



CAPITOL CHATTER

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Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

Theme: Bloom Where You Are Planted By Living The Volunteer Spirit!

President's Project: Stop Human Sex Trafficking

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GFWC TEXAS CAPITOL DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Kindly hosted by the Wednesday Review Club
Immanuel Lutheran Church
3801 Cunningham Road, Killeen, TX
254-634-2772

Hotel accommodations w breakfast:

Comfort Inn - Killeen
2702 OW Curry Drive 370, Zip 76542
Reservations: 254-554-7110

- **KING: \$110 + tax**
- **DOUBLE: \$115 + tax**

Book by Tuesday, March 25th.

Booking code: "Capitol District GFWC"

Let's mix & mingle on Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 pm
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
115 West Hwy 190, Copperas Cove, 76522
Tel: 254-518-2227

Please RSVP, via your registration form, if you plan to join us for dinner. We'll split the bill.

The Convention theme is celebrating
GFWC's grand 135th Birthday Party!

Please wear Red, White & Blue!

Or, **pay a \$5 charity fine** to be donated to the
Killeen Food Care Center and the KISD
Community Clothes Closet.

We will be collecting canned goods, peanut butter,
jelly, new underwear and socks (school-age)
to benefit the above community agencies.

Door prizes are furnished by Hillsboro Monday
Review Club. All raffle and silent auction proceeds



**OFFICIAL CALL to the Capitol District Spring Convention
Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church,
3801 Cunningham Rd, Killeen, TX, 76542
Tel: 254-634-2772**

**Registration at 10:00 a.m.
Meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

You are cordially invited to attend the **April 2, 2025 GFWC Texas Capitol District Spring Convention** at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3801 Cunningham Rd, Killeen, TX. The Wednesday Review Club will host our Spring Convention. Free parking is on site.

Hotel: Tuesday, April 1 accommodations are available at the Comfort Inn 2702 OW Curry Dr, Killeen, TX 76542. Booking code: Capitol District GFWC (through March 25th). Call 254-554-7110 to make a reservation. \$110/\$115 plus tax, single//double rooms, includes breakfast.

Dutch Treat Dinner Tuesday Evening: Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, 115 West Hwy 190, Copperas, TX 76522. Telephone 254-518-2227. Reservation under "Sherry Eishen."

Suggested attire for Convention: April is GFWC 135th Birthday, so please wear red, white & blue in celebration, or be prepared to pay a "charity fine" of \$5.00 to be donated to the KISD Community Clothes Closet & the Killeen Food Care Center. A scarf or accessory in one or more of these colors is acceptable.

Door prizes: Monday Review Club - Hillsboro.

Project in a Day: In support of the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children, please bring peanut butter and jelly, canned goods and new underwear and socks for school age children. These items will be collected as birthday presents to GFWC so that our Host Club can distribute to their favorite children's charities. Let's Be Generous, Ladies!

Raffle and Silent Auction: Capitol District Fundraising Chairman Connie Higdon has put together an array of things to tempt you, including designer purses, jewelry, kitchen items, and a wine basket. All proceeds benefit Capitol District.

Early Registration Postmark Deadline is **Friday, March 21, 2025**. Please be sure your registration forms and credentials forms are postmarked or emailed by that date. Please mail your forms with a check to Bonnie Haynes. Address is on the form.

Chairmen and Officers, please give two (2) hard copies of your report to Capitol District President Monica beforehand for record keeping by Capitol District Secretary Nancy Snead.

Election: Please make every effort to attend Spring Convention and hear about all the wonderful award-winning programs you are doing across Capitol District!

Looking forward to a great meeting,

Monica Benoit-Beatty
GFWC Texas Capitol District President 2024-2026

**GFWC Texas Capitol District
Spring Convention April 2, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church
3801 Cunningham Road, Killeen, TX 76542
254-634-2772**

Tentative Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Registration	Bonnie Haynes <i>Capitol District Registrar</i>
	Continental Breakfast <i>Wednesday Review Club</i>	
10:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Monica Benoit-Beatty <i>Capitol District President</i>
	Invocation	Jeanie Dykes
	Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America	TBD
	Pledge to the Flag of the State of Texas	TBD
	Introduction to the Mayor of Killeen Proclamation & Welcome to Killeen Response	Monica Benoit-Beatty Debbie Nash-King, Mayor of Killeen Elaine Perry <i>President, Wednesday Review Club</i>
	Presentation of those at the Head Table	TBD
	Recognition of Special Members and Guests	TBD
	Roll Call of Clubs	Nancy Snead <i>District Secretary</i>
	<i>(Club Presidents, please stand and state your name, club name, and number of members present. Then introduce first-time attendees, who will stand.)</i>	
	Preliminary Registration & Credentials Report	Bonnie Haynes
	Establish Quorum Rules and Procedures	Monica Benoit-Beatty Jeri Harkins <i>District Parliamentary Advisor</i>
	Presentation and Adoption of the Program	Judy Boram <i>District First VP</i>

	Appointment of Time Keeper	Monica Benoit-Beatty
	Recommendations of the Executive Committee Vote (if necessary)	Nancy Snead TBD <i>District Elections Chairman</i>
10:50 a.m.	Reports of the Executive Committee (<i>3 minutes each</i>) President	Monica Benoit-Beatty
	First Vice President	Judy Boram
	Second Vice President	Tina Ratliff
	Historical Foundation Trustee	Courtney Robinson
	Capitol District Scholarship Representative	Sherry Eishen
11:15 a.m.	Appointment of Audit Committee	Monica Benoit-Beatty
	Report from Nominating Committee	TBD
	Vote (if necessary)	TBD
BREAK		
11:45 a.m.	Greetings from GFWC Texas	Barbara Harvey <i>GFWC Texas President</i>
12:00 p.m.	District Awards (<i>3 minutes each</i>)	Judy Boram, presiding
	GFWC Special Programs	
	GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention	Kathye McGregor
	Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children	Juliann Chaney
	GFWC Community Service Programs	
	Arts & Culture	Jane McMillin
	Civic Engagement & Outreach	Diane Davis Koon
	Education & Libraries	Juanice Knight
	Environment	Juliann Chaney
	Health & Wellness	Diane Davis Koon
	GFWC Advancement Plans	
	Communication & Public Relations	Monica Benoit-Beatty
	Fundraising	Connie Higdon
	Legislation/Public Policy	Elaine Perry

Women's History & Resource Center (WHRC)

Susan Dietrick

GFWC Awards, Contests, & Grants

Website

Sharon Grooms

GFWC Texas Programs

Outstanding Americanism Program

Kathye McGregor

Outstanding Club Program

Margaret Oberander

Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer

Nancy Snead

Outstanding Federation Program

Margaret Oberander

Scholarship

Sherry Eishen

Texas Heritage – Historical People/Special Projects

Carol Wright

Texas Heritage – Historical Places/Things

Maureen Winn

Yearbook Content & Cover

Monica Benoit-Beatty

Special Recognition: L.E.A.D.S. and Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer

LUNCHEON

Table Grace

Jeri Harkins

District Past President, Monday Review Club

2:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes
In Memoriam

Kathye McGregor

San Gabriel Woman's Club

Final Registration Report
Final Fundraising Report

Bonnie Haynes

Connie Higdon

District Fundraising Chairman

2:15 p.m. Drawing for Door Prizes

Hillsboro Monday Review Club

2:30 p.m. Final Announcements

Monica Benoit-Beatty

Collect for Clubwomen
Drive Safe and Adjournment

In Unison

Monica Benoit-Beatty

**May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness come
through your door! – Rev Billy Graham**

April 2, 2025 Capitol District Spring Convention

Registration Form

NAME _____ PHONE _____

CLUB _____

CLUB OR DISTRICT POSITION _____

CLUB DELEGATE YES/NO _____ FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE? YES/NO _____

Will you attend the self-pay dinner with the group on Tuesday, APRIL 1, 2025 @
6:00 p.m. at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant in Copperas Cove, TX? YES or NO

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS

Please attach a separate list if there is more than one registration for name tags _____

REGISTRATION each \$ 10.00 _____
(LATE Registration at the Door \$15.00)

DEADLINE Postmark For Registration is Friday, March 21, 2025!

BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS/LUNCH w/BEVERAGE each \$ 20.00 _____

Jason's Deli Circle one: Chicken Salad OR Ham & Cheese OR Turkey & Cheese OR Veggie Wrap

If you require a Special Meal, describe restrictions here: _____

DEADLINE FOR CATERER is 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2024
Meals cannot be guaranteed without pre-registering.

LATE REGISTRATION or REGISTERING AT THE DOOR \$ 15.00 _____

TOTAL \$ 30.00
(or \$35.00 for LATE registration at the door)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TFWC Capitol District
Registration must be postmarked by **Friday, March 21, 2025**

Send Registration and payment to:

Bonnie Haynes
Registrar/District Treasurer
2402 Bevin Cove
Round Rock, TX 78665

CREDENTIALS CARD

Capitol District 2025 Spring Convention _____

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 21, 2025

Name _____

*****Official Use Only*****

Date Postmarked _____ Date Received _____
Verified by Bonnie Haynes, Interium Credentials Chairman

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

CHECK ONE:

Member of the Board of Directors:

- State Officer (Elected or Appointed)
- District Officer (Elected or Appointed)
- Past District President
- State Life Member
- District Life Member
- Club President

- District Appointed Chairman of Programs/Projects
- District Standing Committee Member
- District Contest Chairman
- District Life Membership Cmte Member

Delegates:

Club Delegate (One delegate per 15 members of your club, other than club president)

Name of Club _____

No. of Members in Club _____

MAIL TO:

Bonnie Haynes Credentials
2402 Bevin Cove
Round Rock, TX 78665