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Dear Fellow MFWC
Clubwomen,

Spring is one of my favorite times in federation work: I get the privilege of attending all five district conventions. I also get to work on the finalization of plans for our own MFWC state convention. I enjoyed visiting with old friends and making many new ones this spring. I enjoyed learning about the wonderful things that each club has done to improve their community. This year I was pleased that we were able to award 5 places in each judging category. It was a pleasure to see the smiling faces of fellow clubwomen as their club's name was called to receive an award. Congratulations to all the winners. First place honors in each district went to:

* District I – GFWC-MFWC Civic Wom-

an's Club of Pica-yune

* District II – tie

◆ Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

◆ Quitman Woman's Club

* District III- GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

* District IV – GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club

* District V – GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club

Keep up the good work – remember TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More and that was indeed true.

Just wait until you hear the overall statistics. In Mississippi, with 42 clubs reporting, we recorded 384,120.4 volunteer hours and we donated \$1, 239, 207 and we reported approximately 5,300 programs and projects. YEA!!! Can you imagine the num-



GFWC-MFWC President
Tammie McCoy

bers that would be recorded if we all reported in each category or if all clubs reported? I am also thrilled that you worked in excess of 5,000 hours for my PSP—Feeding Fellow Mississippians and donated in excess of \$62,000.00. Many lives have been touched by all of your hard work in regard to that project and to many more. Thank you for taking the time to volunteer- It is a wonderful thing!!!!

During our district conventions, it was my pleasure to recognize the district club women

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**NOTE FROM
MARY
EDMOND,
DISTRICT V
PRESIDENT**

The GFWC-MFWC Convention at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond was filled with interesting and fun activities. Misty Wright, District IV President, did a wonderful job “getting it all together”. Now, District V is looking forward to hosting next year’s convention.

If you are a District V club, you may expect a call to help soon. Plans have already begun as we anticipate our role as host for the 2012 convention.

I still have not visited all of the District V clubs. If I have not visited your club, please invite me! You may reach me at: 601-782-4710, P. O. Box 283, Raleigh, MS 39153; or, pmedmond@netdoor.com.

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of the year. This year’s winners were

- * Sandra Houston of the GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman’s Club of Pica-yune
- * Tinker Forrester of the GFWC Ackerman Woman’s Club
- * Rose Mary Shelton of the GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- * Misty Wright of the Batesville Junior Woman’s League
- * Lisa Harris of the GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman’s Club

A special congratulation to each of the club-women, your work has paid off and it is an honor for you to be recognized by your club and by your district. Remember each club should nominate an outstanding member **each** year.

If you missed the state convention, then you missed several treats. We were able, despite the weather, to acknowledge the hard work of our club women, clubs, community service chairmen, board members, and district president. The Ladies of District IV worked hard to

make sure that we all felt so welcomed. A special thanks to all of the District IV ladies and to Diane Rouse, we did enjoy a great convention.

Deborah Tierce presented a special leadership program for our 2011 LEADS candidates, SORRY that the finale got interrupted by the tornado warning. I think that this was probably the first time that either Carlene or Deborah spent quality time with clubwomen in the basement of a building. But never fear, the brunch began on time and all attendees were able to hear a wonderful motivational presentation by Deborah.

We started our convention with the Hinds AHS ROTC Color Guard, made up of all young ladies, presenting our flags and we enjoyed hearing the angelic voice of Celeste Lum (a fellow nurse and niece of Diane Rouse). We were greeted by our GFWC International President Carlene Garner and by Southern Region Treasurer JoAnne Reid.

As we began our program we enjoyed a MFWC Cook-Off with the elected officers as contestants:

Guess who won—they ALL did because they all do a wonderful job. We also had a Miss Spirit of Teamwork Extraordinaire Beauty Pageant. The community service and advancement area chairmen contestants gave plenty of advice to our GFWC International President Carlene Garner. Thanks to Ann McKee for our ideas and script contributions. Thanks to three of our PASTS (JoAnne, Judy, and Carolyn) for their musical rendition of “There She IS”. And a final thanks to Amy Jacobs for being our very talented MC.

We were also pleased to bring forth the name of JoAnne Reid for Southern Region Secretary, MFWC unanimously supported her nomination.

Carlene Garner, GFWC International President, was our keynote speaker at the Friday night celebration banquet. We were all so pleased that Carlene agreed to return to Mississippi. She is truly an inspiration to us all. Carlene was presented a check from MFWC in the amount of \$500 for the Japanese Disaster Relief Fun. During that banquet we had the

opportunity to recognize several special ladies; Tinker Forrester was named 2010 MFWC Club Woman of the Year. Diane Rouse was chosen as the 2011 Malone Sisk LEADS representative; Diane will travel with us to Milwaukee to participate in the GFWC LEADS program. Katlin Paige Nolan, a member of the Fulton Juniorette Club received the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship. The Hebron Memorial Scholarship to former juniorette, Janae Harrelson who is a current auxiliary member of the Bruce Fine Arts Clubs.

Attendees were given a couple of opportunities to see their club work. Lisa Harris put together a great PowerPoint that showed how hard Mississippi Clubwomen work though out the year. Lisa and Mandy Laiche also presented a PowerPoint that honored the work of our juniorettes and we recognized the GFWC-MFWC Dixie Daisies as the 2010 Juniorette Club of the Year. To close out the evening, Chanda Campbell Lantern of the Batesville Junior Women League, sang *One Voice* and

lead us in joining her in singing that song together.

After that exciting evening, the JUNIORETTEs under the direction of Mandy Laiche, our Juniorette Director, hosted our PJ Party honoring Carlene. They presented each attendee with popcorn and thanked us for “Popping” by to visit with Carlene. Thanks ladies, we enjoyed the fun. We collected a carload of items for state institutions. Thanks to Diane Rouse for getting those items to the proper place. I know that each of the state institutions will be pleased to receive so many items for their residents.

On Saturday morning, Barbie Bassett gave an excellent inspirational address and we had an opportunity to purchase her book. Terrie Whitehurst, District III Chaplain, presented a moving memorial service to honor all of the club women that passed away during the last year. Attendees were then treated to special music by Tinker Forrester, she sang, *Surely the Presence. We were truly inspired.*

We concluded our convention by updating all of

the proposed changes to the bylaws – Yes we voted on each and every one of them. We heard from Marilyn Blackledge with the Mississippi Food Network. We were amazed to learn how low their overhead is and how much buying power they have with monies that are donated. We then presented her with a check to be used for needy families all over Mississippi. Finally, we acknowledged the hard work of each club in the state and then we honored The GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce for being named 2010 MFWC Club of the Year.

As you can see, we had a very busy schedule this spring. Please contact Lisa Harris if you would like pictures of the convention especially those wonderful district pictures.

Your work is greatly appreciated and your communities are much better places because you are in them volunteering. I welcome any and all input on how we can make our TEAM better and I would love to have your suggestions for the next convention.

Thank you for being a part of **TEAM MFWC: ONE STRONG VOICE For Volunteerism.**

Love in Volunteer Service,

Jammie

As I write this, we are saddened by the loss of lives and properties in the terrible storms of the past few weeks. If you would like to send a donation through MFWC, please send your check to Shirley Hilburn, MFWC Treasurer. I know that many of you have already contributed locally. The needs are great and any assistance that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 8, 2011



*The GFWC-MFWC
Newsletter is published
by the GFWC-
MFWC.*

*All submissions are
welcome. Photographs
are encouraged. E-mail
or mail articles and
photos to
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INFORMATION NEEDED

It is time to update our
GFWC-MFWC
Directory. Please send
any changes in club
officers to Handbook
Editor Lisa Harris.

CHANGES TO STATE BOARD:

New Appointments:
Lisa A. Harris,
Publicity Book Chair

Mary Jo Cook,
Fundraising Chair

Saying Goodbye:
Jennifer Griffin,
(Moved out of state)

MFWC NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE NEEDED!!

GFWC-MFWC pictures are needed. The pictures you submit will be used for the following projects, the website, the newsletters (General and Jun-iorette), the Mississippi Clubwoman, Power-Point presentations, dvd movies and the President's scrapbook.

When submitting your pictures, please include the following information with each picture: name of activity, people in picture, name of club(s), location, who took the picture and date taken.

Please submit all pictures to Lisa Harris at laharris@hughes.net.



OFFICIAL OR PREFERRED CLUB NAME

The GFWC-MFWC is asking that each club submit their official or preferred club name to Lisa Harris at laharris@hughes.net.

Of the 57 clubs who have paid their dues, we still have 14 clubs who have not submitted their club name. Please let me hear from the following clubs on their official or preferred club name.

- ◆ Pascagoula - Pascagoula Civic Guild
- ◆ Kosciusko -Twenty-first Century Club
- ◆ Meridian – Fort-nightly Club
- ◆ Meridian – Round Table
- ◆ Sallis – Twentieth Century Club
- ◆ Fulton – Fulton Civic Club
- ◆ Okolona – Twentieth Century Club
- ◆ Greenwood – Greenwood Woman's Club
- ◆ Greenwood – Le-Bonte Woman's Club

- ◆ Tunica – Tunica County Woman's Club
- ◆ Clinton – LeBonte Woman's Club
- ◆ Clinton – Maids & Matrons
- ◆ Crystal Springs – Crystal Springs Floral Club
- ◆ Jackson – Jackson Pearl Club

We are also seeking the correct name for our Juniorette Clubs. I need to hear from the following clubs:

- ◆ Picayune - Picayune Service Club
- ◆ Waynesboro - Sub-Debs of Waynesboro
- ◆ Fulton - Fulton Junioresettes
- ◆ New Century - New Century Junioresettes
- ◆ Greenwood - Delta Belles Junioresettes

Thank you for your help in cleaning up our club names.



MFWC NEWS



EMAIL ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

If you email address has changed in the last six months, please send your new email address to Lisa Harris.

We're On Facebook !!!

No login or account needed to view our page when using this link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Federation-of-Womens-Club-Inc/155818214452373?v=wall>



Club Anniversaries

- * Moss Point Fortnightly Club is celebrating 95 years of community service.
- * The GFWC-MFWC Fortnightly Club of Waynesboro, Mississippi will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on May 10, 2011 at the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library. Celebration will start at 3:00 p.m.

If you wish to receive an anniversary certificate and/or have your club's anniversary published in the GFWC Clubwoman, send an email to Membership@GFWC.org. Be sure to include the following in your email: name of club, Federation year, name and postal address of club president and date of the anniversary celebration (if applicable). Please note: GFWC will only publish federation anniversaries of 25, 50, 60, 70 and every five years thereafter. The GFWC-MFWC will publish all club anniversaries. Send club anniversary notices to Lisa Harris.



COMMUNICATIONS

Email Address Needed

If you would like to receive GFWC-MFWC updates, notes, news and other items by email, please email Lisa Harris at laharris@hughes.net and ask to be placed on the mass communication listing.

FACEBOOK NOTIFICATIONS

If you would like to know when I have posted an update or note to the GFWC-MFWC facebook page, please request to be friends with Lisa A. Harris (Pcn) of Raleigh, Mississippi. You must turn on the notifications under account settings.



MFWC FACTS

- * The Federation had supported the building of libraries since its inception, and during the 1920's it was instrumental in the creation of the Mississippi Library Commission.
- * The Forestry Commission was also created during the 1920's. The Federation had long sought the creation of this body.
- * In 1920, the Mississippi Federation was re-districted into seven districts.
- * In 1934, the Mississippi Federation was re-districted again into six districts.
- * The first "Summer Institute" was held at Belhaven College on July 17-18, 1935.
- * In 1937, the Federation, working with the Research Club of Jackson, funded the purchase of two iron lungs for the treatment of polio victims.
- * 1938, Mississippi received nation recognition by placing second in the

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GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT

If you've been hearing a lot about the launch of GFWC's new Signature Project but aren't sure how you can get involved, be sure to read the latest Program Posting from GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman Beverly Lassiter.

You'll find details about programs your club can do in association with Prevent Child Abuse America, and ideas for Elder Abuse Prevention Month in June. Visit www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers for more information.

NEWS

IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST UPDATES

In response to member feedback, we (GFWC) recently updated the Photography Contests section (page 25-31) of the Awards, Contests and Grants guide in the 2010-2012 *GFWC Club Manual*—found at

www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers — to clarify a few contest rules. Below are the revisions that were made:

1. **Photo format.** Photo submissions for all three photography contests must be submitted in a print format.

If you have a digital photo you wish to submit, please submit a high-quality print of it.

2. **Photo size.** The photo size of the entry for the A Year in Pictures Photography Contest must be at least 10 x 12 inches, but no larger than 14 x 16 inches.

3. **Photo markings.** For all three photography contests, please do not mark any information on the back of the photo, including contact information or an arrow pointing to the top, as this can damage the photo. Instead, please submit a separate sheet of paper with the pho-

tographer's contact information, name of the sponsoring club, and State Federation, a brief caption providing the location and other notes about the photo, and the photo title.

4. **Photo matting.** Please do not submit matted photos, as this makes scanning them difficult on our end.

5. **Contest year clarification.** As a clarification, a "contest year" always runs from May of the previous year to May of the year that the contest awards are given. This year's contest year is May 2010-May 2011.



You are "mint" to be at the Star Woman's Club Kentucky Derby Gar- den Party

When: May 7th

Time: 3 pm-until

Where: Home of Perrie and George Paul,
127 Longwood Drive, Florence, MS
(Plantation Shores)

Food: Appetizers and Pork Dinner

Cost: \$15 per person

Wear your Hats, Ya'll
Party is a charitable event!



VOLUNTEERING

*Volunteering is good
for the heart and
the soul.*

**WE'RE ON
THE WEB!
[WWW.GFWC-
MFWC.ORG](http://WWW.GFWC-MFWC.ORG)**



GO NUTS FOR FUNDRAISING

Looking for an easy fundraiser that your supporters will love? Consider Uncle Al's Pecans. A family-owned and operated business founded nearly 30 years ago, Uncle Al's has been a part of the GFWC family for years. Uncle Al's can supply your club with nuts (raw, roasted, or salted), chocolate or toffee coated items, fruit mixes, and other snack products for your fundraising project. For more information, contact Uncle Al's Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. CST, at 800-877-4208.



GET JAZZED FOR FUNDRAISING WITH COFFEE

Grounds for Change offers coffee with a twist: with every bag, their coffee focuses on the social, environmental, and financial implications of conducting business. With products personalized to GFWC, members can provide a personalized and premium product to fundraising supporters. The end result is a truly exceptional cup of coffee! For more information, go to www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers.



SUPPORT GFWC WHEN YOU SHOP AT AMAZON.COM

Help strengthen GFWC's volunteer programs the next time you shop at Amazon.com by making your purchases through GFWC's Amazon.com affiliate link. The link enables members to direct **up to 15 percent** of their total purchases to the Federation. The link can be accessed here, or by clicking on the Amazon.com image at www.GFWC.org.



DONATIONS

Supporting GFWC's efforts to help two noble causes—disaster relief in Japan and survivors of domestic violence—is now even easier. Online donation options are now available on the GFWC Marketplace for both the GFWC Japan Disaster Relief Effort and the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund. Go to www.GFWC.org/Marketplace, or make a donation over the phone by calling 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

Supports the GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project. \$1 donated = 7 meals secured by Feeding America on behalf of local food banks.



VOLUNTEER- ING

* *Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love... ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

* *No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers. ~ Ronald Reagan*

* *Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service*

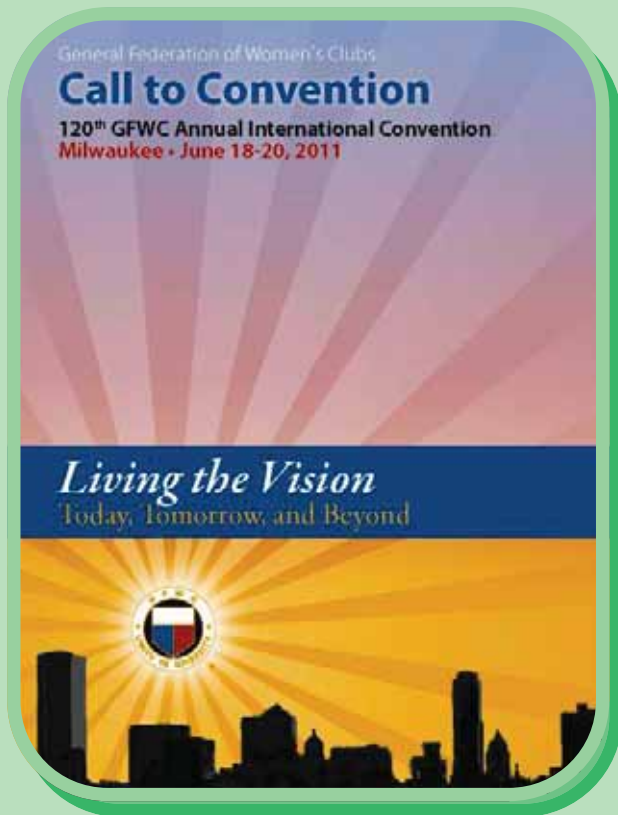
Important Dates

May 2011

7th	You are "mint" to be at the Star Woman's Club Kentucky Derby Garden Party. 3:00 p.m. - until.
8th	Mother's Day
10th	The GFWC-MFWC Fortnightly Club of Waynesboro, Mississippi will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on May 10, 2011 at the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library. Celebration will start at 3:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.
3rd - 18th	Batesville Junior Woman's League will be celebrating National Photography Month in May. The club members are hosting a photography display at Batesville Public Library from May 3-May 18th. All photography on exhibit will be original photography by BJWL club-members. Reception to be held on May 18 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.
30th	Memorial Day

June 2011

14th	Flag Day
15th	Deadline for Jennie Awards nomination to be submitted to President McCoy
18th - 20th	GFWC Convention in Milwaukee, WI
19th	Father's Day
24th	GFWC-MFWC Executive/Finance Committee Meeting (Headquarters), Jackson, MS
25th	GFWC-MFWC Board Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS



Stamp Out Hunger™

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH JOIN US!

Place non-perishable food donations in a bag next to your mailbox.

On **Saturday, May 14, 2011**, join in the fight to end hunger. Stamp Out Hunger™ is the nation's largest single-day food drive. You can help by leaving food donations next to your mailbox for your letter carrier. [Find Out More >](#)



National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011. For more information, check out this website: <http://nationaldayofprayer.org/>.

as a local volunteer. ~Jimmy Carter

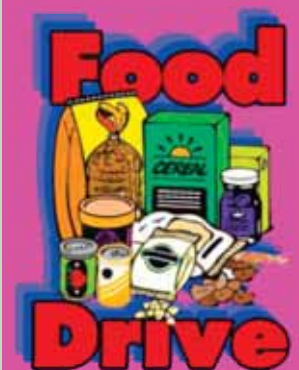
* Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them. ~Harriet Naylor

Waynesboro Fortnightly Club
Celebrating 100 Years
1910 - 2010

GFWC - MFWC
Fortnightly Club
of
Waynesboro, Mississippi

cordially invites you to a
100th Anniversary Reception
Tuesday, the tenth of May
Two thousand and Eleven
three in the afternoon

Waynesboro - Wayne County
Memorial Library



Support the
President's Special
Project -
Feeding Fellow
Mississippians

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General Federations in Essay, Panel Discussion, and One-Act Play Contests.

- * In 1938, Federation dues were sixty cents.
- * In 1941, Mrs. B. M. Howorth of West Point, International Relations Chairman, won first place in the General Federation Contest for Best Report of the Year. Also winning first place in a General Federation Contest for Best District Chairman was Mrs. H. Davis of Union

Taken from "A History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs 1898-1998" by Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum.



RALEIGH WOMAN'S CLUB CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

By Willie Grace Myatt,
GFWC-MFWC Raleigh
Woman's Club Secretary.

The beautifully decorated fellowship hall of Raleigh United Methodist Church was the setting for the celebration of the 80th birthday of Raleigh Woman's Club on March 3, 2011. Tables covered with white table cloths, green velvet ribbon and white roses greeted members and guests when they entered. Green and white are the club's signature colors and the club flower is the white rose.

Lisa Harris, Club President, welcomed everyone and Willie Grace Myatt led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Dianne Harms, pastor of Raleigh United Methodist Church, gave the Invocation. Judy T. Martin read a Proclamation from the town of Raleigh, commending the club for the work it has done for the betterment of the community and town for the past eighty years.

Mary Edmond shared some of the history of The Raleigh Woman's Club. Facts were gleaned

from club records, but also from conversations she had with Mrs. Vera Martin, one of the club's earliest members. "March 18, 1931, was a cold and windy day", began the story of the beginning of Raleigh Woman's Club. Fourteen women met in the home of Mrs. Allen Caughman to form an organization that would grow and serve the community for the next eighty years. We were reminded that in 1931, America was still in the midst of the Great Depression. The club adopted the motto, "A Better Raleigh", and that is still what the club works toward today. Mrs. B. W. Ware was elected as the first club president. The club and individual members were involved in many activities, including The Heart Fund, T.B. Drives, Cancer Fund, Red Cross, Blood Banks, Whitfield, clean-up campaigns, and – even a rat extermination campaign in the winter of 1935!

The club organized the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball and the Summer Reading Program. It sponsored fund-

raising projects to buy material to build what we now know as the Vera Martin Community Center, which was built with W.P.A. (Work Progress Authority) labor. The library has always been an important club project. It began with just two dozen books, in the back room of a grocery store, and progressed to the library we enjoy today.

Dresses, hats and gloves were the appropriate attire for club meetings. Officers sat at a head table and refreshments were served on fine china with silverware. Meetings were held in member's homes. Many things have changed since then, but one thing has not. That is the club mission. We honor and pay tribute to those fourteen ladies, along with Mrs. Vera , and the members that followed. They set an example of service that members of today and the future will strive to achieve.

Current club officers were recognized as follows:

- President - Lisa A. Harris

- Vice-President – Theresa Berryhill
- Secretary/Reporter – Willie Grace Myatt
- Treasurer – Becky Martin
- Historian – Mary Edmond
- Parliamentarian – Judy Martin.

Dr. Tammie McCoy, State President of GFWC-MFWC, Inc., honored two club women with outstanding records of service to Raleigh Woman's Club. Nicki Yeager was presented a certificate for fifty-four years and Vivien Corley for seventy years as club member.

Members and guests enjoyed wonderful food, beautifully displayed and served. All the while, Nada Tullos was providing a feast for the ears with her golden harp. Various awards earned by the club were displayed, as well as pictures and programs from years past. Several club year books were on display.

In her closing remarks, Club President, Lisa Harris, told of the awards the club had won at the District V Convention, held in Star, MS, the day before. We were especially proud to have been named “Club of the Year 2010”, and Lisa

was honored as “District V Club Woman of the Year”.

As is always the case, no event such as this can be successful without the hard work and cooperation of all involved. We especially want to thank our committee chairmen. They are: Nada Tullos - music; Carrie Harris and Flora Headrick - food; Carolyn Ainsworth, Shelia Bryant and Mary Edmond, decorations.



President McCoy honors Vivien Corley for seventy years of service to the GFWC-MFWC. From left to right, Lisa A. Harris, RWC President, Vivien Corley and GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy .



Early picture of the Smith County Federated Women's Clubs. Picture taken in front of the Vera Martin Community Center. The Raleigh Woman's Club sponsored several fundraising projects to buy material to build what we now know as the Vera Martin Community Center, which was built with W.P.A. (Work Progress Authority) labor. Date of picture is unknown.

ITEMS AVAILABLE AT MFWC MARKET PLACE

- ◇ MFWC Aprons . . \$20.00
- ◇ MFWC T-Shirts . . \$15.00
- ◇ MFWC Notecards . . 10 for \$6.00
5 for \$3.00
- ◇ MFWC Members Pins . . \$5.00
- ◇ MFWC Sweat-shirts . . \$20.00
- ◇ MFWC Polo Shirts (special order) . . \$20.00
- ◇ MFWC Umbrella . . \$15.00
- ◇ MFWC Cloth Grocery Bag . . \$5.00
- ◇ Kym Garraway Notecards . . \$1.00 ea.
- ◇ Pin Ribbons . . \$1.00 ea.

Contact Diane Rouse, Ways and Means Chair to order any of these items.



GFWC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA:

SPRING INTO ACTION AND START "GROWING MEMBERS"

Spring is the time when the weather warms, and we feel a sense of resurgence and renewal. This is when seeds are planted and many flowers bloom. All GFWC members should concentrate on cultivating our club gardens and growing new members.

Gardening is a way of showing that you believe in tomorrow.

—Author Unknown

March

National Craft Month

This one's for the girls! Host a Mother's Day card-making event. Invite potential and current members to invite their daughters and or granddaughters to craft handmade cards for a domestic violence shelter. The unique cards would be given to the children in the shelter to give to their mothers. Not only will this event strengthen bonds between the crafters, but it will also instill a sense of volunteerism. This hands-on project will promote the good works of your

club to attract new members—and could even be the start of a Juniorette club.

National Women's History Month

A perfect time to spotlight the accomplishments of your club is National Women's History Month by hosting a "My Biggest



Achievement" event. Invite members and guests to share what they believe is their own personal historic moments as a woman, not including their marriage or children. Show the history chapter of the GFWC DVD and provide a display that highlights GFWC and club information, including the club's current and past community projects. Share

information on how the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center is ensuring that women are written into history. Explain that the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the history of GFWC and women volunteers. What guest could resist joining such an essential part of their community?

April

Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day by planning eco-friendly activities for your members and guests. You can plant trees in a park, participate in forest restoration projects, and seed urban gardens. Plan a day to have members and guests change the light bulbs at your local homeless shelter to the energy efficient bulbs donated by your club. Encourage your members and guests to do the same in their own homes. Plastic shopping bags are a big garbage, recycling, and environmental problem; it takes 1,000 years for a bag

to break down. Celebrate Federation Day, and host a green sewing day. Invite members, friends, and guests to a day of crafting reusable shopping bags to take to the grocery store. You have planted the “green” seed. Serve a green salad and soup lunch following the activity. The club’s environmental activities will not only encourage your guests to become members of the “Green Generation,” but also GFWC members!

May

Celebrate National Hamburger, Salad, and Clean Air Month

Hold a backyard barbecue guest night. Serve, what else—burgers and salad! Include an informational display regarding your club and GFWC, and members and guests will share federation facts, fun, and food. As an incentive, hold a drawing and provide one prospective member with a complimentary year of membership in your club (or a discount on dues) if she joins.

National Bike Month

Hold a bike safety check at your local elementary school and partner with your local police department. Wear apparel that identifies you as a GFWC club and provide information about your club and GFWC with the certificate of inspection.

A Time For GFWC’s Seasonal Recruitment Campaign Report

If your club recruits three new members during the “Growing Members” Spring Membership Campaign, please go to MFWC website (http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Advancement_Areas.html) and complete the Recruitment Campaign Report and email it



Membership and the MFWC. Membership Prop as used by GFWC-MFWC Membership Chair Suzanne Poynor.

to gfwc@gfwc.org. Be sure to email a copy to Membership Chair Suzanne Poynor.

The 3 R’s of membership are still as important as ever: RETAIN, RECRUIT and REBUILD.

For more information on GFWC-MFWC membership, please contact



Jo Anne Reid of the GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club is showing how to grow new members as a part of the “A Time for GFWC’s Seasonal Recruitment Campaign.”

Suzanne Poynor, Membership Chair at (601) 845-7014 or suzpoynor@aol.com.



GFWC-MFWC Membership Chair Suzanne Poynor.

By 2010-2012 GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman Beverly Laster

The GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund and the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship was launched on January 27, 2011. The GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship will change the lives of survivors across the country as we help them to take the next step in reshaping their future in a positive way. We can't really understand another person's experience until we've walked in their shoes. However, GFWC will make a lasting impact on eight domestic violence survivors in June 2012 as we make certain that as they continue to walk forward, theirs is a more pleasant journey. A true success!

With the launch

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT POSTING #2

of the new Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund, GFWC is now able to receive contributions from GFWC Regions, State Federations, districts, local clubs, and individuals. The new GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence and Awareness Prevention Pins are now available from the GFWC Marketplace at www.GFWC.org/Marketplace or by calling 1-800-443-GFWC (4392). Order your pin today. Proceeds from sales of the pin will benefit the GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund.

Do not forget about the elderly. Plan some of your projects at assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Adopt an elderly couple in your area and make sure they are being cared for—are they being fed properly, do they need help with their pets, the lawn, or just a friendly visit from a smiling GFWC clubwoman? Prepare now for that special project your clubs can do in June, Elder

Abuse Prevention Month! The GFWC Books & Bears project is underway. Prevent Child Abuse America recently sent each State President 300 books entitled *Rose's New Shoes*, A



Book About Bullying, which were donated to them from the National Kappa Delta Sorority. States are encouraged to attach a small teddy bear to each book and deliver them to elementary aged children in March for Literacy Month or April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. These books can be donated to area Girls Scouts, Girls on the Run chapters, Title 1 schools and more. Be crea-

tive and use this wonderful gift as a media tool in your communities highlighting your club, your State Federation, GFWC, Prevent Child Abuse America, and the National Kappa Delta Sorority.

And last, but certainly not least, check out the information from Prevent Child Abuse America regarding its House Parties at:

www.HousePartyWeekend.org. We all love to throw and attend parties, and this is a wonderful way to raise awareness and money for this organization and your local Prevent Child Abuse organizations. PCA America would love for GFWC clubwomen to hold parties. Remember that GFWC members do make a difference and together we will leave our Signature on the lives of many.

You can choose from two different words, both of the same spelling. Will you as GFWC clubwomen be No-where or Now-here when it comes to volunteering? You make the choice!

**THANK YOU FROM MISTY WRIGHT
"YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH A WRIGHT"**

Beauty queens, a moose, singers, the tornado, tons of door prizes, and lots of fun and crazy times !!!!! That is how I will remember 2011 GFWC-MFWC state convention.

I would like to say many heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful women that helped me prepare for our state convention.

I truly believe that a fun time was had by all. I would like to congratulate Tinker on her winning Club Wom-

an of the Year. She truly deserved to win. I would also like to congratulate the State Club of the Year. Way to go ladies!!!

I look forward to another great year of service. To all of my ladies in District IV, I would like to say thank you for letting me represent you as District IV Clubwoman of the year. I am very honored to be your president and represent you.

I will be getting the nominating committee ready in just a little while to

slate officers for the next two years. If any of you would like to hold a district office please email me and let me know.

If you need anything in the coming year please let me know.

I have been apart of many different organizations over the years, but I am proudest to say that I am a member of MFWC!!!

Misty K. Wright



Left - District IV President Misty Wright during the District President's skit. Above - Beauty Pageant contestants (GFWC-MFWC Team Reports).

**NOTE FROM
LYNDA ESSARY,
DISTRICT II
PRESIDENT**

I want to say thank you to all the clubs in District II that reported and to all of the ones that came to the convention.

Congratulations to the tie we had for District II Club of the Year – Quitman's Woman's Club and Decatur Progressive Woman's Club. Congratulation to Sheila "Tinker" Forrester for District II Club Woman of the Year and for GFWC-MFWC Club Woman of the Year 2010. Could not have been anyone better than you.

All of hard work that each club did is what voluntarism is about and you ladies out did yourself with the services that you do in your communities.

Looking forward to severing as your District II President for 2012, just know that I am always willing to help your clubs. Thank you and have a great summer, see you soon.

**EDUCATION -PARTNERSHIPS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

By Deana Pittman, Education Community Service Program -Partnership Chair.

Dear Fellow MFWC Clubwomen,

First of all, I want to say how much I truly enjoyed reading all of the partnership reports on "Judging Day" in February. I am so awed by the work that the ladies of MFWC across the state do! I loved seeing not only the massive volunteer efforts going on across our state, but seeing the number of programs and projects that were initiated by GFWC-MFWC Clubwomen like you!

I know that will all of the confusion and changes in partnerships last year, reporting was a little daunting. We hope that these suggestions will help with your record-keeping and reporting endeavors. And, as good as our first year with the new GFWC partnerships was, I KNOW we can do better... now that we understand what our partnerships are and how we can serve to earn hours under those partnerships. I

just want to remind everyone again of our partnerships and just suggest a few ideas for those partnerships.



**Partnerships
in Education**

American Library Association (ALA)

Visit the ALA's website at www.ala.org. There are so many wonderful resources on this website. There are printable fact sheets and brochures that you can print to share information about the ALA with your club members or with the public. There are also webinars and podcasts that your club members can view. Make plans now for your club to participate in Virtual Library Legislative Week, May 9-13. There is a short survey to complete to

pledge how your club plans to participate: write, call, or email to your leaders in congress to help support our libraries. Add "Banned Books Week" to your club's calendar for September 24-October 1. Use the time beforehand to compile a list of books that have been banned from libraries for various reasons. Everyone read a book on the list and give a brief review at your October club meeting.

Mentoring USA

Although Mississippi does not have a Mentoring USA site, your club can still earn hours with this partnership through donations to Mentoring USA and by educating your members and the public about this organization. Go to the Mentoring USA website www.mentoringUSA.org and utilize the resources there to help with mentoring programs that you already have in place or use concepts there to start your own local program.

Reading Rockets

I cannot say enough

about the boundless resources, ideas, and events that are on this website. Check them out at www.readingrockets.org! Focus on literacy at your club meetings and watch a video on literacy from this website, or use other virtual resources to “meet” authors. Use parent guides from this website to give to parents in your “Books for Babies” program or share them with a local school. View episodes from the Reading Rockets/WETA Public Television library online; use their Literacy Calendar to focus on certain events/issues at your club meetings. Honestly, there are countless ways for your club to get involved with Reading Rockets.

Please remember, to earn hours with our GFWC Education Partnerships, we may not always be directly involved by giving a donation; think outside of the box and utilize the resources that are available from the partnerships. While donating is definitely one very vital way to get involved, not all clubs have the financial resources to donate, or they would rather keep

those resources local. One very big responsibility of GFWC women is to raise awareness about the causes and organizations that we support. Your club can earn hours by educating themselves and others about these partnerships.

- * Print ready-made resources/brochures from these websites to share information about these organizations with your club members and your community.

- * At your next meeting, set up a computer and watch one of the videos about one of the partnerships. If no one in your club is “computer-savvy” enough to do this, this is a great opportunity to get to know your local library staff or even a local school’s technology students.

- * Host a “reading night” at a local school or pre-school: read a story, provide refreshments, and have parent resources (How to Help Struggling Readers, Learning to Read,

etc.) on hand to share with parents.

- * Adopt a classroom, purchase and donate books and other literacy materials from the Reading Rockets store.

- * Have a librarian that is a member of ALA come and speak to your club about ALA, why she is a member, its importance, and how she uses resources from ALA.

- * Look for opportunities to support these organizations through legislative actions. There is almost always some type of legislative action in the works regarding our public libraries, school libraries, or literacy education.

- * Many of these organizations have free materials that they can send out to civic organizations. Email, write, or call these partnerships to see what they have to offer.

Check out the websites and sign up for email alerts. These partnerships

will send you emails about upcoming events, special focuses, and general publicity items. These are great ways for your club to keep abreast of what is going on with these partnerships. (And it’s free!)

These are just a few suggestions of ways that your club can get involved with our GFWC Education Partnerships! Please share ways that your club has earned hours with our partnerships; I would love new ideas to share with other clubs! REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! If I can be of any help to you or your club, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Deana Pittman

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TEAMWORK IS ...

- * Teamwork is working together — even when apart. ~Unknown
- * Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships. ~ Michael Jordan
- * The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side. ~ Margaret Carty
- * A job worth doing is worth doing together. - Author Unknown
- * "Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." Andrew Carnegie
- * "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller
- * "Individuals play the game, but teams beat the odds." SEAL Team saying

GFWC-MFWC NUMBERS

Let's talk numbers.

Membership

Numbers By Districts:

District I

13 General Clubs with 333 members and 1 Juniette Club with 29 members for a total of 14 clubs and 362 members.

District II

13 General Clubs with 248 members and 1 Juniette Club with 12 members for a total of 14 clubs and 260 members.

District III

13 General Clubs with 292 members and 4 Juniette Clubs with 80 members for a total of 372 members.

District IV

8 General Clubs with 211 members and 1 Juniette Club with 17 members for a total of 9 clubs and 228 members.

District V

12 General Clubs with 257 members and 3 Juniette Clubs with 45 members for a total of 15 clubs and 302

members.

Numbers For State:

General Clubs - 59 clubs with 1,341 members
Juniette Clubs - 10 clubs with 183 members.

Total Club = 69
Total Members =1,524

dates notices sent out to GFWC-MFWC clubwomen during the 23 weeks the website was available in the 2010 club year concerning 45 website changes. Most of these changes were associated with the updating of the GFWC Club Manual.

Facebook

The GFWC-MFWC went live during the first week of October 2010 with it own facebook page. The GFWC-MFWC facebook page has 44 people who like and 7 friends.

Who is viewing our facebook page:

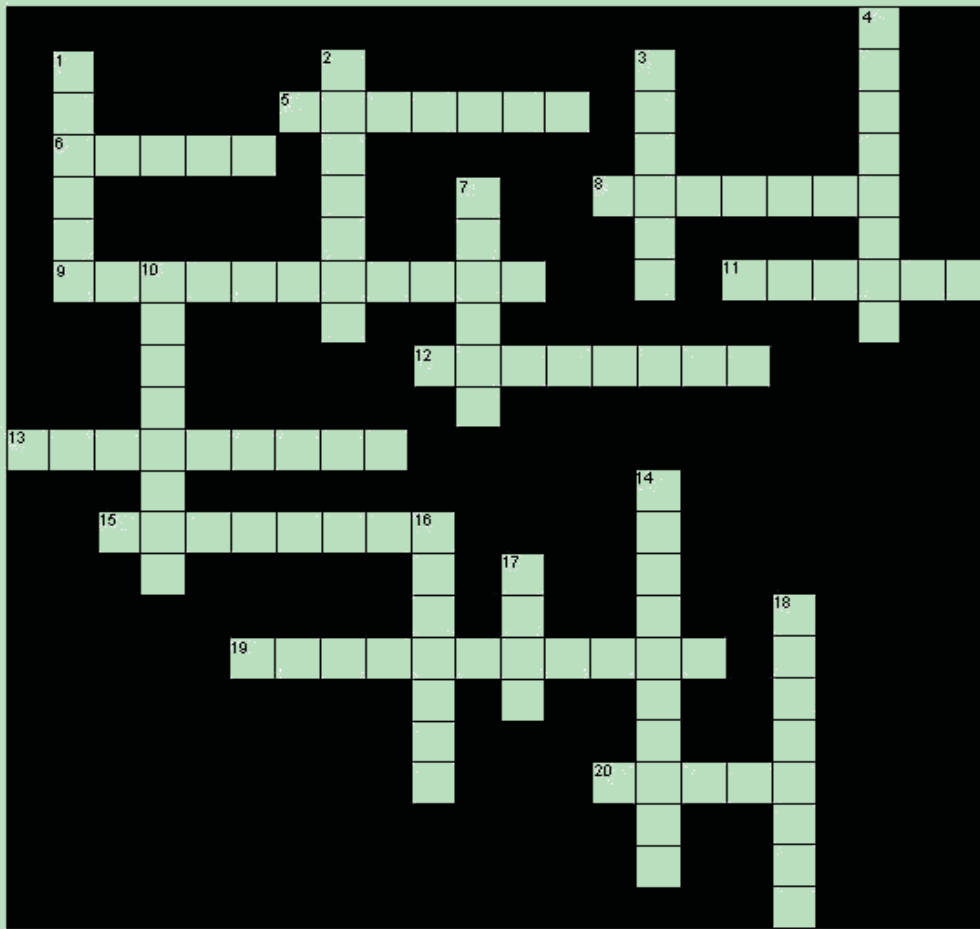
- * Gender - 100 % female
- * Age Groups
 - * 25-34 - 23%
 - * 35-44 - 25%
 - * 45-54 - 9.1%
 - * 55+ - 43%
- * Countries
 - * 42 from U. S.
 - * 2 from Canada



Website

During the twenty-three weeks from July 26, 2011 to January 2, 2011, 30,531 pages were viewed on our website at www.gfwc-mfwc.org. That is an average of 1,307 pages viewed each week. Thank you GFWC-MFWC clubwomen for using our website. There were 17 website up-

Volunteering Crossword Puzzle



http://pbskids.org/filmsmylife Copyright © 2005 CastleWorks, Inc. All rights reserved.

Across

- 5. Instead of throwing glass, metal or paper in the trash, you should try to _____ it.
- 6. You'll get a lot out of being a volunteer, but don't expect any of this.
- 8. Good volunteers always show ____ to others.
- 9. It's the natural world that's all around us, and we need to protect it.
- 11. This place of learning can be a good place to ask about getting involved in charity.
- 12. Special days of the year when most people are happy, but some might feel extra lonely or sad.
- 13. Temporarily caring for an unwanted pet until you can find a new family for it.

- 15. If you are "cooperative", that means you _____ with others (2 words)
- 19. This is the term for collecting money to give to a worthy cause.
- 20. A _____ helps other students learn and get better in school subjects.

Down

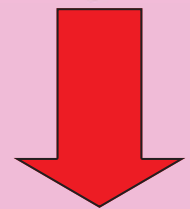
- 1. If you go around bragging about your accomplishments, you aren't being _____.
- 2. You can ask for extra _____ of potatoes or lend a _____ hand to someone in need.
- 3. As a volunteer, you might meet a new person who will become a life-long _____.
- 4. You can help out an _____ event to help

- shelter animals and unwanted pets find homes.
- 7. Elderly men and women are also known as _____ citizens.
- 10. You could spend yours lounging at the beach, or helping with an important cause.
- 14. If someone steps on your foot, you get a black and blue toe, but if you plant trees, you get a _____ (2 words).
- 16. It's a building that has lots of books and also lots of volunteers.
- 17. One creative way to help the needy in winter is to _____ scarves, hats and gloves.
- 18. These people serve their country in the military, but might need your help now.



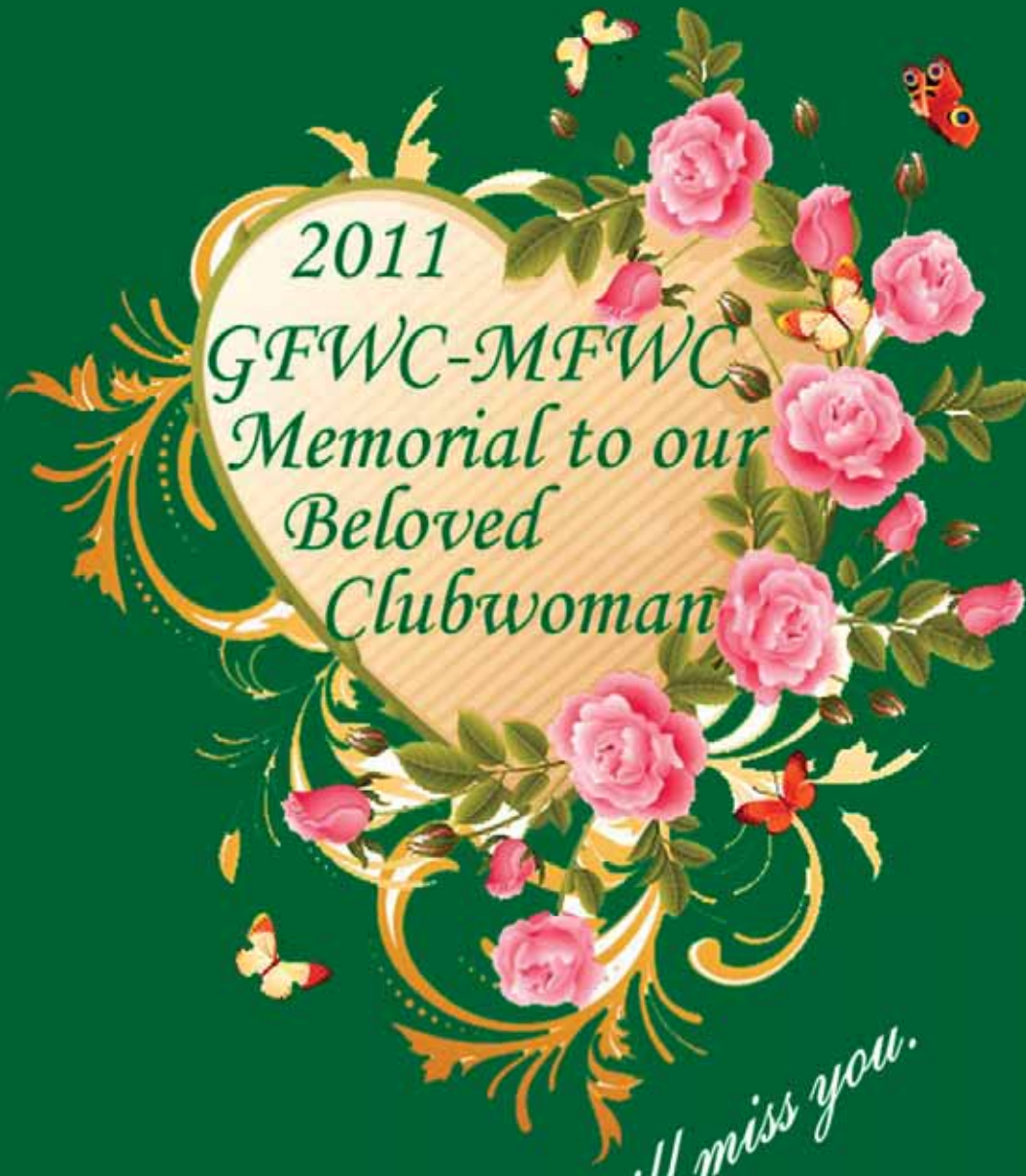
TEAMWORK

From This



To This





We will miss you.



*A Symbol of
Hope*

*A butterfly
lights beside us
like a sunbeam.*

*And for a
brief moment
its glory and
beauty belong
to our world.*

*But then it
flies again.
And though
we wish it
could have
stayed...
We feel lucky
to have seen it.*

Unknown

District I

- * Fidelia Club of Ellisville
 - * Lucille Devalle Thomas
- * Fortnightly Club
 - * Bertie Louise Eddy Flowers

District II

- * Quitman Woman's Club
 - * Martha Cotton

District III

- * GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
 - * Kim Snellings
- * Woman's Club of Aberdeen
 - * Clara Farley Thomas
 - * Jane Fairchild Lancaster

District IV

- * GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club
 - * Ms. Dixie Gladney
 - * Mrs. James Carothers Herron
- * GFWC-MFWC Cleveland Woman's Club
 - * Laverne Heslep
 - * Mary (Molly) Rollins Whittington

Shaman

- * Roselyn Strong Moody
- * Greenwood Woman's Club
 - * Ms. Juanita Baker
 - * Ms. Lurleen Thomas
 - * Ms. Mary Ann Shaw

District V

- * Crystal Spring Floral Club
 - * Zubie Knight Martello
- * GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club
 - * Maria Lynn Roberts
- * GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club
 - * Mrs. B. J. (Merle) Craft

* GFWC-MFWC Star Woman's Club

- * J'Linda Roberts Hardwick

Gong Home

Going home, going home,
 I'm just going home.
 Quiet-like, slip away-
 I'll be going home.
 It's not far, just close by;
 Jesus is the Door;
 Work all done, laid aside,
 Fear and grief no more.
 Friends are there, waiting now.
 He is waiting, too.
 See His smile! See His hand!
 He will lead me through.

 Morning Star lights the way;
 Restless dream all done;
 Shadows gone, break of day,
 Life has just begun.
 Every tear wiped away,
 Pain and sickness gone;
 Wide awake there with Him!
 Peace goes on and on!
 Going home, going home,
 I'll be going home.
 See the Light! See the Sun!
 I'm just going home.

GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

Team MFWC - One Strong



Voice For Volunteerism

TAMMIE MCCOY, RN, PHD
GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT
2010-2012

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For Volunteerism*

*President's Special Project:
Feeding Fellow Mississippians*

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TEAMWORK divides the
task and multiplies the suc-
cess. ~Author Unknown.



2011



GFWC International President Carlene Garner and GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy visit before dinner.

Thursday, April 14th



Left to right - Libby Everett, Vice President; Sue Addy, Recording Secretary; Suzanne Poynor, President-elect; Jo Anne Reid, Finance Chair; Carlene Garner, GFWC International President; Dr. Tammie McCoy, GFWC-MFWC President; Shirley Hilburn, Treasurer; Judy T. Martin, Parliamentarian.

Friday, April 15th

Activities

- * 7:00 a.m. - MS Leadership Education and Development Seminar LEADS (sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund)
- * 9:30 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting (for the big wigs)
- * 10:40 a.m. - Tammie Weather strikes - Clubwomen are rushed to basement for a real life tornado drill
- * 11:15 a.m. - All cleared - tornado has left the area but leaves behind rain and destruction in Clinton, MS
- * 11:00 a.m. - Brunch



Left to right - Carlene Garner, GFWC International President; Dr. Tammie McCoy, GFWC-MFWC President; Suzanne Poynor, President-elect; Jeanith Burdine, MS LEADS 2010 Representative; Susan Shurden, MS LEADS Chair and Deborah Tierce, guest speaker, President, Tierce Motivational Training.

Tornado Drill - Basement of Eagle Ridge Conference Center



GFWC-MFWC President McCoy and Deborah Tierce, Brunch Guest Speaker



MS LEADS Front Row (L-R), Suzanne Poynor, Carlene Garner, Tammie McCoy, Ivous Sisk, Deborah Tierce and Susan Shurden.

Back Row - MS LEADS Participants - Carol Shoemaker, Melinda Shope, Eleanor Bayless, Lisa Harris, Terri Whitehurst, Lisa Barefield, Rannie Gillentine and Diane Rouse.



Friday, April 15th

1:00 p.m. - Official Opening Ceremonies of the 113th Annual Convention

President McCoy hiding from the camera.



National Anthem sung by Celeste Lum of Flowood, MS. Niece of Diane Rouse.



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



MFWC Cook-off - Can they cook? Can she judge a cook-off? We know she can't cook.



Beauty Pageant



Beauty Pageant



Master of Ceremony, Madame Doodlesquatt Doolittle

- Beauty Pageant -
1. A large-scale stage production representing historical or legendary events.
 2. A elaborate and colorful procession, display or ceremonial occasion.

a WILD affair



"The PAST", the GFWC-MFWC singing group

District Pictures



District I



District II



District III

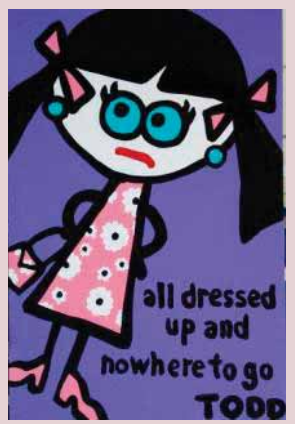


District IV



District V

All dressed up
and no place to go 





Banquet



Richland High School
Jazz Ensemble



Keynote speaker, GFWC
International President
Carlene Garner



President McCoy singing alone
with Chanda Campbell Lantern



Chanda Campbell Lantern,
Batesville Junior Woman's
League , sings "One Voice" for
President McCoy

The Mug Shots Awards

2010 District Clubwomen of the Year



Sandy Houston,
District I



Sheila "Tinker"
Forrester, District II



Rose Mary Shelton,
District III



Misty Wright,
District IV



Lisa A. Harris
District V

MFWC 2010 Clubwoman of the Year





MS LEADS



MS LEADS Participants: Clockwise, Lisa Barefield, Eleanor Bayless, Lisa A. Harris and Rannie Gillentine



MS LEADS Participates: Clockwise, Carol Shoemaker, Melina Shope, Diane Rouse and Terrie Whitehurst.

2011 MS LEADS Representative - Diane Rouse



2010 District Clubs of the Year



Kathleen Penton, GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, District I



Felicia Smith, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, District II



Cassie Bryant, GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce, District III



Mary Jo Cook, GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club, District IV



Lisa A. Harris, GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club, District V

Sue McMurtry, Quitman Woman's Club, District II (not pictured)

Our host (Batesville Junior Woman's League) hard at work preparing goodie bags.



IT'S A PARTY

President McCoy with Team MFWC special banners.



Saturday, April 16th

Activities

- * 7:00 a.m. - Prayer Breakfast, Barbie Bassett, Guest Speaker
- * 9:00 a.m. - Business Session Continues



Barbie Bassett, Author and Guest Speaker



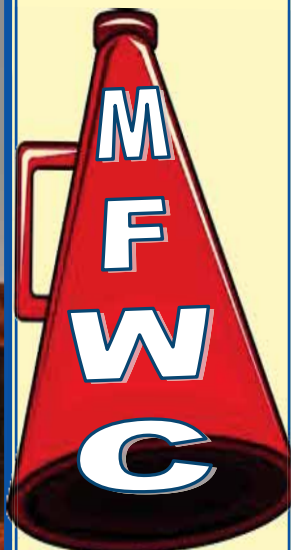
2011 Memorial Butterfly Tree



Tinker provides special music for a beautiful day



Reading of Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes



Marilyn Blackledge of MS Food Network



2010 Clubs of the Year



5th place - GFWC-MFWC
Civic Woman's Club of
Picayune



4th place - Cosmopolitan
Club of Petal



2nd place - GFWC-MFWC
Raleigh Woman's Club



2nd place - Fine Arts Club of
Bruce



1st place - GFWC-MFWC
2010 Club of the Year -
GFWC-MFWC
Twentieth Century Club
of Bruce

