mary Moore and Fayrene Farley.

Federation Counselor, Ernestine Shugart, told members of the realignment of the GFWC Texas club categories and distributed copies of the new Community Service Programs. The GFWC Texas Pioneer District Fall Board Meeting will be at DCBE Country Club on October 3.

Carolyn McLeod announced that the GFWC State Fall Board Meeting will be a Zoom meeting on September 19. Cheryl Troxel explained a change in the location of the Christmas Luncheon and Fellowship on December 2 from the Riverhouse Grill in Glen Rose to DCBE.

Pat Flatt shared the two new segments in the WWC Newsletter: “Legacy—Heritage of Woman’s Wednesday Club,” which reflects the past events and members, and Spotlight—a sharing of the community involvement of members.

Cheryl Troxel presented the dismissal “Never Borrow Sorrow from Tomorrow” by Helen Steiner Rice.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.



## October Meeting:

October 7, 2020

Hewlett Park

10:00AM

Hostess Chair: Joyce Vardeman

Tammy Anderson, Bobbie Brownlee, Linda Frost, Carolyn McLeod, Lula Pope-Tidwell

\*\*\*PLEASE BRING A SMALL VASE FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS\*\*\*

# Legacy

## Heritage of Woman's Wednesday Club

Typically, pioneer women carried the refinement, moral character and spiritual force into the West. They bore the burdens of daily toil and rearing of families. They were intent that children should have opportunities; thus, the beginnings of schools, churches and eventually social and educational gatherings emerged in the frontier. A pinnacle in pioneering history was reached when women were honored with the pre-eminent part they played in shaping the destinies of Texas.

Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury, organized in 1897, brought women together to hear programs on current events, patriotism, culture, literature, the arts and home and family life. Club projects included improvement in the community by landscaping of school grounds and the courthouse lawn, a "Don't Spit on the Sidewalk" campaign, participating in the town's centennial celebration, cemetery care, sponsoring a girl to Girl's State, gifts to patients in local and state hospitals and supporting the library and senior citizen center.



*Meyer Page Crockett Cinde Liles*

What do we know about these women and their families? They include the daughter of the founder of the First National Bank in Granbury, wives of merchants, contractors, a cotton gin operator, superintendent of Granbury School District, a doctor and a member of the Texas Legislature. One was the wife of A. W. Crockett, grandson of David Crockett, editor of Granbury Graphic and Granbury Tablet. Other notables include the first female county attorney in Texas and the first female district clerk, as well as wives of immigrants and Civil War veterans. Streets were named after them such as: Boswell, Crockett, Hannaford, Morgan, Pate and Thrash. Historical houses and buildings are also named for their families: Cooper, Dabney, Doyle, Gordon and Shanley.

Woman's Wednesday Club's original concerns for the spirited pioneer woman included a better way of life and the influence that all women have on local, state, national and international movements. To this end, our goal is to make our members a more integral part of the community by expanding our services, involvement and contributions to various community agencies and projects through monthly programs.

Submitted by Pat Flatt

# *Spot Light*

## DORA MOFFITT

“Would you like some coffee? I like mine black—Folgers medium dark roast. It’s not sold everywhere. I don’t like it when I’m in a part of the country that doesn’t sell Folgers,” laughs Dora, standing in her clean white kitchen. A thicket of pecan trees spreads down a slope to the Brazos River outside the sunny windows of her Pecan Plantation house.

She was born in Del Rio but moved to the family ranch, the Calhoun Ranch, and graduated from Granbury High School in 1946 and TCU in 1950. Following marriage, she and Louis operated an accounting firm in Amarillo where she gained skills as a CPA. After retirement, she and Louis returned to the Calhoun Ranch but the bad roads dictated a move to Pecan. “Motherhood,” she said, “came late in life and so grandmotherhood came late, too.”

When Dora joined WWC in 1984, the club had its meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 o’clock, September through May. Since some members had to leave early to collect their children, the meeting time was changed to noon and became a luncheon meeting. “Light refreshments were served at the meetings with little sandwiches and a lot of treats but that evolved into a full meal. So, it wasn’t much different to serve lunch,” Dora remembers.

Several benchmark accomplishments of the Woman’s Wednesday Club stand out in Dora’s mind. First, when Sally Cleveland was club president in 1984, they met in the hall of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Acton. WWC set a goal to have their own clubhouse and many fundraisers ensued to finance this dream. During the presidency of Minnie Mae Hall, the cornerstone for the clubhouse was laid in 1987. Many members contributed to the building fund and Dora recalls that First National Bank was very helpful. “It didn’t hurt that the banker’s wife was a member.” The clubhouse was paid for in a very short time after a flurry of activity to decorate and furnish it.

Dora was central to a second important club event when she employed her CPA background to promote more professional financial record keeping. “The treasurers before used a very casual list of incomes and expenses on a tablet. I usually served two bienniums as treasurer, then two bienniums as chairman of the audit committee, as the bylaws allow,” Dora said. She was club president in 2000-2002.

Gaining our club 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in 1987 under the umbrella of GFWC is a third achievement that members of our club benefit from today as not every club is designated a charitable organization. “Yes, 1987 was a busy year,” Dora remembers.

In the late 1980’s, church clothes were appropriate club meeting attire and some members wore hats. In 1998 when Louise Taylor was president, WWC began to meet only on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. with dessert. “Everyone was happy about that!”

Dora has fond memories of tours or field trips to other clubs or to venues in Dallas or Fort Worth, of fundraisers when Janeen’s clothing store (a Granbury landmark, now closed) supplied all the fashions for the style show, of Game Day selling \$5 tickets to the community to participate in games and food and cookbook sales and bake sales. With humility, she shared her activities in WWC that have changed the club for the better, all done with the spirit of willingness and cooperation that is the hallmark of the Woman’s Wednesday Club of Granbury.