

Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs

Barbara A. Williams Civic &
Art Club

Bennett Cultural & Mary F.
Waring Art Club

Cora M. Crittenden Literary &
Art Club

Ethel Ransom Humanitarian &
Cultural Club

Fannie M. Heath Cultural Club

H.T. Mitchell-Aires
Humanitarian & Cultural Club

Ingrid Knox Cultural Club

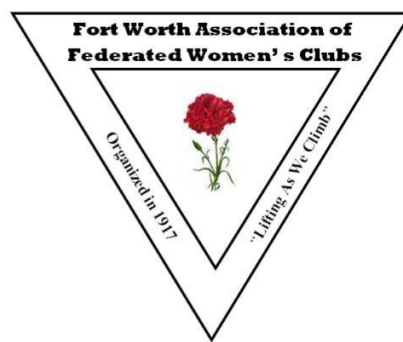
Progressive Alliance of
Cultured Women

Progressive Literary & Art
Club

Twilight Civic & Cultural Club

UTA Student Chapter of
NACWC

*Alphin Charity & Art Club
(honorary)*



Levels of Membership

LOCAL

Fort Worth Association of
Federated Women's Clubs

DISTRICT

Isabel Smith District

STATE

Texas Association of Women
& Youth Clubs

REGIONAL

Southwest Region of NACWC

NATIONAL

National Association of
Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.
and Youth Affiliates



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**1051 Evans Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76104**



"Lifting As We Climb"

In July 1896, at the call of Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. was founded in Washington, D.C. with the merger of the National Federation of Afro-American Women, the Women's Era Clubs of Boston, and the Colored Women's League of Washington, D.C.

Over the years the Association has grown, while maintaining a significant voice in national affairs and making contributions to the community. Membership includes women and youth in 32 states dedicated to "raising to the highest plane the home life, moral standards, and civic life of our race."

The Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs (FWAFWC) was organized in 1917 with Mrs. Fannie Mae Connally-Winn serving as the first president. It was the desire of Mrs. Winn that the "colored" women of Fort Worth have the opportunity to be known for their contributions and sacrificial service in the

communities throughout the city.

Growth in membership prompted the association to branch into smaller groups to effectively reach the community at large. To date, there are twelve local women's clubs associated with the FWAFWC. Each club operates under its own set of officers, but all clubs are accountable to the president of the general body.

Over its storied history, the FWAFWC has produced leaders who, despite the challenges of gender and society, persevered. In the forefront of the organization's cause has remained the commitment to ensure that women of color are aware of civic duties, social issues in the community, family health matters, cultural art awareness, and the importance, as well as responsibility of educating youth for a better future.



Motto: Service

Annual Cotillion

For over 10 years, the FWAFWC has sponsored an annual cotillion, which provides training in social and business etiquette, public speaking, networking and organization for the young ladies who participate. This program provides young ladies with skills to help them be successful in the future as they plan for college and/or careers. The cotillion is a scholarship fundraiser event for the organization.

Annual Prom Dress Giveaway

In an effort to continue with support of the community, members volunteer their time each year to collect and organize hundreds of donated dresses, shoes, jewelry, purses and other accessories for the Annual Prom Dress Give Away. This service has provided many local high school junior and senior girls an entire prom outfit that they may not have otherwise been able to afford.

Seniors & Others

Committed to enhancing the lives of others, the FWAFWC members also donate their time to a monthly Senior Citizens Activity and Lunch Day, as well as make monetary donations to numerous local charitable and community service organizations.