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## A MESSAGE FROM GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT MCCOY

Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

Oh my, how time flies when you are having fun!!!!!! This past year has truly been a special time. I have enjoyed my service to you as MFWC President. I cannot believe that we are beginning a new club year. I cannot wait to hear and *see* all about your club's activities.

As I write this, I am preparing to travel to Seattle to the GFWC Board Meeting. Ivous, JoAnn, Judy, and I are looking forward to attending the meeting and learning more about GFWC initiatives. Carlene has several special activities planned and I will look forward to telling you about them when I return.

Lisa has included several special invitations within this newsletter. There are many wonderful activities that you can participate in to help support your fellow clubwomen. One notice is about our 2011 Southern Region Confer-

ence. Be sure to review the time for our trip to Tampa. We would love to have all of you attend. Suzanne and I need your help in hosting the annual Mississippi party. Our party was the place to be last year and we need YOU to help promote our wonderful Mississippi hospitality. (More to come as we learn the 2011 Southern Region Conference Agenda.)

Also of special note within this newsletter, Lisa has added pictures of highlights of our 2011 GFWC International Convention. We all had a wonderful time. Both Suzanne and I loved receiving the awards on your behalf, you can see that we could not help but smile brightly as we crossed the stage to receive the award certificates. – KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK..... and REPORT. A special thanks to Judy Martin, GFWC Home Life Collaboration chair, for the reporting workshop for our MFWC



GFWC-MFWC President  
Tammie McCoy

chairmen. Chairmen met as a group at the conclusion of 2011 MFWC summer board meeting. Next year, we will look forward to receiving more awards for Mississippi.

GFWC has recently started adding helpful program hints to the *News and Notes* email blasts. Judy's report was one of the first and will be included within this newsletter. All clubs enjoy assisting in the areas of home life and Judy has provided monthly ideas. I know that those ideas will be very helpful for your club.

Additionally, please note that Lisa has included the

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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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A Note from Darlene Adams

Ladies,

I am having surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital August 24 at 1 pm EST. I am scheduled for the Whipple Surgery. A very complicated surgery, but God is in control of all this. I was found to have a 4x4 mass on the head of my pancreas. At the time of the first CT scan, they also found metastasized lymph nodes (sp?), but now they can't find them (praise God!). After 3D testing at JHH, They believe it to be a neuroendocrine tumor and Whipple is necessary. After interviewing 3 surgeons, I feel JHH is where God is leading me.

I will be in the hospital for an expectant 9 day stay and need to stay a week or so in Baltimore after that. I so appreciate your prayers as I want to be an "exception" to every rule of the Whipple surgery's expected after problems, etc.

Thank you, Darlene

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link to the revised MFWC Dues Form and the revised MFWC Handbook including all of the wonderful bylaws changes that were approved at the 2011 MFWC convention. Lisa wants to keep you as up to date as possible. Let us know if you need any additional information.

Remember to send your club announcements, ideas, and photos to Lisa. MFWC club women enjoy seeing your programs and projects. As

always, thank you for your wonderful support of my PSP: Feeding Fellow Mississippians. Many lives have been touched with your kindness.

If I can be of assistance, be sure to let me know. I am just one call, text, or email click away. I would love to hear from you.

You are truly *TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism*. Thank you for all of the work that you con-

tinue to do to support your community.

Love in Volunteer Service,  
*Tammie*

PS - Please remember to keep Darlene Adams, MFWC Public Issues Partnership chair, in your thoughts and prayers. Darlene will be undergoing major surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital within the next few days. I will keep you updated. (See left sidebar).

Extra! Extra! Hear All About it!!

By Suzanne Poynor, President-elect and Membership Chair

YES, GFWC-MFWC is sponsoring a **MEMBERSHIP Contest!** A **REWARD** of \$10 is being offered per member net increase. The contest dates are July 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011. Clubs need to send new member information with dues to Shirley Hillburn postmarked no later than December 31, 2011.

Those clubs with the net increases will be presented their **REWARDS** at the

2012 District Conventions! What exactly is a net increase? Example: Last year December 31, 2010 a MFWC Club had 20 members. To get the **REWARD**, the club would get \$10 per member over the prior year membership number. If this Club has 21 members on December 31, 2011 ( 20 members to 21), they would get a \$10 **REWARD!**

What starting membership number will we use? The number of members as of December 31, 2010 ..... (The **OFFICIAL** number for 2010)

**MEMBERSHIP** must be a priority for MFWC! The Membership Committee and Task Force hope this contest will be a fun way to find new members to include in the Outstanding Volunteer Work of MFWC!!

Get busy!! Best Wishes!! Let's "Break the Bank"!



# WANTED! ALIVE!



# MFWC CLUBWOMEN REWARD OFFERED!

By Membership Task Force:  
**\$10 per member net increase**

#### Membership Contest Rules:

- Contest begins July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
- New member information must be reported with dues postmarked by December 31, 2011 to Shirley Hilburn.
- Rewards will be presented at 2012 District Conventions.

Reward offered by:  
the authority of GFWC-MFWC , Inc.,  
GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy and  
Membership Chairman Suzanne Poynor.



### 2011 CLUB YEAR DUES FORM UPDATED

The Dues Form has been updated to include donations to the MS LEADS program. Please download and use this new form. Download from [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Forms/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Dues\\_Form06242011.pdf](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/pdf/GFWC_MFWC_Forms/GFWC_MFWC_Dues_Form06242011.pdf)



### UPDATES TO MFWC HANDBOOK

Our handbook has been updated to include the following changes:

- \* Directory Changes
- \* MFWC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules
- \* Important Date Changes

You can find these changes at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Club\\_Resources.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html)



# 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 Juniorette), the Mississippi Clubwoman, PowerPoint 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 [la-harris@hughes.net](mailto:la-harris@hughes.net).



## EMAIL ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

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

## CONGRATULATION !!!!

GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club of Okolona's president, Rannie Collums Gillentine, was recently listed on the Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi for the Spring 2011 semester. For this honor, a grade-point average of 3.75 through 4.0 is required of full-time students carrying at least 12 semester hours.

## MEGAPHONE CLUBS

Check out our new membership page at [http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC\\_MFWC\\_Megaphone\\_Clubs.html](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Megaphone_Clubs.html).



# MFWC NEWS

## 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>



## COMMUNICATIONS

### Email Address Needed

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



## MFWC FACTS

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

- ◆ 1938, Mississippi received nation recognition by placing second in the 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rudolph Run 5K Walk/Run, 10K Run, and Family Fun Run

**Historic Downtown Pontotoc, Mississippi**

**Special Guest, Patrick House  
Winner of Biggest Loser Season 10**

**Hosted by the Pontotoc Woman's Club**

**Saturday, December 10, 2011**

10K Run 8am

5K Walk/Run and Family Fun Run 8:15am

Register online beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> at

**[www.pontotocwomansclub.com](http://www.pontotocwomansclub.com)**

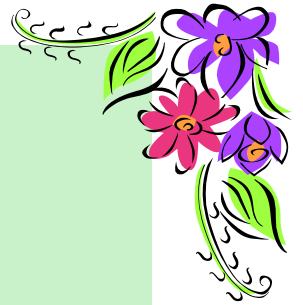
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For more information,  
email Emily Gibbs at  
[rudolphrun@pontotocwomansclub.com](mailto:rudolphrun@pontotocwomansclub.com)



# GFWC NEWS



## CALL TO ACTION: NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN

Join with GFWC in support of the newly-formed National Movement for America's Children. The NMAC is focused on drawing national attention to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to succeed. Through online forums and town hall meetings, NMAC will facilitate conversations on how to change both policy and culture for the benefit of America's children. Go to [www.MovementforChildren.org](http://www.MovementforChildren.org) and pledge your support. For more information, go to [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

## GET YOUR OWN DAY

Your friend loves being the center of attention, and having her birthday nationally recognized is the best gift you can give her. You've always wanted October 4<sup>th</sup> to be "Brussels Sprouts Appreciation Day." The power to accomplish these lofty goals is now within your grasp. Follow the lead of Lisa's friends, who bought September 26 to honor her as GFWC Ohio Junior Director with the message: "Juniors Leading the Way." The Battle Ground, Wash., club is advertising its Ladybug Bazaar (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to the entire Federation. Buy a Day on the GFWC 2012 Year in Pictures Calendar to ensure your favorite day gets the love it deserves at [www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace).

## WIN UP TO 5,000 FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

A GFWC tradition since 1955, the Community Improvement Program Award (formerly the Community Improvement Contest) recognizes clubs for what they do best—serving individual communities around the world and enhancing the lives of others by meeting community-specific needs. This award is the heart and soul of GFWC. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to identify a community need that your club can address through a Community Improvement project. Chances are, your club is already working on a project that is eligible for the award. For more information, go to [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers).

## GFWC REGION CONFERENCES

Your GFWC Region Conference is a unique experience—you have the benefit of a broad range of new ideas, while catering to the unique needs of your region. Workshops, speakers, discussion times, networking opportunities, and business sessions will all help you develop skills and learn new things. [Learn more about your Region's Conference](#) and how to register.

## SUPPORT THE SAFE TEEN ACT

According to reports, one in four adolescents reports emotional, physical, or sexual dating violence. Last week, bipartisan legislators introduced the [Stop Abuse for Every Teen Act](#), which recognizes the severity of teen dating violence throughout the country and allows schools to use existing federal funding for prevention and education. This bill does not call for monetary or budgetary considerations. Contact your senator and representative to encourage their support of this vital bipartisan legislation. For more information and to take action, go to [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org).



# GFWC NEWS



**amazon.com**  
and you're done.™

## 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](http://www.GFWC.org).



## 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](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers).



**GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.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 at (800) 877-4208

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PIN

Be sure to proudly display your commitment to ending domestic violence by purchasing the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Pin for \$10 through [GFWC Marketplace](http://GFWC Marketplace) or by calling 1-800-443-GFWC (4392). Proceeds from sales of the pin will benefit the GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund.

## GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROJECT

Help domestic violence survivors "Step Away From Abuse" by working with domestic violence shelters in your local community by participating in the GFWC Sock Project. Place a pair of new socks in a quart-size, clear plastic baggie. Affix a personalized label with a message of support and encouragement from your club, that reads, "As you begin your new life and Step Away from Abuse, we hope you will find comfort and warmth as you walk into your newly found freedom." [Download the label template here.](#)



## VOLUNTEER- ING

- \* No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. ~Aesop
- \* Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go. ~Mother Teresa
- \* Extraordinary things are accomplished by a healing heart. ~Kirsti A. Dyer, MD, MS
- \* Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth. ~Muhammad Ali
- \* No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers. ~Ronald Reagan
- \* The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. ~DeAnn Hollis



**Volunteer  
Services**

## Important Dates

# September 2011

	Library Card Sign-up Month (Education); National Saving Week, National Infant Mortality Awareness Month, Cholesterol Awareness Month, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Home Life); Crime Prevention Month (Public Issues);
5	Labor Day
8	International Literacy Day (Education, International Outreach)
18-24	Child Passenger Safety Week (Public Issues)
19	Army Day (Public Issues)
21	World Alzheimer's Day (Home Life)
21	International Day of Peace (International Outreach, Public Issues)

# October 2011

	National Book Month (Education); Breast Cancer Awareness Month Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month (Home Life);
1	International Day of Older Persons (International Outreach)
5	World Teachers' Day (Education)
9-15	Fire Prevention Week (Public Issues)
9	75th Club Anniversary for GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club, Iuka Public Library, Iuka, MS
10	World Food Day (International Outreach)
16-23	Teen Read Week (Education)
21	National Mammography Day (Home Life)
28-30	GFWC Southern Region Conference in Tampa/Clearwater, Florida
31	Halloween



## Important Dates

# November 2011

	National Arts and the Humanities Month, American for the Arts (Arts); National Alzheimer's Disease Month (Home Life); Child Safety and Protection Month (Public Issues);
1	Deadline for dues to be paid to qualify for Honor Club. Honor Club recognition is given for dues submitted by this date.
1	National Author's Day (Education)
11	Veterans Day (Public Issues)
15	America Recycles Day (Conservation)
15-21	American Education Week (Education)
20	Universal Children's Day (International Outreach)

## NEWS NEEDED!!!

If you have any news items that you would like to share with your MFWC Clubwomen, send it to la-harris@hughes.net.



## VOLUNTEERING

**There is no better exercise for your heart,  
Than reaching down and helping to lift someone up  
~Bernard Meltzer**

**See you  
In Florida**

**GFWC Florida**

Welcomes you to:  
**Southern Region Conference 2011**

Get your heading for the:  
**Mainsail Suites Hotel and Conference Center**  
**October 28—30, 2011**

Plan on attending Friday's "State Right" to be held in the "Pirate Ship" in the Raymond James Stadium.



**MAINSAIL**  
Suites Hotel & Conference Center

5108 Eisenhower Boulevard • Tampa, Florida 33634  
Phone: (813) 243-2600 Toll Free: 1 (866) SAIL 2 US  
[www.mainsailtampa.com](http://www.mainsailtampa.com)

One Bedroom Suite	\$ 99.00
Two Bedroom / Two Bathroom Suite	\$109.00
Triple	\$129.00

Rates are per suite, per night and subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 12%) in effect at the time of check-in.

Cutoff date October 13, 2011 For direct reservations,  
[https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g\\_reservation.cfm?groupID=595800&hotelID=13844](https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=595800&hotelID=13844)  
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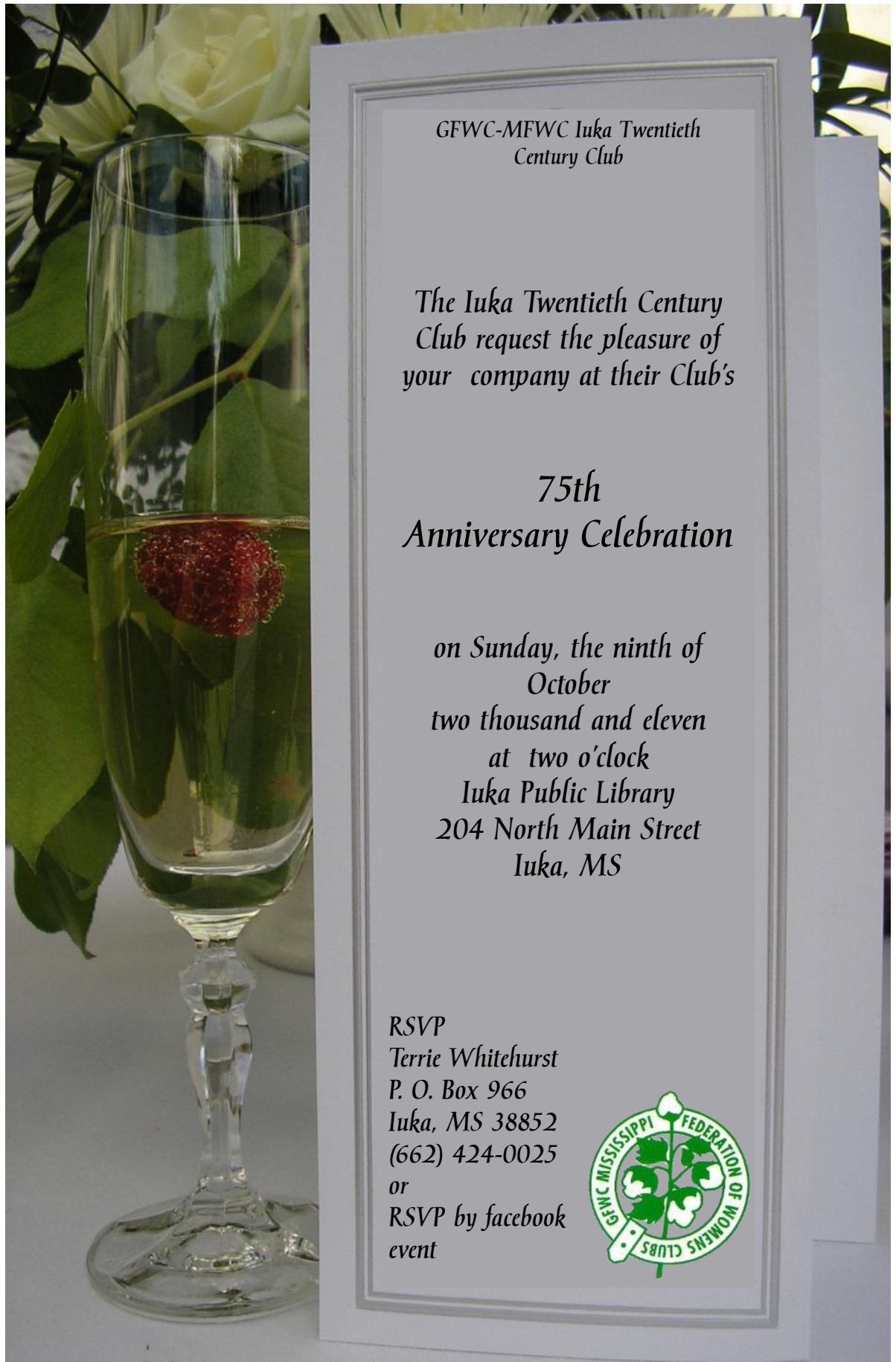
Tammie's  
Tidbit  
and  
Suz's  
Snippets.

Do you have  
any 25 or 50+  
year members?  
Send a short  
article and pic-  
tures to Lisa  
Harris for in-  
clusion in the  
next issues of  
MFWC  
Newsletter.

Team MFWC - One Strong



Voice For Volunteerism



GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth  
Century Club

The Iuka Twentieth Century  
Club request the pleasure of  
your company at their Club's

75th  
Anniversary Celebration

on Sunday, the ninth of  
October  
two thousand and eleven  
at two o'clock  
Iuka Public Library  
204 North Main Street  
Iuka, MS

RSVP  
Terrie Whitehurst  
P. O. Box 966  
Iuka, MS 38852  
(662) 424-0025  
or  
RSVP by facebook  
event



## GFWC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA:

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

GFWC acknowledges and celebrates milestone club with a certificate, letter from the GFWC International President, and recognition in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Milestone anniversaries are 25, 50, 60, 70, and every five years thereafter (75, 80, 85, etc.).

Anniversary dates are based on the date when a club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs, not the date when the club was founded. To request recognition of your club's milestone anniversary, please contact GFWC Membership Services in writing via e-mail

GFWC@GFWC.org or postal mail: Attn: Club Anniversary Milestone Recognition, GFWC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. To check on the status of your recognition request, you may call a membership services associate at 202-347-3168 or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

Please allow at least three weeks to receive and process your certificate request.

Your request must include:

- o Correct, official, and complete name of your club
- o Anniversary year being celebrated (25, 50, 60,

70, and every five years thereafter)

- o Date when your club became federated as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs
- o Date of your club's anniversary celebration
- o Name and address of club president who will be in office when anniversary is to be celebrated
- o Name and address where certificate and letter will be sent if different from club president
- o Date by when the anniversary certificate is needed.

## GFWC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AREA:

**RECOGNIZING 25-YEAR AND 50-YEAR MEMBERS**

Does your club have 25-year or 50+-year members? Have you recognized and honored these members with a elegant GFWC Gold or Silver pin?

You can celebrate members' 25-years and 50-years of GFWC service with GFWC pins. The GFWC Gold Pins are awarded by GFWC to 50-year GFWC members. The GFWC

Silver Pins are available to recognize 25-year members.

GFWC Gold Pins are available free of charge for 50-year members who have not previously received the Gold Card. The GFWC Gold Pin Order Form can be found in the Resources Section and in the Forms Section of the GFWC Club Manual, as well as

downloaded at [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers).

GFWC Silver Pins for 25-years are available for online purchase at the GFWC Marketplace, [www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace) for \$5.00 plus shipping and handling.



*Support the  
President's Special  
Project -  
Feeding Fellow  
Mississippians*

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

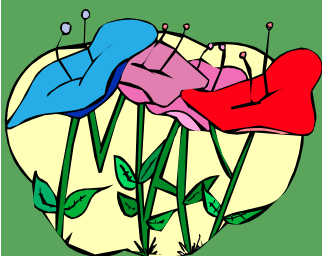


GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - PUBLIC ISSUES, PARTNERSHIP:  
**SEW MUCH COMFORT**

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.



Submitted by Darlene Adams  
 GFWC-MFWC State Chairman  
 Public Issues, Partnership

Since Sew Much Comfort organized in November 2004, their mission has been to provide custom-made adaptive clothing, **free of charge**, to our currently injured service members. They are able to provide **free** adaptive clothing because of the generosity and skills of countless volunteers and monetary donations from grateful Americans.

**What They Do and Why SMC Exists:**

Their Mission: To provide custom-made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to all wounded service members from current conflicts and from all branches of the military and National Guard. They wish to aide in their recovery, provide a tangible reminder of our gratitude for their sacrifice and give them an added measure of comfort, dignity and freedom as they recover from their injuries and return to everyday life. Adaptive clothing accommodates their medical devices and situations, provides ease of use, increases personal independ-

ence and minimizes the visual impact of their injuries.

- Sew Much Comfort has created adaptive clothing and comfort accessories to meet the unique needs of the wounded. From the beginning of the design process we solicited input from the wound-



the **only** organization providing adaptive clothing **at no cost** to our wounded service members.

- Since we organized in November of 2004, through December of 2010, SMC has provided 95,000 plus pieces of adaptive clothing to military hospitals in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Why They Do What They Do:**

- Service members are surviving injuries that they would never have survived in previous wars due to body armor and advances in medical care.
- Many wounded military members arrive in the United States from Germany for extensive medical treatment for bullet wounds, burns, head and limb injuries and amputations, while many of our previously injured troops are still in the recovery process. These injuries require large fixator, prosthetics and casts that are too bulky to fit under ordinary cloth-

ed and medical staff to ensure that SMC clothing meets the broadest needs of the injured.

- Our 1200 volunteer seamstresses use copyrighted patterns and instructions created by SMC to create our adaptive clothing.
- Sew Much Comfort provides adaptive clothing to all branches of the military and national guard serving in current conflicts.
- Sew Much Comfort is

ing and underwear.

- Most of all it gives them something to wear besides a hospital gown, and communicate to them that there are grateful Americans who have not forgotten them or their sacrifice.

### How Does SMC Adaptive Clothing Benefit Our Troops?

- They designed the garments to appear as normal civilian attire.
- Their clothing is simple construction with side seams fastened with a velcro closure system.
- The open velcro seams allow easy access to injury sites of the patient, which makes our garments easy to put on and take off.
- Their clothing is constructed for ease of dressing, fostering self-care and allowing freedom of movement during physical therapy, while providing the coverage of ordinary looking clothing.
- The clothing is adapted from either

or sewn with our copyrighted custom designed patterns and instructions.

- All their clothing is **new** and current clothing styles.
- Most of all, it gives wounded service members something to wear besides a hospital gown.
- SMC wanted to provide our wounded service members comfort and restore their dignity through the availability of our adaptive clothing.

### How Can My Club Help: (Be sure your club is identified with all correspondence or donations.)

- **Sign up to become a Seamstress:** Each club should designate someone to be the coordinator/chairman to act as liaison between your club and Sew Much Comfort and contact Joy Campbell for information. The skills required are intermediate level. To register either as an individual or your group, go to [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org) and click open seamstress info, and request a packet. When completing the registration

form, put GFWC (including state) in address box #1 and your home address in address box #2. An instruction packet will be sent, and depending on the state you live in, you will be assigned a SMC Regional Director who will guide you through the sewing process, answer any questions and order supplies. SMC has a **copyright** on all patterns and directions, they may not be shared with other entities.

- **Hold a Fundraiser:** The money you collect helps us provide clothing and supplies for volunteer seamstresses to adapt. All monies collected should be sent to the corporate financial office:  
Sew Much Comfort  
13805 Frontier Lane  
Burnsville, MN 55337
- **Hold a Clothing Drive: ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NEW.** Most needed are boxers, t-shirts, PJ bottoms, athletic shorts, crew neck sweatshirts. Sizes needed: Adult medium, large, xlarge and xxlarge. Please check web site for most current needs or email Joy Campbell. Unaccepta-

ble types of clothing: No white, no political sayings, no religious themes, no "I walked", "I ran" or "I survived." No feminine colors (pink, purple, yellow) or patterns. No undershirts.

### Where does my club report Sew Much Comfort Participation?

Sew Much Comfort is reported under Community Service Program Public Issues/Partnership.

Sew Much Comfort will continue as long as there are injured service members returning from overseas conflicts. This is their way of thanking all service members for their courageous and honorable service to our country.

Every contribution to Sew Much Comfort is essential to their mission of providing adaptive clothing **at no cost** to support the unique needs of our wounded service members from all branches of the military and National Guard.

Please visit their web site: [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org)



GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - PUBLIC ISSUES, PARTNERSHIP:

## USO AND GFWC



General Federation of Women's Clubs and the USO are Partnering to Support Our Troops and Their Families.

The USO lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide. We provide a touch of home through centers at airports and military bases, top-quality entertainment and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including forward-deployed troops and their families, wounded warriors and their families and the families of the fallen. The USO is a private, nonprofit organization, not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors. To join us in this patriotic mission and to learn more about the USO, please visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

Here are just a few of the many ways to involve the members of your organization in supporting our troops:

**Host an event in your community.** We can work with you to develop a branded event that will increase brand awareness of your organization while also supporting troops and their families. Ask us about our fundraising toolkits like Tea for

Troops, Jeans for GI's, Flamingo Flocking and more that will guide you through the fundraising process and give you all the tools you will need to succeed.

**Support a USO program,** such as the United Through Reading Military Program, Operation Phone Home or USO2GO.

- **The United Through Reading® Military program** enables a service member to video record themselves reading a children's book to their little ones back home. The USO then ships the DVD and book home to their family free of charge. Your club can help by raising money to support this program or by hosting a book drive. \$10 can help one deployed parent be able to read their child a bedtime story. Clubs may include notes to the families with their donation.
- **USO Operation Phone Home** has provided tens of millions of calls homes through our satellite phone/internet services and through the distribution of phone cards. A \$25 phone card provides one soldier with a call home; \$25 donation allows 70 soldiers to

call home using the satellite service. Your club can host a fundraiser to benefit USO Operation Phone Home or your club can have a phone card drive to help our troops stay in touch with family and friends. Club members may include notes to the troops with their donation.

- **USO2GO** delivers the USO's most popular services to troops in remote and restricted areas. Everything from beanbag chairs, snacks, coffee, and toiletries to phone cards, DVDs, Xbox®360, PlayStation® 3, and Nintendo's Wii™. Also available are laptops, musical instruments, art supplies, footballs, Frisbees and horseshoes. Clubs can sponsor USO2GO kits by raising money to support the kits. Kits range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 depending on what is sent and the size of the Forward Operating Base receiving the kit. If a club sponsors a kit, they can write notes that can be included with the kit or a banner that lets the troops know that the club sponsored this kit.

**Start a Letter Writing/Email Campaign.** TEAM USO makes it easy for every American to support our brave service men and women and their families. It only takes five minutes to set up your own webpage to show your support! You can write your own story of support or use some of the copy provided. You can tailor it with your own photos or use pictures from the TEAM USO photo gallery—there are pictures from throughout the years of the USO. You can send your webpage to your friends, family, co-workers, etc., and ask them to support the troops and their families. They can join and create their own page or support your great efforts! TEAM USO makes it easy for friends and family to use their credit card to make a donation in support of our troops and their families.

Volunteers around the world are using TEAM USO to help raise funds and bring awareness about the need to support the troops and their families. It's fun, flexible and only takes five minutes to set up. Go to [www.teamuso.org](http://www.teamuso.org)

**Become a Volunteer.** From bases around the world, our heroes in uniform put their lives on the line every day to protect the freedoms we cherish. Back home, their families deal with the stresses of the uncertainty and

risks that their loved ones face every day. USO volunteers represent a unique team of dedicated individuals making a significant difference in the lives of the troops and their families.

Yet through their countless hours of selfless service, their own lives have changed as well.

- **Get involved with your local USO Center.**

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, over 160 USO centers operate to provide a place to unwind, to connect to families back home or whatever else is needed to ease the burden. Even if you are not able to volunteer on a regular basis, local USO centers often have programs and events that need your support. Contact us and we will help you find your local USO Center.

#### How You Can Help in 20 Minutes or Less

- **Email Your Friends:** Go to [www.teamuso.org](http://www.teamuso.org) and register as a team or individual fundraiser. Click on my HQ and send an email to everyone in your address book asking them to help you support the troops and their families. Let them know \$10 can help one child see a video of their deployed mom or dad reading them a bedtime story. \$100 can provide 30 warm meals for our ser-

vice members overseas. E-mail templates are provided. It should take less than 20 minutes to register and send emails to 100 friends.

- **Set up member giving program.** For example, you can pick one month and ask all your local clubs and members to “pass the hat” to support troops and their families, or ask members to add a dollar to their dues to support USO activities.
- **Share a virtual cup of tea.** No fancy tea pots, fine china or crumpets necessary. All you need are tea bags, stationary, envelopes and stamps. Mail a tea bag (buy in bulk and save) with a short but clever note to your family and friends inviting them to join you in a virtual tea by making a donation to the USO.
- **Host a Don't Come Event.** This is a humorous and clever way to ask for donations. Send an email invitation to your “guest list” to a spectacular event. The event won't occur so let your imagination run wild. Send the invitation to as many people as you can think of — overcrowding will never be a problem. Make sure you include information on how to pur-

chase a ticket. You will be surprised how many people will buy a ticket to a non-event. You are providing an easy way for people to support our troops and their families without the hassle of trying to fit in another social activity on our already packed agendas.

- **Text to Give Fundraiser.** You've seen the ads on TV — text XXXX and you automatically donate \$10 to a worthy and notable cause.. Why not host your own text to give campaign at your next state convention or club meeting. Contact us and we will provide the texting capabilities.
- **Kid's Pajama Day.** Ask your kid's school principal if you can designate a day the kids can wear pajamas to school. The kids pay \$1 to participate and they will love the chance to show off their favorite PJs.
- **Host a Book Drive at Your Next Meeting.** Ask each club member to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book to your next club meeting. You can make special book marks to be included with the books sent to military children through the United Through Reading® Military Program.

- **Write a Letter of Thanks.** Go to <http://joiningforces.uso.org> and write a letter of thanks to our troops. Appreciate our troops and their families with a message of support for their contributions and dedication.

Which ever way you choose to get involved, thank you for your support of America's troops and their families.

#### For More Information on How to Get your Club Involved Contact:

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GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - HOME LIFE, COLLABORATION

## GRASSROOTS IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

By Judy T. Martin, 2010-2012 GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman.

Listed below are twelve grassroots ideas for Home Life - Collaboration.

1. Coordinate with your local Health Department to co-sponsor a Medicine Take Back Day, where citizens bring unusable medicines for safe disposal and are given information on properly storing and inventorying medicines.
2. Organize a "Smear Campaign" to distribute information on the importance of annual pap smears.
3. Cooperate with local leaders and business owners to place teal bows throughout the community in observance of September's National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.
4. Visit the American Dental Association website [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) and obtain free materials to promote National Children's Dental Health Month in February. Work with an elementary school to sponsor an art contest for students and distribute information on dental health.
5. Sponsor a Halloween Parade and Party at a nursing home. Bring costumed children and adult volunteers to march in an indoor parade, and invite the seniors to join in the fun. Serve refreshments in a common area at the conclusion of the parade. "Trick or Treat" each room and (instead of receiving candy) distribute Halloween goodie bags containing basic items.
6. Consult with your local nursing home or senior center to provide personalized birthday cards and/or small gifts for senior birthdays.
7. Hold a "Senior Shower" at a club meeting and invite a representative of a local senior service agency or facility to speak on the needs of seniors in your community. Present the shower items to the speaker for distribution.
8. Coordinate with your local Post Office to assist with the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger food drive, which is typically held in May. As plans develop for the 2012 food drive, details will be available at [www.HelpStampOutHunger.com](http://www.HelpStampOutHunger.com).
9. Investigate whether there is a backpack program in your local school system to provide food to needy children on weekends and holidays when school lunches are not available. If there is, volunteer. If there is not, start one. Visit [www.FeedingAmerica.org](http://www.FeedingAmerica.org) to learn more about its Backpack Program.
10. Work with the leaders in your community and local businesses to organize a Homeless Resource Day. Solicit participation from the community to provide information on local resources for the homeless and services such as health screenings and haircuts. Solicit donations and assist in the distribution of food, clothing and toiletry items to those in attendance.
11. Hold a children's rummage sale. Invite the community to donate quality, gently-used children's clothing, toys, books, and other items. Advertise via social media and with fliers. Compile information on the resources for women and children in your community and distribute to customers at the rummage sale. This would also be a

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perfect opportunity to distribute club brochures and recruit new members. Do-

nate proceeds from the sale to a worthy children's cause in your area.  
12. Volunteer at your lo-

cal animal shelter to answer phones, clean cages, or exercise and groom the animals. Collect and donate

food, food coupons, grooming supplies, newspaper, and bedding.



**GFWC 2010-2012 Home Life Collaboration Chairman and GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian Judy T. Martin conducted a Chairman's Workshop at the conclusion of the 2011 Summer Board Meeting at our beautiful State Headquarters.**



**Left - President-elect Suzanne Poynor... Here I come Milwaukee... I have my white gloves.**  
**Above - President McCoy... hard at work for the GFWC-MFWC.**



GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM:

## ARTS - PARTNERSHIP



Submitted by Dorothy L. Thomas, GFWC-MFWC State Chairman Arts, Partnership

What the heck is a GFWC partnership program? How does it work? How does my Club get credit for a partnership activity in our annual reports to GFWC-MFWC?

In addition to information in this article see Page 8 of the **Mississippi Clubwoman** magazine Spring 2011 edition.

For us a partnership event or project or program involves working **with** a partnership entity or organization that the General Federation of Women's Clubs specifically has designated as a partner for a Community Service Program. In Arts there currently are two: American Mural Project (AMP) and VSA Arts.

### American Mural Project

The GFWC's current AMP partnership project is the "Watch Collection" project. Clubs and Clubwomen are encouraged to collect non-working watch-

es and send them plus a dollar for each to AMP. The dollars are for use in processing the watches to make them ready to incorporate in the mural which is meant to be the ultimate product of the mural project. According to the information I've gathered Clubs also are encouraged to publicize the project among schools and in public meetings, and such things as news articles and radio and television broadcasts.

### **Vision of an inclusive community, Strength through shared resources, Artistic expression that unites us all.**

VSA Arts projects are not new to Mississippi Clubwomen. It is an educational affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the performing Arts. VSA used to be the abbreviation for Very Special Arts. Then and now the organization's goal was, and is, to encourage the development of opportunities for disabled persons to participate in art activities. Today the VSA represents "Vision of an inclusive community, Strength through shared resources, Artistic expres-

sion that unites us all." The VSA group we, as Club partners must work with is VSA Mississippi. VSA Mississippi offers a number of interesting ways Clubs may partner with them. And, its Executive Director, V. A. Patterson has expressed interest in working with us.

For your Club to get credit for your arts partnership work be sure to prepare a MFWC annual report cover sheet on which you have written in you Art partnership data in the Art partnership row. Also, you should consider providing a brief and concise narrative about your partnership projects with specific information on projects, programs, volunteer hours, donated dollars and in-kind dollars. The narrative should specifically mention the partner(s) (AMP and/or VSA Mississippi) with which you worked.

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### Partnership Contact Information:

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### VSA Mississippi

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GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM:

## HOME LIFE- PARTNERSHIP



The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program is designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering.

The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program strengthens families and communities by creating a better quality of life for all citizens.

GFWC members have a rich history of solving problems related to home and communities with a “hands-on” approach. In the spirit of this tradition, the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program continues to provide resources to identify and address needs, particularly those related to wellness of women, children, the disabled and the elderly; hunger; housing and homelessness; personal finances; and identity theft.

Home Life Partners:

The **Alzheimer's Association** is the leading voluntary health organization on a mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all

affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Ways to get involved:

- \* Increase your knowledge and spread awareness by obtaining informational brochures and other promotional materials from the Alzheimer's Association.
- \* Host a fundraising event in support of the 5.3 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease.
- \* Observe World Alzheimer's Day on September 21.
- \* Join the Alzheimer's Association for Memory Walk by creating a team or participating as a volunteer.

**Canine Companions for Independence** is a nonprofit agency dedicated to placing highly trained assistance dogs with professional caregivers and people with disabilities and ensuring the success of the working team through continued follow-up. Canine Companions offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from being a puppy raiser to sponsoring fundraising and community awareness events. Supporting Canine Companions programs promotes independence for persons with

disabilities.

Ways to get involved:

- \* Increase club and community awareness about assistance dogs and their benefits, including making wounded veterans in their communities aware of the services offered by Canine Companions.
- \* Set up an information booth at a health fair, mall, or school to distribute literature from Canine Companions.
- \* Request printed materials or the new Canine Companions video “Making Miracles Happen” and use them at a club or community meeting.
- \* Visit Canine Companions' website [www.CCI.org](http://www.CCI.org) for video and public service announcements you can share.
- \* Encourage club and community involvement in Canine Companions activities.
- \* Become a Canine Companions puppy raiser.
- \* Start a fund to provide one of nine sponsorship opportunities.

**Easter Seals** provides services to ensure that all persons with disabilities have equal opportunities to live,

learn, work, and play. Easter Seals assists more than one million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually through a nationwide network of more than 550 service centers. Each center provides top quality, family focused, and innovative services tailored to meet the specific needs of the community it serves.

Ways to get involved:

- \* Contact Easter Seals for information about sewing occupational therapy vests for children. Increase club and community awareness about Easter Seals and services for individuals with autism and other disabilities.
- \* Raise funds for Cartridges for Kids Recycling, an Easter Seals recycling program that pays schools and nonprofit organizations for empty laser and inkjet cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, PDAs, and iPods.
- \* Support Easter Seals with donations.

The **March of Dimes** is a nonprofit, voluntary health organization committed to improving the health of babies by preventing birth

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GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM:

## HOME LIFE- PARTNERSHIP



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defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The March of Dimes helps moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. And if something goes wrong, they offer information and comfort to families. GFWC and March of Dimes have worked together on improving the health of babies for over 65 years.

Ways to get involved:

- \* **Baskets for Babies:** GFWC members can provide assemble a basket of much-needed items, including a donation to the March of Dimes, for families in their local Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by participating in the GFWC signature Baskets for Babies Program. Items will provide support and comfort to moms, dads, siblings, and babies in the NICU. The March of Dimes will recognize local GFWC members for their participation in the Program.
- \* **March for Babies:** Join one of America's favorite walking events. When GFWC walks in March for Babies, we'll be giving hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money we raise supports pro-

grams in your communities that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. To find an event in your community, start, or join a team, go to [www.MarchOfDimes.org/GFWC](http://www.MarchOfDimes.org/GFWC).

- \* **Prematurity Awareness Month & Day:** Prematurity has been escalating steadily and alarmingly over the past two decades. One out of eight babies is born prematurely in the United States. Preterm delivery can happen to any pregnant woman. Get involved with prematurity awareness efforts in your community. GFWC members can contact the March of Dimes at the address above to get involved so that one day every baby will be born healthy.
- \* **Teen2Teen:** Youth play a critical role in March of Dimes' mission by raising funds and by educating themselves and their peers about important health messages that can affect the outcome of pregnancies in the future. Use March of Dimes' youth curriculum in your Juniorette club or provide the materials to a local high school to help elaborate on the messages in the Teen-2-

Teen youth health program [www.MarchofDimesYouth.org](http://www.MarchofDimesYouth.org)

- \* Other ways you can help:
  - Increase awareness to issues related to birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.
  - Invite health experts to a club or community meeting to discuss various health topics such as the necessity of pre- and post-natal care, healthy problems, and risks surrounding teen pregnancy and the use of drugs and alcohol during child-bearing years.
  - Encourage club and community members to become involved in the work of the March of Dimes.
  - Observe Prematurity Awareness Month each November, and Prematurity Awareness Day, November 17.

To make women more aware of the danger of heart disease, **the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute** and partner organizations are sponsoring a national campaign called The Heart Truth®. The campaign's goal is to give women a personal and urgent

wakeup call about their risk of heart disease. The campaign is especially aimed at women ages 40 to 60, the age when a woman's risk of heart disease starts to rise. But its messages are also important for younger women, since heart disease develops gradually and can start at a young age—even in the teenage years. Older women have an interest too—it's never too late to take action to prevent and control the risk factors for heart disease. Even those who have heart disease can improve their heart health and quality of life. GFWC members can download the Heart Truth Online Toolkit, which contains all of the information, ideas, and materials you need to plan your own Heart Truth event.

The **National Osteoporosis Foundation** is the leading consumer and community-focused health organization dedicated to the prevention of osteoporosis and broken bones, the promotion of strong bones for life and the reduction of human suffering through programs of public and clinician awareness, education, advocacy and research.

Together NOF and GFWC are working on:

- \* A Gift from Mothers to Daughters: GFWC mem-

bers can host a luncheon celebrating one of the most important gifts that generations of women have passed on to their families: the gift of knowledge about health – especially information about lifelong bone health and osteoporosis prevention, detection and treatment. Find our more at [www.NOF.org/Gift](http://www.NOF.org/Gift).

- \* Strong Voices for Strong Bones®: Join the thousands of strong voices for strong bones in the fight against osteoporosis by becoming a member of the Healthy Bones Advocacy Network. We give you the tools to reach out to policy makers to highlight the importance of osteoporosis and bone health and help advance NOF's public policy goals. Join now at [www.NOF.org/Advocacy](http://www.NOF.org/Advocacy).
- \* Pearls of Strength®: Consider purchasing a Pearls of Strength® bracelet made of genuine, freshwater, white, cultured 8-9mm pearls with a sterling silver heart clasp—a beautiful way to remind those you love to cherish their bones throughout their lifetime. Funds raised from the sale of Pearls of Strength® bracelets help NOF promote its programs of awareness, education, advocacy, and research.

- \* Steps for Strong Bones®: Start taking Steps for Strong Bones and join a national effort to improve the nation's bone health. GFWC members that join Steps for Strong Bones are helping to bring hope to the estimated 44 million Americans who have osteoporosis or low bone density, placing them at increased risk for the disease. The money raised helps NOF promote strong bones for life through programs of public and clinician awareness, education and advocacy. Find an event or join at [www.NOF.org/Steps](http://www.NOF.org/Steps). Other ways you can help:
  - Invite health experts to a club or community meeting to discuss various health topics such as proper nutrition and exercise for lifelong bone health, the importance of osteoporosis testing, risk factors for osteoporosis, and fall prevention measures you can take and the negative impact of smoking, excessive drinking and inactivity on bone health.
  - Observe National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month in May every year.

Contact NOF for campaign information that can be used to increase awareness of osteoporosis and promote healthy bones in your community.

- \* Order a free resource packet from the National Osteoporosis Foundation by contacting the NOF representative.

The **Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement** is a non-profit organization that helps women, educators and policymakers understand the important issues surrounding women's retirement income. WISER works to provide low- and moderate-income women with basic financial information aimed at helping them take financial control over their lives. We also work to increase awareness of the structural barriers that prevent women's adequate participation in the nation's retirement systems. Learn more at [www.WiserWomen.org](http://www.WiserWomen.org).

Together, WISER and GFWC are working to arm women's clubs across the country with unbiased and actionable financial education for their constituents.

All of our publications, fact sheets and newsletters are available for download online. Contact Lara Hinz for bulk orders. Available publications include:

- \* A Simple Guide to What Everyone Needs to Know About Money and Retirement (available in English and Spanish)
- \* Seven Life Defining Financial Decisions (available in English and Spanish)
- \* Making Your Money Last a Lifetime-Why You Need to Know About Annuities
- \* Your Future Paycheck: What Women Need to Know About Pay, Social Security, Pensions and More
- \* Don't Run With Your Retirement Money: Understanding Your Resources and How Best to Use Them.

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GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM:

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - PARTNERSHIP



The International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will in turn affect change in and for our global friends and their communities.

Through our program partners, we help improve basic education, prevent the spread of HIV and other diseases, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources.

International Outreach Partner are CARE, Heifer Project International, INMED Partnership for Children, Operation Smile International, Plan USA, U. S. Fund for UNICEF and United Nations Association of the United States .

**CARE** is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. Recognizing that women and girls suffer disproportionately from poverty, CARE places special emphasis on empowering them to create permanent social change. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, expand economic opportunity, increase access to health services and

protect natural resources in over sixty countries around the world.

GFWC is partnering with CARE to make a difference in the lives of women and girls around the world. The following are a few suggestions for how your club can get involved today.

- \* Learn more. Show the *I Am Powerful* Action Kit DVD, a collection of short videos about CARE's work, at your next meeting. Spark a discussion about how your club can support women and girls' empowerment around the world.
- \* Engage your group. Order a copy of the film, *A Powerful Noise*, at [www.CARE.org/APowerfulNoise](http://www.CARE.org/APowerfulNoise) and host a movie night with your club. This award-winning documentary features three extraordinary women, in Vietnam, Bosnia, and Mali, all striving to win victories over poverty in their communities. After you watch the film, use the discussion guide to keep the conversation going and plan to take action together.
- \* Volunteer. Plan to celebrate International Women's Day in a creative and inspiring way

with CARE each March. Stay tuned for more information!

- \* Speak out. Encourage your members to visit [www.Can.CARE.org](http://www.Can.CARE.org) and sign up for the CARE Action Network. You will receive e-mail updates about policy issues that affect global poverty and opportunities to contact your members of Congress in support of legislation affecting women and girls around the world.
- \* Donate. Raise funds to support CARE's programs to empower women and girls in the fight against global poverty. Help us ensure that GFWC receives proper credit for your donation by including your club name on checks and sending them to the attention of the CARE representative. If you donate online, please send an email notifying GFWC and CARE of your club name and the amount to [Groups@CARE.org](mailto:Groups@CARE.org) and [Programs@GFWC.org](mailto:Programs@GFWC.org).
- \* Stay connected. Contact Helen with questions, for more information, and to share updates on your club's plans to get involved.

GFWC will partner with **Heifer International** to educate club members about hunger and poverty and caring for the earth. For more than 65 years, Heifer International has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 12 million families—62 million men, women and children—through training in livestock development and livestock gifts that multiply.

Around the world, **INMED** rescues children from immediate and irreversible harm caused by hunger, disease, abuse, poverty, and poor education, and prepares them to shape a brighter future for themselves and the next generation. Working with community, business and government partners at all levels, INMED:

- \* Secures children's health, development and safety.
- \* Develops skills, knowledge and opportunities for children and youth.
- \* Builds family and community capacity to support and sustain positive change.

At **Operation Smile**, medical volunteers provide safe, effective, and free cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgery for children born all over the world. It is an international medical humanitarian organization dedicated to raising awareness of this life-threatening issue and providing lasting solutions that will allow children to be healed, regardless of financial standing, well into the future. Operation Smile's free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent and resources to our cause.

GFWC and Operation Smile are working together to help a child smile:

- Order the Operation Smile GFWC Information Packet.
- Raise funds to support Operation Smile's programs to give a child a new smile and hope for a better future. Help us ensure that GFWC receives proper credit for your donation by including your club name on all checks, contact person, and address and sending them to the attention of Dory Morrison, Donor Relations Manager, Operation Smile, 6435 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509.
- Sew and prepare

Smile bags, Smile dolls, children's hospital gowns, blankets and quilts, and arm-bands for children undergoing surgery. Collect needed items and supplies; needs lists are in the information packet.

**Plan USA** is an organization committed to helping children, their families and communities in 48 developing countries around the world. Established in 1937, Plan USA gives people and communities in the poorest countries tools to help them effect real change—improving life today and offering children a chance for a better tomorrow.

Ways to get involved:

- \* Your clubs can sponsor a child from your choice of 48 countries around the world.
- \* Clubs can support the Global Women's Fund, a program that helps women in developing nations lift themselves out of poverty through vocational training and micro-finance programs.
- \* Clubs can support Plan's *Because I Am a Girl* campaign, which assists in the fight against gender inequality and promote girls' rights and lifts millions of girls out of poverty.

For over six decades, GFWC

has supported UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, in its efforts to ensure the world's most vulnerable children access to health, education, equality and protection.

GFWC clubs are supporting several different UNICEF programs, which include the following:

- \* Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a longstanding program, in which kids across the country collect money to help children of the world survive and grow. To order boxes, go to [www.UNICEFUSA.org/TrickOrTreat](http://www.UNICEFUSA.org/TrickOrTreat).
- \* U.S. Fund for UNICEF's Tap Project is a national campaign that helps UNICEF provide clean drinking water for millions of children around the world. Every year, during World Water Week, restaurants across the United States encourage patrons to donate \$1 or more for the tap water they usually enjoy for free. To learn more about Tap Project volunteer opportunities, visit [www.TapProject.org](http://www.TapProject.org).
- \* Inspired Gifts is an innovative program that gives you the opportunity to purchase actual life-saving items, such as blankets, mosquito nets, therapeutic milk, and School-in-a-Box kits, which will be shipped to

one of over 150 countries where UNICEF serves. GFWC is focusing on purchasing mosquito nets to help reduce deaths and illness from malaria. UNICEF is the largest procurer of mosquito nets worldwide and is able to provide them at the most efficient cost. Please visit [www.InspiredGifts.unicefusa.org](http://www.InspiredGifts.unicefusa.org) for the most current pricing on the nets.

If you have any questions, concerning International Outreach - Partnership, contact Sherri Reid, 542 Leeville Road, Petal, MS 39465 601-270-4464 or [reidshe@comcast.net](mailto:reidshe@comcast.net).





## SPECIAL DELIVERY



Lovedee Marie Laiche, the daughter of Steve and Mandy Mullins Laiche. Born June 17, 2011 at 8:36 pm. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21 inches long.







Caden Hugh Melton, grandson of Rickie and June Vaughn. Born Friday, June 3, 2011 at 4:14 p.m. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long





# SPECIAL DELIVERY



Luck Kate Waters, the granddaughter of Shirley Hilburn. Born June 1, 2011 at 8:36 pm. Weighing in at 7 lbs. and 20 inches long.





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The GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce purchased beautiful concrete planters and placed them at each corner of the town square. Plants were purchased and planted earlier this year. Plans are being made for similar projects at each of the Bruce Schools.

Shown here are club members Annette Ruth and Karan Nestor.





The Indianola Civic League welcomed six new members into our Club last year. President Carol Terrell presented each of them a prayer cross, a gift of the Club, at a covered-dish dinner on May 5, 2011. The meeting was held in the Community Bank Board Room. Dennis Smith, a local musician and the husband of one of the new members, gave a program of music from the Fifties.

(seated) Earnestine Hancock  
(standing l. to r.) Marilyn Smith, Frances Anthony, Dr. Katie Patterson,  
Scottie Scroggins and Carolyn Mitchell



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The Woman's Club of Booneville assisted the Main Street /BCC office with the 2011 Booneville Miss Hospitality Competition at the Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, April 17. Pictured L-R: Miss Hospitality, Elizabeth West; Betty Williams, coordinator for the event; and Woman's Club members who attended and assisted with the competition: Neola Cleveland, Martha White, Ruth Galloway, Barbara Hughes, Becky West, Louise Brown, and Gloria Smith. Christy May Edens and Whitney Smith of the Pontotoc Woman's Club served as judges for the event.



Members of Cosmopolitan Club members in front of Midnight Snack table for Relay Competition.

L to R Leahne Lightsey, Nardine Coleman, Sherri Reid, Jan Ervin and Rebecca Wheat.

Cosmo members getting ready for Relay for Life. Theme's were to be a country, Cosmo chose Norway.



Cosmopolitan Tent Site for Relay for Life, Cosmopolitan Club was depicting the country Norway, "Norway will we let Cancer win--What's in your wallet?"

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Raleigh Woman's Club Members (Lisa Harris and Carrie Harris) packing treat bags for the Kid's Rodeo sponsored by the Natural Museum of Science.

Raleigh Woman's Club Flora Headrick awards the RWC's annual scholarship to a desiring senior of the Raleigh High School.



Raleigh Woman's Club President Lisa Harris deliveries food donations to Community Food Pantry.



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The Mississippi Federation of Women's Club, Inc. club members attending the GFWC 120th Annual International Convention were MFWC President Tammie McCoy, MFWC President-elect Suzanne Poynor, MFWC Parliamentarian (GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman) Judy T. Martin, MFWC LEADS Representative Diane Rouse, MFWC Finance Chair (GFWC Website Contest Chairman) Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Women's History & Resource Center Committee Ivous Sisk and Rowena Drinkwater.

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**GFWC-MFWC Awards won the following "first place" awards at 120<sup>th</sup> Annual GFWC International Convention:**

- \* Home Life – Partnership – Theresa Buntyn, Chair
- \* Home Life – Collaboration – Frances Brown, Chair; Lisa Barefield, Assistant Chair
- \* International Outreach – Partnership – Sherri Reid, Chair
- \* Public Issues – Partnership – Darlene Adams, Chair
- \* Public Issues – Collaboration – Annajeral Knight, Chair
- \* Legislation & Public Policy – Sandra Pope, Chair; Elizabeth Massey, Assistant Chair
- \* Website Contest – Lisa A. Harris
- \* GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club – National Osteoporosis Foundation – Club Award, Mary Jo Cook, President
- \* Petal Student – Cosmopolitan Woman's Club of Petal, Sherri Reid, President
- \* Student - Batesville Junior Woman's League – Deane Pittman, President

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GFWC -MFWC Award Winners.



Lisa Harris (PCN) accepts the award for first place in the Website Contest for the GFWC-MFWC website.



Sherri Reid accepts the award for International Outreach-Partnership.



Annajeral Knight accepts the award for Public Issues - Collaboration



Darlene Adams accepts the award for Public Issues - Partnership.



GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club accepts the Club award from the National Osteoporosis Foundation.