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WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

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GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT  
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**1898 - 2012**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
APRIL 26 - 28, 2012  
RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI**

**CONVENTION THEME:  
"TEAM MFWC - ONE STRONG VOICE FOR  
VOLUNTEERISM**

**HOST CLUBS:  
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF DISTRICT V  
MARY EDMOND, PRESIDENT**

## **CLUBWOMAN COLLECT**

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.  
Let us be done with fault-finding  
And leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense  
And meet each other face to face,  
Without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgment  
And always generous.  
Let us take time for all things;  
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,  
Straightforward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize it is  
The little things that create differences,  
That in the big things of life we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know  
The great, common human heart of us all.  
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not  
To be kind.

*Mary Stewart, April 1904*

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*Team MFWC - One Strong*



*Voice For Volunteerism*

*"We are truly TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism. Please join me in building our team in your community". Tammie McCoy, GFWC-MFWC President 2010-2012*



## GFWC-Mississippi Federation Women's Clubs, Inc.

Tammie M. McCoy, RN, PhD  
*President, 2010-2012*



Dear GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Members and Guests,

Welcome to Eagle Ridge Conference Center and to our 114<sup>th</sup> GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention. Our convention is hosted by District V. Mary Edmond, District V President, is Convention Chairman. She and Diane Rouse, MFWC Meetings Coordinator, have done a great job of putting together a wonderful three days of federation fun and fellowship. Thanks also to Lisa Harris and June Vaughn who have helped in making the behind the scenes work go so smoothly. The complete listing of convention committee members is noted within this program. Please join me in thanking all of those who have assisted in planning this Convention.

Since we had such a wonderful convention last year, I know that you cannot wait to "hear" from our officers, chairmen, musicians, and guest speakers. We are fortunate to have Mississippi's Treasurer, Mrs. Lynn Fitch, address our convention during Friday's luncheon. In addition, we are pleased to welcome our GFWC Southern Region President, Suellen Brazil to Mississippi. She will be joining us for our entire convention and will install our 2012-2014 officers. I know that you will not want to miss the Reception on Friday evening. It will honor Suellen Brazil and our very own 2012 -2014 MFWC President Suzanne Poynor.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your 2010- 2012 MFWC President. I am overwhelmed by all of your kind courtesies and your response to my President's Special Project: Feeding Fellow Mississippians. Your hard work has been for a wonderful cause and many lives have been touched by your generosity.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Suzanne Poynor as your next MFWC President. She is one of the most caring and creative ladies that I know. I have been honored to have her travel with me for the past two years. You will be pleased with her plans for Mississippi. You **will be** in great hands with Suzanne.

I do appreciate all of your other volunteer efforts. When you hear this year's statistics, you will be proud of yourself and your fellow clubwomen and all of the volunteer activities that have occurred across Mississippi. You are truly making your voice heard and your work continues to make a difference. Thank You for taking the time to attend this convention and Thank You for being a part of *Team MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism.*

Love in Volunteer Service,

*Tammie*



*Team MFWC - One Strong Voice For Volunteerism*



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GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS




My dear friends...congratulations on successfully completing another GFWC administration, and thank you for all you have given to your communities, to our organization and our world. You continue to make a difference for so many in so many different ways.

As you come together for your Convention to celebrate your many successes and accomplishments know that my sincerest gratitude is extended to each of you for all you have done, for all you have given and for the many ways you have worked to make your community a better place for all.

While you are celebrating your many achievements, please join me in thanking your State President Tammie McCoy for all she had done for GFWC Mississippi and for GFWC. Tammie has been a truly outstanding leader. She is to be gratefully acknowledged for her dedication and her caring during these two years.

Enjoy your Convention and do plan to join your fellow GFWC members as we gather in Charlotte to celebrate the numerous efforts of GFWC clubs throughout the country and around the world.

Yours in Federation Service,



Carlene Garner  
GFWC International President

**GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.  
114<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**EAGLE RIDGE CONFERENCE CENTER  
RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI  
APRIL 26 - 28, 2012**



**CONVENTION THEME:**

***"TEAM MFWC - ONE STRONG VOICE FOR VOLUNTEERISM"***



**Thursday, April 26, 2012, Pre-Convention Activities**

- 2:00 p.m.**.....Audit Committee Meeting ..... Room 2223
- 3:00 p.m.**.....Finance/Executive Committee Meetings..... Room 2223
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** ...Registration ..... Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** ...GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner/Meeting ..... Dining Room  
(Sunday Dress or party attire). All GFWC-MFWC members are invited,  
with only Board members being allowed to vote.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD DINNER & MEETING  
"MFWC: VOICE OF VOLUNTEERS"**

**HOSTED BY MAIDS & MATRONS CLUB OF CLINTON**

*"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud. -Helen Dyer*

**Executive Board Dinner**

- Welcome & Recognitions..... Tammie McCoy, President
- Devotion and Grace ..... Dot Hardin, MFWC Chaplain
- Introduction of Musician ..... Freda Hartness, City Chair
- Music..... Mera Hall, Violinist, MS College, Clinton, MS
- Dinner
- Ways and Means..... Diane Rouse, Ways & Means Chair
- Announcements..... Tammie McCoy, President
- Door Prizes ..... Jeannie Pittman, Chair
- Recess..... Tammie McCoy, President

**Executive Board Meeting**

- Call to Order ..... Tammie McCoy, President
- Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence..... Sue Addy, Recording Secretary
- Reports
  - MFWC Officers
    - President-elect ..... Suzanne Poynor
    - Vice President ..... Libby Everett
    - Treasurer ..... Shirley Hilburn
    - Mississippi Clubwoman Editor ..... June Vaughn

Committees

Finance Committee .....	Jo Anne Reid, Chair
Executive Committee .....	Sue Addy, Recording Secretary
Headquarters Committee .....	Mary "Teenie" Boone, Chair
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness	Jeanith Burdine, Chair
MFWC Feeding Fellow Mississippians .....	Phyllis Whittington, Chair
Business.....	Tammie McCoy, President
Announcements.....	Tammie McCoy, President
Collect .....	Celia Fisher, Historian
Adjournment.....	Tammie McCoy, President

**Friday, April 27, 2012**

<b>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b> .....	Gavel Club Breakfast .....	Presidential Dining Room
<b>8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b> .....	Registration .....	Lobby
<b>8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b> .....	Continental Breakfast .....	Gallery

*In Honor of 2010-2012 MFWC President Tammie McCoy  
Sponsored by Pontotoc Woman's Club and District III*

<b>8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b> .....	Shop Vendors and New To You Sale .....	Gallery
<b>8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b> .....	View Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks, Yearbooks and Publicity Books .....	Eagle Room

**OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE  
114<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S  
CLUBS, INC.**

<b>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b> ...	Opening Ceremonies and Business (Business Attire) .....	Auditorium
Call to Order .....	Tammie McCoy, President, Presiding	
Invocation .....	Dot Hardin, MFWC Chaplain	
Presentation of Colors .....	66 <sup>th</sup> Troop Command #5, MS Army National Guard, Jackson, MS	
National Anthem.....	Whitney Smith, Pontotoc Woman's Club	
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Shelia Owen, Corresponding Secretary	
MFWC Welcome .....	Mary Edmond, Convention General Chair	
Introduction of Mayor Isla Tullos.....	Freda Hartness, City Chair	
Official Welcome.....	Isla Tullos, Mayor of Raymond, Mississippi	
Response .....	Sandra Wright, District I President	
Recognitions.....	Tammie McCoy, President	
Southern Region Greetings.....	Suellen Brazil, GFWC Southern Region President	
.....	Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Treasurer	
Appointment of Tellers .....	Tammie McCoy, President	
Preliminary Credentials Report.....	Diane Rouse, Registration and Credentials Chair	



Presentation of Convention Standing Rules ..... Judy T. Martin, Parliamentarian  
Presentation of Convention Program ..... Suzanne Poynor, President-elect  
Presentation of Convention Committees ..... Mary Edmond, Convention General Chair  
Appointment of Reading Committee..... Tammie McCoy, President  
Report of the Executive Board ..... Sue Addy, Recording Secretary  
Report of the Audit Committee ..... Shirley Hilburn, Treasurer  
Report of the Headquarters Committee..... Mary "Teenie" Boone, Headquarters Chair  
Report of GFWC-MFWC Elected State Officers ..... Tammie McCoy, President  
..... Suzanne Poynor, President-elect  
..... Libby Everett, Vice President  
..... Sue Addy, Recording Secretary  
..... Shirley Hilburn, Treasurer  
Report of District Presidents..... Suzanne Poynor, Advisor  
..... Sandra Wright, District I President  
..... Lynda Love, District II President  
..... Sandra Pope, District III President-elect  
..... Mary Ellen Holloway, District IV President-elect  
..... Mary Edmond, District V President  
Report of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* Editor..... June Vaughn, Editor  
Election of 2012-2014 Officers  
Report of Nominating Committee ..... June Vaughn, Chair  
Introduction of Suzanne Poynor, incoming President..... Carolyn Huey  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club, Florence  
Introduction of Nominees for Office  
Darlene Adams, Nominee for President Elect ..... Kathleen Penton  
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune  
Sue Addy, Nominee for Vice President..... Coreen Van Devender  
Present Day Club of Union  
Abby May, Nominee for Recording Secretary ..... Celia Fisher  
GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club  
Diane Rouse, Nominee for Treasurer ..... Dee Payne  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club, Florence  
Election of Officers..... Tammie McCoy, President  
GFWC-MFWC Community Service Program Awards ..... Libby Everett, Vice President  
Arts ..... Dorothy Thomas & Terrie Whitehurst  
Conservation ..... Carolyn Long & Melba Watkins  
Education ..... Deana Pittman & Ella Cronin  
Home Life ..... Theresa Buntyn, Frances Brown & Lisa Barefield  
International Outreach ..... Sherri Reid & Kate Thomas  
Public Issues ..... Darlene Adams & Annajeral Knight  
Announcements..... Tammie McCoy, President  
Recess..... Tammie McCoy, President

**Shop President's Special Project "New To You" & Vendors**

**View Exhibits**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** ...Luncheon ..... Dining Room

**LUNCHEON**  
**“MFWC: LEADERS WITH STRONG VOICES”**  
**HOSTED BY TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF PRENTISS**

*“The ear of the leader must ring with the voice of the people” –Woodrow Wilson*

Recognitions..... Tammie McCoy, President  
Grace ..... Paige Roye, Pontotoc Woman’s Club  
Introduction of Musical Entertainment ..... Carolyn Mounce, Pontotoc Woman’s Club  
Music..... Jenae Weeks, Pontotoc Woman’s Club  
Introduction of Guest Speaker Lynn Fitch ..... Shirley Hilburn, MFWC Treasurer  
Address ..... Lynn Fitch, Mississippi Treasurer  
Leadership Presentation ..... Abby May, Chair  
GFWC-MFWC Advancement Area Awards ..... Libby Everett, Vice President  
    Communication & Identity.....Cindy Holcomb, Chair  
    Fundraising..... Mary Jo Cook, Chair  
    Leadership.....Abby May, Chair  
    Legislation & Public Policy .....Sandra Pope, Chair  
    .....Elizabeth (Lib) Massey, Assistant Chair  
    Membership..... Suzanne Poynor, Chair  
    Women’s History and Resource Center..... Libby Everett, MFWC Vice President  
Door Prizes ..... Jeannie Pittman, Door Prize Chair  
Announcements..... Diane Rouse, Meetings Coordinator  
Recess..... Tammie McCoy, President

*“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quite voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.” --Mary Anne Radmacher*

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** ...MS LEADS Seminar (*Sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund*) ..... Room 2223

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** ...Business Session ..... Auditorium  
GFWC-MFWC Awards ..... Libby Everett, Vice President  
    GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness  
        Presentation and Awards..... Jeanith Burdine, Chair  
    GFWC Junior’s Special Project, Advocates for Children .....Debbie Hamilton, Chair  
    MFWC Youth Art Awards ..... Deanna Prewett, Chair  
    GFWC Writing Contest Awards .....Anne McKee, Chair  
    GFWC Photography Awards.....Angie Whitlock, Chair  
    MFWC Scrapbook.....Jo Russell, Chair  
    MFWC Yearbook Awards ..... Ruth Ellen Cox, Chair  
    MFWC Media Books..... Lisa A. Harris, Chair  
Home Life Presentation ..... Phyllis Whittington, President Special Project, Chair  
Announcements..... Tammie McCoy, President  
Recess..... Tammie McCoy, President

**Shop President's Special Project "New To You" & Vendors  
View Exhibits**

**6:00 p.m.**.....Pick Up all Exhibits ..... Eagle Room

**All exhibits must be removed from the Exhibit Room by 6:00 p.m.**

**6:05 p.m.**..... District Pictures with GFWC-MFWC Officers ..... Foyer

- 6:05p.m. District I
- 6:15 p.m. District II
- 6:20 p.m. District III
- 6:25 p.m. District IV
- 6:30 p.m. District V
- 6:40 p.m. Juniette Clubs

**6:45 p.m.**..... Processional Assembles ..... Outside Dining Room

- 2012 MS LEADS Participants
- District Clubwomen of the Year
- Presidents of District Clubs of the Year
- District Presidents
- Jennie Nominees
- Past State Presidents
- MFWC Officers
- GFWC Southern Region President

**7:00 p.m.**..... Banquet (Formal Attire) .....Dining Room

# BANQUET

## “MFWC: MEMBERS CELEBRATING STRONG VOICES” HOSTED BY GFWC-MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB

V is for the Very special people that you are  
 O is for the Overwhelming support & compassion you offer others  
 L is for the little things you do that make such a difference in  
     someone's life  
 U is for the unspoken words that sometimes mean just as much  
 N is for the Need you fill when others aren't able  
 T is for the Time you give of yourselves on top of your own busy  
     schedules  
 E is for the Emotional support you continually give  
 E is also for the Endless energy you all seem to possess  
 R is for the Responsibility you have taken on & never once complained  
 S is for the Smiles you bring to families by just being you  
 --Lisa Ellinwood

<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Banquet.....	Dining Room
	Processional .....	Judy T. Martin, Parliamentarian
	Recognition and Introduction of Guests.....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Grace .....	Sue Addy, Recording Secretary
	Introduction of Special Entertainment .....	Lisa Harris, President, Raleigh Woman’s Club
	Special Entertainment.....	Nada Tullos, Harpist, Raleigh Woman’s Club
	Greetings from Southern Region .....	Suellen Brazil, GFWC Southern Region President
	Recognition of District Clubs of the Year .....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Recognition of District Presidents .....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Recognition of MS LEADS Participants .....	Susan Shurden, MS LEADS Chair
	<i>(Sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund)</i>	
	Recognition of Jennie Nominees .....	Carolyn Huey, Chair
	Challenge Grant .....	Jana Jarrell, Chair
	Hebron Memorial Scholarship .....	Sheila “Tinker” Forrester, Chair
	Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship.....	Mandy Laiche, Director
	Presentation of Juniorette Awards.....	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
	Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year Award.....	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
	Presentation of Juniorette of the Year .....	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
	Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year .....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Clubwoman of the Year Award.....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Celebrating Voices; PowerPoint .....	Lisa A. Harris, Website Chair
	Door Prizes .....	Jeannie Pittman, Door Prize Chair
	Installation of 2012-2014 Officers by Suellen Brazil.....	Auditorium
	Announcements.....	Tammie McCoy, President
	Recess.....	Tammie McCoy, President

"I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is, after all, to matter, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."

--Leo C. Rosten (1908-1977) American Writer.

**FOLLOWING THE BANQUET, YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
DESSERT RECEPTION HONORING  
SUZANNE POYNOR, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT,  
AND  
SUELLEN BRAZIL, GFWC SOUTHERN REGION PRESIDENT**

**HOSTED BY GFWC-MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB**

**Saturday, April 28, 2011**

**7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** .....Registration ..... Foyer  
**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** .....Prayer Breakfast & Memorial Service.....Dining Room

**PRAYER BREAKFAST & MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**“MFWC: MEMBERS WITH A GRATEFUL VOICE”  
HOSTED BY GFWC-MFWC PURVIS WOMAN’S CLUB  
PRESIDING, SUZANNE POYNOR,  
GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*The Volunteers' Prayer*

Lord may you smile upon me  
That I with an open heart give  
My time and help my fellow man  
By doing what I can, with love  
Lord may you be pleased with me  
And let me be aware  
To not judge others  
But to feel joy in giving care  
Lord let me always know  
That each little act of kindness  
And the small tasks I do  
Are acts of grand proportions  
And are reflections of you  
Thank you Lord for letting me have  
In my heart, soul and mind  
The wisdom and the knowledge  
Of the power of being kind  
And thank you for the opportunity  
that I encounter every day  
To give my smile or kind word  
To empower another's way  
For we are all linked to each other  
And with your grace from heaven above  
Guide me to follow your footsteps  
And shine through my heart and life  
Your love

*Prayer Submitted by Teri Fernandez-Mitchell, September, 19, 2011*

Recognitions.....Suzanne Poynor, President-elect  
Grace ..... Leah Mitchell, Pontotoc Woman’s Club  
Introduction .....Mary Edmond, District V President and Convention General Chair  
Inspiration Address ..... Reverend Dianne Harms  
Memorial Service ..... Dot Hardin, MFWC Chaplin and Terrie Whitehurst, District III Chaplin  
Special Music..... Leah Mitchell, Pontotoc Woman’s Club  
Folding of the Flag.....Ashley Tutor and Valerie Caden  
Door Prizes ..... Jeannie Pittman, Door Prize Chair  
Announcement of Ways & Means .....Diane Rouse, Meetings Coordinator  
Recess.....Tammie McCoy, President

**10:00 a.m.**..... Business Session Continues ..... Auditorium

**“There is no index of character so sure as the voice.”  
- Benjamin Disraeli**

Presiding..... Tammie McCoy, President

MFWC Special Emphasis Awards

    Mississippi State Institutions ..... Jeannie Pittman, Chair

    Mississippi Public Broadcasting ..... Libby Everett, MFWC Vice President

MFWC President’s Special Project Award ..... Phyllis Whittington, Chair

    Update from Mississippi Food Network ..... Marilyn Blackledge,

Announcement of Club of the Year Award..... Tammie McCoy, President

Final Credentials Report..... Diane Rouse, Registration and Credentials Chair

Invitation to 2012 GFWC Convention ..... Judy T. Martin, GFWC Home Life CSP Collaboration Chair

Invitation to 2012 Southern Region Conference ..... Jo Anne Reid, GFWC SR Treasurer

Invitation to 2013 State Convention..... Sandra Wright, District I President

Club Awards and Presentation of Awards Packets..... Libby Everett, Vice President

Recognition of 2010-2012 GFWC-MFWC Officers..... Tammie McCoy, President

Address of 2010-2012 GFWC-MFWC President ..... Tammie McCoy, President

Address of 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President ..... Suzanne Poynor, President Elect

Pin and Gavel Ceremony..... Tammie McCoy & Suzanne Poynor

Recognition of Host District and Clubs ..... Tammie McCoy, President

Door Prizes ..... Jeannie Pittman, Door Prize Chair

Announcement of Ways & Means Winners ..... Diane Rouse, Ways & Means Chair

Announcements..... Tammie McCoy, President

Collect ..... Shelia Owen, MFWC Corresponding Secretary

Adjournment..... Tammie McCoy, President

*“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -DeAnn Hollis*

**MFWC TOUCHES LIVES...WHAT A GIFT!  
HOSTED BY GFWC-MFWC STAR WOMAN’S CLUB**

*America is a tune. It must be sung together. -- Gerald Stanley Lee*

**12:30 p.m.**..... Post-Convention Meeting for 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC ..... Dining Room  
Executive Board Members



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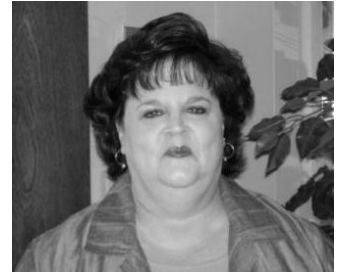
## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

	<b>Preliminary</b>	<b>Final Report</b>
GFWC Officers	_____	_____
State Officers & Board Members	_____	_____
Past State Presidents	_____	_____
Club Presidents & Other Voting Delegates	_____	_____
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates	_____	_____
Visitors & Guests	_____	_____
<b>Total Number of Voting Delegates</b>	_____	_____
<b>Total Number in Attendance</b>	_____	_____



## **SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**MARILYN BLACKLEDGE**, Director of Development, Mississippi Food Network. Marilyn Blackledge has served as the Director of Development at Mississippi Food Network since 2006. Her job functions include building relationships to help raise money for the non-profit organization through grants, corporate and individual donations and direct mail solicitations. In addition, she manages volunteers, coordinates food drives, and handles all the marketing and public relations.



She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and is a Clintonian. She and her husband, Jeff, live in the Clinton community and are active members of First United Methodist Church. Her daughter Beth lives in The Woodlands, Texas with her family.

Marilyn is a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson and currently serves as Chairman of the Literacy Committee. She is also a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and served as President.

### **Mississippi Food Network**

The Mississippi Food Network has a mission to relieve poverty-related hunger in our service area by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products through a network of member churches and non-profit organizations. We distributed more than 17.5 million pounds of food in 2010 through our 320 member agencies around the State. More than 100,000 people benefit each month from the services of the Mississippi Food Network and their member agencies that operate soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, senior citizen programs, day care centers, youth programs and more. We have been providing food to needy Mississippians since 1984 and are proud that 97.94% of our funds are spent on our programs as listed in the most recent Secretary of State Charitable Giving Report. For more information on Mississippi Food Network, visit our website at [www.msfoodnet.org](http://www.msfoodnet.org).

**SUELLEN BRAZIL.** Suellen Brazil, a thirty-nine year volunteer with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has served in numerous leadership positions in her local club, district, state, conference, and at the national levels.



Suellen began her volunteer career as a junior member in Alabama and soon moved to leadership positions including assistant director of junior clubs and then led the junior organization as the director of junior clubs in 1980- 82. She continued to serve the junior organization while also providing leadership in the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs serving in chairmanships including protocol, bylaws, workshop, legislation, and offices including parliamentarian, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, second vice president, first vice president, president elect and then president of AFWC in 1998-2000. She has served continuously on the AFWC Board of Directors since 1977. While serving as president she initiated many processes which continue to serve the organization positively including the establishment of a long range planning committee responsible for evaluating the strategic plan for the organization. During her presidency Suellen was one of eight GFWC national leaders who traveled to Guatemala during the 1998-2000 administration to see first-hand the impact that GFWC volunteers were making through the GFWC CARE International Program.

Eager to continue her development as a leader and to give back to the organization important to her, she continued to serve through the GFWC Southern Region Conference as Secretary/Treasurer while also

serving on the General Federation of Women's Clubs Board as the GFWC Junior Education Chairman in the early 1980's. Through her chairmanship in the GFWC Education Department, Suellen started a twelve-year commitment to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation stimulating tremendous national interest and support for this exciting youth leadership program. She continued with the HOBY program providing leadership in various capacities including the National Volunteer Chairman in 1985 at the International Leadership Seminar in Los Angeles and as a southern district director responsible for the state seminars in the southern states. Immediately following her presidency, this leader provided strong direction for the GFWC Public Affairs program and has served the GFWC Southern Region as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and now as President.

Suellen and her husband Billy attend the Daphne United Methodist Church. Finishing forty-two years as an educator in the Baldwin County Public Schools, she serves as the Executive Principal for 28 elementary schools as well as the system's Strategic Planning process.

**LYNN FITCH.** Lynn Fitch made Mississippi history when she was sworn in as Mississippi's 54th Treasurer on January 5, 2012. She is the first Republican woman to ever hold that position.



A native of Marshall County, Lynn was raised in Holly Springs where her father still lives. She graduated early from high school, heading straight to the University of Mississippi in Oxford, where she earned both a Bachelors of Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate. All this was accomplished in just five short years and after graduation at the age of 23, Lynn was practicing law as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office representing the State Bond Commission, Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Finance and Administration, and Office of the State Treasury.

Lynn believes strongly in ideas of limited and efficient government and has spent much of her professional life working hard to ensure taxpayer dollars are used in an effective and efficient manner. In 2009, Lynn was selected by Governor Haley Barbour to serve as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, an agency responsible for directing more than 130 state agencies and overseeing 32,000 employees. Prior to her time at MSPB, Lynn served as Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs and Support Services at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. She has also been a bond lawyer with a focus on general and municipal bonds, corporate financings, Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, and Mississippi Department of Economic Development, Counsel for the Mississippi House of Representatives, Ways and Means Committee and Local and Private Legislation Committees.

Lynn has been recognized for her professionalism and leadership abilities by several organizations. She was named one of the 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi and was selected for the inaugural class of Leadership in Law by the Mississippi Business Journal. She attended Harvard's Business School Management and Leadership Development Program. She has been active in several professional associations including: Leadership Mississippi; National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appellate Boards, Board of Governors; National Association of Government Communicators; National Association of State Workforce Agencies; and National Association of Bond Lawyers. She currently serves on the Board of Goodwill Industries, the American Red Cross and is the Vice President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Jackson.

Lynn lives in Madison and has three children, Mackenzie (who recently married Drew Burns), Marye Will and John Tucker.

**MERA HALL.** A native Mississippian, Mera Hall began her violin studies in the Jackson Public School system and graduated from Clinton High School. She received bachelor and master degrees in music from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where she was selected as Presser Scholar by the music faculty. Mera has taught public school as a string specialist as well as piano and strings at a music academy in Fort Worth, Texas. She has taught music courses at community colleges in Texas and Mississippi.



Mera has performed as a violinist in orchestras in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. For three summers, she was a violinist with the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. Currently, she is a freelance musician and plays violin with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra.

For fun, Mera enjoys reading Christian historical fiction novels. Her favorite thing to do is shopping for and packing shoebox gifts for children in third-world countries through Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

**DIANNE HARMS.** Dianne Harms is married to Royce E. Harms and they have three children and six grandchildren. Dianne graduated from Murrah High School and received her graduate degree from Millsaps College in religion/philosophy. She studied theology at Perkins School of Theology, United and Iliff Seminaries. She was ordained in 1977. She has worked at Wesley United Methodist Church, Madison United Methodist Church and St. John's United Methodist Church. She is currently serving as the pastor of Raleigh United Methodist Church and Unity United Methodist Church. Dianne's special interests are music and her family.



**LEAH MITCHELL.** Leah has been married to her high school sweet heart, Robert for 12 years. They have one son, Rhett, he is 11 months old. Leah graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene but has been running her own business as a fashion stylist with Premier Designs Jewelry for the past 11years. Now, her business allows her to be a stay-at-home mom and travel to see her family and jewelers in CA regularly.



She loves singing, training for her Premier family and traveling with her family!

**WHITNEY SMITH.** Whitney West Smith grew up in Lyon, MS the only child of Becky and William West. She attended Lee Academy and the University of Mississippi, where she sang with the concert choir after obtaining a vocal scholarship. Currently she is a stay-at-home mother of two, Kathryn Elizabeth, age 8, and Hudson Pernell, age 3. She is a member of the Pontotoc Woman's Club and currently holds the position of second Vice-President and Juniorette Sponsor.



**NADA TULLOS.** Nada Tullós first studied harp with Betty Rosenbaum who brought the harp to the Jackson Symphony in the 1950s. She later studied at Belhaven University with Grace Halsey, a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

Past performances include: Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Banquet, Mississippi Music Clubs Banquet, Mississippi Singing Churchmen Banquet, GFWC-MFWC Southern Region Banquet, GFWC-MFWC District Convention, Mississippi Wear Red For Women Luncheon, Arts Reception at Lauren Rogers Museum, Recital at Jones Junior College and has made presentations on the harp in the Smith and Simpson County Elementary Schools. She also plays harp for weddings and other sacred and social events.

She and her husband, Gene, live in Raleigh, Mississippi where they attend First Baptist Church. She is a member of the FBC Handbell Choir and Handbell Quartet, The American Harp Society, The Mississippi Harp Society, Sinfonia Music Club and GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club.



**JENAE WEEKS.** Jenae Weeks hails from Pontotoc and has been a member of the Pontotoc Woman's Club since 1999. She enjoys playing the organ at her church and teaching piano lessons to children. She was introduced to music at an early age and studied music through college. She is a part-time Occupational Therapist with North Mississippi Home Health Agency. She and her husband, Milfy, have 3 children



## **STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them on silent mode during all functions.
2. Delegates will please be prompt, being in your seats at the hour for beginning the meeting.
3. Pages will be available for sending messages to the platform or other delegates.
4. Delegates will please wear their badges to all meetings.
5. A delegate wishing to speak, shall rise, address the chair and give her name and the name and the location of her club.
6. No delegate shall speak more than twice to a question, the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
7. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
8. The timekeeper shall give a warning signal to each speaker. Time limit shall be adhered to.
9. All motions from the floor shall be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing when so required by the chair.
10. Resolutions and recommendations shall be in the hands of the respective committees at the opening of the morning meetings.
11. A resolution or recommendation cannot be debated until it has been referred to the proper committee and reported by that committee. No resolution can be voted upon until it has been read twice. A resolution with a minority report can be passed only by a majority of the convention.
12. A motion shall be carried by the majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting, except that a motion requiring a two-thirds vote shall be carried by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting.
13. The right to the floor may be granted to non-voting delegate members by the chair.
14. All questions concerning those entitled to vote shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
15. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
16. Reports shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.
17. No one shall enter the Convention meeting room during a musical number or while a speaker is addressing the meeting.
18. The President shall appoint a Reading Committee to approve minutes of the entire Convention.
19. These rules shall be adopted or suspended by a majority vote, rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a quorum being necessary.

**GFWC-MFWC DIRECTORY**

**GFWC-MFWC OFFICERS**

GFWC-MFWC President.....	Tammie McCoy
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Mississippi Clubwoman Circulation Editor.....	Lisa A. Harris
Website Chair.....	Lisa A. Harris
Handbook Editor.....	Lisa A. Harris
Juniorette Director.....	Mandy Laiche
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District III.....	Jo Uptain
District IV.....	Misty Wright
District V.....	Mary Edmond

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Publicity Book Chair.....	Lisa A. Harris
Youth Art Chair.....	Deanna Prewett
HOBY Board Member.....	Suzanne Poynor
GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Chair.....	Phyllis Whittington
Committee Members.....	Eleanor Bayless
.....	Cassie Bryant
.....	Shannon Cliburn
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member.....	Celia Fisher
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chair.....	Elizabeth C. Powers

**GFWC-MFWC STANDING COMMITTEES**

Constitution and Bylaws, Chair.....	Carolyn C. Huey
Committee Member.....	Audeline H. Smith
.....	Theresa Berryhill
Advisor.....	Deborah Dickens

Finance, Chair.....	Jo Anne Reid
Committee Member .....	Tammie McCoy
.....	Suzanne Poynor
.....	Libby Everett
.....	Sue Addy
.....	Shirley Hilburn
.....	Carolyn C. Huey
Advisor .....	Merle McLeod
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.....	Jo Uptain
.....	Misty Wright
.....	Mary Edmond
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Committee .....	Jana Jarrell
.....	Anne McKee
.....	Sandra Pope
.....	Mary Ellen Holloway
.....	Cindy Holcomb
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.....	Margaret Walker
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Assistant Chair.....	Belinda Peacher
Committee .....	Jane McArthur
.....	Coreen VanDevender
.....	Etty Brown
.....	Marie Boswell
.....	Dee Payne
.....	Sue Thompson
.....	Jackie Richardson
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State Institutions, Chair .....	Jeannie Pittman
Committee .....	Anne Pierce
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South Chair.....	Tracy Waits
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.....	Patricia Lee
Juniorette, Director .....	Mandy Laiche
Co-Advisor .....	Debbie Hamilton
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.....	Shirley Hilburn
.....	Jo Anne Reid
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.....	Ella Cronin
.....	Sherry Hazelwood
.....	Mitzi McCostlin

**GFWC-MFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS**

Arts – Partnership .....	Dorothy Thomas
Arts – Collaboration .....	Terrie Whitehurst
Conservation – Partnership .....	Carolyn Long
Conservation – Collaboration .....	Melba Watkins
Education – Partnership.....	Deana Pittman
Education – Collaboration .....	Ella Cronin
Education – Advisor .....	Vera Beech
Home Life – Partnership .....	Theresa Buntyn
Home Life – Collaboration .....	Frances Brown
Home Life – Assistant Collaboration.....	Lisa Barefield
International Outreach – Partnership.....	Sherri Reid
International Outreach – Collaboration .....	Kate Thomas
Public Issues – Partnership .....	Darlene Adams
Public Issues – Collaboration .....	Annajeral Knight
GFWC Junior’s Special Project, Advocates for Children .....	Debbie Hamilton
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Membership, Chair .....	Suzanne Poynor
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Women’s History and Resource Center, Chair .....	Polly Gordon
GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, Chair .....	Mary Moody
MS LEADS, Chair .....	Susan Shurden



**GFWC-MFWC CONTEST CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

Jennie Award, Chair .....	Carolyn C. Huey
Writing Contest, Chair.....	Anne McKee
Photography Contest, Chair.....	Angie Whitlock
Club Newsletter Contest, Chair.....	Pam Helms
Website Contest, Chair .....	Rannie Gillentine
Community Improvement Contest, Chair.....	Nancy Smith Griffin
Committee .....	Donna Hutchings
Membership Task Force, Chair .....	Suzanne Poynor
Committee .....	Sherri Reid
.....	Jeanith Burdine
.....	Emily Gibbs
.....	Kackie Kornfeld
.....	Perrie Paul
.....	Carolyn C. Huey

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.....	(1996 – 1998) Ivous Sisk
.....	(2006 – 2008) Rowena Drinkwater
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.....	Diane Rouse
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.....	Lynda Love
.....	Misty Wright
.....	Mary Edmond

**GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS  
1898 - 2010**

<b>President</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Term</b>
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Beckett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitard	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine Mitts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gautier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal	Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patterson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mary Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Davis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Lois Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Burson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry	Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Simmons	Columbia	1968-1970
Kitty Grafton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Riley	New Hebron	1972-1974
Elizabeth Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
Peggie Herrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	Laurel	1978-1980

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<b>President</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Term</b>
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
* Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010

\*deceased