

Celebrating 101 years of Service – 1919-2020

# GIRLS SERVICE LEAGUE

March 2020

## Over A Hundred Years of Service by Women of Fort Worth

For over 100 years, a group of Fort Worth women have been quietly assisting girls and young women. In 1919, the Girls' Protective Association was created and became part of the Fort Worth Welfare Association. In April 1930, the name was changed to the **Girls' Service League, Inc.** and is today a nonprofit organization that supports women seeking higher education.

On April 4, 2019, the Girls' Service League, Inc. hosted a 100-year celebration reception at Thistle Hill, located at 1509 Pennsylvania Ave. Early in its 100-year history, the League owned three residential houses which were open to girls as young as 12 who attended school and older young women who were employed. The Thistle Hill mansion is the only one of the three homes still standing.

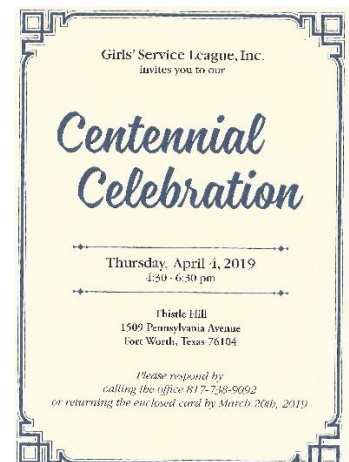


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All properties held by the League were sold by 1979 and the funds were converted to an endowment and the income dedicated to scholarships for women to pursue higher education. President Paula Snider reports "Since 1978, the Girls' Service League, Inc. has funded more than \$2,000,000 in scholarship to fifty-two Texas colleges and universities for women from Tarrant, Johnson and Parker Counties."

A group of Fort Worth women have assisted young women to prepare for financial security for themselves and their families through education for over 100 years. The current members of the Girls' Service League continue to build on the League's founders' legacy.

What a great celebration!



# POSTPONED!

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING

~~Join us on March 28 at Twigs!~~

~~GSL General Meeting will take place at 11:00 on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Twigs, located in The Shops at Clearfork. All members are welcome to join us for lunch and a meeting!~~

**This meeting has been postponed.  
See everyone at our next meeting!**



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank all of you for your support this year. This has been an exciting year. Your executive officers have been working very hard for you! They are an amazing team. Please come to our next meeting and hear all the news!

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Paula Snider, 2019 – 2020  
GSL President

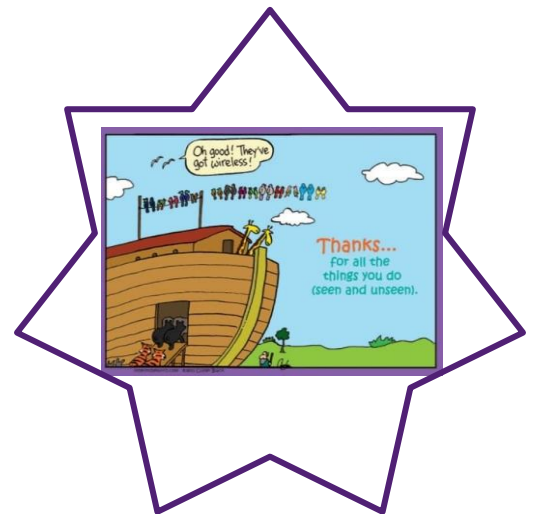
### FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Thank you, Lord, for always giving us great leadership in the GSL.

Help us to extend our talents to further our goals in helping women in their educational endeavors.

Be with those who have health problems in the family. Amen

Jeanette Simcox  
GSL Chaplain



# BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

## PROPOSED CHANGES



Hello GSL members,

Please accept the information below as the FIRST READING of proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Phyllis Burton-Jenkins at 817- 832-5244 or [phyllisbrtn@aol.com](mailto:phyllisbrtn@aol.com). We will vote on these changes at the next GSL meeting.

### **Current Bylaws Language**

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The Standing Committees consist of: Bylaws Committee, Finance Trust Committee, Projects Committee, Membership Committee, and Educational Grants Committee.

### **PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE**

SECTION 1

The Standing Committees consist of Bylaws Committee, Finance-Trust Committee, Projects Committee, Membership Committee, **Educational Scholarships Committee, and History and Archives Committee**

STANDING RULES

### **Current Standing Rules Language**

6. The Project Coordinator shall extend congratulations or condolences to members and their immediate families on behalf of the Girls' Service League as necessary.

### **PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE**

6.The **Office Administrator** shall extend congratulations or condolences to members and their immediate families on behalf of the Girls' Service League as necessary.

## JUNE LUNCHEON



We are busy planning our summer get-together to be held [on Saturday, June 13](#). We are still working on the location! The Membership committee wants to increase our GSL membership and plan on inviting all prospective members to this event. We will reach out to our past scholarship recipients, and to anyone our current members suggest might be interested in joining our ranks, and invite them to this [June 13](#) luncheon. GSL will pay for lunch for all invited guests that attend.

The Membership committee will be sending out an email to our members soon, requesting the names and addresses of anyone they feel might be interested in joining Girls Service League. Then, we can send out invitations to those ladies. Stay tuned! More information will follow.

# MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 10-12, 2020

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities

More info click this link –

<https://www.unthsc.edu/tchd/upcoming-events>

## “Community Approaches to Health Equity”

**UNT Health Science Center  
1000 Montgomery St.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107**

Girls Service League will have a table at the conference to showcase GSL by networking with the community, educators, scientists and other attendees. We will inform them of all the fantastic things about GSL and being a member. We need volunteers to help man the table. On March 28, at the GSL General meeting, you may signup to volunteer to help man the table. The schedule will be a rotating shift to allow as many members to volunteer as possible. You may also attend the conference. The cost to register for the conference is \$99



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER – Dana Dixon Ermis

Dana Dixon Ermis is a new member and past scholarship recipient of The Girls' Service League. She currently lives in Midlothian with her husband Jeffrey and son Jackson (8 years old). Dana received a BS degree in Microbiology and Nursing from Texas A&M. She practiced as an ER Nurse for thirteen years and during that time earned masters and post-master's degrees. She is now a Nurse Practitioner at Lake Granbury Medical Center. Dana is a proud member of GSL and considers this an opportunity to give back to a group that helped her become who she is today.

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