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March 17	District III Convention First Baptist Church Bruce, MS
March 24	District IV Convention First Methodist Church Indianola, MS
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About our Beautiful MFWC Headquarters



In 1934, during the depression, the darling, young eighteenth MFWC President, Mrs. O.B. Taylor, formed a committee to determine the possibility of establishing a Federation home. There was \$1,000 available, and at the State Convention, an additional \$3,000 was approved.

In 1935, the Mississippi Legislature, in recognition of the work being done by the Federation, leased to that body a lot on which to build its headquarters. The building is located in Jackson, near the State Capitol, as the clubwomen wished it to be. It was built by WPA labor.

Since its dedication in 1936, this edifice has been treasured by Mississippi clubwomen. It has been used for many and varied Federation functions, among which are club meetings, Executive Board meetings, summer institutes, Southern Region functions, and receptions, including a special one in 1998 commemorating the Mississippi Federation's Centennial. It has served as a repository for all the Federation's records, including yearbooks, histories, magazines, portraits of most all of the fifty-seven State Presidents in beautiful frames, photographs, and memorabilia of over one hundred years of Mississippi clubwomen's service.

It stands proudly today as a testimony to all the courageous and stalwart women of the Mississippi Federation who have worked to preserve and enhance its beauty for the seventy-six years of its existence. In 1998, during the Presidency of Mrs. Sue Thompson, a special presentation was made at the Headquarters by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Historical Marker was placed in front of the building.

The Headquarters is home to a signed Baby Grand Steinway piano by Theodore Steinway and dated 1936. The President's Suite has a beautiful half tester antique Mallard bed, marble topped dresser, end table, and chairs. The sitting room has

a beautiful antique armoire, marble topped table, chairs, and floor lamps. There are two other bedrooms furnished by and in honor of past Presidents Sue Thompson and Celia Fisher including hand-painted pictures of Confederate Roses painted by Harvey Fisher. Most of the furnishings are antiques, but there are a few newer pieces that have been added.

Due to problems caused by Yazoo clay, in 2003, the legislature provided over one million dollars to renovate/restore the Headquarters. That restoration included central air and heat, water sprinkler system, and alarm system as well as the filling of cracks, painting, building back the porches, and widening/paving the parking area in the back. Viking appliances were donated for the new kitchen. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History provided a fence, and landscaping and a sprinkler system were funded by the "1935 Society" Fund.

Yes, it still takes funds for the upkeep of the Headquarters just like it takes funds for each of us to keep up our homes, but is it well worth it. We love our Headquarters! I wish more of our members could come and see it. It is available for club meetings or just a tour when you are in town. If you have local clubhouses, you know they have to be kept up and how much it means to have a place to meet and to store your club's history. I hope you will support the Headquarters by contributing to "The 1935 Society" in your budget as the Preservation of Historical buildings is a part of our Heritage.

Your Executive Board of around eighty members, that changes year by year, enjoys meeting at the Headquarters for Winter Board/Judging Day, Summer Board, and other occasions. Come and visit when you can!

Teenie Boone, Headquarters Chair

Message from 2010–2012
GFWC International President Carlene Garner

Dear friends:

As the 2010–2012 Administration nears an end, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for all you have done and continue to do to make your communities better and to serve as an example of volunteerism at its best.

GFWC has an amazing history of serving others, making a difference, and improving life for our neighbors, be they near or far. I am eagerly awaiting to hear of the countless ways you and your fellow clubwomen positively impacted our communities, our states, and our world during this past year by giving of yourselves and your many talents.

As you prepare to celebrate your accomplishments, please do so with my sincerest gratitude. You are part of a very special organization that for 122 years has lead the way with its caring, sharing, and continued commitment to improving life for others.

I hope to see many of you at the 2012 GFWC Annual Convention in Charlotte, NC. Together we will rejoice in the numerous ways GFWC has been **Shaping Reality and Transforming Our World.**

Yours in Federation Service,
Carlene Garner
GFWC International President

Message from 2010–2012
GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy

Time has certainly flown. It has indeed been a wonderful year. We have just finished “judging day” and again your volunteer efforts were amazing. I am especially thankful for your support of the MFWC PSP: Feeding Fellow Mississippians. This year the number of volunteer hours and monies exceeded last year – be sure to come to your district conventions to hear those numbers. I am certainly looking forward to traveling across the state for one last time as your official representative and will look forward to sharing the wonderful volunteer news.

It is almost time for our 114th annual convention. Mary Edmond and the ladies of District V have worked hard to plan a wonderful time for all. Within this issue, you will find the Call to the 2012 MFWC Convention. Please take time to review and make plans to attend. Note that the board meeting will be held on Thursday evening, and then we will begin the convention on Friday morning. The Call has lots of wonderful information on several activities – do not miss out! District pictures will be taken on Friday evening, and Diane has also planned another NEW to YOU Sale. (I

cannot wait to see what clubwomen want to recycle/repurpose.) Suellen Brazil, our GFWC Southern Region President, will be attending our convention. We will look forward to having her back in Mississippi. This year is also a special year with our MFWC Officer Installation. Suzanne is making plans for her administration. Working with her over the past few years has certainly been a pleasure, and MFWC will be in great hands. As always, we will enjoy visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

I have learned many things over the past few years. I have participated in lots of skits and theme parties. Additionally, I have, with the help of Rannie, read many poems as my Mississippi reports. Below you will find another poem that was penned especially for you. (Thanks to Rannie and Suzanne for your help.) I hope you enjoy a little fun insight into MFWC.

Thank you for continuing to be an important part of TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism.

Love,
Tammie

**Twas the nights after judging day, when all through the state
Clubwomen were stirring, no matter their rate.
The awards were all sorted by project and district,
In hopes that clubwomen would be sure NOT to miss it!**

**The district presidents are all ready for a wonderful convention...
at least, of course, that's their intentions!!!!
My car is loaded, and the bags are all packed,
and as for these visits, they will certainly be stacked!**

**While visions of new officers are on the agenda,
MFWC is thankful for hard work that you rendered.
And each Clubwoman in their finest apparel, and me with MY PIN,
All excited to see----- just WHO will win.**

**When out in the parking lot, Suzanne and I arrive,
members greet us with joy, and we're surely to thrive.
Away to the podium, I cannot wait to see,
who is present and ready-- to be counted with glee.**

The megaphone is standing close by my side
because you see, we've all been on this two year ride.
As the Juniores happily appear, we all say among us, "such sweet Dears"
and we support them wholeheartedly – we do it with cheer.

With a little entertainment, so festive and nice,
I know it must be almost over, that is no dice.
Time has certainly flown, and it has been a pleasure,
I could not make an accurate count of that measure!

"Now Suzanne! now, Libby! now, Sue and Shirley!
Oh, Judy! Dot, Mandy! Shelia! And Celia.
To name just the officers, you top the prize for your MFWC dedication!
I know that it certainly has not been a vacation!"

The seasons have changed,
The programs and projects have been rearranged.
We collectively met the challenges and certainly thrived,
even when we did not know when they would arrive.
The rewards and friendships were many;
and certainly worth more than a penny.
The courtesies surely were a prize, my thanks to you is no surprise.

The board is ready and at your service, at the drop of a hat,
The headquarters committee, under Teenie's direction, certainly extends the Welcome mat.
The website is informative and is always ready,
Even if Lisa cannot keep it steady.
OH my goodness, that June is always on the GO;
She has our *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine ready to show.

The finances are strong,
With Jo Anne and Carolyn on that committee and constantly watching, you cannot go wrong.
We have fed Fellow Mississippians
That is a FACT!

And then, in a second, the convention will be here,
Diane will have everything ready so that you can be near.
Prepare to come and stay awhile...
Where you'll be treated like a queen – don't forget your smiles!

New officers will be installed
And they do not wait until fall.
The clubwoman of the year; you will see
How special one individual can really be.
The club of the year will certainly appear
And members can see guidelines, and how they adhered.

Volunteer service is the name of the game.
Remember that nothing ever stays the same.
The voices are stronger
And that will last even longer.
It has been a fun ride,
Thanks for always being on my side!
You will be in good hands, and this I know true
Because that was my plan. . . Always for you.

Love to All, and to all I will soon say Goodbye!

Tammie



2012–2014 Candidate Bios

Suzanne Poynor **GFWC-MFWC President 2012–2014**



Suzanne Poynor proudly celebrates twenty-five years of GFWC-MFWC membership this year. Over those 25 years, Suzanne has been an active member of the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence where she filled numerous positions including Club President. On the district level, she held offices which eventually led her to District

President. As Suzanne was completing her term as District V President, she was asked to continue to serve GFWC-MFWC in the office of Recording Secretary. GFWC-MFWC Vice-President followed and she is currently the GFWC-MFWC President-elect. Suzanne is thankful to GFWC-MFWC for allowing her these opportunities to grow in leadership as she has represented the Clubwomen of Mississippi. From an early age, Suzanne's parents helped her understand the importance of serving others. Suzanne feels that Volunteer Service has always given her life meaning.

Suzanne is proud to be a native Mississippian. After graduating from Tupelo High School, she attended Mississippi College where she earned a B.S. and later a Masters in Elementary Education. She enjoyed teaching for thirty-two years. Now, after retiring, she is still teaching as an adjunct for Hinds Community College. Suzanne and her husband are members of Florence First Baptist Church. Suzanne and Larry have been married for thirty-four years. They have one grown son.

Although club work keeps Suzanne quite busy, she still finds time for traveling, shopping, and lunching with her friends and family. Suzanne, also, enjoys reading a good book, decorating for a party, going to the movies, or just drinking a cup of tea!

Darlene Adams **Candidate for** **GFWC-MFWC President-elect**



The GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune is pleased to recommend Darlene Adams as GFWC-MFWC President-elect for the 2012-2014 administration. Darlene has been a member of her local club since 1996 and has served as President, Vice President, Dean of Chairmen, Reporter, Past President Advisor, and many department and

appointed chairmanships. She has repeatedly brought in new members and has mentored many into leadership roles. She has been honored with numerous awards on the local club level.

Darlene has served District I well as its President, President-elect, and Parliamentarian. She was Convention Chairman for the 2008 State Convention in Hattiesburg when District I hosted that convention. When MFWC hosted two Southern Region Conferences, she served as chairman of the decorating committee for both evening banquet and breakfast.

Darlene has continually served on the MFWC's State Board since 2002, having won several GFWC awards for MFWC. She was a recipient of the Hebron Memorial Scholarship in 2007. She also received the esteemed honor as GFWC-MFWC's State Clubwoman of the Year for 2003-2004.

Darlene received her B.A. with high honors from the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Mass Communication and Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations and a minor in English. She was accepted into the Honors College. As top 10 in the school, she received the Kappa Tau Alpha (National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication). She also was inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi Society.

After owning her own business for 10 years and then working for an oil company for 18 years, Darlene has committed the latter years to public service, currently working as Executive Director for a non-profit agency. She serves on the board for Partners for Pearl River County to promote economic development as well as serving and facilitating the Community Business Advisory Committee.

Darlene is married to Brian Adams, Sr. They are proud of their three grown children with their spouses who have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Darlene's favorite hobby is club work. Some of her best friends were found through this organization.

**You are invited to a
Dessert Reception honoring
Suzanne Poynor, 2012–2014
GFWC-MFWC President, and
Suellen Brazil, 2010–2012 GFWC
Southern Region President, immediately
following the Friday night Banquet and
Installation of Officers at State Convention.**

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2012–2014 Candidate Bios

Sue Addy Candidate for GFWC-MFWC Vice President



The Present Day Club of Union wholeheartedly recommends Sue Addy for the office of GFWC-MFWC Vice President for 2012-2014.

Sue Addy is a native of Union and a graduate of Union High School and Mississippi College. She and her husband, Larry, owned and operated Marshall Lewis Dept. Store until it closed in 1993. At that

time she returned to her alma mater as an elementary teacher and retired in 2008.

Sue has been a member of Union Present Day Club for thirty three years. She has served as club president and as recording secretary three terms each. At present, she is chairman of the yearbook and calendar fundraising committees and is the club historian. In District II, she served as Chaplain, Vice President, and President. She has been a member of the MFWC Board for twenty years serving as chairman of various programs and as MFWC Recording Secretary during the present administration.

She is dedicated to helping her son, David, and his family as needed. She enjoys volunteering at the nursing home, teaching preschool Sunday School, substituting at the school, maintaining the church website, and traveling when the opportunity arises.

Our club feels that Sue will do her best to carry out the duties of Vice President and we as a club will support her in every way possible.

Abby A. May Candidate for GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary



The GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club enthusiastically supports Abby A. May for the office of GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary for the 2012-2014 administration.

Abby has served on the GFWC-MFWC Board for four years. She served as International Affairs Chairman and recently as Leadership Chairman.

Abby has been an active member of the GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club since 1993, serving two terms as President and two terms as Vice-President. Over the years, Abby has served as Committee Chairman of every Department. Abby is very dedicated to her club.

Abby also attends and participates in District and State Conventions. Abby has on occasion traveled and participated at GFWC Southern Region Conferences.

An active member of Okolona Christian Church, she serves as its Ladies Council Secretary/Treasurer.

Abby has been married 25 years to Shane May and they have one child, Michael.

After working 20 years in the legal profession, Abby now works for a governmental agency serving the public.

Because of her commitment to GFWC and MFWC, the GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club is proud to present Abby A. May for your consideration as GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary.

Diane Rouse Candidate for GFWC-MFWC Treasurer



The GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence proudly endorses Diane Rouse for the office of GFWC-MFWC Treasurer. Diane has been a member of the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club since 2002. Since joining, she has served as Club President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Reporting Chairman, and Chairman of various committees. Diane has served on the MFWC Board since 2006 serving as MFWC Meetings Coordinator and since 2010 serves a dual role as MFWC Ways & Means Chairman and Meetings Coordinator. In 2011, she was selected as the Mississippi LEADS Representative to attend the GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A Rankin County native, Diane is a graduate of Brandon Academy and holds a degree in Interior Design and Marketing from Stratford Women's College in Atlanta, but she pursued a number of other career choices through the years, as well – Church Treasurer, Budget Analyst at the Mississippi Department of Education and most recently prior to leaving state government, Personnel Director at the Schools for Deaf and Blind. Since 2005, Diane has enjoyed working part-time as a freelance designer and in 2009 added partner in a catering business to her resume.

Diane enjoys spending time with her husband, Clay, traveling, reading, gardening, decorating, shopping, serving in her church wherever needed, and volunteering in her community. Diane has two grown sons, Jeremy and Justin, and one grandson, Brody.

**GFWC-MFWC President-elect
Suzanne Poynor**

Rewards! Rewards! Rewards! When the MFWC Membership Task Force announced the contest, Clubwomen Wanted...Alive, Clubwomen all over Mississippi began the hunt! Now it is time to present the REWARDS! At the District Conventions, I will be honored to present rewards ranging from \$10 to \$110 to 16 clubs. How EXCITING!! Congratulations!

Retaining members is certainly a goal for every club. Twelve clubs need to be congratulated for keeping the membership of the club steadfast. Way to go keeping your members engaged and involved!

As I read the reports on Judging Day, I was inspired by the exciting programs and projects held throughout the state to promote membership. 217 programs and projects, 5,688.5 hours, \$4,152.24, and \$3,516 in-kind donations were reported by 29 Clubs.

SPRING will be here soon! This will be the perfect season to "Grow New Members". Plan a Membership Event because Membership Matters in Mississippi.

**GFWC-MFWC Vice President
Libby Everett**

As I write this message to you, preparations are being made for Judging Day on February 11th. Your state officers and chairmen can hardly wait to see what wonderful programs and projects you will report. Clubs seem to have adapted to the changes in GFWC reporting, and the process was probably a little easier this year.

Our historic headquarters building in Jackson is leased from the State of Mississippi. The current lease, renewed in 2000, requires a rental sum of \$500 per month. The federation is allowed to pay this amount with in-kind volunteer hours, and these hours come directly from your club reports each year. So the time you spend in service to your community is important on so many levels.

A big thank you to all club members for the work you do. Awards for district winners will be given at each district meeting and state winners will be announced at the state convention. We will be looking forward to presenting these awards and revealing the heart of volunteerism. I have enjoyed working with all of you for the past two years. As we continue down the road of volunteer service together, please remember to record and report the efforts of your clubs. Use your GFWC Club Manual for program ideas, keep up with the hours spent on each, and don't fail to brag (report) when the time comes next year. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Winter Board Meeting Report
GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary
Sue Addy**

Valentines and carnations decorated the GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Building February 11, 2012, in preparation for the Winter Executive Board Meeting and Judging Day. Fifty-eight members and one guest were present.

The following items of business were voted upon by the board:

- 1. To authorize Teenie Boone, Headquarters Chairman, to arrange for repairs to the building and to bring headquarters up to fire code standards.*
- 2. To give Smithville School Library money from the MS Flood and Tornado Relief Fund.*
- 3. To authorize Suzanne Poynor and Diane Rouse to make arrangements for the 2013 Southern Region Conference in*

Biloxi and allowing Executive Committee Members to sign necessary documents.

4. To authorize Suzanne Poynor to spend money from the Ways and Means Fund in preparation for the 2012-2014 Ways and Means Fundraisers.

Membership Chairman Suzanne Poynor reported that MFWC had 1,360 members and 60 clubs in 2011. The Wanted Alive Club Member Contest netted 54 new members.

Libby Everett, Dean of Chairmen, highlighted guidelines for judging reports. Forty two clubs reported 245,455 volunteer hours, donating \$834,332 and \$1,928,025 in kind donations. State chairmen were urged to file reports with their GFWC counterparts by the March 15 deadline and to include a copy of the first place state report as supportive material.

June Vaughn, Nominating Committee Chairman, informed the board of the slate of officers to be presented for election at the State Convention on April 27, 2012. They are Darlene Adams, President-elect; Sue Addy, Vice President; Abby May, Recording Secretary; and Diane Rouse, Treasurer.

Sherri Reid shared experiences from Southern Region Conference in Tampa, FL, October 28-30, 2011. The Mississippi delegation honored Celia Fisher, MFWC's Jennie winner with a reception.

Following the reading of the Collect and a delicious catered lunch, the afternoon was spent judging reports.

**GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
Shirley Hilburn**

I am honored to have served as your GFWC-MFWC Treasurer for 2010-2012. This has been a most rewarding experience. Thank you for the faith and trust you have given me and for the opportunity of working more personally with so many of you. My best wishes and continued support go to the new slate of GFWC-MFWC officers. I look forward to seeing you at State Convention in April.

**GFWC-MFWC Juniorettes
Mandy Laiche, Director**

Mississippi Juniorettes have been having tons of fun and staying busy this winter! Seven Juniorettes from three different clubs attended a special "Juniorette Day" at MFWC Headquarters on November 26th. We enjoyed fun, snacks, games, crafts, and a tour of the headquarters building. We were happy to have President Tammie McCoy and President-elect Suzanne Poynor join us for the fun. We also had a special guest to join us, Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs Lucinda Martinez. Juniorettes all over Mississippi would like to say a special thanks to Terrie Whitehurst for providing our craft project and to the Fine Arts Club of Bruce for providing pizza for lunch. We would also like to thank Lisa Harris for taking lots of pictures at Juniorette Day. And speaking of Lisa, she put together an AMAZING Juniorette Newsletter! Please be sure to check it out on the GFWC-MFWC website. It's full of excellent information and has pictures of several Juniorette clubs and their activities.

I'm very happy to announce there were four Juniorette clubs that reported this year. I know the Juniorette advisors usually have the task of completing the reporting for every single category so it's a huge task! Mississippi has some excellent Juniorette advisors who are dedicated to encouraging these girls and their volunteer spirit. Those four clubs reporting had a total of 235 programs and projects; 89 members participating; 6,229 volunteer hours; 9,266 dollars donated; and 6,790 in-kind donations! Keep up the great work!

District Presidents' Reports

District I – Sandra Wright

Hello District I members. Winter board meeting and judging day was held recently, February 12, at state headquarters. There was a great turnout for that cold windy day in February! All went smoothly with the meeting and judging thanks to state president, Tammie McCoy, president-elect Suzanne Poynor, and vice president Libby Everett. Libby, from District I, did a great job keeping the judging running smoothly. Thanks, Libby.

Let us all work this year to increase reporting and membership. Service clubs are so important to the support of our communities. Our volunteer hours and money provide such a great service. Let's report those hours and the things we do. Also, let's try to increase membership in District I.

I want to encourage all to attend the state convention at Eagle Ridge Conference Center on April 26-28. We need to support our outgoing and incoming state presidents. State convention is a good time to meet and get to know club members from across the state. You get to see what other clubs are doing as projects and can go back to your club with even greater ideas.

I have enjoyed being your president these last two years. Thanks to all of you who helped me by encouraging me and answering my questions. I enjoyed visiting the different clubs in our district over these two years. Please welcome Nancy Griffin as your new president. Nancy is a member of the Civic Woman's Club of Picayune. I know you will give her the same great District I welcome and support that you gave me.

District II – Lynda Love

It has certainly been my pleasure to serve as District II President for the past two years. I want to say thank you for all of your hard work that was evidenced in your excellent reports and for the great way you have adapted to the GFWC changes this administration.

To get to know so many new ladies and call each of you my friend has been a joy. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such a wonderful group of clubwomen. My journey may be complete as District II President, but my working with GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will continue. Visiting with the clubs has been fun, and hearing and seeing all of the endless hard work that you ladies do has been inspiring.

I want to say congratulations to each club who reported and to encourage those who did not report to do so next year. I thank Fortnightly Club of Meridian, Round Table Club of Meridian, and Thursday Club of Walnut Grove for being the host clubs for District II Convention. All of your hard work was a job well done; the luncheon was great and the table decorations were beautiful. Best wishes to the new officers of District II for 2012-2014.

My thoughts are with each of you as you plan for an exciting and successful administration. I am confident our outstanding MFWC club members will continue to provide the service and leadership qualities for much

success with upcoming projects. In closing, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for the opportunity to serve such a great group of clubs that make District II the BEST. Stay active: Volunteer!

District III – Jo Uptain

It has been my great privilege to have served as District III President these past three years. It is very true that "Unity Makes Us Strong, Diversion Makes Us Interesting" (Celia Fisher), and I have discovered scores of interesting women in my term of office. Every club visit helped me realize just how focused our clubs are, how in unity we did so many projects, and how we gave so many hours and funds to accomplish our goals.

We have a long history of volunteer service. The women before us fought for prison reform, child labor laws, votes for women, and better care for patients at our state hospital with project "Camp Whitfield" (Gladys Jackson). I believe that our examples today will inspire those young women who come after us to keep setting high standards. We continue to raise awareness against domestic violence, to donate funds for "Helping Hands Heal Hearts" (Carolyn Huey), and, almost sadly, but with great generosity because the need is so great, we continue to collect tons of food "To Feed Fellow Mississippians" (Tammie McCoy).

Thank you for your support during my adventure as your District III President, and as I continue my way through GFWC-MFWC, I look forward to working with new officers and new projects. We do have "A Past to Honor – A Future to Mold" (Ivovs Sisk), and we, in District III, we talented women, are up to the challenge of tomorrow.

Thank you, Tommye Rosenbaum for your wonderful *History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs*, and thank you clubwomen, one and all, for your help.

District IV – Misty Wright

Congratulations

to District IV President Misty Wright and her husband Trey on the arrival of their son, Briley. Born November 22, 2011, Briley weighed 1 lb. 9 ozs. After 12 weeks in the Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women's Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Briley, now weighing over four pounds, is home with his parents in Batesville.

District V – Mary Edmond

The 2011-2012 club year is rapidly passing and District V is eagerly anticipating our convention on February 25, 2012. That date falls only two weeks after Judging Day and Winter Board Meeting and only two months before MFWC Convention.

Our rush to be first in the line of district meetings means that we are hosting the GFWC-MFWC Convention in April. Planning began in July with Jeannie Pittman of the Florentine Club and Dee Payne of the Florentine Evening Club as Lisa Harris, Theresa Berryhill, and I met with them in Florence.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all of the clubwomen in District V who have so willingly accepted

responsibilities for our district convention and our state convention. Be sure, I cannot do either without you.

It was my pleasure to make a presentation to the Crystal Springs Floral Club in September. Lisa Harris accompanied me and contributed to the meeting, also. In November, I visited the Star Woman's Club. And, coming in May, I will be privileged to install the 2012-2014 officers for the LeBonte Club of Clinton.

Being District V President for 2010-2012 has been an honor for me. It has been wonderful to meet so many dedicated volunteers. May we all continue to volunteer in services that prove we do make a difference.

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

***MFWC President's Special Project:
Feeding Fellow Mississippians
Phyllis Whittington, Chair
Eleanor Bayless, Cassie Bryant,
and Shannon Cliburn***

Another great year! We have helped make the State of Mississippi shine when it comes to helping our fellow man. We are a giving people, and don't let anyone tell us that something "can't be done". We will show them!

Those less fortunate have been helped by this great organization of women. Our ladies have given of their time and energy, money, and of course, food - cans, boxes, bags or whatever. It has all made a difference in someone's life.

This year our statistics show:

- 38 clubs reporting
- 213 programs/projects
- 942 members participating
- 5,536 hours donated
- \$39,591 dollars donated
- \$30,093 dollars of in-kind donations
- 29,759 pounds of food donated

This has been a much needed project for our state, and I am so thankful I have been a part of it. I have enjoyed getting to know so many people and reading how your club helped make your community stronger. Our two year project will be coming to a close shortly, but I want to ask that each club keep this going in their clubs. What a wonderful way to **Make a Difference**.

GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Teenie Boone, Chair

My Hero for the month is Libby Everett, our MFWC Vice President, who just finished Judging Day at your Headquarters Saturday, February 11, 2012, and who gave me a great report of all of the numbers results of your reports of your volunteer hours! She totaled all of the numbers on your reports if you didn't do that and then totaled all of the numbers combined. Soooooo, I can report to you that there were **246,454.95 volunteer hours for 2011!!!** That number comes from 42 out of 61 clubs, 38 general clubs and 4 Juniorette clubs. If you did not send in reports,

you may still send me your hours no matter how large or how small. They all add up to a remarkable account of how much you are doing in your communities. I have received some through the mail, but since Libby gave me the results from Judging Day, you do not have to mail me a copy unless you did not report.

At the Headquarters recently, we received a new hot water heater from the plumbers that installed our old one, but we paid to have it transferred from the attic to the apartment kitchen. We also had a wooden window restored that rotted, and did a few things suggested by the Fire Marshall to get the Headquarters up to date for the fire code. It was approved at the board meeting for me to get the fire extinguishers checked, serviced, and wall mounted; get a screen made to go around the hot water heater in the apartment kitchen; get the other windows checked, recaulked and painted; and the ceiling fixed in the apartment kitchen closet. Yes, we have upkeep at the Headquarters just like any other homes but it is worth it to have our beautiful Headquarters. Send your support checks to the MFWC State Treasurer through **The 1935 Society**. Thanks!

Community Service Programs

CONSERVATION

***Partnership
Carolyn Long, Chair***

Conservation is defined as the act of conserving or preserving the natural environment. We as members of the large organization – GFWC-MFWC – must make this community service a priority.

The change for 2012-2014: The Humane Society of the United States WILL NOT be a partner with GFWC next year.

We must be more creative with our planning for KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL. Put your thinking caps on when planning for next year in this area.

***Collaboration
Melba Watkins, Chair***

I know that all of us are familiar with the adage "everything old is new again". Well, conservation is a true example of that concept. Many of us remember years ago with our grandparents and parents, conservation was just a way of life.

Flour and sugar were purchased in cloth sacks. When the sack was empty, it was washed and made into clothing, aprons, dish cloths, and sometimes even diapers. Glass jars which may have contained condiments, juice, or milk were either left on the door step to be picked up for refilling, or they were used for other things around our homes. Glass was never thrown away.

Food was never wasted. If there was food not eaten, those items, that could be, were composted for use later as fertilizer and others were used as feed for farm animals, like pigs, chicken, and yes, even dogs and cats.

In the last few years, thankfully, our world has become more concerned about taking care of our planet, strengthening our financial resources, and getting away from our throwaway society. We are working to keep our water and our air clean and our roads free of litter, lessening the amount of garbage that is sent to landfills, and being more conservative with the amount of fuel that we use in our daily lives. In short, we are adopting the old ways and making them new again.

Credit for this change is due to many, many people including GFWC-MFWC members and philosophy. We are a group of dedicated women who know the importance of conservation in the lives of our future generation.

Let me share with you some things that I have come across recently that will be interesting and also quite useful to all of us as we continue to stress being conservative in our daily lives.

There is an article in the April 2011 RealSimple Magazine and it can be found on their website (realsimple.com) that gives unique and new (maybe some might not be so new) ideas for using egg shells. We know that eggshells can be composted, but did you know that they can be used for seedling starters, stain removers, birdseed booster, pest deterrent, and as a chef's tool? Check these things out; they are truly interesting.

I also have found a wonderful book with beautiful illustrations that would be helpful in teaching children about conservation. Move over Kermit the Frog; Hopson is making his debut. This book entitled *If a Frog Had Wings* was written by Beth Ryan of Plano, Texas. It has a super coloring book which can be reproduced and would be a great addition to a teacher's Earth Day curriculum. Beth's website is www.bbsadventures.com. If you are a teacher, know a teacher, or just want to make a donation to your library, this would be a wonderful gift.

MFWC friends, let's continue our diligent work in conservation so that future generations can enjoy the wonderful resources that we have appreciated.

EDUCATION

Collaboration
Ella D. Cronin, Chair

Now that our annual reports are completed, we can turn to planning for next year. It is an excellent time to identify our best use of resources and review the many alternatives for education collaboration. The GFWC lists suggestions in the *2010–2012 Manual*. Literacy—the ability to read and write—is an area with many opportunities to help both youth and adults. We can contribute volunteer hours and financial support for our local libraries through book sales, refreshments for program participants, tutoring, fundraising, establishing library services that are not available; the list goes on. Friends of the Library is an important support group in most libraries that welcome support. Directors of local libraries, the United Way Campaign offices, and literacy centers are good sources of information.

Schools are another area that welcomes support. GFWC-MFWC has a Challenge grant to support special

education classes, a Hebron Scholarship for graduates entering college, and art contests at district and state levels. Of course clubs can offer local scholarships for graduating seniors, summer programs and camps, college and university sponsored courses, tuition for adult participation in literacy programs, or reading programs for elementary classes and groups. A visit with a school superintendent or principal may open some interesting and important opportunities for service.

Clubs have an obligation to “educate yourself” through reading and participating in academic classes, local arts and dance events and activities, field trips, etc. An excellent option is to consider GFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an organization that promotes self-learning through reading.

A great opportunity to gain new ideas is to attend the Summer Conference and district and state conventions. You can interact with very active club members from other clubs, share ideas, and learn what works.

HOME LIFE

Collaboration
Frances Brown, Chair
Lisa Barefield, Assistant

Healthy Choices equals Healthy You!!! **Healthy eating** lowers your risk of heart disease, Type II diabetes, and certain cancers. It also plays a major role in controlling diseases. March is National Nutrition Month. The theme for 2012 is *Get your Plate in Shape*. It is sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Mama was right; eating our vegetables **is** important. The Academy recommends ½ of our plate be fruit and vegetables, ¼ lean meat, poultry, or fish, and ¼ grains (with ½ of our grains being whole grains), with a glass of low fat milk and fruit for dessert. For more information visit www.eatright.org.

We often forget **water** is vital to life. Staying well hydrated is as essential as healthy eating. Lack of adequate water intake often makes us feel tired and sleepy and can even result in headaches. We eat less and feel more energized when we are adequately hydrated.

Exercise plays a major role in overall well being. It strengthens the heart muscle, improves blood flow, and helps control BP, blood sugar, and body weight.

Southern ladies always look for a reason to cook and eat. We eat when we have something to celebrate; we eat when we are sad, or even mad. Let's continue to eat, but remember to make healthy choices.

Stay lean and green with colorful fruit and vegetables and lean baked meat. Limit fats, fried foods, sodas, and processed meats. My granddaughter always makes me smile when we eat out, and she orders fruit instead of fries, or juice instead of soda. Let's follow her example and make healthy choices in 2012.

Dates to remember: April is Cancer Control Month, and April 7 is World Health Day. May is American Stroke Month, Mental Health Month, National Arthritis Month, and Older American Month. August is National Immunization Month. You may plan projects or events to celebrate, and don't forget to report. If I can help, call 662-414-1048 or email frannabrown@hotmail.com

PUBLIC ISSUES

Collaboration ***Annajeral Knight, Chair***

As I sit here this January afternoon, writing a little bit about MFWC Public Issues from my home in Star, Mississippi, I am mindful of all the programs/projects our Mississippi clubs do relating to our veterans, citizenship, and safety. I ask myself, "How is it that we are accomplishing all the things we are?" The answer is "so many clubwomen with so many good ideas!" It seems as if it all just comes naturally to us and is our way of life and dedication to club work here in Mississippi.

You clubwomen have given hours in loving service to our Mississippi service men and women and their families. The examples your lives set in your communities are a testament to good citizenship. You work to make sure we are safe in our homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship by staying up on our safety regulations and holding those accountable to task. But just think – those hours are counted and reported.

Thank you for all you do for GFWC-MFWC.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention ***Jeanith Burdine, Chair***

Wow, what a wonderful year for "Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention"! There have been so many pajamas, gift cards, and toiletries collected by you across the state. Each shelter was so eager to accept these much needed items. In November, most clubs participated in the GFWC project, "Step Away from Abuse." There were hundreds of socks, collected by you, bagged, and labeled and then taken to local shelters on "Make a Difference Day".

I want each of you to know how much I appreciate all your hard work. Don't forget to show your pride in GFWC membership and awareness of domestic violence by purchasing a Domestic Violence Awareness Signature Pin. My wish is for anyone that is a domestic violence victim will have a safe place to go and feel that they have a community that cares.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT

MS LEADS

Thank You!

MFWC is appreciative of the generous donation from Mrs. Gene (Ivovs) Sisk for the Malone-Sisk Leadership Endowment. Her donation will be a vital part of MFWC's continued funding of the MS LEADS program.

GFWC CONTESTS

Community Improvement Contest ***Nancy Griffin, Chair***

I hope all of you entered the Community Improvement Contest for 2010-2012. It has been wonderful to serve as your Community Improvement Program Award Chair and I thank you for this great opportunity.

Since 1955, it has been a GFWC tradition to recognize clubs for what they do best – serving individual communities around the world and enhancing the lives of others by meeting community-specific needs. The Community Improvement Program Award is the heart and soul of GFWC.

Now is the time that your club can identify a need in your community and implement a project for 2012-2014 to improve your local area. Chances are, your club is already working on a project that is eligible for the Community Improvement Program Award.

GFWC International Convention ***June 14 – 17, 2012*** ***Charlotte, NC***

Join your Federation friends for the 121st GFWC Annual International Convention from Thursday June 14 through Sunday, June 17, 2012, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Convention attendees will receive unparalleled educational and networking opportunities, learn about best practices, discuss common needs and goals, and foster friendships. Additionally, award celebrations are one of the most treasured moments of the GFWC Annual Convention.

Make your hotel reservations at The Westin Charlotte, 601 South College Street, Charlotte, NC before May 12, 2012, to secure the special GFWC group rate (subject to availability). Visit www.GFWC.org/Convention for travel, hotel, and preliminary agenda information.

GFWC Mission Statement

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service and to providing opportunities that strengthen the role of women."

MFWC Mission Statement

"The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. is an organization of women whose goal is personal enrichment leading to volunteer service that benefits the community, state, nation, and world."

GFWC Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs and community and as members of a family or extended family. The only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

MFWC is pleased to recognize Celia Fisher as its 2011 recipient of the Jennie Award. A member of the Lanier Club in Okolona since 1962, Celia served in most offices and on most committees of the club, being club president for the first time at age 23. From there, she began many years of federated volunteer service on the local, district and state levels, culminating in serving as 2002-2004 MFWC President. Her MFWC President's Special Project was the National Breast Cancer Foundation. During the two years of this project, \$40,000 was sent back to the Mississippi Health Department where over 700 women received mammograms as a result of this project. Notably, Celia was instrumental in the securing of a grant for the total renovation of the MFWC Headquarters Building in Jackson. Additionally, when GFWC began its LEADS program, she led the way in creating a LEADS seminar on the state level.

Still active at the local, district, and state level, Celia is now her club's vice president and yearbook chairman, District III Parliamentarian, and MFWC State Historian. She is serving her second term as Secretary-Treasurer of the Gavel Club, whose members are former presidents of MFWC. She is serving her second five-year term on the Mississippi Library Commission Board, having served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.



A teacher for 28 years at Okolona High School, Celia was respected and admired by students, parents, faculty, and administration. Her goal in teaching was not only to teach the facts but to instill patriotism, the desire to be productive citizens, and a thirst for knowledge. Celia was chosen by three of the school's "Star Students" (selected by the Mississippi Economic Council) as their "Star Teacher". The Okolona Chamber of Commerce named her "Outstanding Educator" of the year and in 2003 the Chamber of Commerce named her "Okolona Citizen of the Year". The Mississippi Society Daughters of the American Revolution selected her as "Mississippi's American History Teacher of the Year."

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Okolona, she has served on the Administrative Board and as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and continues to be an active member of the United Methodist Women. A member of the Chuquatonchee Chapter of the USDAR, she has served as Chapter Historian and is now Vice Regent and Yearbook Chairman. Celia is a member of the Okolona Chamber of Commerce and has been a volunteer mentor for the Excel GED program. She authored a revision of both the "History of Okolona" for the 150th anniversary celebration and the "History of the Okolona First United Methodist Church".

Celia is recognized locally and regionally as a talented speaker and speaks often to organizations, church groups, or student groups. The "Summer Reading Program for Children" in Mississippi Public Libraries is one of her favorite forums. Her favorite topics are her travels, history, and love of country.

Married for 53 years, Celia and her husband Harvey are proud parents of three adult daughters. The Fishers have six grandchildren and three great granddaughters.

OTHER 2011 JENNIE AWARD NOMINEES



*Mary Elizabeth Boone
Florentine Evening
Club, Florence*



*Estelle Fowler
Futura Club,
Philadelphia*



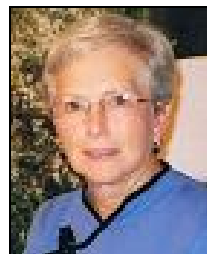
*Hope Nicholson
Florentine Club,
Florence*



*Jo Anne Reid
Twentieth Century
Club of Ackerman*



*Jo Russell
Twentieth Century
Club of Iuka*



*Shirley Stough
Civic Woman's Club
of Picayune*



*June Vaughn
Fine Arts Club
Of Bruce*

OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
114th STATE CONVENTION
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Mississippi
April 26 – 28, 2012
Tammie Mann McCoy
GFWC-MFWC President 2010–2012

The one hundred fourteenth annual convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will convene in Raymond, Mississippi, Thursday – Saturday, April 26 – 28, 2012.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The Convention is open to all members of GFWC-MFWC.

Registration will be at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center on Thursday, April 26th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 27th from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (**MS LEADS Registration** will be handled separately. MS LEADS participants will be provided with complete details.) **MS LEADS is sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund.*

The deadline for hotel reservations is April 5, 2012. The block of hotel rooms will be released after this date. Convention registration for meals must be received by April 12, 2012. Meal reservations will not be guaranteed after this date.

All members attending must be registered. Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets. Prices and the meal reservations form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following pages.

You may make your own **room reservations** by calling (601) 857-7100. Please identify yourself as a member of the group – MFWC Annual State Convention. The room rate is \$75.00 per night (not including tax and fees) for single occupancy and \$85.00 per night for double occupancy. There will be an additional charge of \$10.00 for each additional occupant per room. Check-in is 3:00 p.m., and check-out is 11:00 a.m. **Room Reservation deadline is April 5, 2012.** Any guaranteed reservation not cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival will be billed to your credit card.

EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Room will close at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27th, and all Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST** be picked up on Friday evening between 6:00 and 6:30. **Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.**

REPRESENTATION

The Voting Body shall consist of the General Officers, Appointed Officers, Past State Presidents, State Chairmen of Standing Committees and Department Programs, District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State, and regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear special designation on their name badges. Each Federation Club of fifteen (15) members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen (15) or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.

RESOLUTIONS

Emergency resolutions may be presented to the Resolutions Committee. All other resolutions must be submitted in advance, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9 B-C of the GFWC-MFWC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate actions, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

114th STATE CONVENTION
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Tammie Mann McCoy
GFWC-MFMC President 2010–2012
Registration and Meal Reservation Form

Club Member: _____
 Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Registration Fees and Meal Reservations:		Member	Booster
Registration (1 day only)	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registration (2 days)	\$20.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Board Dinner, 4/26	\$30.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon, 4/27	\$25.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Banquet, 4/27	\$35.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prayer Breakfast, 4/28	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday Board Luncheon, 4/28	\$18.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Late Fee	\$10.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Total Cost:	\$ _____	\$ _____

** Per GFWC-MFMC Standing Rule Number 8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for attendees whose registration is not received by Diane Rouse by **April 12, 2012**.*

CREDENTIAL CARD

GFWC-MFMC 114th Annual Convention

Club Member: _____
 Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

- _____ I am a Non-Voting Delegate
 I am a Voting Delegate because I am: *(Please mark only the highest position you hold.)*
 _____ An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFMC.
 _____ A Past State President of GFWC-MFMC.
 _____ A State Chairman of a Standing Committee or Department of GFWC-MFMC.
 _____ A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State.
 _____ A regularly accredited delegate for my club.
 _____ (Note: Each club of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one (1) elected delegate. For each additional 15 members, or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)

Voting delegate, please have Club President sign and mail this along with your meal reservations.
 _____ Club President

Mail this form along with a check made payable to: GFWC-MFMC 2012 State Convention by
April 12, 2012 to: Diane Rouse, MFMC Meetings Coordinator
 2323 Tiffany Circle Florence, MS 39073
 crouse99@yahoo.com

114th STATE CONVENTION
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Tammie Mann McCoy
GFWC-MFMC President 2010–2012
Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 26:

2:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting, Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Room 2223
 3:00 p.m. Finance and Executive Committee Meetings, ERCC, Room 2223
 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration, ERCC Lobby
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **MFMC: Voices of Volunteers**, GFWC-MFMC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting. (Sunday dress or party attire) **All GFWC-MFMC members are invited**, with only Board members being allowed to vote. Dining Room, First Floor

FRIDAY, APRIL 27:

8:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. Registration, ERCC Lobby
 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Gavel Club Breakfast**, Presidential Dining Room
 8:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. **New To You Sale, ERCC Gallery**
 8:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. Shop Vendors, ERCC Gallery
 View Art, Photography, and Books, ERCC Eagle Room
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, ERCC Gallery
 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies and Business Session**, ERCC Auditorium (Business Attire)

- Election of 2012-2014 Officers
- State Officer Reports
- District Officer Reports
- Community Service Program Awards: Arts, Conservation, Education, Public Issues, International Outreach, Home Life

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **MFMC: Leaders with Strong Voices**, Luncheon, Dining Hall

- Featuring Amy Whitten
- Advancement Awards: Communication, Fundraising, Membership, Leadership, WHRC, Legislation and Public Policy

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **MS LEADS Seminar**, Room 2223
 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Business Session**, ERCC Auditorium

- GFWC Signature Project Award
- GFWC Juniors Signature Project Award
- MFMC Youth Art Awards
- GFWC Writing Contest Awards
- GFWC Photography Awards
- MFMC Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards
- MFMC Media Books
- Community Improvement Contest Awards
- Guest Speakers

6:00 p.m. **Pick Up All Exhibits**
 6:30 p.m. District Pictures with GFWC-MFMC Officers, ERCC Foyer
 6:45 p.m. Processional Assembles –
 7:00 p.m. **MFMC: Members Celebrating Strong Voices**, Banquet (Formal Attire), Dining Room

- Featuring Suellen Brazil, GFWC Southern Region President
- Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year
- Recognition of District Clubs of the Year

- Recognition of District Presidents
- Recognition of LEADS Participants
- Recognition of Jennie Nominees
- Challenge Grant
- Hebron Memorial Scholarship
- Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship
- Presentation of Juniorette Awards
- Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year Award
- Presentation of Juniorette of the Year Award

9:00 p.m. until

Installation of 2012-2014 Officers, ERCC Auditorium
 Immediately followed by a Dessert Reception honoring Suzanne Poynor, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President and 2010-2012 GFWC Southern Region President Suellen Brazil

SATURDAY, APRIL 28:

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

MFWC: Members with a Grateful Voice, Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service, Dining Room

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Business Session, ERCC Auditorium

- MFWC President’s Special Project Awards
- MFWC Special Emphasis Awards: State Institutions, MPB
- Guest Speakers
- Club Of the Year Awards
- Club Recognitions
- Recognition of 2010-2012 GFWC – MFWC Officers
- Address of 2010-2012 GFWC- MFWC President Tammie McCoy
- Address of 2012-2014 GFWC- MFWC President Suzanne Poynor
- Pin and Gavel Ceremony

Noon

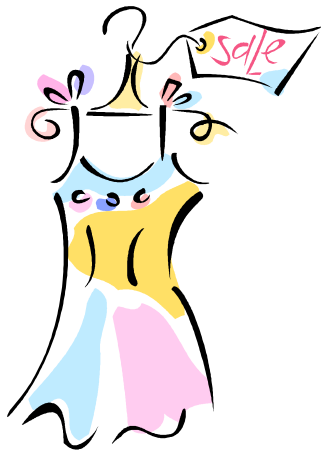
Adjournment

12:30 p.m.

Post-Convention Meeting for 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Members



NEW TO YOU” Sale at State Convention



It’s time to clean out those closets and jewelry boxes, ladies! The “New to You” sale is back for the 2012 State Convention!

Ways and Means is looking for the following items: jewelry, scarves, belts, handbags, and this year we are adding cocktail and formal attire. It can be “gently” used or new, and you just never got around to wearing it, or “fell out of love” with it. In many cases, we all have great dresses; we just don’t want to wear them anymore. Please make sure the clothing is sized. You can go to your room or the restroom to try on the clothing before purchasing.

**2012 GFWC-MFWC
State Convention Program Ads**

The 2012 State Convention will be held April 26-28, 2012 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi.

In selling or buying an ad in the Convention Program, please complete the following information for each ad submitted. The program pages will be 8½ x 11 inches.

Ad Size (check one)	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Full page	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ½ page	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> ¼ page	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 page	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$10

Name of Company/Person purchasing the ad:

Email: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Name of Clubwoman selling the ad:

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

City: _____

Ordering Instructions:

- All ad information should be submitted with this form.
- Ads should be camera ready if at all possible.
- Any GRAPHICS or PICTURES **must** be CAMERA READY. Photographs are allowed
- Make checks payable to: GFWC-MFWC 2012 State Convention.
- Mail check, ad and completed form to: Lisa A. Harris, 822 SCR 115 S, Raleigh, MS 39153



Order Deadline: April 7, 2012

**GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means
Diane Rouse, Central Chair**

Thank you for your support of MFWC Ways & Means over the past couple of years. Buying Ways & Means items is a great way to not only support the MFWC President's Special Project, but also to show YOUR support of GFWC-MFWC at your club meetings, club fundraisers, and in your community as you don the apparel, jewelry, and other items.

As you will note on the Ways & Means "shopping list" below, I have reduced the price of a couple of items, the apron and yellow "Team Tammie" T-shirt. We also have a couple of NEW items, the MFWC Mouse pad for \$5 and the MFWC Charm for \$10. The charm is designed to attach to either a charm bracelet or simply wear on a chain around your neck.

As always, I will be happy to mail you any items you wish to purchase for a small additional fee, or if you are coming to Jackson or the surrounding area, I would be happy to deliver items to you.

It is my pleasure to serve as your 2010-2012 GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means Chair.

These items will be available at District Conventions and State Convention:

MFWC Charm (NEW ITEM) - \$10

MFWC Mouse pad (NEW ITEM) - \$5

MFWC Member Pin - \$5

MFWC Aprons (REDUCED) - \$10

MFWC T-Shirts (REDUCED) - \$5

MFWC Note cards - 10/\$6, 5/\$3

MFWC Umbrella - \$15

MFWC Cloth Grocery Bag - \$5

Kym Garraway Notecards - \$1 ea.

Green Pin Ribbon - \$1 ea.

For more information, please contact Diane Rouse at crouse99@yahoo.com or 601-454-5350.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE
Tampa, Florida ~ October 28-30, 2011

Fun...



MFWC Delegation at State Night at the "Pirate Ship" in the Raymond James Stadium
Pictured are (front row) Gloria Smith, Judy Martin, Celia Fisher, Tammie McCoy, 2010-2012
GFWC-MFWC President, Amy Jacobs, Lisa Harris, Rannie Gillentine, Carolyn Long,
Suzanne Poynor, Carolyn Huey, Penny Barr, and Sherri Reid; (back row) Cathy Higgins,
Terrie Whitehurst, Jeanith Burdine, Abby May, and Penny Mathis

...and Fancy



Mississippi Delegation with GFWC Officers
Pictured are (front row) Mary Ellen Laister, 2010-2012 GFWC International President-elect; Suellen Brazil,
2010-2012 Southern Region President; Carlene Garner, 2010-2012 GFWC International President;
and Tammie McCoy, 2010-2012 GFWC-MFWC President; (second row), Sherri Reid, Carolyn Long,
Penny Barr, Lisa Harris, Carolyn Huey, and Suzanne Poynor; (third row), Rannie Gillentine,
Celia Fisher, Jo Anne Reid, Jeanith Burdine, Gloria Smith, Terrie Whitehurst, Amy Jacobs,
and Abby May; (back row) Judy Martin, Penny Mathis, and Cathy Higgins

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