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CONVENTION THEME:
"HONORING PAST GIFTS WHILE CELEBRATING THE
PRESENT...FREEDOM TO VOLUNTEER!

HOST CLUBS:
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF DISTRICT II
ANNE MCKEE, 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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GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2012

PRESIDENT	CITY	TERM
* 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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GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2012

CITY	TERM
Cleveland	1980-1982
Tunica	1982-1984
Jackson	1984-1986
Fulton	1986-1988
Jackson	1988-1990
Ocean Springs	1990-1992
Clinton	1992-1994
Blue Mountain	1994-1996
Meridian	1996-1998
Ackerman	1998-2000
Walnut Grove	2000-2002
Okolona	2002-2004
Prentiss	2004-2006
Raleigh	2006-2008
Picayune	2008-2010
Pontotoc	2010-2012
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^{*}deceased



GTWC-Mississippi Federation Women's Clubs, Inc.

Suzanne Byrd Poynor President, 2012-2014



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

Are you ready for a "CELEBRATION"? Well, you are in the right place! Welcome to the 116th GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention at the Hilton Hotel on County Line Road in Jackson, Mississippi. Not only will we CELEBRATE while we conduct business, but Mississippi Clubwomen will share ideas and enjoy fun and fellowship with Federation Friends.

District II is the host for the 116th Convention. District II President Anne McKee and Clubwomen of District II have planned a great time of "CELEBRATION"! Many thanks to each of you in District II who have volunteered your time so graciously to plan and prepare for these special three days! Our Mississippi Clubwomen are in for a delightful time!

Also, I would like to extend my appreciation to Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer. Diane has spent many hours on the phone, computer or busy with paperwork as our Meeting Liaison with the Hilton Hotel. Thank you, Diane, for all the "behind the scenes" preparation for a successful 116th GFWC-MFWC State Convention. This Program Booklet is made possible by the technological expertise of Lisa Harris, GFWC-MFWC Website/Handbook Chairman. Thank you, Lisa, for a job well done! Also, the ads are amazing! Your support of the 116th Convention by sponsoring an ad in the Program Booklet is overwhelming! Thank you!

How special it is to have Jackie Boland, GFWC Southern Region Vice President, with us throughout the Convention. Jackie joins us from South Carolina. During the GFWC International Convention in Arizona, Jackie will be installed as GFWC Southern Region President. We welcome you to Mississippi, Jackie! Now, we will be sure to show you our MFWC Hospitality!

To celebrate Federation Day on Thursday, April 24, a "Special Guest from GFWC History" is on program. (Hmmm...Could it be GFWC Founder, Jane Cunningham Crowley better known as "Jennie June"?) At Opening Ceremonies Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves is planning to be on hand to WELCOME us. Our speaker for our Friday Luncheon is Rebecca Mansell, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Mississippi. What a perfect time to discover more about a GFWC Partner! During the CELEBRATION Banquet on Friday Evening, Southern Region Vice President Jackie Boland will speak and install our new GFWC-MFWC Officers for 2014-2016. A reception hosted by the GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune honoring Darlene and Jackie will follow the Installation in the Hilton Penthouse. Cyndi Grace of Clinton will be the inspirational speaker during our Prayer Breakfast.

I am happy to say that our Convention music will be brought by three of our own Mississippi Clubwomen. During Opening Ceremonies, Janae Winters of the GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce will share her talent by singing the National Anthem. Carolyn Huey, MFWC Past President, and Ada McGrevey, President of the GFWC-MFWC Decatur Progressive Woman's Club will bring the music for the Prayer Breakfast. We are in for a treat! Many thanks!

I know that you join me in welcoming Darlene Adams as your next MFWC President. Darlene and I have made the "Perfect PAIR" as we have traveled together representing MFWC. If I may quote from Darlene's District Installations, MFWC is going to be "WILD" about her plans for our Mississippi Federation!

Outstanding Volunteer work was reported by MFWC Clubs in their communities, states, country as well as internationally. Awards will be presented throughout the Convention to CELEBRATE this work! What a difference MFWC Clubwomen have made as they were *Living the Volunteer Spirit*!

Thank you for joining this 116th CELEBRATION of GFWC-MFWC and for CELEBRATING "Freedom to Volunteer"!

May God Bless America!

Suzanne

Honoring Past GIFTS while Celebrating the PRESENT
....FREEDOM to Volunteer!
GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project
Suzanne Byrd Poynor
2012 - 2014

The United States has been blessed with many GIFTS. One of these is FREEDOM. Through the years, brave women and men have fought battles to ensure this FREEDOM. Through the President's Special Project, "Freedom to Volunteer", our Clubwomen have dedicated their volunteer efforts to Honoring PAST GIFTS as well as Celebrating the PRESENT by participating in projects and programs to enhance the lives and memories of those who fought selflessly with great sacrifice to guarantee our FREEDOMS.

My father, Victor Lewis Byrd, was one of these men. He was part of The Mighty Eighth Air Force in WWII. He flew as a waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator, out of the 466th Bomb Group at Attlebridge, England. On April 1, 1944, he and his crew were on a bombing mission to Brunswick. They had eleven people on board, ten crew members plus a photographer. As they flew low so the photographer could get some good photographs, they ran into some intense flak and were badly crippled. They were given the orders to bail out. My father, one of the three survivors, evaded capture by the Germans and was picked up by a French family who kept him hidden several months until the allied armies reached the area and liberated him.

Many of our Mississippi Clubwomen have shared their own stories from wars, past and present, of loved ones who are HEROES of the United States of America.

Thank you for joining me as MFWC Clubwomen participated in programs and projects that have bettered the lives of our Veterans and Service Men and Women in our communities, state, and internationally. MFWC Clubwomen celebrated the PRESENT, OUR ACTIVE MILITARY, their accomplishments, with honor and appreciation. We, also, have paid tribute to the legacy of Past Gifts, OUR VETERANS for ENSURING OUR FREEDOM. May God CONTINUE to Bless the United States of America!

GFWC-MFWC DIRECTORY

GFWC-MFWC Officers	
GFWC-MFWC President	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
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Corresponding Secretary	Sherri Reid
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Historian	Misty Wright
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Newsletter Editor	Lisa A. Harris
Photographer	Lisa A. Harris
Handbook Editor	Lisa A. Harris
Juniorette Director	Mandy Laiche
Member	Brooke McCarty
Immediate Past President	Tammie McCoy
GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS	
District I	Nancy Griffin
District II	•
District III	
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GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS	
Scrapbook Chairman	Cassie Bryant
Yearbook Chairman	Lisa McGee
Media Books Chairman	Frances Brown
Youth Art Chairman	Libby Everett
HOBY Board Member	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Chairman	Annajeral Knight
Committee Member	Eleanor Bayless
Committee Member	Kate Thomas
Committee Member	Donna Hutchings
Committee Member	, ,
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member	Celia Fisher
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman	Elizabeth C. Powers

GFWC-MFWC STANDING COMMITTEES

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Finance, Chairman
Committee Member
Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman
Committee Member Deana Pittman Committee Member Ella Cronin Long Range Planning, Chairman Tommye Rosenbaum Committee Member Nancy Griffin Committee Member Sandra Pope Committee Member Mary Ellen Holloway Committee Member Mary Ellen Holloway Committee Member Sandra Pope Committee Member Member Mary Ellen Holloway Committee Member Suzanne Byrd Poynor Committee Member Darlene Adams Committee Member Darlene Addms Committee Member Darlene Addms Committee Member Diane Rouse Membership, Chairman Darlene Adams Committee Member Sherri Reid Committee Member Sherri Reid Committee Member Sherri Reid Committee Member Resa Buntyn Committee Member Sherri Reid Committee Member Resa Buntyn C
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State Institutions, Chairman	
Committee Member	
Committee Member	
Ways and Means, Central Chairman	
South Chairman	•
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GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL COMMITTEES	
Challenge Grant, Chairman	Phyllis Whittington
Committee Member	Jane McArthur
Committee Member	Becky Wright
Juniorette Director	Mandy Laiche
Co-Advisor	Brooke McCarty
Malone Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund, Chairman	Ivous Sisk
Committee Member	Diane Rouse
Committee Member	Jo Anne Reid
Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Chairman	Shirley Hilburn
Committee Member	Deana Pittman
Committee Member	Ella Cronin
Committee Member	Penny Barr
Committee Member	•
GFWC-MFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS Arts – Partnership Chairman	, -
Arts Chairman	•
Conservation – Partnership Chairman	•
Conservation Chairman	
Education – Partnership Chairman	
Education Chairman	
Education – Assistance Chairman	
Home Life – Partnership Chairman	•
Home Life Chairman	
International Outreach – Partnership Chairman	•
International Outreach Chairman	
Public Issues – Partnership Chairman	
Public Chairman	
GFWC Junior's Special Project, Advocates for Children, Chairman	
GFWC Junior's Special Project, Advocates for Children, Assistant Chairman	
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness, Chairman	•
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness, Assistant Chairman	Shelia Owens
GFWC-MFWC ADVANCEMENT AREA APPOINTMENTS	
Communication and Identity Chairman	Cindy Halcomb
Fundraising Chairman	
Leadership Chairman	
Membership Chairman	
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Legislation and Public Policy Chairman	Dorothy ThomasGlenda Tarver
Jennie Award Chairman	Anne McKeeCarolyn LongPat GandyChris Pasquale
Board Member	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
GFWC BOARD/COMMITTEE Board Member	
Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Co Women's History and Resource Center Committee Member	ommittee Member Tammie McCoy

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

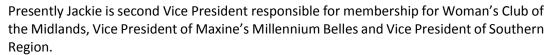
- 1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them on silent mode during all functions.
- 2. Delegates will please be prompt, being in your seats at the hour for beginning the meeting.
- 3. Pages will be available for sending messages to the platform or other delegates.
- 4. Delegates will please wear their badges to all meetings.
- 5. A delegate wishing to speak, shall rise, address the Chairman 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 twothirds 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 Chairman.
- 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 Chairman.
- 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.

2014 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

General Chairman	
Convention Treasurer	
Ads Chairman	
Convention Kit Chairman Fortnightly Club	of Meridian & Twentieth Century Club of Sallis
Door Prize Chairman	Kate Thomas
District II Ways and Means Chairman	Sheila "Tinker" Forrester
Exhibits Chairman	
VIP Hostess	Jo Anne Reid
Hostess Chairman	Theresa Buntyn & Jeanette Thrash
Pages Chairman	Ada McGrevey
Platform Chairman	Sue Addy
Protocol Chairman	Tammie McCoy
Registration Chairman	Pat Mioton
Credentials Chairman	
Timekeepers	Jeanette Thrash
	Rande Brown
	Coreen VanDevander
Program Committee	Darlene Adams
	Sue Addy
	Lisa A. Harris
Tellers	Anne McKee
	Nancy Griffin
	Sandra Pope
	Ella Cronin
	Melba Watkins

SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

JACKIE BOLAND. Jackie Boland has been a GFWC member for 30 years. She is a past state president of GFWC-SC and is a member and past president of Woman's Club of the Midlands. On the national level she has served GFWC as Beautification Chairman, Constitution and By-laws committee member, Membership committee member, Legislation/Public Policy committee member and Credentials committee member.





Jackie has been married to Donnie Boland for 33 years. They have a son, Travis and daughter and son-in-law, Tracey and Kevin. Their at home child right now is Oscar the dog. She works for Columbia Green, a non-profit organization which promotes beautification of the metropolitan Columbia area through landscaping, gardening, horticulture, education and conservation. Jackie is excited and honored to be representing Southern Region as President during the 2014-2016 administration.

GYNDI GRAGE. Cyndi Grace was born in Denver, Colorado into a military family. She became a Christian at the age of 10 in Atwater, California, and at the age of 18 in Long Beach, MS felt God calling her into full-time Christian ministry.

She is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a Women's Ministry advanced certificate degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Jerry, have two grown children.



In 1993, Cyndi's "perfect life" crashed around her and she had to accept that she had been relying on her perceived perfection and not God's grace. From that time God has richly blessed her with a heart for worship and a desire to minister to women who have hurts and needs in their lives.

Cyndi stays busy leading in conferences and retreats as well as an ongoing weekly Bible study. She feels that her call is to the woman in the pew who is searching for more!

REBECGA MANSELL. (Not pictured) Rebecca Mansell is the Director of the Children's Justice Center, which is the Statewide Center of Excellence for Forensic Child Abuse examinations. The Children's Justice Center is located at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Rebecca is also the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Mississippi, which is housed at the CJC at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The Speaker of the House, Philip Gunn, recently appointed Rebecca to the Commission on the Status of Women. In this position, she is focusing on the improvement of the overall quality of life of women, specifically in the areas of education, health, economics and political participation. She is also one of fifty-two individuals throughout the state was chosen to participate in the prestigious program, Leadership Mississippi.

Rebecca is a former career prosecutor with 17 years of service to the State of Mississippi. She prosecuted mainly child homicide and abuse cases and sex crimes against women. Rebecca's entire career has been focused on ensuring the health and well-being of women and children in the State of Mississippi.

Rebecca is married to Creede Mansell, a trooper for the Mississippi State Highway Patrol and she has two children, Jacob and Grace.

ANNE B. McKee. Anne B. McKee is a Mississippi storyteller and author. She is a Literary and Performing Artist and Teaching Artist — teaching creative writing for children and adults. Anne is listed in both capacities on the Mississippi Arts Commission's Artist/Teaching Artist Rosters — www.arts.state.ms.us. Anne has been a guest storyteller for Mississippi Public Broadcasting (Radio) Commentaries Program, Paul Ott's Listen to the Eagle radio show and several additional radio stations throughout the state. She is active with the arts and educational communities in Mississippi. She writes a weekly editorial for The Meridian Star — www.themeridianstar.com. Her work can be found in Mississippi Magazine, Today's Mississippi Woman, LEGENDS Magazine, Sweet Tea & Afternoon Tales, Pets Across American



Vol I & II, and recently released Magnolias & Afternoon Tales, plus several anthologies and southern journals. Anne's recent book project, Historic Photos of Mississippi, published, Turner Publishing, Nashville, continues to be a bestseller for the publisher and available at most bookstores throughout the Southeast. Remembering Mississippi is an additional book for Turner Publishing Co. Anne is the Director of Rose Hill Cemetery Costumed Tour, Meridian, presented each last Saturday in September. She serves as GFWC-MFWC, District II, President, and as Regent, Bobashela Chapter, Mississippi Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Anne visits many civic clubs, community clubs, festivals and conventions, churches, schools, and libraries spinning her Mississippi-inspired stories. See her web site -- www.annemckee.net.

LT. GOV. TATE REEVES. Elected in 2011 as Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor, Tate Reeves stands ready to guide the state toward a brighter future by improving educational achievement for students, supporting the creation of high-skilled jobs and responsibly managing taxpayers' money. Reeves leads the 52-member Senate with a focus on keeping government spending under control, reforming education and making Mississippi a better place to raise a family. Under his leadership, Mississippi has a balanced budget that spends more on education and adequately funds other priorities, including filling the state's "rainy day fund" to its statutory limit and reducing taxpayers' overall debt burden.



Mississippi increased education spending and enacted reforms to save money, strengthen achievement and clearly communicate school performance. Reeves successfully advocated for more transparent school district ratings, which led to a new grading system for schools based on A, B, C, D and F. The first steps toward school choice were taken with the creation of public charter schools, and legislation passed to end social promotion of students who cannot read at grade level. After decades of legislators talking about school district consolidation, Reeves took action by pushing for administrative consolidation, bringing the number of districts in Mississippi to 146 from 152.

The Legislature approved several measures to make Mississippi an even better place to do business. Reeves believes government should create an environment to encourage the private sector to create more jobs. The Legislature laid the groundwork by allowing businesses to claim a tax credit on inventory held in the state, which will encourage companies to invest more capital in creating jobs. The state's workers' compensation law also was reformed to ensure a fairer and impartial relationship between the worker and employer with provisions to better define the employee's choice of physician, implement stronger measures against workplace drug and alcohol use and increase certain benefits. Laws also were enhanced to boost Mississippi's reputation as a place to do business and strengthen the state's right-to-work policies.

Reeves pushed several measures to strengthen public safety and make Mississippi a safe place to raise a family. The Legislature has passed laws to allow for the prosecution of attempted murder and closely monitor sex offenders using GPS devices. He is committed to protecting Mississippians' Second Amendment Rights by supporting laws that clarify the limits on the ability of cities and counties to restrict the carrying of firearms. Several new laws protect the state's most vulnerable citizens – children. Reeves' initiative to help school districts hire trained law enforcement for campus protection will place more officers in schools. The Child Protection Act

requires health care professionals, members of the clergy, educators, child care providers and law enforcement to report cases of suspected child abuse. Also, the Legislature has taken steps to protect the health of the mother by requiring doctors performing abortion to have admitting privileges at a local hospital and prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks.

Reeves serves as chairman of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. Reeves was named a 2013 Charter Champion by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Reeves received the 2012 State Legislative Achievement Award from the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform for passage of the Attorney General "Sunshine Act," which requires an open and transparent process for awarding legal contracts. He was named Legislator of the Year by the Mississippi Municipal League in 2012.

Previously, Reeves was elected as Mississippi's 53rd Treasurer in 2003 and re-elected to a second term four years later with 61 percent of the vote, the highest percentage of any candidate running for statewide office. He was the first Republican treasurer in the state's history.

Reeves has been named a "Rising Star(s) in the Republican Party" by *Rising Tide* magazine – the publication of the Republican National Committee. He also was selected by the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership as one of the "Top Young Elected Officials" to its Fourth Class of Aspen-Rodel Fellows.

Reeves is a Rankin County native and a graduate of Florence High School. He is an honors graduate of Millsaps College and holds a bachelor's degree in economics. Reeves has continued to be an active alumnus and remains involved with his alma mater by serving as a member of the investment policy board for the Millsaps College General Louis Wilson Fund and a member the Advisory Committee of the Else School of Management.

Reeves and his wife Elee Williams Reeves, a Tylertown native, are the proud parents of three daughters, Sarah Tyler, Elizabeth Magee and Madeline Tate. The Reeves family attends Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, where Elee and Tate co-chaired a past Capital Campaign.

Thursday, April 24, 2014, Pre-Convention Activities

GFWC-Mississippi Federation Of Women's Clubs, Inc. 116th Annual Convention

Hilton Hotel Jackson, Mississippi April 24-26, 2014

Convention Theme:

"Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating the Present... Freedom to Volunteer!"

2:00 p.m.Natchez Boardroom Suite3:00 p.m.Finance/Executive Committee Meetings.Natchez Boardroom Suite3:00 p.m.Registration.Hotel Lobby

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.mGFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner/Meeting
Executive Board. All GFWC-MFWC Members are invited.
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.mGFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner/Meeting The Cotton Kitchen
Executive Board Dinner & Meeting
"GFWC-MFWC Celebrates GFWC Federation Day"
Hosted by GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
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Thought: "Help one another; there's no time like the PRESENT
and no PRESENT like the time." -James Durst
Welcome & RecognitionsSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Devotion and GraceSheila Forrester, Chaplain
A Federation Moment In Time
Ways and Means OpportunitiesAmy Jacobs, Ways & Means Chairman
Door Prizes
Recess
Executive Board Meeting
Call to OrderSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Roll Call, Minutes and CorrespondenceAbby May, Recording Secretary
Reports
MFWC Officers
President-electDarlene Adams
Vice PresidentSue Addy
Treasurer Diane Rouse
Mississippi Clubwoman Assistant EditorJeanette Thrash

Committees

Finance Committee Executive Committee	Abby May, Recording Secretary
Headquarters Committee	
MFWC "Freedom To Volunteer!"	, ,
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness .	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
"Sweet Dreams" Pillowcase Project	
Business	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Announcements	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Collect	• •
Adjournment	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Friday, April 26, 2014, Pre-Convention Activities	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m Gavel Club Breakfast	
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.mRegistration	Outside Salon A & B
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.mShop Vendors, Ways and Means Silent Aucti	on Outside Salon A & B
2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.mView Youth Art, Photography and Books	Cabana

Official Opening Ceremonies Of The 116th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation Of Women's Clubs, Inc. Friday, April 25, 2014 Jackson Hilton Hotel

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and Business	Salon A
Call to Order	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President, Presiding
Invocation	Sheila Forrester, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	. Annajeral Knight, PSP "Freedom To Volunteer", Chairman
National Anthem	Janae Winter, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
	Anne McKee, Convention General Chairman
	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
	Lieutenant Governor Of Mississippi Tate Reeves
-	Carolyn Huey, MFWC Past President 2008-2010
_	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
	Boland, GFWC Southern Region Vice President 2012-2014
	Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Secretary 2012-2014
	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
	Pat Mioton, Credentials Chairman
	Tammie McCoy, Parliamentarian
	Darlene Adams, President-elect
	Anne McKee, Convention General Chairman
Appointment of Reading Committee	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President

Report of the Executive Board
Election of 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC Officers
Report of the Nominating CommitteeSherri Reid, Chairman
Introduction of Darlene Adams, Incoming President
Sheila "Tinker" Forrester, Nominee for President-electJo Anne Reid
GFWC-MFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
Becky Wright, Nominee for Vice PresidentSandra Pope
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
Nancy Griffin, Nominee for Recording SecretaryCarolyn Huey
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
Diane Rouse, Nominee for Treasurer Suzanne Poynor
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence
Election of OfficersSuzanne Poynor
GFWC-MFWC Community Service Program Awards Sue Addy, Vice President
ArtsShirley Stough, Chairmen
Conservation Belinda Peacher, Chairman
Education Deana Pittman & Ella Cronin, Chairmen
Hobby News Belinda Peacher, Mississippi HOBY Consultant
Public Issues Melba Watkins & Rhonda Terrell, Chairmen
International OutreachKathleen Penton & Sue McMurtry, Chairmen
Home Life Theresa Buntyn, Chairman
District II Ways and Means
MFWC Ways and Means
Announcements
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Shop Ways & Means Silent Auction & Vendors

Luncheon
GFWC-MFWC Celebrates "Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Enterprise Woman's Club Presiding Suzanne Byrd Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President

Thought: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." - Albert Schweitzer

RecognitionsSuzanne I				
Grace Melba V	Melba Watkins, District V President-elect			
Lunch				
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Tammie McCoy,			
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Preve				
Address	_			
Director Children's Justice Center and Executive Director				
Presentation	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President			
Awards				
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevent	ention Sue Addy,			
	Dean of Chairmen			
GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children From	ances Brown, Assistant Chairman			
Women's History and Resource Center	Dorothy Thomas, Chairman			
MFWC Special Emphasis Awards	Sue Addy, Dean of Chairmen			
Mississippi State Institutions	Jeannie Pittman, Chairman			
Mississippi Public Broadcasting	Sue Addy, Dean of Chairmen			
Announcements	•			
Door Prizes	ate Thomas, Door Prize Chairman			
Shop Ways & Means Silent Auction & Ven View Exhibits	dors			
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MS LEADS Seminar	Natchez Boardroom Suite			
(Sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund)	Susan Shurden, Chairman			
2:30 p.m Business Session	Salon A			
Presiding				
State Officers Reports	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President			
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	Sue Addy, Vice President			
	Abby May, Recording Secretary			
	Diane Rouse, Treasurer			
Awards	Sue Addy, Dean of Chairman			
Communication & Public Relations	• *			
Fundraising & Development	• •			
Advocacy in Action: Legislation & Public Policy	Elizabeth (Lib) Massey, Chairman			
MFWC Youth Art Awards	•			
GFWC Writing Contest Awards				
GFWC Photography Awards	Carolyn Long, Chairman			

MFWC Yearbook AwardsReport of District Presidents			
	Melba Watkins, District V President-elect		
	Tammie McCoy, MFWC Past President 2010-2012		
Invitation to Southern Region Conference 2014	Jo Anne Reid		
	GFWC Southern Region Recording Secretary		
Announcements	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President		
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	ilent Auction & Vendors		
•	at 4:30 p.m. to see if you won your bid!)		
View E	Exhibits		
4:45 p.mPick Up all Exhibits	Cabana		
All exhibits must be removed fro	om the Exhibit Room by 4:45 p.m.		
(District Presidents, please check to r	make sure no items from your District		
remains in the	Exhibit Room.)		
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6:10 n.m. District Pictures with GFWC-MFWC C	OfficersLobby		
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6:10 p.m. Elected Officers 2012-2014			
6:10 p.m Elected and Appointed Officers 2012-2014			
6:15p.m District I			
6:20 p.m District II			
6:25 p.m District III			
6:30 p.m District IV			
6:35 p.m Gavel Club			
6:35 p.m District V			
6:40 p.mJuniorettes			
6:45 p.m Processional Assembles	Lobby		
2014 MS LEADS Participants			
District Clubwomen of the Ye	ear		
Presidents of District Clubs of	f the Year		
Jennie Nominees			
District Presidents			
Past State Presidents			
MFWC Elected Officers			
GFWC Southern Region Office	ers		
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7:00 p.m Banquet			
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GFWC-MFWC Celebration Banquet

Hosted By: Round Table of Meridian and President Day Club of Union Presiding, Suzanne Byrd Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President

Thought: "To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy, a whole heart and a free mind." - Pearl Buck

Banquet			
Dinner			
Introduction of Guest Speaker			
Membership			
Installation of 2014-2016 OfficersJackie Boland, GFWC Southern Region Vice President			
AnnouncementsSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President Recess			

Following the Banquet,

You are invited to a Dessert Reception in the Hilton Penthouse

Honoring Darlene Adams, 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President And Jackie Boland, 2012-2014 GFWC Southern Region Vice President

Hosted by GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

Saturday, April 26, 2014	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m Registration	Outside Salon A
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.mPrayer Breakfast & Memorial Servi	ceSalon B
Prayer Breakfast L Mem	orial Service
"GWFC-MFWC Celebra	ates Peace"
Hosted By: GFWC Ackerman Tw	entieth Century Club
Presiding, Darlene)	Adams,
GFWC-MFWC Presid	lent-elect
Thought: "May the God of hope fill you with all so that you may overflow with hope by t - Romans 15:	he power of the Holy Spirit."
Recognitions Grace	
Breakfast	
Special Music	C-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive ClubSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Memorial Service	•
Announcements	Darlene Adams, President-elect
Door Prizes	
"Let There Be Peace On Earth"	
_	Led by Carolyn Hue and Ada McGrevey
Recess	

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10:00 a.m. Business Session Continues	Salon A			
Presiding				
Presentation of Juniorette Awards	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director			
Juniorette PowerPoint				
Outstanding Juniorette Awards	•			
GFWC-MFWC Juniorette of the Year)	•			
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Community Improvement Awards Mary Edmond, Gl	FWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club			
"Freedom to Volunteer" Presentations				
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Final Credentials Report				
Presentation of Awards Packets				
Invitation to 2015 117 th State Convention	• •			
Outstanding GFWC-MFWC Awards				
GFWC LEADS Delegate 20	014			
GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of t	he Year			
Club of the Year Award				
Recognition of 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Officers	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President			
Address of 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Address of 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President	• • • •			
Recognition of Host District and Clubs				
Pin and Gavel CeremonySuza				
Fill alla Gaver Ceremony	GFWC-MFWC Past Presidents			
Door Prizes				
Announcements				
Collect				
Adjournment	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President			
Thought: "If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.	If you want to touch the			
present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the	——————————————————————————————————————			
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Saturday, April 26, 2014, Post-Convention Activities				
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Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Quitman Won	ıan's Cluh			
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Thought: While there is life, there is hope.				
12:30 p.mPost-Convention Meeting	Salon R			
2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board				
2014-2010 Of MC-Mil MC Executive pool a Meeting				



Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating the Present



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CREDENTIALS REPORT				
	Preliminary	Final Report		
GFWC Officers				
State Officers & Board Members				
Past State Presidents				
Club Presidents & Other Voting Delegates				
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates				
Visitors & Guests				
Total Number of Voting Delegates				
Total Number in Attendance				
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Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.



Congratulations

2013 District II Club Woman of the Year Theresa Buntyn of GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club



DWPC 2012-2014 officers

President
Ada McGrevey

Vice-President Kay Chambers

Secretary Tammy Addy

Treasurer Merita Cherry

Reporter
Dianne O'Neal

Historian Robin McDonald & Candi Thrash

> Parliamentarian Jackie Etie

Dean of Chairman Linda Guready



Twentieth Century Club, Ackerman

JoAnne Reid, Southern Region Vice President 2014–2016

Tinker Forrester, MFWC President Elect 2014–2016

Marina Loper, Clubwoman of the Year



Greetings from Anne B. McKee

On behalf of my buddies: Miss Ippee
Rainwater, entrepreneur extraordinaire,
and Miss Fannie B. Hine, bodyguard/
super sleuth and mob control expert,
along with the somewhat opinionated
Committee esteemed members, I would like to
sincerely thank you for loving us, or at least for
putting up with us, as we travel the world
offering exceptional, although somewhat
disturbing advice.

Look for us, as we might turn up in your neighborhood one moonless night, or at least on ~America's Most Wanted~ we do get around.

Keep us in mind for an interesting, if not a downright weird program (I think weird counts twice. when reporting). We do

- Libraries -- Summer Reading Program (storytelling) for children and storytelling for Friends of the Library
- Creative writing classes for adults and children
- Storytelling for festivals, community clubs, churches, schools, civic clubs

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Lisa A. Harris

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CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR 2013

DISTRICT V VICE PRESIDENT

DISTRICT V
2013 CLUBWOMAN
OF THE YEAR





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2012—2014 GFWC-MFWC State President



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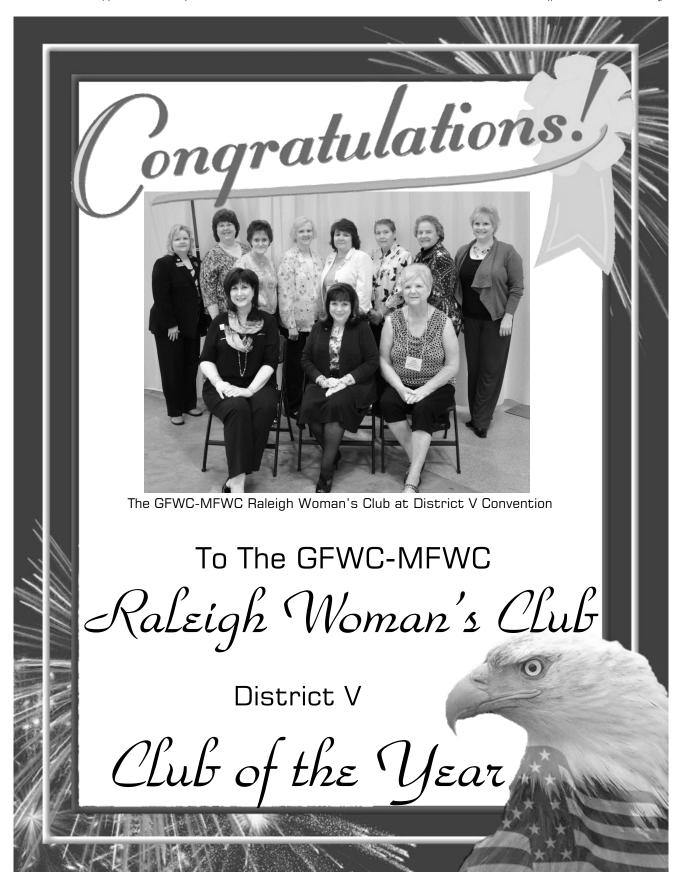
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Quitman Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC District II

Club of the Year

Club of the Year 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009







Civic Woman's Club of Picayune Salutes

Nancy Griffin
District I
President
2012-2014





Thursday Club of Walnut Grove

☆ Geralyn Freeny

☆ Karen Freeny

& Shirley Freeny

Shirley Jones

☆ Vicki Kelley

☆ Jennifer Nettles

☆Peggy Summers-Jones

☆ Rebecca Roberts

⇒ Jommye Rosenbaum

☆ Debbie Rushing

☆ Patti Socha

☆ Cynthia Stuart

☆ Nancy Roberts

☆ Jeresa Withers

Living The Volunteer Spirit



Congratulations, Suzanne on a great administration as our GFWC-MFWC President.

It's been an honor to serve as your Presidentelect.

Love, Darlene

"Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation's freedoms depend." George Bush.



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District IV Clubwoman of the Year

Hettie Burnett

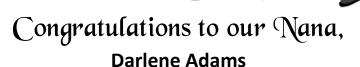
Batesville Woman's
Club

Congratulations

GFWC-MFWC District I Clubwoman of the Year Carolyn Tedford



Best Wishes Poplarville Woman's Club



You taught us many things, but one of the most important was how to love and serve others in need.

We know that you will make a great President for MFWC, because you are the best Nana ever!

Love,

Your granddarlings -Britton, Blythe, Kathryn, Addisyn, Kasen, Ian, Kellan, and Papa says him, too!



GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT IV



Proudly Honors Mary Ellen Holloway District IV President



Ella Cronin
District IV President-elect

Mary Jo Cook Secretary

Glenda Tarver Treasurer

Mary Ester Murphree Parliamentarian

Deana Pittman, Books Chair

Marie Boswell Ways & Means Chair

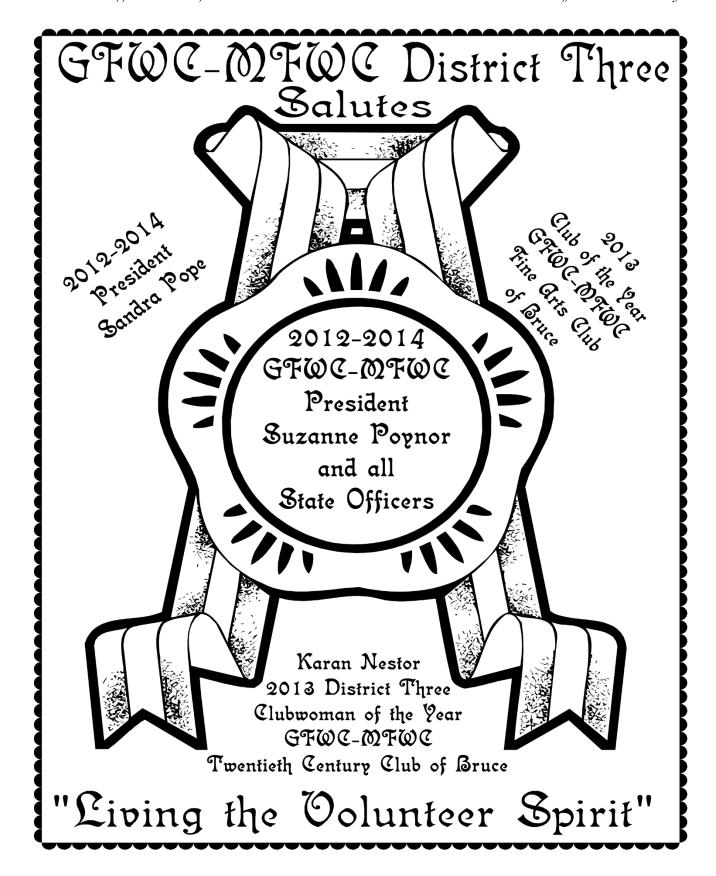
Batesville Woman Club District Club of the Year

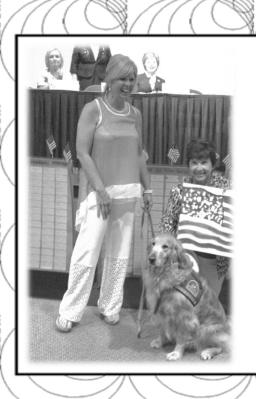
Hattie Burnett
District Clubwoman of the
Year

Helen Jenkins Historian

District IV Clubs

- ☆ Batesville Jr. Women's League
 ☆ EPHFIC Woman's Club of
 Cleveland
 ☆ Delta Belles Juniorette
 - ☆ GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club
- ☆ GFWC-MFWC Cleveland Woman's Club
- ☆ Greenwood Woman's Club
 - ☆ Indianola Civic League
 - ☆ LeBonte Woman's Club





GFWC-MFWC PHILADELPHIA WOMAN'S CLUB

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STACY COOK
AND
AYLA

To my special

Fine Arts Club

Friends...

Thanks for the joy you

bring into my life as we

work together in

volunteer service in our

community!

To my fellow

GENC-MENCE

Board Members and

Federated Friends...

Thanks for the shining example you are to me as you present your many gifts of service to others!

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GFWC/MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB Has Many Reasons To Be Proud!



Diane Rouse 2012—2014 State Treasurer & 2014—2016 State Treasurer Nominee

Minetta Veazey 2013 Club Woman of the Year





Pam Blunt 2014 Mississippi Leads Candidate



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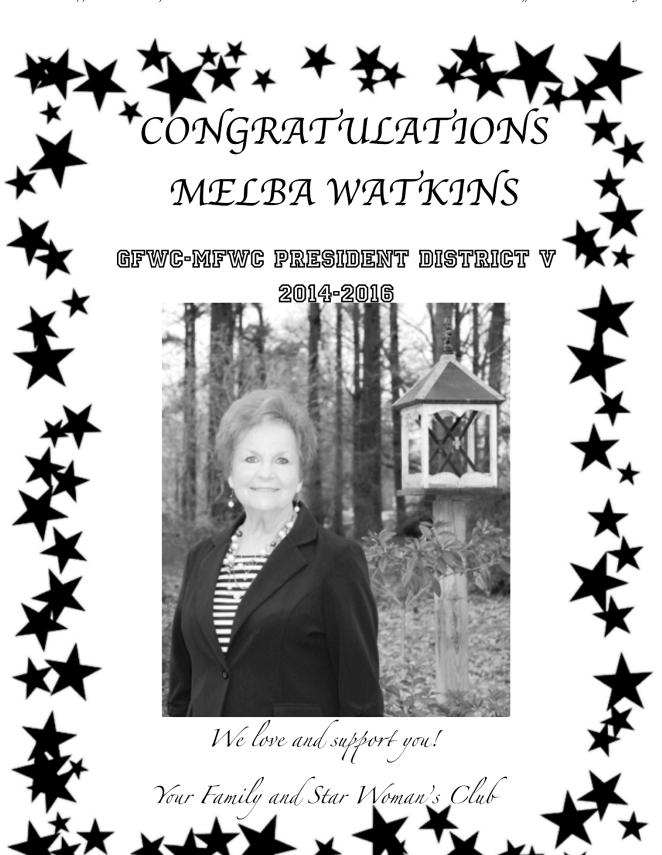
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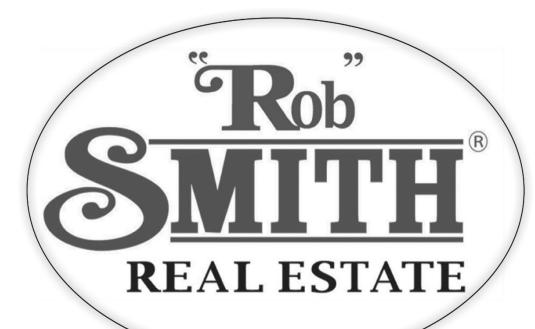
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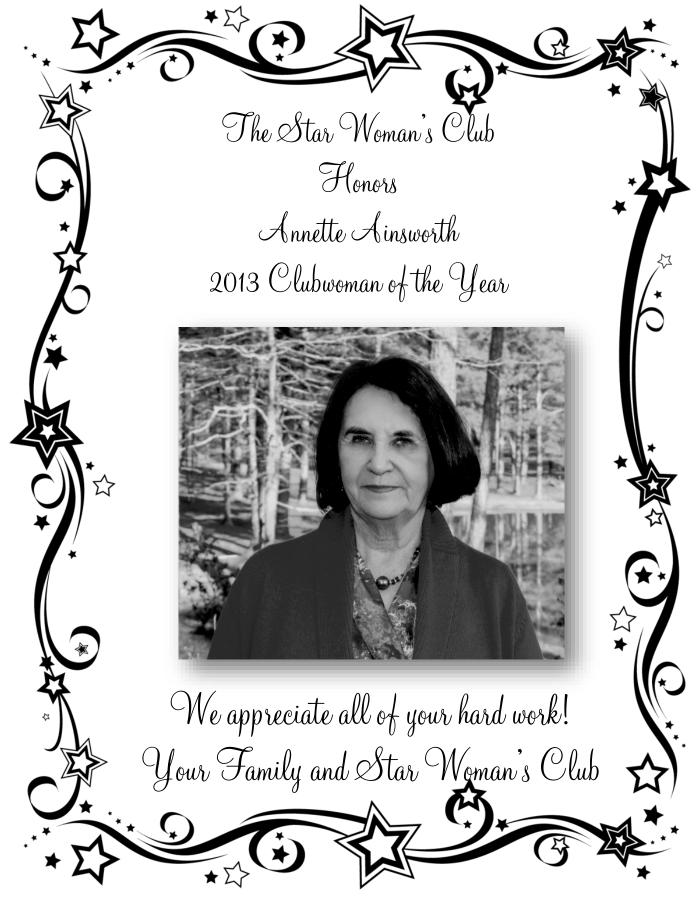
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From Twentieth Century Club of Bruce





for your
Outstanding Leadership
as GFWC-MFC

District II President

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



Congratulations Sherri Reid



District I President 2014-2016 You will be AWESOME! Love, Cosmo Girls