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| November 1 | Dues Deadline for Honor Club recognition |
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| February 1 | Deadline to postmark reports for judging Deadline to postmark Hebron Memorial Scholarship Applications Deadline to postmark Challenge Grant Applications |
| February 10 | Deadline to postmark MS LEADS Applications Deadline to postmark Clubwoman of the Year and Juniorette of the Year Nominations |
| February 12 | Finance Committee Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS |
| February 13 | Executive Board Meeting and Judging Day, Headquarters, Jackson, MS |
| February 15 | Scrapbooks and Yearbooks due to District Books Chairman |
| February 16 | Deadline for submitting articles for <i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i> Magazine |
| February 20 | District IV Convention, Batesville |
| February 27 | District I Convention, Gulfport |
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| March 5 | District II Convention, Philadelphia, MS |
| March 12 | District V Convention, Jackson-Metro Area |
| March 19 | District III Convention, Bruce, MS |
| April 28-30 | 118 th State Convention, Location TBA |
| June 26-29 | 2016 GFWC International Convention Baltimore, Maryland |

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"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."

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**Message from 2014-2016
GFWC International President
Babs Condon**

Hello GFWC Mississippi members!

A huge thank you to all of you for the amazingly creative accomplishments of your state clubs this past year. Your state president Darlene had fun accepting awards on your behalf during the Memphis, TN convention, and I am sure she shared them during your Summer Board meeting.

Speaking of Memphis – if you were not among the wonderful GFWC Mississippi members who attended – we missed you – and you missed an amazing convention. Three days went by quickly filled with: an impressive Opening Ceremony, Resolutions and Bylaws revisions, great speakers, wonderful entertainment, historic information about the accomplishments of the last 125 years of service to our communities, a Gala celebration centered on this anniversary complete with a cake parade, confetti and a champagne toast, and lots of time with our GFWC Sisters from across the country and around the world.

So - here's your invitation to come to Baltimore, MD June 24-29, 2016 for the next GFWC Annual Convention and celebration at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel located on Charm City's vibrant Inner Harbor. Please mark your calendars and make definite plans to attend. I promise you won't regret it!

I have enjoyed every second of serving as the 50th GFWC International President and consider it an honor to represent each one of you – where ever I go and with everyone I meet. It is my privilege to teach them about this amazing sisterhood of clubwomen and about the major accomplishments we can claim from the last 125 years and also mention how we continue to achieve more – each and every day – one project at a time. Our volunteers definitely deserve more credit than we are given – but that hasn't been something we have typically asked for. We are the “behind the scenes” people who simply do something because it needs to be done. If we get a little notice – that's nice but not the reason behind our actions. However – it has been my goal and what I feel is my purpose as your GFWC President to not only be your cheerleader and your enthusiastic supporter - but also to let the world know what we do and what we stand for. That is one of the reasons we have Resolutions – to serve as the backbone – the supporting documentation on issues of importance, when I meet with: our partners, various Senators and Representatives, Tina Tchen, the Chief of Staff for the First Lady of the United States of America, and Vice President Biden to name but a few.

Living and working at our GFWC Headquarters in Washington DC is an incredible adventure. Working alongside of our Chief Operating Officer Rosemary Thomas and witnessing our staff of incredibly talented men and women working so hard to provide our members with the membership services they deserve - is inspiring to say the least.

Thank you all for Living the Volunteer Spirit!

Yours in federation,
Babs

**Message from 2014-2016
GFWC-MFWC President
Darlene C. Adams**

Dear Federation Friends,

What a difference a year makes! You have reached into your communities, “*Bringing Hope – Changing Lives*,” one project at a time. What an honor to be the president of this great federation, representing you at the GFWC International Convention. It was a privilege to receive those winning awards with President-elect Tinker Forrester on your behalf – not to mention, raising the most money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Research Center, our new GFWC Partner. Some of us had the pleasure of touring the facility as well as witnessing the official signing ceremony with our International President Babs Condon and St. Jude's representatives.

Coming off a fabulous, fun, and focus driven state convention in Tupelo, a big thank you to District III for bringing this gal's convention dream to a reality. All I can say is – WOW ladies, you are amazing! Following this historical convention as we commemorated GFWC's 125th Celebration as well as our Junioresettes 40th Year Anniversary, I traveled to Eupora to charter our Eupora Junioresettes. Twenty-six young ladies became charter members, ready to serve their community. Thank you to the Eupora Twentieth Century Club for sponsoring this Junioresette Club. Does your town have a Junioresette Club, and if not, how about sponsoring one now?

Thank you to the Executive Board for attending your Summer Board Meeting. We were also thrilled to host the Summer Institute at your historical headquarters. Things “heated up” in more ways than one with all the new ideas shared, wonderful workshops and monies raised for excellent causes. Special thanks to Vice President Becky Wright for assisting with the program lineup, facilitating workshops, and coordinating the state chairmen. Also, thank you to Sue Addy, Debbie Benoit, Libby Everett, and Tammie McCoy who presented the workshops. We promised a full day to enlighten and equip you with the tools necessary for your club's success.

I am very proud of your elected state officers as we continue to work cohesively as a team. I can assure you that each cares for the future of this organization. Among the many things, this team will develop an officers' guideline manual for future officers to use. My vision is to ensure our newly elected officers are prepared to handle their very important position and for this manual to be forever updated. Coming into each office, there is so much to learn in a short amount of time. As I have said many times, “I will finally learn this job come May 2016 when the reigns will already have been turned over to the next president!”

As you receive this Fall issue, I encourage you to read all the information our state chairmen have written to guide you with your programs and projects. Please know that if you have any questions in reporting correctly, ideas for a project or just need a

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little encouragement, these ladies are willing to assist you. If they do not have the answer, they will get with their counterparts on the GFWC level to get you that information.

As I close, I want to thank each one of you for making this 2015 a very historic year for our federation. Several of you were able to join with me to witness the official signing of the bill with Governor Phil Bryant to continue our Headquarters' lease with the state for another 15 years AND with another 15 year option. Through your diligence and tenacity, we were able to let everyone know, "This place matters!" I am so proud of each of you and all the hard work you do each and every day.

In federation spirit,
Darlene

**Note of Thanks from
GFWC-MFWC President
Darlene C. Adams**

A special thank you to each of you that called, messaged me, wrote cards, and especially those that sent memorials to our President's Special Project in memory of my younger sister Christine Cramer Herbert. When choosing my PSP, it was she that I had in mind. As a 22-year cancer survivor, I have seen her triumphs and her tragedies. She was a true soldier in the fight. She was willing to be a "guinea pig" for every new study so others in the near future would have the opportunity to beat this disease.

The love poured out has carried me through some dark days. You have brought me hope when I so needed it and yes, have changed my life forever.

*Love you my friends,
Darlene*

**GFWC-MFWC President-elect
Sheila "Tinker" Forrester**

I am reminded of the old saying - 'My, how time flies' – when I reflect back over the past year that I have served as your MFWC President-elect.

I was privileged to be able to attend several different club meetings across the state as well as all five District Conventions. It was also very exciting to be able to participate in the chartering ceremony for our newest club in the state – the Eupora Juniors – in District 3 in May. In addition to these, I attended and participated in our State Convention that was hosted by District 3 in Tupelo in April and the GFWC International Convention in Memphis in June.

It has truly been a whirlwind of packing, unpacking, and repacking, but I can say that every minute has been worth it! I would be remiss if I didn't mention the last-minute trip to the Capitol in Jackson the day before our State Convention began to witness the signing of the bill by Governor Phil Bryant regarding our lease on the property where our beautiful, historic Headquarters sits at the corner of Woodrow Wilson and North State Street in Jackson!

I would like to digress and elaborate for just a moment on the time I spent in Memphis, if I may. I have often heard

former officers who have been given the honor of accepting awards for MFWC at the GFWC Convention speak of the excitement, exhilaration, and pride they have felt when Mississippi's name has been called. But just hearing them say it really didn't prepare me for that first time! If my memory serves me correctly, I do believe - *before I could stop myself* ;) – that I was heard to utter a big 'Woo-Who!' Partly because it really was exciting to hear our name called AND also because I KNOW how hard you ladies work to make those awards happen! And, it's not just about the awards! It is because I know that the work you did to win them has not gone unnoticed, AND because of that work, lives have been changed for the better. Truly, that is what MFWC and GFWC is all about – volunteering our time to make a difference in the communities in which we live! Oh what a glorious difference we have made and I pray that we will continue to make!

I realize that by virtue of my office of President-elect that my main focus is membership as I serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee, which consists of the District President-elects and myself, thus the talk of numbers. Our current membership numbers, *at the time of the penning of this article*, stands at 1,173 members in 54 clubs. These numbers are reflective of the report that I gave at State Convention. However, I do know that there have been members added for which dues have not yet been received, so YAY, MFWC! We are holding steady AND growing! Again, I want to emphasize that the true importance is not in the quantity BUT the quality, and because of the awards that I was able to accompany President Adams to receive at the GFWC Convention, we have a QUALITY group of Clubwomen in MFWC!!!

Alas, my journey as your President-elect has passed the halfway mark and the future is on the horizon. I must say – in my most positive, minion-minded way – the future continues to look absolutely glorious!

**GFWC-MFWC Vice President
Becky Wright**

As we begin our second year of "Bringing Hope—Changing Lives, it is with tremendous joy that I commend you on your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to finishing the fight! I am excited about the opportunity to continue to serve as your MFWC Vice-President and Dean of Chairmen and look forward to another fantastic year in federation. Collectively, we truly have changed lives.

Our hearts were full as our President and President-elect received awards on our behalf at the GFWC Convention in Memphis. Our members put MFWC in the spotlight our first night with our philanthropic spirit shining bright as we were finding cures and saving children and walked away with the St. Jude Top State Fundraising Award. The 125th GFWC Convention proved to be a remarkable celebration with a wealth of information for our members.

Our 2015 reporting form will change slightly with the addition of our two new partners. Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children has a new partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Conservation CSP has a new partnership with The Nature Generation. The revised reporting form will be online pending revisions made by GFWC. MFWC will again have separate chairmen and reports for Community Service Programs and CSP Partnerships; however, CSP Chairmen and Partnership Chairmen will jointly send our award winning reports to the respective GFWC Chairman. Your attendance at our Summer Institute Reporting Workshop is to be commended! We had an incredible turnout and your thirst for knowledge promises great reports ahead. Our former Deans of Chairmen, Libby Everett and Sue Addy, did a fantastic job of educating us on

"how to fill out those forms" and "how to write a narrative." Thank you, ladies, for your assistance.

In addition to being on the lookout for the revised 2015 reporting form, please note that we have a new award: GFWC-MFWC President's Cup. We were very excited to unveil this award at Summer Institute. This new award will be a points based award in classifications as our books with points being earned through Club Administration, Monetary Contributions on Club Treasurer Report Form, Membership and Club Extension, Club Representation, Reporting in GFWC Special Projects, Community Service Programs and Advancement Areas, and Leadership. Note that all points are earned for participation. To be eligible for this award, submit a completed 2015 Club Participation and Statistics Report along with your MFWC Reporting Form. Visit GFWC-MFWC.org for more information and for both forms. Remember that I am just a phone call away. Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight! Bringing Hope—Changing Lives!

We are cups constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out. —Ray Bradbury

GFWC-MFWC Treasurer Diane Rouse

A new club year has begun and it is once again time to submit club dues and rosters. The **2014-2016 MFWC DUES FORM** is included in this issue of your *Mississippi Clubwoman*. Your club must use this form and not previous years' forms when mailing in dues.

Dues forms must be postmarked no later than **November 1** in order for your club to be recognized as an Honor Club. Clubs whose dues are not postmarked by January 1 **WILL NOT** be eligible to have reports judged or receive awards at State Convention.

As your club adds new members during the year, please send their names, addresses, and dues of \$30 for general members/\$25 for Junioresettes to my attention: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073

Personal and club donations are always appreciated and may be mailed to me at any time during the year to honor or memorialize someone. A letter will be mailed to the honoree or her family as an acknowledgment of these gifts.

GFWC-MFWC Historian Susan Shurden



Please refer to GFWC-MFWC Historian's article in 2014 Fall Plans Issue for complete guidelines.

GFWC-MFWC Junioresettes Brook McCarty, Junioresette Director

GFWC-Mississippi Junioresettes, advisors, and special guests recently enjoyed our annual retreat held at the Decatur home of former GFWC-MFWC President Carolyn Huey and her husband Max. This year's theme, "Super Heroes Masquerading as Butterflies" set the stage for attendees to learn how their selfless willingness to serve our communities positively changes our world. Nineteen Junioresettes representing four Junioresette clubs were in attendance. Special guests included GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams, President-elect Shelia "Tinker" Forrester, and Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator Lisa Harris. Girls were also treated to a pay-it-forward craft time with Missy Warren and Rhonda Hood, Sunday devotional by ECCC Softball Coach Kristen Chaney, and music by Ada McGrevey and Carolyn Huey. As a thank-you to our hostess Carolyn Huey, Junioresettes presented her with gift cards for Blair E. Batson Hospital patients, and they presented gift cards to President Adams for cancer patients. Special thanks to the following clubs and individuals for generously helping with the retreat: GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club, Union Present Day Club of Union, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce, GFWC-MFWC Present Day Club of Waynesboro, Lisa Harris and Lyn Harris.

District Presidents' Reports

District II – Theresa Buntyn

I would like to thank all of the club ladies in District II for their encouragement and support given to me this past year. I have enjoyed visiting with several clubs in our district listening to ladies sharing their thoughts for MFWC and learning how their clubs support their community. The District Convention in Meridian was excellent and our host clubs did an outstanding job. Congratulations to Jennifer Mize our "Clubwoman of the Year" and Decatur Woman's Progressive Club for "Club of the Year".

I would like to announce we have two new Club Presidents for our remaining term. First is Tommye Rosenbaum, President of Thursday Club of Walnut Grove, and second is Jeanette McNeil, President of Philadelphia Woman's Club. Join me in congratulating these two ladies for stepping up and leading their clubs in volunteer service for MFWC. We give them our love and support from District II clubwomen.

I am very proud of all the awards that our District II ladies won at both the District and our State Conventions. Several of our club ladies have been on the road this last year from Pawley Island, South Carolina, Tupelo, MS, Memphis, TN, and Jackson, MS attending conventions, meetings, or summer institute.

Thank you for supporting not only your local communities but also your willingness to learn and show others that we have outstanding members in MFWC District II and the contributions we make to Mississippi.

I am eager to serve as your District II President another year and hope I will be able to visit all the clubs in our District before the end of our term. Please call or email me if you have questions, suggestions, or recommendations as we serve on community service projects to always make a difference.

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape! ~ Unknown

**District IV – Ella Cronin, President
Deana Pittman, President-elect**

Greetings, fellow clubwomen! It is my privilege to report on the events in District IV. District IV held its 2015 convention in Greenwood hosted by the Greenwood Woman's Club. The location, food, and accommodations were wonderful! Thank you, ladies, on a job well-done! At our convention, we welcomed so many special visitors, I cannot name them all! We had a wonderful time! We honored Batesville Junior Woman's League as our District IV Club of the Year for 2014 and Glenda Bailey from Batesville Woman's Club as our District IV Clubwoman of the Year. Both of these were well-deserved awards, and it was my honor to recognize these clubs for their work in 2014!

District IV members showed up and represented us well at Summer Institute! We were especially honored to have our own District IV President Ella Cronin back with us! What a blessing to see that smiling face! Thank you, ladies, for making the effort to be there to learn new tricks, tips, and information that will benefit your clubs! We are especially excited to hear about the rejuvenation of Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO). I know our district has so many ladies that love to read! What a great way to broaden your horizons. Please don't let the paperwork keep your club from pursuing the levels in ESO. It is a really fun way to recognize your readers! I am looking forward to hearing about all of the work that our clubs are doing in 2015! Please keep up with those hours and REPORT, REPORT, REPORT! If you need help with reporting, please let me know and I will be glad to meet with you or representatives from your club to help you write those reports! It is so important that we have those volunteer hours reported. Please email me at dpittman@hotmail.com or call me/text me 662-560-3847. I will do all that I can to encourage and help you grow your clubs!

Please mark your calendars for the District IV convention to be held on February 20, 2016. We would love to have all of you there! Our own District IV will also be hosting the MFWC state convention the last weekend of April 2016! Stay tuned for more information as we plan for a great time in 2016!

District V – Melba Watkins

I think that I will take the liberty of speaking for all other GFWC-MFWC District Presidents in saying that we have had a wonderful first year with the 2014-2016 Administration. I had the pleasure of attending three of the district conventions, and they all hit the mark for attendance, organization, leadership, and creativity.

District V decided to work a little out of the box for our convention and related our theme to a portion of our Collect, you know, the **calm**, **serene**, and **gentle** part. It worked and we all had a very relaxed and enjoyable time in the town of Bude. Our Homochitto Heritage Club and the Dixie Daisies were incredible hostesses, and even a little rain didn't dampen our spirit and enthusiasm.

I will be boastful and tell you that every club in District V had at least one representative at the convention and I was told that this fete had not happened in a very, very long time. Let's keep that tradition up ladies of DV. District V also had more clubs reporting than any other district. We are so proud of our clubs and all the service projects, programs, and hours that they continually commit to their communities and outreach areas.

Our Clubwoman of the Year, Diane Scoggins, of the Star Woman's Club also went on to be chosen GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year. We are so very proud of all her outstanding volunteer work. Our Club of the Year, Raleigh

Woman's Club, did their usual and went on to GFWC-MFWC State Convention and "rocked". They continuously do outstanding work and are such a wonderful model club for all in our district as well as throughout the state.

District V clubs and membership make me incredibly proud to serve as their president and I know that this year will be even better than the last. We are "Bringing Hope-Changing Lives!"

**GFWC-MFWC Special
Appointments**

**MFWC President's Special Project:
Bringing Hope – Changing Lives
"Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight!"
Abby May, Chair**

Thank you for all you have done concerning the President's Special Project - the programs, the projects, the money raised. You Rock! Congratulations to our State Winners: 1st place – GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce; 2nd place - Cosmopolitan Club of Petal; and 3rd place GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club. But most of all... thank YOU for your love, support, and prayers for all the "journey" people.

Most of the time you have a visual that shows where you started, where you are and where you want to be. BUT let me just tell you. We started by introducing the President's Special Project – The American Cancer Society – Hope Lodge, a community house for those needing a place to reside while on their journey. We asked that you raise money. In the last year \$7,000 was raised and presented to the American Cancer Society at the MFWC State Convention in April AND another \$3,170 has been collected. WOW! We have about 9 months to raise as much money as possible. We are going to do it because well, "That's just how we do it in Mississippi."

You ask, Why? Picture this.... Your world collides with the word "cancer." It feels like you have been punched and all the air escapes except from your head and it is just a blob. Sometimes it makes you feel like a nut, and sometimes you don't when there is a place like Hope Lodge. You walk in this place and it is like tasting the rainbow. You have hit payday. There is a piece of comfort. You are never alone – someone is by your side. It gives you a shot of energy and maybe, just maybe, you become a little less Wonka. Because of your efforts, someone's cup will runneth over and in return, yours will also.

LET'S GET WILD TO FINISH THE FIGHT and make the pig squeal WEE, WEE, WEE all the way home. Let's continue 125 years of Living the Volunteer Spirit by Bringing Hope – Changing Lives.

**Ways & Means
Annajeral Knight, Chair**

It is exciting to continue to serve as Ways and Means Chair for the second year of this administration. Other committee members are Jana Jarrell of Gulfport, Karan Hardin-Nestor of Bruce, and Melba Watkins of Star. We are "going wild" again this year to raise funds for the President's Special Project.

Last year we began a "Hog Wild Challenge" where clubs had the opportunity to join the challenge with a one time \$10 payment and were challenged to fill a bank or jar with change at club meetings and other club events. This money was turned in at the 2015 State Convention with a winner announced. The "Hog Wild Challenge" continues for a

second year with the winner to be announced at the 2016 State Convention. If you did not join the challenge last year, it's not too late. Please join and start now! Let's go "hog wild" and see who can "root" up the most money. Money should be turned in at State Convention in the form of a check.

We still have some of the decorative MFWC emblem ornaments with the 2014-2016 theme "Bringing Hope-Changing Lives" and some other items. New t-shirts have been ordered and should arrive soon for sale. They are lavender (color for all cancer) with the MFWC logo in white.

Ways and Means committee members will be attending your District Conventions in the spring and bringing our wares! We will also be glad to visit your club meetings and bring our items. There will always be "wild" opportunities to own! Please come to your conventions and meetings prepared to "lighten our load" for the return home!

Challenge Grant
Phyllis Whittington, Chair

The Challenge Grant is awarded to a teacher from the State of Mississippi that will use the money to benefit her students with Learning Disabilities. It could range from \$50 to \$300. It must be used in the classroom to purchase additional supplies, implement new programs, buy advanced technology, etc. The money must be used to benefit the students.

Our 2015 winner was Joy Hayes from the Newton Municipal School district. She will purchase iTunes gift cards for language learning applications that will be used with the iPads they already have. She stated that these materials will service any and all types of disabilities. This will be used with about 125 students. Joy's application was recommended by the GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club.

Do you have a teacher in your area that could benefit from this Grant? Think about your school district, and then give a most deserving teacher the Challenge Grant form to complete. The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from a school official and one from one member of the local GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club. It must be postmarked by February 1st to be judged. Mail the completed Grant application with the two letters of recommendation to Phyllis Whittington at 5315 Berrytown Road SE, Meadville, MS 39653

Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship
Shirley Hilburn, Chair

Congratulations to Taylor McKay Hathorn of Waynesboro on being selected as the 2015 winner of the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship! Taylor is a member of the Sub-Deb Juniorette Club of Waynesboro and has logged more than 648 hours of community service during her high school career. She plans to attend Mississippi College. We are so proud of her and wish her the very best in all her future endeavors.

The Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded each spring to a GFWC-MFWC Juniorette club member who will be graduating from high school in the same year. Applications should be made to GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams before March 1 of each year. Mail applications to her at 3004 The Woods Road, Picayune, MS 39466. The winner will be notified at least one week before the GFWC-MFWC State Convention.

Applications should include the following information:

- a. Name, address, age and photograph of applicant.
- b. Name and address of applicant's parents.
- c. Name of GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Club applicant holds membership in and number of years applicant has been an active member.

- d. Name of high school from which applicant is graduating and grade average.
 - e. List of ACT Assessment scores.
 - f. Leadership activities: appropriate high school/community and Juniorette Club activities including all awards and positions of leadership.
 - g. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club advisor to the Juniorette Club in which the applicant holds membership.
 - h. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club president.
- Please call or email me if I can be of assistance to you.
662.719.4900 or sahilburn@cableone.net

Community Service Programs

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
Amy Jacobs, Chair

From Chris Sienkielewski, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman, "Please let the Mississippi Clubwomen know that GFWC truly appreciates all their work and support of the Signature Project. They are the voice for those who have lost their own voice to this issue."

Congratulations to our 2014 state winners who were: 1st place – GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce; 2nd Place - GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club; and 3rd Place - GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club. All of our Mississippi clubs are to be commended for their undaunted efforts on behalf of domestic violence awareness and prevention in our communities, state, and nation.

By supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities, you are increasing awareness and preventing the widespread occurrences of domestic abuse, elder abuse, and teen abuse.

With the new and improved GFWC website, you are able to locate program avenues for your club to continue to grow awareness within your communities.

I encourage you to continue to pursue the projects already in place and to expand with other projects you feel will make a difference.

Keep your eyes and ears open as we, this chairman and your VP Becky Wright, work on projects aimed to involve all of you as MFWC members as a cohesive group.

GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children
Frances Brown, Chair

I am beyond excited about our new partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital located in Memphis, TN. It is one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas. The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures and prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Mr. Thomas believed no child should be denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay. Although the daily operating cost for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is \$2 million, no one ever receives a bill for services. It is because of generous donations like yours that research at St. Jude has helped push the survival rate for childhood cancer from less than 20% in 1962 to more than 80% today.

Congratulations and thank you GFWC-Mississippi Clubwomen for winning Outstanding Achievement in St. Jude Children's Hospital Fundraising. Mississippi exceeded the generosity of all GFWC clubs! Now we have a reputation to uphold! In addition to supporting ACS and Hope Lodge through the PSP and Home Life, we have an awesome opportunity to be a part of the ongoing research and finding cures for childhood cancers and other catastrophic diseases. As you plan your programs and projects for the upcoming year, I challenge each club to set a minimal goal of \$200.00. Visit www.stjude.org or call 1800-822-6344 to learn more ways to get involved and to participate in the 2015 marathon weekend. If you need suggestions or help in planning a fundraiser or program, please contact me at 662-414-1048 or email frannabrown@hotmail.com.

The Un-Prescription, a non-profit whose mission is to educate the public and health professionals on the non-prescription treatments to support vibrant health on the autism spectrum was highlighted at the 2015 GFWC Convention as an Advocates for Children project for involvement and support. Information is available at www.loveautismhealth.com.

ARTS

Meri Ford Newell, Program Chair

Creatively Speaking....

The arts enhance and embellish our lives in countless ways. GFWC challenges us to "promote and support arts activities in all communities." As MFWC clubwomen, we have an opportunity to help schoolchildren see the world through an artist's eyes, create scholarships that foster future composers and performers, and sponsor writing contests that inspire a new generation of amazing Mississippi authors and poets. We promote and attend local theater and dance performances and concerts, and provide volunteer assistance at a variety of events. There are so many ways that we can be the face of arts volunteerism; we need to think creatively to see how to best serve our communities, our schools, and our wonderful state of Mississippi.

As I start my second year as Arts CSP chair, I want to encourage you to seek out all of the arts opportunities that your community and the surrounding communities have to offer. Consider taking a group trip to see a performing group. Also, support the performing groups in your local schools. Remember that forensics teams and creative writing contests need our support as well as the more prominent performing arts such as band, choir, show choir, dance, and theater. School arts programs are under fire as budgets get tighter and mandates are put forth that don't take the total student into consideration.

Finally, most of you work with your schools to support the GFWC Writing Contest and the MFWC Youth Art Contest. If you have any questions about these two terrific ways to showcase our student arts abilities, please contact me at meri.newell@jcc.edu or go to the GFWC website and take a look at the contest materials. You will need to begin contacting your schools in October so that you can have the best representation of students.

CONSERVATION

Mary Ethridge, Program Chair Elizabeth Froshe, Partnership Chair

GFWC has a new Conservation Partner, The Nature Generation. Are you looking for fun, creative environmental projects to do in your community and want to teach children

and young adults about the importance of the environment? Visit The Nature Generation website at www.natgen.org. learn about projects you can do in your community-from donating and reading Green Earth Book Award-winning books, bringing an environmental author to a school, planting a Monarch waystation, to playing online environmental games with kids. You may also email Jenny Schmidt, National Program Director, at jschmidt@natgen.org with questions or comments.

EDUCATION

Penny Barr, Acting Program Chair

William Butler Yeats once said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Mississippi clubwomen went "wild" lighting fires in 2014. Members participated in 374 projects for a total of 31,952 hours, donated over \$62,000 as well as over \$61,000 in-kind donations. Projects included, but were not limited to scholarships for high school graduates, donation and distribution of school supplies and books, working with local libraries, and volunteering in schools.

We are well into our 2015 reporting year, and you have probably discovered that program ideas are endless. Moving forward, continue to consider projects that help people overcome learning disabilities; support your library; promote literacy; mentor young people; and encourage lifelong learning. A comprehensive list can be found by visiting the Education Community Service Program manual pages at www.GFWC.org/membership/club-manual/.

Did you know literacy club grants of up to \$200 are available to GFWC clubs and funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children and/or a variety of other literacy needs? Please consider checking out the application to find a number of other suggestions, available at www.GFWC.org/membership/GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/.

Think about how you and your club can "light a fire" and get "wild" to make a difference to others in your particular community. The combined efforts of clubwomen can make a huge difference in this world!

Penny Barr, Partnership Chair

Founded in 1958, Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students.

HOBY programs provide youth selected by their schools, the opportunity to participate in unique leadership training, and service-learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY also provides adults with opportunities to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering. Over 4,000 committed HOBY volunteers plan and execute the programs each year, serving both at the local HOBY affiliate level and on HOBY's Board of Trustees. Due to the selfless efforts of volunteers and the contributions of generous donors, nearly 9,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually.

Today, over 375,000 proud alumni make HOBY stronger than ever. HOBY alumni are leaders in their schools and communities, throughout the United States and the world, making a difference for others through service.

Each year Mississippi HOBY holds their seminar in Jackson, Mississippi at Millsaps College. The seminar averages over 200 students from all across the state. It is a three-day event usually held in late May or early June. The 2015 seminar was held May 29-31. Not only did these students learn and receive training, they packed 27,000 pounds of food at Mississippi Food Network during their

weekend seminar!

MFWC members can be proud that having representation on the HOBY State Board of Directors further strengthens our HOBY collaboration. In fact, their fall meeting will be held at MFWC State Headquarters.

If you are interested in attending Mississippi HOBY or volunteering with us please contact us at hobyquestions@yahoo.com. You can also visit the HOBY website at www.HOBY.org.

Get your club involved!

- Spread the word about HOBY programs to your local high schools
- Sponsor students to attend a HOBY program
- Plan and produce a Community Leadership Workshop with local HOBY Alumni
- Help schools select and register sophomore students for the State Leadership
- Connect sponsored students with your club by inviting them to speak
- Volunteer at the events
- Provide gifts-in-kind
- Volunteer with HOBY as a speaker or at a seminar

HOME LIFE

Sue Addy, Program Chair

Greetings from Sue Addy, GFWC-MFWC Home Life Community Service Program Chairman. When I was a Kindergarten teacher, my favorite way of telling my students that they did a great job was to tell them "to pat themselves on the back!" MFWC officers, chairmen, club leaders, and members deserve a giant pat on the back for the work they did in the field of Home Life and the President's Special Project in the 2014 calendar year. GFWC recognized our hard work and awarded Mississippi the Home Life CSP award. Hooray! Pat yourself on the back!

Now our job is to do it again! Stay involved in the health issues in your community and help with new ones. If you did not do work in the partnerships last year, check out the websites and see what you can do.

Most importantly, support the PSP to Get Wild About Finishing the Fight, bringing hope and changing lives in the fight against cancer. Early this year ground work was begun on Hope Lodge for cancer patients, therefore the need to raise funds is great. The Relays for Life in each community are doing a terrific job of raising funds for research for the cure. Make sure your club does its part in this campaign. Also, remember to assist the members and friends in your club and community who are battling cancer and report your hours and in kind expenses. As a cancer patient I realize the importance of these services and appreciate each gesture. Remember to double report all PSP hours and dollars in Home Life CSP.

Let's do our best during 2015-16 to improve the quality of life in our homes and communities one project at a time.

Glenda Tarver, Partnership Chair

As we enter a new club year, keep in mind the four GFWC-MFWC Home Life Partnerships: Canine Companions for Independent Living, Easter Seals, The Heart Truth and "Inside Knowledge" Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancers.

Any one of these partnerships provide opportunities to connect and assist the communities in which we live. The organizations have web sites where important information can be accessed to educate our citizens about issues that impacts our lives.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING provides returning injured war veterans with dogs giving them the independence they would not otherwise achieve. Older citizens with disabilities also benefit from the use of these dogs as well as the blind.

EASTER SEALS supports more than a million children and adults suffering with autism and other disabilities. Make the First Five Count is a program to raise awareness for children at risk for developmental delays. Early intervention services help by providing occupational and physical therapy both in home and child care facilities. Medical and Rehabilitation, Workforce Development, and the Easter Seals Dixon Center Military and Veterans Services are just a few of the programs provided by the Easter Seals. March is the month when the spotlight is on Easter Seals and The March of Dimes and a wonderful opportunity to get out and make a difference in our communities.

THE HEART TRUTH

Did you know? **MORE WOMEN DIE OF HEART DISEASE THAN ANY OTHER DISEASE.**

Get the facts and share with friends, neighbors, clubs, and your community. There are pages of ideas for event, media, and presentation ideas on the web site.

INSIDE KNOWLEDGE; GET THE FACTS ABOUT GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS"

September is Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month but to women with fighting this, or any other cancer, every month is cancer awareness month. All women are at risk for Gynecological cancers and risk increases with age. Educate yourself and take steps to decrease your chances.

Go to the web sites listed below for information on these subjects. Get the information out through your programs and projects and **"GET WILD TO FINISH THE FIGHT"**

Canine for Companions: www.cci.org

Easter Seals: www.EasterSeals.com

Inside Knowledge: Get the facts about Gynecologic Cancer

Campaign: www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge

The Heart Truth: www.nhlbi.nih.gov

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Sue McMurtry Lucas, Program Chair

In a world where half of the population – over three billion people – lives on less than \$2.50 a day and 21,000 children die each day due to poverty, MFWC encourages members to reach beyond their own communities and consider how they can make a global impact.

There are countless ways to support global development. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency.

A few ideas include: The Apparent Project, International Rescue Committee, The Carter Center, World Village for Children, Project Hope, Days for Girls in Kenya Africa, National Volunteer Week, Bread for the World, Compassion International, Doctor's Without Borders, The Hunger Site (www.thehungersite.org)

Also consider International Day of Peace
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

International Woman's Day

International Day of Forest (March)

World TB Day (March 24)

National Volunteer Week (last week in April)

World Mental Health Day

Go to each of these web sites for more information and project ideas.

I hope that each of you have a very successful club year. If I can be of help to you, please contact me at 601-917-3447 or sue.mcmurtry@yahoo.com.

Theresa Buntyn, Partnership Chair

Congratulations to GFWC-MFMC for winning the UNICEF Partnership award at GFWC International Convention this June in Memphis. The state totals for UNICEF were 51 projects, 142 hours, \$1,208. Some of the UNICEF projects provided by Mississippi club ladies included Twentieth Century Club of Bruce presented members with a bottle of water and information to provide clean water, food, healthcare, and education to children all over the world. GFWC-MFMC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune had a "trick or treat" project which raised \$250, and 52 hours. Present Day Club of Union held a "We Can" can project, collected coins and made \$25 donation to UNICEF. We have a new opportunity in which clubs can partner with UNICEF this year that will include the United States. GFWC and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF will work together to **End Trafficking**. Below is a summary from the GFWC website that explains why Human trafficking is so important to GFWC members across the United States including GFWC Mississippi.

"Human trafficking has been likened to modern-day slavery that subjects children, women and men to force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. Around the world, it is estimated that 27 million people are enslaved. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 5.5 million child victims of trafficking. This is not just a global issue- it is a local one as well. Human trafficking has been reported in all of 50 states in the U.S. The End Trafficking project is the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's initiative to raise awareness of child trafficking and mobilize communities to take meaningful action to help protect children. In partnership with GFWC and other groups and individuals, the End Trafficking project puts children first, aiming for a day when there are no exploited children.

The support of GFWC will enable the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to continue its critical work to educate Americans and mobilize communities to take action. Support will allow the End Trafficking project to create resources, conduct online and in-person training for youth and community members on how to recognize trafficking, advocate for stronger legislation to protect children, and train 18 Global Citizenship Fellows to educate and advocate about trafficking around the country."

GFWC-MFMC members can utilize the following resources to support the End Trafficking Project.

- Donate to support the continuation of the End Trafficking project. Please download the donation form unicefusa.org.
- Learn how to spot the signs of human trafficking by downloading the trafficking hotline postcard.
- Use End Trafficking resources like the fact sheet and toolkit to educate and mobilize; download resources from unicefusa.org.
- Hold a screening of Not My Life. Facilitate a discussion afterward about ways to take action. Email endtrafficking@unicefusa.org to get a copy of the film and discussion guide.
- Make your meetings Fair Trade! Visit fairtradeusa.org to identify coffee, tea, chocolate and other fair trade products you can serve that are made without child or slave labor.

- Advocate! You can also find these calls to action at the GFWC Legislative Action Center.

I look forward to serving as your GFWC-MFMC International Community Service Partnership Chairman for another year. If any club members would like program information or additional information on our International Partners including UNICEF, Heifer International, Operation Smile, or Shot@Life Campaign please contact Theresa Buntyn GFWC-MFMC International Outreach Partnership Chair at tbuntyn81@sta-home.com.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT

Leadership Sandra Pope, Chair

Thank you so much to our state clubs who submitted great reports for their remarkable Leadership programs and projects in 2014. Congratulations to our 2014 Leadership winners: 1st Place – GFWC-MFMC Fine Arts Club of Bruce; 2nd Place – GFWC-MFMC Raleigh Woman's Club; and 3rd Place – GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club.

Keep on keeping on being the remarkable leaders you are in your clubs, communities, state, and nation. Our world is better because of the effort and initiative you take in developing your personal leadership abilities as well as the major role you play in growing new leaders.

As an officer or member you can build leadership by encouraging new members to join in club activities and let their fresh ideas help with planning. Take advantage of member diversity. Share the work and seek member involvement in planning meetings, projects, and writing reports. Support them with suggestions and encourage participation in GFWC activities. Travel with them and help with expenses. Give them GFWC resource materials. Keep them informed on Federation happenings on the district and state level. Above all, be kind and gentle, always showing genuine appreciation.

Legislation and Public Policy Dorothy Thomas, Chair

CONGRATUATIONS!!! The Advocacy in Action activities and work done in 2014 by GFWC-MFMC Clubs and Clubwomen won our state Federation two – TWO – awards at the 2015 international convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We achieved that even though MFMC is the smallest state federation in our category which contains much larger state federations. Let's do it again in 2015 – but with all Clubs reporting.

The awards were "Outstanding Achievement in Legislation & Public Policy" and "Outstanding Increase in Legislative Action Center Subscriptions." The first was for the activities that 16 of our Clubs discussed in their annual reports. The second was for the number of Mississippi Clubwomen who signed up and responded to GFWC's requests for us to "Take Action" on federal legislation and/or legislative issues and federal policy actions supported by GFWC. Taking action generally uses up no more than two to three minutes. Signing up generally takes less than five minutes.

Go on internet to www.gfwc.org. When the GFWC home page comes up click on the "What We Do" block at the top of the page. Then click on "Public Policy." At the bottom of the page see Legislative Action Center and click on the photo. When the new page comes up go to the right side of the page and click on "Subscribe to our mailing list." Complete the form that comes up then click "register". You are signed up. In addition to "Take Action" emails from GFWC you will

receive news and notes emails that update us on GFWC activities.

***Women's History and Resource Center
Becky Rhinehart, Chair***

The reports submitted by GFWC-MFWC clubs last year were great. It showed the many ways our members are preserving the histories of their clubs and the many historical sites in their communities.

The Woman's History and Resource Center located at the national GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D. C. has information on its 45,000 artifacts. For this information, access in GFWC Club Manual under WHRC section at GFWC.org/WHRC or email the Center at WHRC@GFWC.org.

How WHRC Can Help Your Club:

Need a program? WHRC rich resources include GFWC involvement in woman's suffrage and workplace equality, child labor reform, development of public libraries, pure food and drug legislation, conservation and establishment of national parks, preservation of Native American culture, and international diplomacy.

WHRC Publications: The WHRC Newsletter is a bimonthly newsletter for Friends of WHRC to help clubs with their historic preservation. Our Headquarters building in Washington, D. C. is a National Historic Landmark.

How can My Club Support WHRC? Join Friends of WHRC. A form for this was given to all clubs present at the 2015 Summer Institute. This can also be downloaded off the GFWC website.

Ideas to Use: Use WHRC publications and digital resources for club programs. Using GFWC historical stories, submit them to your local news outlets for Women's History Month in March, Federation Day on April 24 and for Archives Month in October. Contact your local historical groups to promote the distinguished role your club made in local history.

I look forward to seeing all your work on our Judging Day in February.

***Epsilon Sigma Omicron
Jacqueline Sergi, Chair***

The Pi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Omicron will soon be reactivated! As the new GFWC-MFWC ESO Chairman, I am looking forward to the challenge of spearheading the effort to get the Mississippi Chapter of ESO reactivated and of facilitating GFWC-MFWC members in becoming ESO pledges and members.

ESO, an honorary society open to GFWC members, encourages club members to read and to report what they have read, which entitles them to pins, certificates, and increased levels of membership. ESO has as its stated purpose to give "direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth." The Greek letters Epsilon, Sigma, and Omicron translate to the phrase "Enlighten your own pathway." What an opportunity for GFWC-MFWC members to broaden our interests and to heighten our knowledge through the directed reading list of ESO.

As an Advanced Placement English and French teacher as well as English and Foreign Language Department Chairman prior to retirement, I saw first hand the importance of keeping students' reading and comprehension skills active during the school year as well as through Summer Reading Programs. A relatively new member of federation and Batesville Woman's Club, I am enthusiastic about our ESO participation and expanded reading opportunities to keep our reading and comprehension skills active as we serve in our communities.

As soon as our chapter of ESO is reactivated, clubs will be notified of this opportunity and informed of the process to become a pledge. Many of you have offered to help me get this new ESO Community Service Program started which will now be separate from the Education Community Service Program. Members may look forward to receiving information soon. For information, you may contact me at jssergi46@gmail.com, 662-563-1862 – H or 662-609-2931 – C

GFWC Awards, Contests, and Grants

***Community Improvement Program
Mary Edmond, Chair***

According to the GFWC Club Manual, "The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award aims to enhance the lives of our neighbors around the world by meeting community specific needs and elevating our clubs' status within those communities."

Hopefully, you read the Fall 2014 article describing the CIP and have had a successful project in this area. There are always improvements needed in our communities: some large and some small. As you have progressed in your project, we hope that lasting impressions of GFWC-MFWC have been positive and will continue in the future.

The program time line should/could have begun in January, 2014, and may continue through December, 2015. Entry forms may be found under GFWC Awards, Contests and Grants. Entries must be postmarked to your CIP chairman by March 1, 2016.

***Photography Contests
Carolyn Long, Chair***

Clubwomen are great photographers. Judges always comment on how hard it is to pick the top three in each category. This administration has made three changes:

1. No high school division
2. No separate black/white division (will be judged with color entries)
3. Junioresettes (paid and active members) may enter with clubwomen

REMEMBER

1. Must have a waiver for EACH entry.
2. Include ALL required info on back of entry (typed or printed)
3. MUST use stiff mounting that fits photo and is smooth around the edges
4. MAIL your entry (one per club) directly to GFWC for Year in Calendar contest.

The divisions of the World in Pictures and Volunteers in Action remain the same. With black/white and color photos together there are a large number of entries. Choose your subjects wisely. I look forward to seeing your entries next spring.

***GFWC Writing Contests
Anne B. McKee, Chair***

Congratulations to Misty Wright and the GFWC-MFWC Batesville Junior Woman's League Club for captivating the National GFWC Writing Contest Judges with Misty's poem, "The NICU Club," which placed FIRST in the GFWC National Member Poetry Competition. When I first opened the envelope, I knew this poem was a winner. If not selected, I had planned to travel "up north" and "do something to somebody." Just kidding -- but great writing and writers in Mississippi are like Polar Bears at the North Pole (one on

every corner). This is why YOU, yes, YOU need to get your work together and submit an entry for the 2015 Writing Contest. Also, I must congratulate our clubs for record numbers of youth entries this year, especially GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club and MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal. I thought some of our youth entries were winners as well. I just might need to make that trip "up north" after all. One more thing, the creative writing pieces submitted this time must have been written during the year of 2015. See all of the rules and regulations via www.gfwc.org Click on contests to read what is required. Mail your short story or poetry entries and also the youth short story and poetry entries, along with a signed Creative Arts Waiver to me. Be sure to send TWO copies of each entry. Send them to me by February 1, 2016: Anne McKee, 5891 Windsor Circle, Meridian, MS 39305. I'll just be hanging around the mailbox hoping to hear from you.

GFWC Southern Region Conference
Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach
October 22 - 25, 2015

Changes in Latitude...
Come on down to Alabama's Gulf Coast. Our emerald green waters, crystal white sands, and GFWC Alabama are calling you!

Destination: **30° N 88° W**
 With GFWC's Changes in Latitudes, you're sure to be refreshed and refueled for a Powerful Attitude through speakers and workshops offered during the conference! Enjoy a fun-filled cruise with the dolphins, delectable local seafood, and time on the beach! The sun and the sand along with the chairs above are being held just for YOU!

Perdido Beach Resort Reservation Deadline September 21, 2015
 Call 800-634-8001 or www.perdido beachresort.com
 Group Rates GFWC Southern Region ID # 10820

10/21-24/15 Standard Rooms - Single or Double \$139
 Pool View (\$159) Gulf Front (\$199) Suites Available

MFWC Clubwomen, let's have great attendance in Alabama as we support our very own Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Vice President, and GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams as well as visit with our fine federation sisters. The distance is drivable ...the fun is imaginable. Reserve your room now and make plans to be there!

GFWC-MFWC Contests

BOOKS

Tammy Fillingame, Scrapbooks Chair
Lisa McGee, Yearbooks Chair

Editor's Note: Please refer to the 2014 Fall Plans Issue (page 16) of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine (printed or available on the MFWC website) for guidelines for the 2014-2016 administration.

Youth Art Libby Everett, Chair

Editor's Note: Please refer to the 2014 Fall Plans Issue (page 17) of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine (printed or available on the MFWC website) for guidelines for the 2014-2016 administration.

REMINDER

2015 Special Recognition, Awards, Scholarships, and Contests

Remember to honor deserving members of your club or others in your community where appropriate by nominating them or encouraging them to apply for special recognition, awards, and scholarships.

- 2015 Clubwoman of the Year Award
- 2015 Challenge Grant
- 2015 Hebron Memorial Scholarship
- 2015 LEADS Participant
- 2015 Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship (Juniorette)

Encourage participation in all GFWC and MFWC Contests as appropriate.

- GFWC Newsletter Contest
- GFWC Website contest
- GFWC Community Improvement Contest
- GFWC Photography Contest
- GFWC Writing Contest
- MFWC Youth Art Contest
- MFWC Crafts Contest (District Only)

Details and applications are available in the MFWC Manual and on the MFWC website.





GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



2015-2016 Dues Form

Club Information:

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Club President: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Club Treasurer: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____

Club Dues: \$30.00 X number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____
 \$25.00 X number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____
 Magazine Subscription for Associate or Honorary Members _____ @\$5.00 each \$ _____

Contributions:

- ♦ MFWC President's Special Project: American Cancer Society – Let's get WILD to finish the fight! \$ _____
- ♦ 1935 Society (MFWC State Headquarters Upkeep) **\$5 per member suggested** \$ _____
- ♦ Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000.00 annual scholarship) \$ _____
- ♦ Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship for Juniette) \$ _____
- ♦ Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
- ♦ State Institutions Fund
 Deaf School \$ _____ Blind School \$ _____ State Hospital \$ _____
- ♦ Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
- ♦ Youth Art: **\$10 per club suggested minimum** \$ _____
- ♦ HOBY: \$175.00 per student or other contribution (\$20.00 minimum donation) \$ _____
Name of school sponsored by your club: _____
- ♦ Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
- ♦ Other Contributions Not Listed \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

(Additional pages may be attached if necessary)

Total of All Above \$ _____

Instructions:

- ♦ Mail this form along with your club's check payable to MFWC and one (1) copy of the club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers. Must be postmarked by November 1 to: Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073, 601-845-3059, crouse99@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Dues must be postmarked by January 1 in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or receive awards.
- ♦ For new members added during the club year, send name, address, email address, phone number, and dues to MFWC Treasurer.
- ♦ Send deletions to Lisa Harris, Mississippi Clubwoman Circulation Editor at laharris@hughes.net or 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153.

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

GFWC-MFWC STATE CONVENTION ~ Tupelo, MS ~ APRIL 23-25, 2015



2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams (center) presented 2014 GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year Award to District III Club of the Year, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce.



**2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC 2nd Place Club of the Year
GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club**



**2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC 3rd Place Club of the Year
GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce**



**(Left) Clubwoman of the Year
Diane Scoggins
GFWC-MFWC Star Woman's Club**

**(Right) Misty Wright,
Batesville Junior Woman's
League, GFWC-MFWC LEADS
Delegate to 2015 GFWC
International Convention
with Debbie Benoit, 2014-
2016 MFWC LEADS Chair,
and Darlene Adams, 2014-
2016 GFWC- MFWC President**



**(Left) Joy Hayes, 2015
Challenge Grant Recipient,
Newton Municipal School
District**



**(Right) Amanda Cox
2015 Hebron Memorial
Scholarship Recipient**

JUNIORETTE AWARDS



**2014 Juniorette of the Year
Katelynn Victoria Moak
Dixie Daisy Juniorettes**



**2014 Juniorette Club of the Year
GFWC-MFVC Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
with Darlene Adams (center),
2014-2016 GFWC-MFVC President**



**Sarah Peugh Butterfly
Scholarship Recipient
Taylor McKay Hathorn
Waynesboro Sub-Debs**



GFWC Chief Operating Officer Rosemary Thomas, MFVC President Darlene Adams, and MFVC Juniorette Director Brook McCarty cut the celebration cake.



Vice President Becky Wright presented 2014 Award Booklet to MFVC President Darlene Adams.



Dressed in historical period clothing, GFWC-MFVC Past President Ivous Sisk highlighted GFWC History during the Anniversary Celebration.



GFWC-GFVC-MFVC Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes served as pages during the convention.



GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ~ MEMPHIS, TN ~ JUNE 12-15, 2015
Memphis Memories ~ Rocking the Volunteer Spirit



GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ~ MEMPHIS, TN ~ JUNE 12-15, 2015
Memphis Memories ~ Rocking the Volunteer Spirit



**GFWC-MFWC SUMMER BOARD MEETING/SUMMER INSTITUTE
GFWC-MFWC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
JACKSON, MS ~ JULY 18, 2015**



Members met at the beautiful MFWC Headquarters Building for Summer Board and Summer Institute.



LEADS Chair Deborah Benoit presented a Leadership Workshop at Summer Institute. Vice President and Dean of Chairmen Becky Wright facilitated the Reporting Workshops.

Darlene Adams, 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President, presided at Summer Board Meeting and presented 2014 GFWC International Awards received at GFWC 2015 International Convention to MFWC Chairmen.



Dorothy Thomas
Legislation and Public Policy
Award and Advocacy Award



Theresa Bunty and Sue
McMurtry Lucas, International
Outreach State UNICEF Award



Rebecca Jarrell
Public Issues Partnership
Sew Much Comfort State Award



Past Deans of Chairmen, Sue
Addy (above) and Libby
Everett (below), and Past
President Tammie McCoy
assisted with Summer
Institute Reporting
Workshops.



Lisa A. Harris, Website Chair
GFWC Website Award



Misty Wright, GFWC Member
Poetry, 1st Place Winner



Frances Brown, Advocacy for
Children Chair, St. Jude Top
State Fundraising Award



(Left)
Glenda Bailey,
125th Anniversary Chair
125th State Anniversary
Award

(Right)
Jackie Sergi, Batesville Woman's
Club member and newly appointed
Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)
Chairman gave report on MFWC's
efforts to reactivate the state's ESO
Chapter that will promote and
encourage member reading.



**GFWC-MFWC Budget Information
Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

RECEIPTS:

GFWC Dues

1031 General members @ \$15 15,465
142 J'rette members @ \$10 1,420

TOTAL GFWC Dues \$16,885

MFWC Dues

(\$15 per member distributed as follows:

State Federation Fund \$6.98 8,188

Headquarters Fund \$6.14 7,202

MS Clubwoman Magazine \$1.88 2,205

1173 Members @ \$15 17,595

Other:

Occupant reimbursement 12 @x \$500 6,000
for HQ utilities expenses

TOTAL: \$40,480

DISBURSEMENTS:

GFWC Dues

1031 General members @ \$15 15,465
142 J'rette members @ \$10 1,420

TOTAL GFWC Dues \$16,885

State Federation Fund:

Officer Expenses:

President GFWC Conv. Travel \$2,000

 GFWC SR Convention 500

 GFWC Board Travel 500

 Instate Travel 500

 Desk Allowance 250

President-elect GFWC Intl. Conv. Travel 1,800

 GFWC SR Convention 500

 GFWC Orientation 500

 Instate Travel 250

 Desk Allowance 100

Vice President Desk Allowance 50

Treasurer Desk Allowance 50

Recording Sec. Desk Allowance 50

Correspond. Sec. Desk Allowance 50

General Operating Expenses:

Southern Region Dues 30

Southern Region Fundraising Item 100

Binding of Histories & Magazines 100

Office Supplies 100

State President's Pin 50

Income Tax Preparation 100

Website Service 300

Juniorette Retreat 200

GFWC Gift 100

State Federation Fund

Disbursements (1173 @ \$6.98) **\$8,180**

Headquarters Fund:

Phone/Alarm monitoring 1,450

Atmos Energy (Gas) 1,800

Entergy (Electricity) 3,275

City of Jackson (Water/Sewer) 315

HQ Insurance 4,800

Filters, pest control, lawn

maintenance, building repairs,

HQ supplies 1,560

HQ Fund Disbursements \$13,200

(1173 @ 6.14 + apt. occupant of \$6,000)

Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine

(1 issue mailed/1 issue emailed)

Printing & Postage 2,100

Editor Desk Allowance 100

MS Clubwoman Disbursements \$2,200

(1173 members @ \$1.88)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 40,465

**~CONGRATULATIONS~
2014 Winners Announced at
GFWC International Convention
Memphis, Tennessee ~ June 2015**

- ❖ Home Life
Sue Addy, MFWC Home Life Program Chair
Glenda Tarver, MFWC Home Life Partnership Chair
- ❖ U.S Fund for UNICEF
State Partner Award
Sue McMurtry, MFWC International Issues Program Chair
Theresa Buntyn, MFWC International Issues Partnership Chair
- ❖ Sew Much Comfort
State Partner Award
Patricia Lee, MFWC Public Issues Program Chair
Rebecca Jarrell, Public Issues Partnership Chair
- ❖ Legislation and Public Policy
Dorothy Thomas, Chair
- ❖ Legislative Action Center Advocacy Award
Dorothy Thomas, MFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chair
- ❖ Website: Lisa A. Harris
- ❖ Member Writing Contest, Poetry
Misty Wright, Batesville Junior Woman's League
Anne McKee, MFWC Writing Contest Chair
- ❖ St. Jude Top State Special Fundraising Award
Frances Brown, Advocates for Children Chair
- ❖ 125th Anniversary Award
Glenda Bailey, Chair
- ❖ GFWC LEADS Participant
Misty Wright, Batesville Junior Woman's League
Debbie Benoit, MS LEADS Chair

*****NOTE*NOTE*NOTE*****

**A listing of the GFWC-MFWC Awards
presented at the 117th Annual Convention held
in Tupelo, MS on April 23-25, 2015 is available
online at www.gfwc-mfwc.org.**

*****NOTE*NOTE*NOTE*****

**Suggestions for candidates for the
2016-2018 elected officer positions are
due January 1, 2016. Please send suggestions
in writing to the Nominating Committee
Chairman, Annajeral Knight
P. O. Box 10, Star, MS 39167.
Nominating Committee Members:
District I – Libby Everett
District II – Jeanette Thrash
District III – Sandra Pope
District IV – Misty Wright
District V – Annajeral Knight**

**Knowledge is power but
enthusiasm pulls the switch.
~Unknown**

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***Historic Signing of the
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs'
Headquarters Building Lease With Up to a 30 Year Option
by Governor Phil Bryant
April 22, 2015***