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Spring is in the Air

It's exciting to finally enjoy a meeting in our very own clubhouse! If you have not already seen the improvements Linda Bush worked so diligently on in the fall, you are in for a surprise. Thank you again Linda for all your hard work, the new appliances, rugs and arrangements look beautiful.

The clubhouse meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 1:00.

How wonderful to meet and see everyone again.

Reservations and food selection for the May 4th luncheon will be taken at the April 7th meeting.

Remember to bring your payment (\$15) and food selection (Chicken Alfredo or Lasagna) to the April meeting.

The May luncheon will take place at Farina's on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at 12:00.

With the majority of our members having been vaccinated, we look forward to our regular meetings for the coming calendar year.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Cathey Briscoe
President 2020-2022

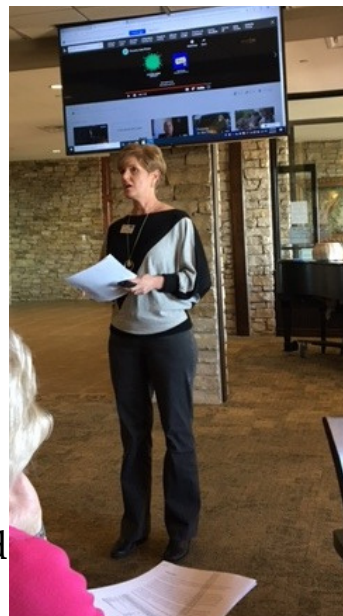
Meeting Minutes

GFWC WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY CLUB
GRANBURY, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
March 3, 2021, 1:00 PM Regular Meeting
DeCordova Bend Estates Country Clubhouse



- President Cathey Briscoe called the meeting to order.
- Jonnie Gaffin brought the invocation.
- President Briscoe thanked the hostesses: Chair Patsy Newsom, Peg Harding, Lori Kaspar, Janet Lell, and Linda Bush.
- Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and Texas were led by Lula Pope-Tidwell.
 - Diann Lewis (treasurer) introduced the speaker, Becky Mauldin, who spoke on “Understanding the Cycle of Poverty.” Becky is the Neighborhood Services Director for the City of Granbury, Texas. The first video visually showed the economic and social difference between those who are and are not regarded as living in poverty. In the second video, the price of food was quoted to the customers, which was five times the acceptable price. It was the reaction of the customer to the cost of butter and eggs that was clearly shown. She provided a handout that defined poverty as an individual within the last 12 months below the poverty level. It also presented information of Hood County population living in poverty and those who are borderline. Many are living paycheck to paycheck. In 2019 a Community Needs Assessment outlined the top three needs:
 - 1.) Transportation—access to work
 - 2.) Affordable housing/ability to earn a livable wage
 - 3.) Mental Health Services
- A third video was Ruby Payne who spoke on the Hidden Rules of the Social Classes.
- Becky concluded with a list of some partner programs in Hood County. The list included ten; and some are them are:
 - 1.) Forward Training Center;
 - 2.) Hood County children’s Charities;
 - 3.) Hood County Christmas for Children;
 - 4.) Mission Granbury;
 - 5.) Ruth’s Place Clinic.

Several members spoke of the needs in Hood County and other partners. They included Brigitte Eichler, Lori Kaspar, Chloe Steinhagen, J.J. Mainord, Patsy Newsom, and Nancy Priddy.



Minutes Cont

- Pat Flatt (recording secretary) reported 23 Active Members, one Associate, three Honorary Lifetime Members and one guest, for a total of 28 present. She then shared that the month of March celebrates several ideals of GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club. They included: Women's History Month; "Read Across America Day" in conjunction with Dr. Seuss's birthday; Convention of 1836 and the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and the fall of the Alamo Mission in San Antonio.
- Cheryl Troxel (parliamentarian) read a report from Linda Somervill. During the freezing weather, she opened cabinet doors and left faucets dripping. She returned later and turned off the faucets and saw no visible damage.
- Tommie Hicks contacted the Honorary Lifetime Members and updated the club on the health of each. She reminded members that our Lifetime members enjoy phone calls.
- President Briscoe announced that Donna Roessler and the hostesses for April would meet at the conclusion of the March meeting.
- Ernestine Shugart gave the WWC Federation Counselor Report, reminding members of the Pioneer District Spring Convention on March 6 in Decatur; April 21-24 GFWC Texas Spring Convention in Lubbock; and other special GFWC Days of Observation, including Federation Day on April 24 and Volunteers in Action Week beginning on April 18.
- Patsy Newsom (corresponding secretary) announced that the fresh floral arrangements were a gift to those at the tables who had a sticker under their chair.
- J. J. Mainord presented the dismissal, "I Ask the Lord to Bless You".



Meeting adjourned at
2:45 PM





March & April

BIRTHDAYS

CATHEY BRISCOE - MARCH 1ST

CHERYL PATTERSON - MARCH 2ND

MARGIE MESSINA - MARCH 10TH

SUSIE LAMBETH - APRIL 12TH

LINDA SOMERVILL - APRIL 27TH

PATSY HURD- APRIL 28TH

March Celebrations

The month of March celebrates several ideals of GFWC Texas and GFWC Woman's Wednesday Club.

March 1 to March 31

March is Women's History Month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It commemorates and encourages the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. Do you recognize these names? Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Janet Reno, Jane Cunningham Croly, and Abigail Adams.

March 2, 2021 (Dr. Seuss's birthday)

March 2 is the "Read Across America Day". In 1997 National Education Agency and Seuss Enterprises used the day as an organizing event to promote childhood literacy. The US Senate approved with resolutions praising Dr. Seuss's "success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading."

March 2, 1836

185 years ago, on March 2, delegates to the Convention of 1836 signed the Texas Declaration of Independence proclaiming, "Our Political connection with the Mexican Nation has forever ended." Thus, was born the Republic of Texas.

March 6

Following a 13-day siege, Mexican troops under the command of President General Santa Anna reclaimed the Alamo Mission in San Antonio, killing the 187 Texian and volunteers, including William B. Travis, James Bowie, and Davy Crockett. This event sparked a strong rush to join the Texian army which was moving east under the command of Sam Houston. These men were the first to shout, "Remember the Alamo."

Jane Cunningham Croly



Jane Cunningham Croly was an American author and journalist, better known by her pseudonym, Jennie June. She was a pioneer author and editor of women's columns in leading newspapers and magazines in New York. She founded the Sorosis Club for Women in New York in 1868 and in 1889 expanded it nationwide to the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She also founded the Woman's Press Club of New York city.

Jane first became interested in journalism while a student; she started by editing the school newspaper and later edited and published the newspaper for her brother's church. By 1855, she had moved to New York in search of full-time journalism work. Sources say it was there she first used the pseudonym "Jennie June"; while others say that it was a childhood nickname.

Croly was a pioneer feminist, dedicated to the betterment of her sex. She called for more efficiency in women's dress and ridiculed bloomers as bizarre. She insisted that women's finest work was to be "the caretakers, the homemakers, the educators of children". Croly sympathized with the women's special emphasis to new careers for middle-class women such as secretary, bookkeeper, nursing, and department store clerk, in addition to the traditional roles of teaching. "Croly's lasting contribution to the progress of American women was her insistence that sex be submerged in competent performance." She told American women that financial independence and economic equality was as or more important than the right to vote.

She called the first congresses of women in 1856 and 1859, organized Sorosis in 1869; it was an organization that advocated for greater acceptance and more professional opportunities for women, envisioned the club as a salon where women could gather and exchange ideas, enjoy literature, and discuss the arts. (Sorosis is a Greek botanical term for a kind of tree that yields various kinds of fruits and flowers.) She later organized its successor, the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890. Early meetings were held in her home.

In her later years, Jennie June Croly was often referred to in the press as the "Mother of Women's clubs", a term that was also mentioned in newspapers. In ill health, she retired from newspaper and club work. She died of heart failure on December 23, 1901 at the age of 72.

Meeting Reminders



APRIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2021
THE CLUBHOUSE

Farina's Restaurant

Tuesday, May 4th at 12:00 PM

Luncheon with your selection of:

Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo,
Salad, bread, tea/coffee service and dessert

Including gratuity for \$15

(Please remit payment and food selection at the April 7th meeting.)



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Good Shepherd Episcopal

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May 1st, 2021

11:00 AM

