



The Woman's Forum

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President – Kathy Tegtmeier

Summer is here and I must admit – I'm ready! It has certainly been a busy May with Installation Banquets, end of the year socials/parties, Deb presentation and Graduations. My youngest son Matthew graduated May 26th from Rider High School and will be off to College Station (sooner than I like). A new chapter in his life as well as mine.

As of May 22, 2018 I was installed as the President of the Woman's Forum and Tracy Barrells as the incoming President. I'm excited to serve as President of this wonderful organization and all of the departments within in it. I love that we support our community by volunteering and that we experience fellowship along the way. Membership continues to grow in each

department and we always welcome new members who share our mission.

Our Mission as Woman's Forum Members:

- To promote study and appreciation of fine arts and academic pursuits
- To encourage all ages of women in community service; and
- To sustain financial strength to support the mission of the organization

Board of Directors

President – Kathy Tegtmeier
Vice President – Tracy Barrells
Secretary – Diane Dockery
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Department Chairs

Alpha Forum – Courtney Garcia
Book Club – Shannon Inman
Bridge Club – Georgeanne Blankenbeckler
Culture Club – Debi Farrell
Garden Club – Sue King
Gourmet Club – Marge Collins & Elisabeth Wenger
Junior Forum – Kim McClelland & Luellen Hood
Senior Junior Forum – Debbie Berend

Special Committees

Election Committee – Jill Montz
Historian – Sue Bartlett
Membership- Carrie Spencer
Newsletter – Debi Farrell
Parliamentarian – Cal Edgemon
Publicity – Loisanne Neal
Yearbook – Joyce Capron

A few important reminders

- Dues should be paid by July 1, 2018 to the Woman's Forum

(Senior-Junior Forum dues are due by the end of January)

- Woman's Forum Board Meetings are held - 4th Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.:

August 2018, October 2018, January 2019, March 2019 and May 2019.

- Yearbook information (schedules & information) is due August 1st to Joyce Capron. Once again, I look forward to serving as president and hope that I get the opportunity to meet and learn more about the other departments in the Woman's Forum. I have been a Senior-Junior member since 2007 and Culture Club member since 2017. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me @ kteg1980@sw.rr.com. Have an awesome, safe summer and see you in September!



Kathy

"A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman stands up for everybody else." –Anonymous

Department Reports

Book Club – Shannon Inman

Book Club met on May 14 for a luncheon at Olive Garden to select books for the 2018-19 year. Our first meeting will be at Georgeann Blankenbecler's on

September 10th. The book will be "Jake's War" by Jerry Whitt. Mr. Whitt will be there to lead our discussion of his book.

Bridge Club – Georgeann Blankenbecler

The Woman's Forum Bridge Club will resume play the first Thursday in September - September 6, 2018 - at the Pelican Restaurant. Dinner and visiting, 5 pm; Bridge play begins at 6:30.

The Woman's Forum Bridge Club meets for dinner and bridge the first Thursday of each month, September - May. If you are interested in playing with us, please call Georgeann Blankenbecler at 940-692-3886.

Culture Club – Debi Farrell

The Culture club held a meeting on June 5th to plan activities for the fall. This past year we visited the Blue Ostrich Winery with dinner at Prime Cut Steak House afterward, took in the symphony's Canadian Brass presentation, had a delicious dinner at the

Harrison House and enjoyed Sounds of Speedway's "Chicken on the Bone". We are looking forward to another fun year. If you would like to join the Culture Club please contact Debi Farrell at debifarrell@sbcglobal.net or 940-704-7299.

Garden Club – Sue King

The 2018-19 Garden Club officers are busy planning your new season. Enjoy the summer break and give Southern Living's Grumpy Gardener's advice a try. He says "To keep birds from pecking holes in your ripe

tomatoes, hang red Christmas balls on the vines. This drives them nuts!" Hope to see you in September when we'll meet at the Country Club and you can report on the validity of this advice.

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need" -Marcus Cicero

Gourmet Club – Margorie Collins/Elisabeth Wenger

The Gourmet Club celebrated its last meeting of the year with a Kentucky Derby party in the beautiful home of Gail White. The members wore fabulous hats and dined on hot browns, biscuits and ham, cheese straws, Benedictine Arnolds, fruit tarts, Kentucky Derby Pecan bars and, of course, mint juleps. The tables were dressed with black and white racing

checked tablecloths, red rose floral arrangements and a toy horse draped in roses on the buffet table.

Plans are already being made for next year: a Valentines Party with guests, a brunch, wine and cheese party, plus possibility, an out of town trip. Membership letters will be mailed the last of June. We always appreciate your ideas and input, and, of course, always welcome new members.



Junior Forum – Kim McCelland

The Junior Forum presented their 90th Debutante Presentation on May 5th at the Kemp at the Forum. What a delight to present 16 wonderful seniors at this highlighted tradition of our community. Many thanks

to Junior Forum 2017-18 Sponsor Jamie Davis, Advisor Elizabeth Clarke, and Treasurer Tracy Hill for their leadership this year.

Congratulations to the 2018 Debutante Queen and her Court:

Queen Caroline Elizabeth of the house of Clarke.

Daughter of Drs. Elizabeth Biere Clarke and Daniel Bruce Clarke.

Lady Abigail Lauren of the house of Hill.

Daughter of Dr. Tracy Hill and Mr. Mitchell Shawn Hill.

Lady Peggy Mae of the house of Holcomb.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arthur Holcomb and the late Tandra Holcomb.

Lady Addison Reese of the house of Lobaugh.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chad Andrew Lobaugh.

Lady Caroline Leslie of the house of Presson.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas Presson.

We are excited to announce a special event recognizing the history of the Wichita Falls Debutantes by having a "Legacy Tea" in the spring. It

is our hope that this occasion will reignite the importance of this traditional presentation and honor the history and meaning of debutantes.

Thank you and we are honored to be part of the Junior Forum,
Kim McClellan, Junior Forum 2018-19 Sponsor
Luelen Hood, Junior Forum 2018-19 Advisor

Senior Junior Forum – Debbie Berend

The Senior-Junior Forum Installation Banquet was held on May 1st. We installed our new board members and special appointments for 2018-2019; gave away 4 MSU scholarships for next year; and welcomed 19 novices and 21 new actives. Kathy Tegtmeyer was named the 2017-2018 Woman of the Year. Membership awards were given out to: Jill Montz (she moves from Active to Service); Mary Brasher, Marsha Clarke, & Debbie Mitchell for 15 years of service; 20 years of service to Jody Hopson, Shannon Inman, & Leslee Ponder; and Nancy Ramsey celebrating 30 years.

Save the Dates for:

39th Annual Woman's Forum, Christmas Tour of Homes- Tuesday, December 11, 2018

15th Annual Red River Wine & Beer Festival - Saturday, April 6, 2019

Carol Sales, CEO of the Wichita Falls Art Council, was our guest speaker and installed our new officers. We were thoroughly entertained by the Backdoor Theatre Youth Troupe lead by one of our new Active members, Charlotte Dameron.

We had a combined total of over 3800 volunteer hours from our Novices, Active and Service members for the 2017-2018 year. Our membership as of April 30, 2018 totaled 120 members.

The transitional Board meeting was held on May 21st. Currently we are working on the yearly planning meetings for each of our committees



New Active Members of the Senior Junior Forum

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Debi Farrell

As you can see we have a new format for the newsletter this year. I am also incorporating pictures of our activities. If you have a picture you would like

to have included in the Mirror please send it to me at debifarrell@sbcglobal.net.

Publicity – Loisanne Neal

If you would like spotlight your club or an event, I would be glad to help you submit a picture to the Times Record News. There are some specific guidelines for submission. Please email me at

loisanne.neal@gmail.com if you would like to submit a picture, would like a copy of the guidelines or you have a question about publicity.

Yearbook – Joyce Capron

August 1 is the deadline to submit information for the 2018-19 Woman's Forum Yearbook. Any changes made after that date may not be included in the yearbook. The goal is to have books delivered to homes by September 1.

If you have any questions about the yearbook, please contact Joyce Capron (Yearbook) at 696-8802 or joyce.capron@alumni.mwsu.edu or Carrie Spencer (Membership) at 761-3477.

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