

# Enterprising Newsletter

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## *Message from the President*



It's May!

Wintry, gray days are replaced with warmer, sunny ones and there is more to see and do! Every year at this time, I feel energized and filled with anticipation.

We know a stifling hot summer is headed our way but, right now, at this moment, the weather is just about perfect for just about anything we want to do out in the world.

As we celebrate 'May Flowers', I hope you'll enjoy some fresh, fragrant blooms of your own choosing. I will confess a touch of envy for those who possess a green thumb. I lack that talent but I keep trying.\*

Our Happy Hour this month--on May 4th--will be a celebration (1 day early) of Cinco de Mayo. We're inviting ladies from other organizations to join us so we hope to have a big group. (Adult beverage consumption is never required or expected.) Put on your sombrero (you know you have one) and join our fiesta!

Later this month, I'm looking forward to our tour of the Young Women's Leadership Academy, a public high school in downtown Fort Worth. I am told that students at the academy will be our guides. The school has an outstanding record for graduating college-bound young women armed with impressive scholarships. I hope you'll join us for the tour and lunch.

All of the women who are working to make this year special, fun and memorable are very appreciated! In the upcoming months we have our Summer Social and Christmas in July in addition to the First Friday Happy Hours!! They're spending hours of their valuable time seeking venues and events to fill our social event calendar. It's shaping up to be a very special year! Thank you, ladies!!

I hope you all have a magnificent month!

Marty Harrison

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## CONVENER FOR MAY

Mae Hoover

Theme: May Flowers



# HISTORY OF FLOWER MEANINGS

The symbolic language of flowers has been recognized for centuries in many countries throughout Europe and Asia. Mythologies, folklore, sonnets, and plays of the ancient Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, and Chinese are peppered with flower and plant symbolism—and for good reason. Nearly every sentiment imaginable can be expressed with flowers. The orange blossom, for instance, means chastity, purity, and loveliness, while the red chrysanthemum means “I love you.”

Learning the special symbolism of flowers became a popular pastime during the 1800s. Nearly all Victorian homes had, alongside the Bible, guidebooks for deciphering the “language,” although definitions shifted depending on the source. Religious, literary, folkloric, and botanical publications were all used to inform meanings.

Examples of plants and their associated human qualities during the Victorian era include bluebells and kindness, peonies and bashfulness, rosemary and remembrance, and tulips and passion.

Flowers provided an incredibly nuanced form of communication. Some plants, including roses, poppies, and lilies, could express a wide range of emotions based on their color.

Take, for instance, all of the different meanings attributed to variously colored carnations: Pink meant “I’ll never forget you”; red said “my heart aches for you”; purple conveyed capriciousness; white was for the “the sweet and lovely”; and yellow expressed romantic rejection.

Likewise, a white violet meant “innocence,” while a purple violet said that the bouquet giver’s “thoughts were occupied with love.” A red rose was used to openly express feelings of love, while a red tulip was a confession of love. The calla lily was interpreted to mean “magnificent beauty,” and a clover said “think of me.”

In a sort of silent dialogue, flowers could be used to answer “yes” or “no” questions, too. A “yes” answer came in the form of flowers handed over with the right hand; if the left hand was used, the answer was “no.”

Plants could also express aversive feelings, such as the “conceit” of pomegranate or the “bitterness” of aloe. Similarly, if given a rose declaring “devotion” or an apple blossom showing “preference,” one might return to the suitor a yellow carnation to express “disdain.”

How flowers were presented and in what condition were important. If the flowers were given upside down, then the idea being conveyed was the opposite of what was traditionally meant. How the ribbon was tied said something, too: Tied to the left, the flowers’ symbolism applied to the giver, whereas tied to the right, the sentiment was in reference to the recipient. And, of course, a wilted bouquet delivered an obvious message!

The meanings and traditions associated with flowers have certainly changed over time, and different cultures assign varying ideas to the same species, but the fascination with “perfumed words” persists just the same.

## ROSE MEANINGS

Red roses symbolize love and desire, but roses come in a variety of colors and each has their own meaning. For example, the white rose’s meaning is purity and innocence.

- **Dark red rose:** unconscious beauty
- **White rose:** purity, innocence, reverence, silence
- **Pink rose:** grace, happiness, gentleness
- **Yellow rose:** joy, friendship, the promise of a new beginning
- **Orange rose:** desire and enthusiasm
- **Lavender rose:** love at first sight
- **Coral rose:** friendship, modesty, sympathy



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



1st—



Aileen Hummel

2nd—

Clarra Norris



6th—Taylor Stephens-Parker



8th —Myra Goodwin



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Network's formal celebration of 40 years serving women.

October 20, 2018

The Gardens Restaurant

## Network 20 Years Ago



I've always been uncomfortable in big groups, and having to speak or stand up and talk about yourself is something that doesn't come easily to me. So this was a group that broke down some of that intimidation factor and I began to feel, "Hey, these are women that have some insecurities too and I just need to realize that they're not that different from me." Some may be older and some may be more accomplished, or they may come across as much more confident, but they have a lot of interest in helping people who are not necessarily as far along in their careers as *they* may be, and they want to help one another. There's just that spirit of camaraderie and friendship. That's the feeling that I remember getting from the very first experiences. It was an interesting mix, because you had the people who were people that you would look up to, that had a lot on the ball and had a lot to offer and had contributed a lot in our community, but yet they didn't put you in a position—everybody had something to contribute. Everyone is unique and that was what I enjoyed.

*Royla Cox*



### **“May Membership Happy Hour”**

**Friday, May 4th, 4-6 @ The Mexican Inn on Hulen.**

**We will be partnering with the Sarcastic Women's Networking Group.**

**Invite guests to help in the celebration of Cinco De Mayo,**

**RSVP by Wednesday, May 2nd to Toni Allison @ 817-896-8664.**

Life is like a flower which  
when the time is right  
scatters its seeds  
upon the wind,  
So will our sorrow  
one day change  
and be carried away in its season  
leaving the seeds of new life  
and new hope  
where once was pain.

*Posted by: Judy Clements*

## Network for Enterprising Women

Breakfast Meeting every

Friday at 7:30 am

***Bread Winners Café & Bakery***

***1612 S University***

*Join us for fun and sharing!*

*Board Members*

***President:*** Marty Harrison

***1st V.P.:*** Clarra Norris

***2nd V.P.:*** Toni Allison

***Secretary:*** Connie Taylor

***Treasurer:*** Gina Goldermann

## Welcome New Members

(Add them to your directories)

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Edward Jones

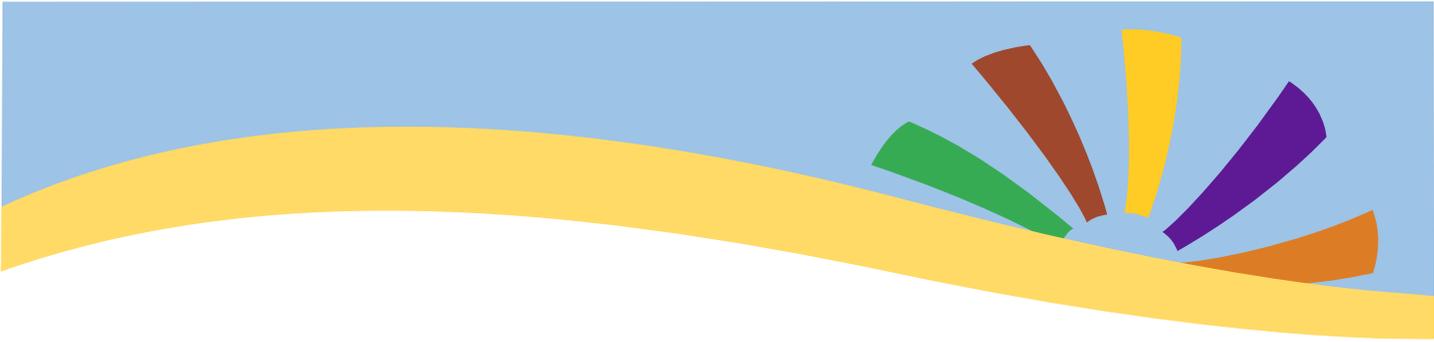
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# SAVE THE DATES

May 4th (Fri)—Happy Hour and dinner (see details on Page 4)

May ? (TBD) Tour of Girls Leadership School and Lunch

June 1st (Fri) Happy Hour 5 pm to 7 pm: Magnolia Motor Lounge 3005 Morton St 76107

**June 9th (Sat)—Summer Social 4 pm to 7 pm**  
**at Lois Teeples home 2468 Indian Cove St 76108**  
**\* Pot Luck**

July 6th (Fri) Happy Hour—Buttons 4701 West Freeway 76107 5 pm to 8 pm

**July 21 (Sat) Christmas in July**  
**St John’s Anglican Church Hall**

August 3rd (Fri) Happy Hour Fred’s Bluebonnet Circle

—STAY TUNED FOR MORE—

