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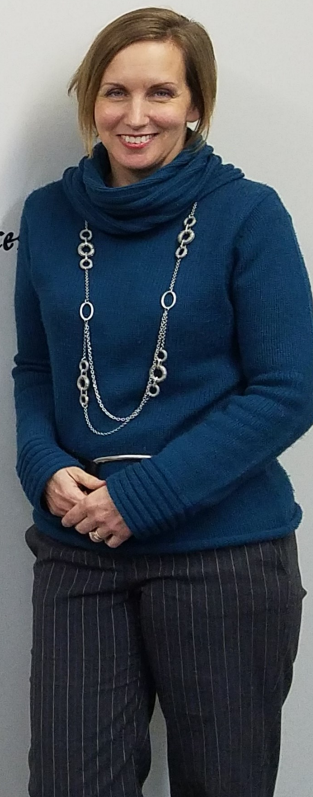
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Keep us, O GOD, from pettiness;
Set us ^{be} **large** in thought,
in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self seeking.
May we put away ALL **pretense**
and meet each other **face to face**
Without **self-pity** and without **prejudice**.
May we never be hasty in judgement
And **ALWAYS** generous.
Let us take time for ALL things;
Make us to grow **calm, serene, gentle**.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straightforward and **unafraid**!
Grant that we may realize it is the **LITTLE THINGS** that create difference
That in the **BIG THINGS** of life we are at one.
And may we **strive** to **touch** and to **know**
The great **common human heart** of us all,
And oh, LORD GOD,
Set us **forget** ^{NOT} to be **kind**!

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Mary Stewart
1904

Your 2017 Call to
GFWC-MFWC's 119th
Annual State
Convention inside!



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IMPORTANT DATES

April 24	GFWC Federation Day
April 28-29	GFWC-MFWC 119th Annual Convention Pearl, Mississippi
June 24-26	GFWC Annual Convention Palm Desert, California
October 26-29	Southern Region Convention Atlanta, Georgia
November 1	Dues must be postmarked for Honor Club Status

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."

Editor's Note: Thank you so much to Libby Everett for contributing the photograph for the front cover! Read more about this under the Club News section.

Special Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Tinker Forrester



Dear Federation Friends,

It has been my honor and privilege to represent you - the clubwomen of MFWC - during these past 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ months as your President. So many times - until I served the previous two years as your President-elect - I had not really given a lot of thought to how MUCH would actually be involved with being the President -

WELL, let me tell you, Sisters!!! It can be overwhelming at times - but not in a bad way! It's definitely more than just showing up for meetings and events with my beautiful pin on.

There is something else that I need for each of you to realize. I have four other elected officers that are serving you with me. President-elect Becky Wright serves as Membership Chairman and Advisor to the District Presidents. Vice President Sherri Reid serves as Dean of Chairmen for Reporting. Recording Secretary Theresa Buntyn keeps up with all those meeting notes AND electronic votes. Thank goodness for her abilities to take good notes!!! Treasurer Diane Rouse pays very careful attention to all of MFWC's finances, and submitting monthly financial statements to the Executive and Finance Committees, which keeps us up-to-date with the business affairs of our organization.

I would like to commend each and every one of you clubs that took the time to fill out the Reporting Forms. Even if you only turned in statistics, it was a HUGE help!

You reported:

4434	Programs and Projects
198,345	Volunteer Hours
\$334,213	Dollars Donated
\$467,798	In-Kind Donations
\$104,146	Dollars Raised
\$81,103.50	Dollars Spent
707	Books Read

THANK YOU for EVERYTHING you do for MFWC!!!

I have had the pleasure of visiting with 15 different General clubs and 2 Juniorette clubs. There have actually been a few occasions that I have visited with a club more than once! If I haven't been to visit with your club at a meeting OR an event, please feel free to contact (if I'm not already on your calendar) and I will be happy to try and come!

I have presided at a Summer Board Meeting and Institute on the campus of MSU, a Winter Board Meeting and Judging Day at Headquarters a few weeks ago, as well as Finance & Executive Committee meetings prior to both of the Board meetings.

(Tinker's message is continued on the next page)

Special Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Tinker Forrester (cont'd)

There have been Long-Range Planning Committee meetings, State Convention planning meetings and a LEADS workshop all held at our Headquarters at 2407 North State Street in Jackson. I have also been taking some out-of-state trips. I attended the GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland last June; the GFWC Board of Directors meeting in August in Arlington, Virginia and the Southern Region Conference in October in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition, I have represented you on the HOBY Board at two meetings with another one coming up in the near future.

I have had the opportunity to spend time with the artists at the **EXPRESS Yourself! Art** Program on the MSU campus. I have been able, because of the proximity, to go there on 15 different occasions! The sum total of all this (*not including air miles I and those that I have already traveled attending District Conventions*) is approximately 6700 miles and over 200 hours! Keep in mind though that those 200 hours have nothing to do with all the emails, texts, phone calls AND PLANNING HOURS!

Ladies, there is much more that I could say, but let me leave you with this....sometimes words bear repeating and since I penned them I will repeat them. There is a quote from a daily calendar dated May 5, 2006 that hangs in my 'Creative Room' that says...

'Life is a great big canvas, throw all the paint on it you can.'
~Author unknown

Make every stroke of your brush count...AND - Remember...

It is the little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life, we are at one.

Let us all work together to make our
communities better for all!

In Federation Service:
Informing Minds, Inspiring Hearts!

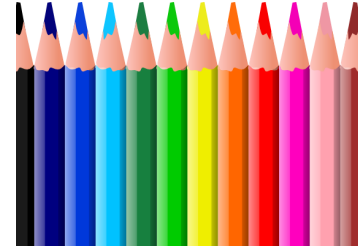
Tinker



MFWC President's Special Project: EXPRESS Yourself! Art

Chair: Susan Shurden

When President Forrester rolled out her bandwagon last April, Mississippi's clubwomen jumped on!



Some of you have:

- ◆ Purchased Art as well as prints and note cards from Express Yourself! Art
- ◆ Toured T.K. Martin Center, Invited Judy Duncan and Tinker Forrester to your meetings
- ◆ Established the Youth Art Challenge Contest and Photography Contests
- ◆ Painted the prettiest trashcans I've ever seen
- ◆ Prepared tablescapes, decorations, and decorated the streets of your towns for holidays
- ◆ Cooked more food than you can imagine
- ◆ Passed around Piggy Banks, held yard sales, sold tshirts, held silent auctions
- ◆ Created art for Nursing Homes, held book signings, a luau
- ◆ Ruffled food, craft supplies, paintings
- ◆ Donated Art Supplies, sewn quilts, designed greeting cards, painted canvases
- ◆ Hosted "Girls Night Out Painting Party", Color Runs, and Art receptions
- ◆ Attended plays, musicals, concerts, festivals, museums, pottery kilns, art shows

These efforts totaled 257 projects; 7,327 hours, \$25,011 in kind donations, and \$40,774 in donations. **Thank you for rising to meet the challenge in such creative and imaginative ways!**

There will be several opportunities to support Express Yourself! Art at the MFWC Convention.

Our **Gift card Garden** has been traveling around the state to district conventions and continues to grow. Be sure to purchase your opportunities to own!

There will be a **limited number of hand made items for purchase**. You'll need to shop early to get your pick of these fun items! We welcome any donations of artwork or crafts that you would like to donate.

Art Silent Auction will be going on during the entire convention and will close Saturday morning at 10:00. We are securing artwork from around Mississippi for this event. If you have a connection and would like to secure an item or if you would like to give me a connection to ask, please let me know as soon as possible. While we want to include your favorite artists, we also don't want to bombard them with requests.

Looking forward to seeing my creative and inspiring friends in April!



Sherri's Notes

GFWC-MFWC Vice President, Sherri Reid

Judging day was a success! Thank you to all who reported and those that judged those reports. We had several clubs that reported this year that had not in past years. Yay!!! I am sure that everyone will agree that is wonderful news. I have spoken to several clubs during District Conventions and will be going to those clubs and giving mini workshops on reporting. If your President, Vice President or Club is interested, please let me know. I would love to come to your club also!

For reporting this year 2017, I would like to offer a few tips:

⇒ *Start now. Go back to January think about what you and your club accomplished in January 2017. Write it down with all the details. Who, What, When, Where and How Much. Then go to February and then March. Each month write down your details and then your club. Then in December you have your details.*

⇒ *Is it a club project or not?
Did your club agree as a club to participate? Is it a **CLUB** project or an individual project?*

⇒ *Be ethical in your reporting. If we volunteer at church, is it really related to a club project? If your club makes a donation to support to a mission trip, it could be a club project if the club as a whole agrees to the mission and the donation. If we teach Sunday school this would not be a club project. The key is that **the club** agrees as a club to support the projects, then the club could count these donations and hours.*

⇒ *Read the advancement guides at gfwc.org Make sure your project can be reported under the specific CSP or Partner. The advancement guides give all the details concerning projects including ideas and guidelines for projects.*

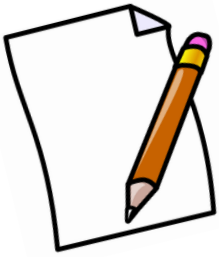
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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What Exactly Does a Recording Secretary Do?

By: Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary

As your GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary, I thought it would a great idea to share in the *Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine*, the leadership and responsibilities from the GFWC 2016-2018 Club Manual for the recording secretary. Clubs can refer back to this site www.gfwc.org to refer to revisions, duties and responsibilities for leadership roles and may be used to charter new clubs to expand our volunteerism.

SECRETARY The secretary records the minutes of the club meetings and presents them for approval. Minutes should include:

1. Name of the Organization
2. Kind of Meeting. Note whether it is regular, annual, or special, or a committee or Board meeting.
3. Date of the meeting and location if the club does not have a regular meeting place.
4. Whether the president and secretary are present or their substitutes.
5. Whether the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a committee or at the meeting.
6. Information from the treasurer's report: balance on hand at the last report, total receipts since that date, total disbursements since the last date, and the current balance on hand.
7. Only the highlights of reports given orally. If written reports are received, record which were received and that a copy is attached to the minutes.
8. Contain only a record of what is done and not what is said. Do not include personal comments, complimentary or otherwise.
9. All main motions that are not withdrawn should be noted. Indicate whether they were adopted or lost. Include the count when votes are counted. A vote by general consent must be recorded.
10. All Points of Order and Appeals are included whether sustained or lost.
11. All other motions that were not lost or withdrawn are noted.
12. Name of the person making the motion, but not the name of the person seconding the motion.
13. When an election takes place, include a full report of all votes cast as shown by the teller's report.
14. Names of new members and those who resign or forfeit membership.
15. Time of adjournment.
16. The minutes are signed: "Jane Doe, Secretary" and never "Respectfully Submitted."
17. Corrections should be inserted in the margin with a carefully drawn line around or through the subject corrected.
18. After the minutes are approved, write the word "Approved" together with the date and secretary's signature at the bottom of the page.

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(Turn the page for more from Theresa)



One of our GFWC famous quotes is from Helen Keller. Join me to ensure what we do in clubs across our state exemplify our "Spirit of Volunteerism" for actions or things done in our club meetings and reports.

-Theresa

Inspiring Moments from our Junioresettes...



GFWC-MFWC Junioresette Diamonds traveled to the state capitol in Jackson as well as the governor's mansion. These ladies had the privilege of meeting with Governor Bryant, Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, Treasurer Lynn Fitch, as well as Sen. Angela Hill and Sen. Seymour, Rep. Mark Formby and Rep. Corley. At the governor's mansion, they had special permission to take pictures in the gazebo that our state federation helped finance and donate to the state. What a great experience for these ladies. Who knows? Maybe one of these young ladies will be a state leader one day!





January 25, 2017

Dear GFWC- MFWC Clubwomen,

As your MFWC representative on the Mississippi Library Commission's Board of Commissioners, I am reaching out to you for help as advocates of Mississippi libraries. I am sure you have heard through news outlets that the Mississippi Legislature is once again slashing state agency budgets. The Library Commission, whose budget is already at an unprecedented low, is facing having to cut funding to public libraries across Mississippi. I am encouraging you to contact (call, email, or write) your Mississippi Senators and Mississippi House of Representatives members to convey the importance of the library in your community. Let them know on a personal level how libraries have helped you, your family and friends. Stress to them that adequate funding of the Library Commission is critical to keep our libraries able to provide services for the communities they serve.

If you look back into our group's history, MFWC Clubwomen were instrumental in the formation of the Library Commission. I still hear stories of how MFWC Club-women "stormed" the Capitol to speak with legislators to advocate for the issue at hand; the importance of libraries.

Once again, it is time to help lawmakers understand the importance of the mission of the Mississippi Library Commission and the value of libraries across our state. I hope you will join us for LIBRARY DAY AT THE CAPITOL on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 11:00am to 2:00pm on the First Floor Rotunda of the Mississippi State Capitol. We encourage you to help us "raise the roof" of the Capitol in support of Mississippi's libraries.

Until then, please make your voice heard by calling, writing and emailing your lawmakers to tell them how vital your library is to an informed, educated citizenry in your community. Your support is appreciated.

With a Volunteer Spirit,

Suzanne Byrd Poynor,
GFWC-Mississippi Library Commission Member



Shout outs from around the state:



Jana Jarrell, District I President

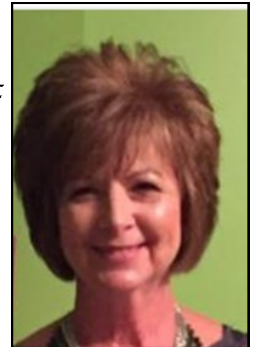
Wow! Time flies when you're having fun. My first year as your District I President has come and gone, culminating with our recent district convention.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the wonderful ladies that assisted in making our convention a success. To all the attendees, thank you for spending your Saturday with us in Petal. We had a few ladies attending our convention for the first time. I hope you enjoyed your experience and that we will see you at many more events in the future. Congratulations to Libby Everett, our District I Clubwoman of the Year and to Cosmopolitan Club of Petal, District I Club of the Year! Thank you to all of our clubs for your reports. It never ceases to amaze me how creative you are and how much our members can accomplish in a year.

For members of our district who were unable to attend our convention on March 11, please take a moment to review the report in this magazine issue from your Long Range Planning Committee detailing the proposed plan for redistricting. This plan affects all our districts and will be voted on at our state convention. If this plan is accepted by our membership, it will take effect with the 2018-2020 administration.

Ladies, please make your plans to attend our GFWC-MFWC State Convention happening April 27-29, 2017, at the Holiday Inn in Pearl, MS. District V has been hard at work planning every detail. I'm sure it will be an event to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Frances Brown, District III President



What a joy and a privilege it is to serve as your district president. It has prompted me to step outside my comfort zone as your representative at the state level. It has given me the opportunity to meet some of Mississippi's finest, smartest, bravest, most kindhearted, and hardworking ladies who inspire me to be a better person. After reading reports at judging day, I am reminded of Galatians 5:13 that says "For you brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty for the flesh, but through love serve others." The projects in your reports reflect your love shown by serving others. You are changing lives one project at a time. I am so proud of each and every one of you. No good deed goes unnoticed. Keep up the good work.

Funding is available to assist with membership recruitment. GFWC offers a \$50 grant for club member recruitment programs. Our membership is declining and I will be happy to help you plan a recruitment event or discuss ways to grow your membership.

Woman's Club of Booneville and GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of luka did a wonderful job preparing for our one hundred second district convention March 18, 2017. District V is busy preparing for state convention. You do not want to miss state convention. I am looking forward to seeing you there. My job is to serve you. Please contact me if I can help. frannabrown@hotmail.com or 662-414-1048.

Shout outs from around the state!



Deana Pittman, District IV President

I cannot believe that the first half of this administration is complete! I really do not know where the time has gone! I have enjoyed compiling the reporting awards for all of your work in 2016. I LOVE seeing all of the hours spent and dollars collected to make our communities, and in turn, our world a better place. It is evident in looking at all of the hours put in by our District IV clubs: we may be small, but we are mighty busy ladies! It was my sincerest pleasure to honor GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club as our Club of the Year. All of the ladies in the Cleveland clubs did an outstanding job on hosting our convention! We look forward to what 2017 will bring!

As you know, halfway through the current administration, we begin looking forward to the next. With the new administration will come the restructuring of our districts. Please see the information on this that is contained in this issue. Let me know if you have any questions at all! Please call, text, or email and let me know how I can help you! Call me at 662-560-3847 (or text) or email me at dtpittman@hotmail.com. I will be glad to meet with you or help you find the resources that you need to grow your clubs!

Lisa Harris, District V President



Congratulations to GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club—District V Club of the Year and to Dianne Roberts of the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club as District V Clubwoman of the Year. A very special shout out to Twentieth Century Club of Prentiss for a district convention well done. Thank you, Prentiss.

As the president of the hosting district for the 2017 State Convention, I and all the clubwomen of district V are inviting you to attend the 119th Annual State Convention on April 28 & 29, 2017. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Pearl, MS, located next door to the Outlet Mall of Mississippi, with Bass Pro Shop and the Mississippi Braves nearby.....who by the way ... will be playing at home during our convention.

Our feature guests will be GFWC Treasurer Wendy Carriker, Judy Duncan, Director of EXPRESS Yourself! Art and Maggie Wade-Dixon from WLBT. Our very, very, special guest, if she is able to join us, will be Candace and she will hold court on Friday night. It is worth your trip to this convention just to see and hear Candace hold court. After the convention, we will have an afternoon of service at our beautiful headquarters. . . that is if the weather will cooperate. Since, we are planning to do a little yard work, please bring your yard tools and clothes. NO convention clothes allowed.

Don't forget that perfect way to honor a clubwoman, an outstanding club project or two, your club, your district club of the year, your officers, or your district clubwoman of the year...buy an ad in the state program! All of the forms and information for attending state convention is conveniently located on our website. Just click on the picture! An ad form is also available for your convenience in this issue!



News from Youth Art

By Youth Art Chair: Libby Everett

It is my great pleasure to serve as your MFWC Youth Art Chairman again for the next two years. This year the competition parallels our MFWC President's mission, "**Informing Minds and Inspiring Hearts.**" Learning to create and appreciate visual art may be more important than ever to the development of the next generation of children.

NEW!! NEW!! NEW!! A new category has been added to the Youth Art competition; the Youth Art Challenge Contest. This is for students who receive no art instruction and it focuses on low-incidence disability students who are considered self-contained. Care must be taken to protect the confidentiality of these students while still allowing them to participate. If your club hasn't already, I hope all clubs will consider participating in this new endeavor.

The guidelines for both contests are displayed in the MFWC handbook and online. Please follow them before submitting artwork to your district convention.

- First place district winners in each class and division are sent from the district conventions to the state chairman. Districts provide cash prizes if that is in their bylaws.
- All district first place winners are displayed at the state convention. MFWC provides a cash prize (\$10.00) to the 15 first place state winners. Second and third place receive a ribbon.
- Districts/clubs are responsible for picking up their artwork at the conclusion of state convention.



When submitting artwork, please be respectful of the artist's work-no matter how young. Take care to treat delicate artwork with care and cover with a transparent material or fixative – NO GLASS. Please do not submit art work on copy paper unless it is on backer board, poster board, card stock, or something to keep it tidy-NO FRAMES. I receive many pieces of youth art each year and I take special care that they are returned to the clubs in much the same way they were given to me.

This is very **IMPORTANT!!!**

At district conventions, a receptacle should be provided for the artwork to be transported by the state president or her design-ee. Two pieces of poster board taped together on three sides makes an excellent container.

I look forward to working with all clubs. Please contact me if you have any questions.



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

Great job ladies! I am once again amazed at all you do to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our Mississippi children. *Psalm 127:3 says children are a heritage from the Lord.* It is evident by your projects that you are doing your part to preserve and protect our heritage.

You reported a total of 144 projects, 6,069 hours of volunteer service and \$22,480 in CSP, and an additional 105 projects, 890 hours of volunteer service, and \$15,492 for the partnerships.

You made quilts and blankets for children's homes, cut, sewed and make stuffed animals for sick children, made bears, donated toys for Christmas, sewed capes for heroes, filled bottles with dimes for March of Dimes, sponsored a Daddy Daughter Dance to raise funds for St. Jude, walked a 5K to end childhood cancer, painted a potty purple and filled it with flowers and the list goes on. You have addressed issues currently facing our children listed in the GFWC manual. You are using your "POWER" (Prepare, Organize, Work, Evaluate/Educate, Report) to make a difference in our state through the lives of many children. What a privilege to serve as your chair and read all the awesome things you do.

Please continue to support our partners, March of Dimes and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information on opportunities to support March of Dimes visit www.marchofdimes.org. After convention, I will register our team online to support St. Jude and will send an email with the link to give you the opportunity to join or donate. Several of you had the opportunity to tour St. Jude in 2016 and I hope others will be able to tour in 2017. It is truly worth your time.

I am delighted to serve as your state chairman. Contact me if I can help.

frannabrown@hotmail.com

*GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence
Awareness and Prevention
Chair: Lynda Love*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is so much you can do to support this initiative!



There are many things that you can do in your community!

Baby steps

- Meet and greet your neighbors.
- Go to a parents' meeting at your child's school.

Small steps

- Set up a playgroup in your community at people's homes or local park (consider inviting people who may not have children at home, like local seniors).
- Organize a community babysitting co-op.
- Volunteer at your child's school through the school's administration or the parent's organization.
- Encourage local service providers to produce a directory of available services that are easy to find in the community.

Big steps

- Organize a community event (a block party, father/daughter dance, parent support group)
- Run for an office in the parent organization at your child's school.
- Attend local government meetings (city council or school board meetings) and let them know how important resources are in your community. Let them know how parks, strong schools, and accessible services help to strengthen your family and other families.

*Go to:
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/tip-sheets/> to download and print flyers that can be distributed in your community. Sometimes just bringing awareness to an issue is the best way that you can help!*

****hints taken from www.childwelfare.gov****

*GFWC Advancement Area:
Fundraising & Development
Nelda Mills, Chairman*

Woman's club members across the great state of Mississippi have been super busy this club year with their fundraising activities. Whether using new ideas or "ole tried and true" methods, fundraising must happen for a club to move forward and be all that it can be. A club cannot function without the monies to fund its many community, state, national and international projects, and basically the only way to obtain that money is through fundraising.

Some clubs took on huge projects like sponsoring a city Christmas Parade, a Parade of Homes, a Father – Daughter Dance or even a county wide Distinguished Young Woman Scholarship event. Other clubs sponsored fundraisers like dessert tasting events, a raffle for a home-made dessert each month or an Antique Car Show. Some clubs simply solicited donations. Regardless of the size of the undertaking, it required time, energy, commitment and sometimes even club members' own money. This year across the state, of the clubs reporting, a total of \$ 99,166.00 was raised through fundraising. Great job ladies!!!!!!

*GFWC Photography Contest
Chairman: Carolyn Long*

Just a reminder about when the best time to begin taking photographs for the annual photography contest.....NOW! Take pictures all year long and submit your best for the contest! The World in Pictures has three categories; 1) Living Things 2) Scenes and 3) Still Life and Volunteer in Action

Neatness is a big requirement with the actual photograph and the required information. Check the website. Lisa Harris has a great form that can be used on the back of your photograph. Entries that do not have the required information and mounting according to GFWC rules will not be judged.

The first place entries from each district will then be judged for the state winners. The best "in state" from each category will then be sent to GFWC.

National Volunteer Week

April 23-29

INSPIRE A VOLUNTEER!

- "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." — Muhammad Ali
- "What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." — Aristotle
- "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill
- "Only a life lived for others is worth living." — Albert Einstein
- "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn
- "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." — Unknown

*GFWC -MFWC Writing Contests
Chairman: Misty Wright*

I hope that everyone had good conventions and is ready to head into a wonderful new year. I am both happy and disheartened with our writing contest. This year we had several wonderful entries in the youth competitions, however I am sad to say that only three club members in our whole state submitted any kind of writing into the member competition. Ladies, we can do better and must do better! I know that you all have wonderful stories to tell....funny stories to tell...so, put them all in writing and enter the competition next year! So with that being said, I know that I am going to be flooded with member entries in short story and poetry next April!!!!

On another point, several of the youth entries this year were not able to be judged because rules were not followed for formatting and waivers. I will be working on making a form for our state to be sent out to all clubs to help with this problem for next year.

Thanks for all of your hard work and commitment to *the MFWC!!!!!!*

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Dorothy Thomas, Chairperson
dl39thomas@gmail.com

Eighteen Clubs submitted annual reports on their Legislation and Public Policy activities during 2016. The statistics in these reports showed 417 Clubwomen were involved in 490 projects. They donated 1,703 volunteer service hours and \$5,960 to these projects.

During the annual General Federation of Women's (GFWC) Clubs convention MFWC received a certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Legislation and Public Policy in recognition of the work in Legislation and Public Policy. This is the third consecutive year the work of Mississippi Clubwomen received GFWC recognition. GFWC and MFWC encourage Clubs and Clubwomen to be active in watching and responding to the activities of federal, state and local officials and their proposed actions governing matters affecting their communities. This includes sharing their views with these officials via one-on-one meetings, phone calls, emails, letters and participating in group meetings such as town halls.

One of GFWC's easiest ways to communicate with federal officials is to TAKE ACTION through the internet. This is done through taking a few minutes to send an email message to these people through GFWC's Legislation Action Center. Remember to sign up and stay signed up for this program. Clubwomen who do this receive regular messages from GFWC including alerts to "Take Action" and newsletters reporting on projects of the Federation, outstanding activities of Clubs around the U.S. and in other nations which are members of the GFWC. You will read about projects which may assist your Club in selecting activities for your own community and/or our MFWC.

Participation in local, state and federal elections is one area where we Mississippians get regular opportunities to voice our opinions. This is a year for electing mayors and aldermen. Get involved. Next year we will elect people to represent us in the U.S. Congress. These are opportunities to support decisions by women to become candidates and to campaign for them.

REMEMBER the rules when we get involved in this. Clubwomen can undertake any legal campaign activity when recruiting and supporting candidates including distributing handouts, posting signs on our property, knocking on doors or speaking in support of our choice of candidates. HOWEVER, under the rules of governing both GFWC and MFWC we must NOT undertake any of these activities using our identity as Clubwomen, members of Clubs or of our Federations. Both GFWC and MFWC have legal status as tax exempt organizations. If we, during our campaign activities associate them with GFWC, MFWC and/or our federated club we can put this tax exempt status in jeopardy.



***GFWC Community
Improvement Program
Chair: Jeanette Thrash***

Hopefully by now, your club is actively involved in a community improvement project that will make your community a better place to live. As GFWC-MFWC members, that is our prime purpose: community improvement!

All information and forms needed to submit an application for this award may be downloaded from www.gfwc.org/membership/clubmanual/ then choose "Community Improvement Program".

Since this is an ongoing project, be sure that you are documenting your activities as you progress to completion. Be sure to take pictures, share on social media, etc.



Club entries must be sent to me via mail, postmarked no later than March 1, 2018. Club entries will be judged at the state level. A list of first, second, and third place state winners will be sent to MFWC.

Good luck as your club strives to receive this award! Be sure to mail me your application by March 1, 2018.

Jeanette Thrash
P.O. Box 906
Decatur, MS 39327

***GFWC Advancement Area:
Communication and Public Relations
Chair: Sharon Hudson***

Using Facebook Successfully



We all know that social media sites are here to stay and that they make excellent tools for getting the word out about your club programs and projects.

Here are a few tips to remember so that your club maintains a successful Facebook page.

- 1.) Invite your friends to "Like" your club's Facebook page.
- 2.) Post regularly. A quick daily or weekly post can go a long way toward increasing your identity in your community. Photos of club programs and projects are always of interest to others. Be sure to "tag" members or friends in the photos. Your exposure is limitless.
- 3.) Give shout-outs. Be sure to thank a member (or members) for a job well done on a program or project.
- 4.) Create Facebook Events for your fundraisers. Projects, or program and spread the word by using the "share" feature on your personal page. Facebook is an opportunity to engage in conversation with your public at all hours. It is a chance to gain new members, new donors and create awareness of your club in your community.



Arts Community Service Program

Creatively Speaking.....

Meri Ford Newell, Arts Community Service Projects Chair

Wow, ladies! I just finished judging your 2016 Arts CSP reports, and I couldn't wait to write this article to tell you about all of the wonderful projects that you have been doing over the last year! All of you have taken the President's Special Project to heart, and have come up with many great ideas to bring your community together and to reach out to people who are in search of a voice.



Libby Everett gave us the Youth Arts Challenge that gave great guidelines for giving special needs children more opportunities to be featured in Youth Art Contests, and several clubs reported on this inclusion. I am sure that even more of you will talk to your special education teachers for Youth Art contests in the coming year. You sponsored silent auctions and raffles to sell works by the artists of the T.K. Martin Center to bring awareness of EXPRESS Yourself! Art and its artists to your communities. You took field trips to the center so that you could see the artists in action. You sponsored a Girls Night Out paint party as a fundraiser. You raised over \$6000.00 in donations in just five months! What a terrific start; now let's see where the road takes us from here.

Several clubs brought awareness to their members of the arts program at Mississippi State Hospital, and their Serendipity Art Show and Silent Auction. Please find ways to support the arts programs at our state institutions; budget cuts have made these programs very challenging. If you are a grant writer, offer to pair with their director to find new grant money for their program.

Many clubwomen are doing great things to promote Youth Writing in their schools. More clubs reported their participation this year. You have sponsored young writers and have held book signings for local authors. We need to keep encouraging young people to write; remember that some of our greatest American authors and poets were native Mississippians.

All of you have done so much to attend, promote, and volunteer for arts events in your community and your state. You have volunteered food, time, and effort with music programs in your local schools, and sponsored DYW scholarship programs in your town. You have held photography shows, and have created beautiful works of art. Your club members have made quilts, written poems that went to GFWC International Convention, and have painted trashcans to beautify a public park. You have sponsored events for children to create crafts, and have made crafts to brighten a senior citizen's day.

Finally, keep doing the good work you are doing, but look for even more ways to grow and support the arts in your community. Keep finding creative ways to fundraise for the EXPRESS Yourself! Art Program that also raise overall arts awareness. Remember that everyone has a means of self-expression. You may still be looking for yours, but you most definitely have one. Feed it, grow it, and let it bloom for the world to see and enjoy!

Home Life Community Service Program

Article Submitted by *June Vaughn*

WOW! to you **Wonderful and Outstanding Women** for your **Wonderful and Outstanding Work** in 2016 as you without a doubt were inspired to improve your own lives as well as the lives of others through the GFWC Home Life 2016 initiatives. As I read your 2016 reports I was in awe at the countless hours and resources as well as the unsurpassed efforts you poured into your volunteer service. It will be my honor to applaud your service statistics and reveal the State Winners at State Convention.

Let's go above and beyond in 2017 to further embrace projects supporting the Home Life CSP including the resources provided by Heart Truth and Inside Knowledge and the GFWC Partners, Canine Companions for Independence and Easterseals.

GFWC Home Life Chairman Tammie McCoy has passed along some ways our MFWC clubwomen can utilize appropriate resources to actively participate with GFWC in its work through monetary support and involvement in project and partnership activities.

Visit <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/hearttruth/> and

"Make a Commitment to Your Heart."

Visit www.cci.org/giveadogajob or contact Nancy Murray at nmurray@cci.org

to learn how to participate and join with GFWC to *Give Independence – and Give a Dog a Job*.

Visit www.easterseals.com to find out more about the Easterseals initiatives.

Plan to recognize April as Autism Awareness Month with a monetary donation to Easterseals as well as plan a program or project to educate members and community on Autism and the ways Easterseals can help.

Visit <https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/nhoyear.aspx?year=2017> website to find a listing of health observances for 2017 at a glance. The listing provides links to the organizations helping to promote the observances. Each organization has numerous ideas and ways that you can be involved with promoting the cause. Some observances for March include National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; National Kidney Month; American Diabetes Alert Day (22), and World Tuberculosis Day (24). Observances for April include National Autism Awareness Month; National Donate Life Month; National Public Health Week (3-9), and World Health Day (7).

Education Community Service Program

MFWC Education Community Service Project and HOBY Partnership Penny Barr, Chairman

February's judging day experience at MFWC headquarters left me feeling honored and uplifted. I had the opportunity to read reports that represented the efforts of 746 GFWC-MFWC clubwomen and Juniorettes who participated in 467 Education Community Service projects, logged 34,440 hours, donated \$71,336 and contributed \$51, 876 in-kind during the 2016 club year. HOBY, our Education partner was supported by 62 projects, 658 volunteer hours, and \$5,094 of donations.

Wow, and what an impact you have had on your communities!

Moving forward, I encourage you to consider planning projects or activities to include in 2017 reports that coincide with some upcoming events:

- National Library Week will be observed April 9-15, 2017 with the theme, "Libraries Transform." This theme was chosen as a public awareness campaign to help shift the public mindset from "libraries are obsolete or nice to have" to "libraries are essential." First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries-school, public, academic and special-participate. One specific celebration I encourage all clubs to participate in is National Library Workers Day on April 11. This is a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Please visit ala.org for ideas and resources to assist in your projects.*
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed May 1- 5 this year, with May 9 being National Teacher Day. MFWC clubwomen have done a great job implementing projects and activities to honor teachers. I encourage clubs to continue to recognize and celebrate some of these real life superheroes during this time. Gestures, whether grandiose or simple, will mean a lot to these individuals.*

Also, please remember to support our partner, Hugh O'Brien Youth leadership program (HOBY) by sponsoring and/or supporting a high school sophomore in attending the May conference, and bringing Sam's or Wal-Mart gift cards to district or state convention. The gift cards enable HOBY staff to purchase snacks and other items for the leadership conference.

International Outreach Community Service Program

After reading and judging reports from all districts and learning of all the special things that clubs are doing I was just amazed and so very proud of our organization, GFWC-Mississippi. We are known as the hospitality state and we consistently rank in the top states for our generosity to charitable concerns.

Of course, all five districts in Mississippi participated in the International Outreach Partnership program. Seventy-two projects were completed for Heifer International, twenty four projects for Operation Smile, 21 projects for Shot@Life and 24 projects for UNICEF. Outstanding work by Mississippi club women in helping those who suffer daily to provide for themselves and their families.



Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

Community Service Program projects for International Outreach were also completed by clubs in all five districts. Many clubs made IO a line item on their budgets which we hope will be sustainable through coming years.



Projects ranged from making and distributing in Africa and Haiti hygiene packets which included soap, wash cloths, reusable sanitary pads and two pairs of panties to collecting baseball equipment (bats, balls, gloves, bases, helmets, catcher equipment and equipment bags) to field a youth team at 10th Baptist Church in Santiago, Cuba. The pastor and his wife of the Cuban church were

presented the equipment by the coach's wife and other club members during a visit to a club meeting.

Many of our clubs participate in the Christmas Shoe Box mission which packs toys, school supplies, small clothing items, hygiene products and sometimes non-perishable food items.



Part of our International Outreach Program is to also educate ourselves on the culture of other countries. I was pleased to be able to take part in two very tasty and informative cultural studies at my home club. A visiting English lass served "high tea" complete with home-baked scones and lemon curd. She also put to rest the false information that when sipping tea one should extend one's pinkie finger.....Not so...that is actually considered bad manners to do so.

Who Knew? A club member, after a lovely trip to Scotland and Ireland, shared a power-point presentation of the lovely countryside, some of the castles that she visited and lovely museum photos. She prepared a delightful meal to highlight her presentation.



I continue to be in awe of the great works done by my MFWC friends.....

YOU!!! Keep up the wonderful work.

~Melba Watkins, International Outreach CSP Chairman

REPORT FROM MFWC HEADQUARTERS

Pam Smith, Chairman

I'm so happy to report that the damaged ceiling at the Headquarters that happened last January, 2016, has been repaired. For all those who attended the Winter Board meeting and Judging Day on February 11, 2017 saw the repairs and recent painting of walls where foundation cracks were plastered. You are all welcome to plan a meeting or reception at the Headquarters Building. Just email me and copy President Tinker Forrester the date you would like to come and I will see that you have access to the Headquarters Building.

A huge THANKS to Diane Rouse, who stepped in last summer to assist meeting with workmen, insurance adjusters, Pennington Alarm Company, Tyco Fire Suppression System Company, Rodent Exterminators and many other persons at the Headquarters. Please express your appreciation to Diane when you see her for the wonderful help she provided for our Headquarters.

Per the terms of our lease, the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., submits a report on the contributions of its members in services and monetary support to the Mississippi School for the Blind, Mississippi School for the Deaf, other state agencies, and programs and projects in the fields of education, health, arts, public affairs, and conservation for the advancement and benefit of the people of Mississippi. For 2016, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs members reported 4,377 projects and programs, and 192,394 volunteer hours. Historically, the number of volunteer hours has been multiplied by the federal minimum wage to calculate the value of the volunteer hours contributed to this State by our membership. The minimum hourly wage of \$7.25 times 192,394 hours equals \$1,394,857.00. In addition, members reported donations of \$425,164.00 and in-kind contributions in the amount of \$484,915.00.

Way to go, Mississippi Clubwomen! This place matters!



Membership—“It’s the Real Deal”

What fun it has been to read your MFWC Membership reports and see how you used GFWC’s Membership Recruitment Campaign! Seasoned members gathered around the table and played with a full house to Go Fish for new members. The Twentieth Century Club of Iuka increased their membership by 27%. Batesville Woman’s Club applied for and received the GFWC Club Membership Grant. Florentine Evening Club used door prizes with extra chances for members bring potential members to meeting. To Bridge the Gap, Civic Woman’s Club of Picayune reinstated the Juniette Diamonds with twenty-three members! By doing what you loved, you inspired and awakened the hearts of others in the Game of Hearts. Four new members joined in January and five new members joined in February! And now we begin our “52 Pick-up a membership Tool” segment as we aim for a Royal Flush!

How will you be a game-changer for someone and pick up new members? Do you have recruiting events scheduled? I have challenged each District President to work with their respective District Membership Committee Chair to host a District Wide Service Project and Recruitment Event this year. Please encourage them and support these events, as this would be an excellent opportunity to invite potential members as well as pick up new contacts! Our current membership stands at 1,079 with fifty clubs. Imagine for a moment the growth in membership if each club picked up one new member. Our membership would grow to 1,129. And then imagine, for a moment, the exponential growth if each district chartered, or refederated, one new club! Wow! There are many tools available through GFWC. You can find these online at www.gfwc.org, under “Membership Services.” Remember you have your District President-elect who serves on the MFWC Membership Committee ready to assist you, and of course I am just a phone call away.



Membership is the HEART of GFWC, and within our Mississippi Federation, we hold the power to transform lives through membership. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23

Becky Wright

District Clubs of the Year



*District I
Cosmopolitan Club of Petal*

District Clubs of the Year



District 2
GFWC-MFWC Decatur Progressive Woman's Club

District Clubs of the Year



District 3
GFWC-MFVC 20th Century Club of Bruce

District Clubs of the Year



District 4
GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club

District Clubs of the Year



District 5
GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club

News from the Clubs!!!



I don't know about the rest of you....but I am tired just looking at all of this work Clubwoman Jodie Brickson has put in on the clubhouse for the Cosmopolitan Club! She has painted the Club Collect on the wall! Her fellow clubmembers are so proud of her tremendous talent and her willingness to serve!

~Photo submitted by Libby Everett

Iuka 20th Century Club spent time on Valentine's Day with the clients at Tishomingo Industries. They provided a spaghetti lunch, Valentine's crafts, and even led a great game of Valentine Jingo!

Club members shown: (left to right) Cindy Whitfield, Pat Nichols, Sandy Travis, Vicki Yates, Sue Kerby, Brenda Whitfield, Mayecilla Hart, Fredda McCune, and Jo Russell (President of the Iuka 20th Century Club).

~Photos submitted by Patricia Nichols



More News from the Clubs!!!



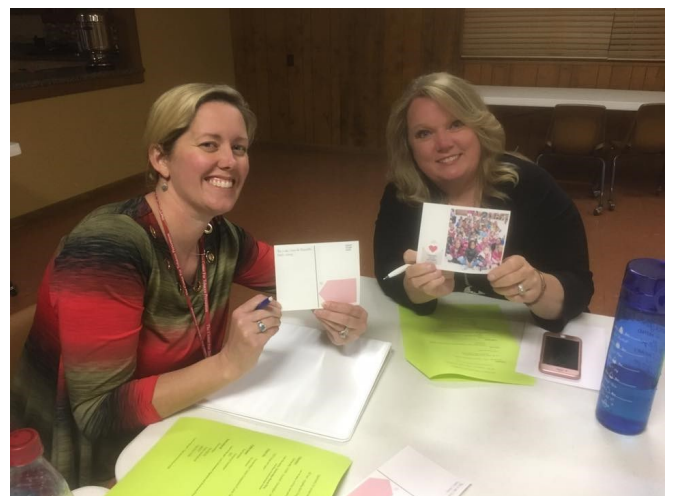
Nelda Mills shared some of her favorite pictures from the fundraising reports that she judged! Our clubwomen know how to make raising money FUN! Clubs across our state played BUNCO, hosted beauty pageants, Holiday Tours of homes, and much much more to financially support their projects in their communities!



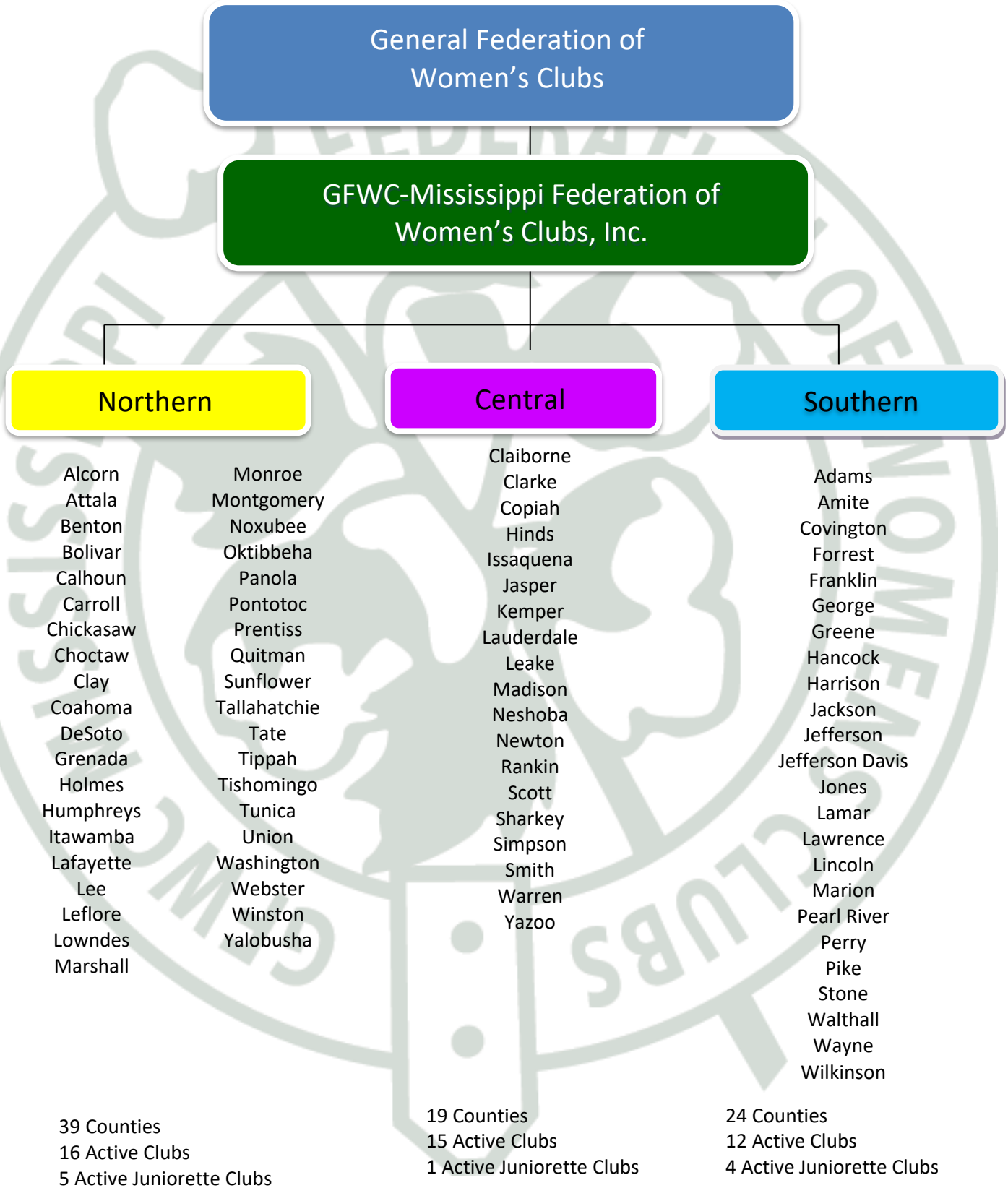
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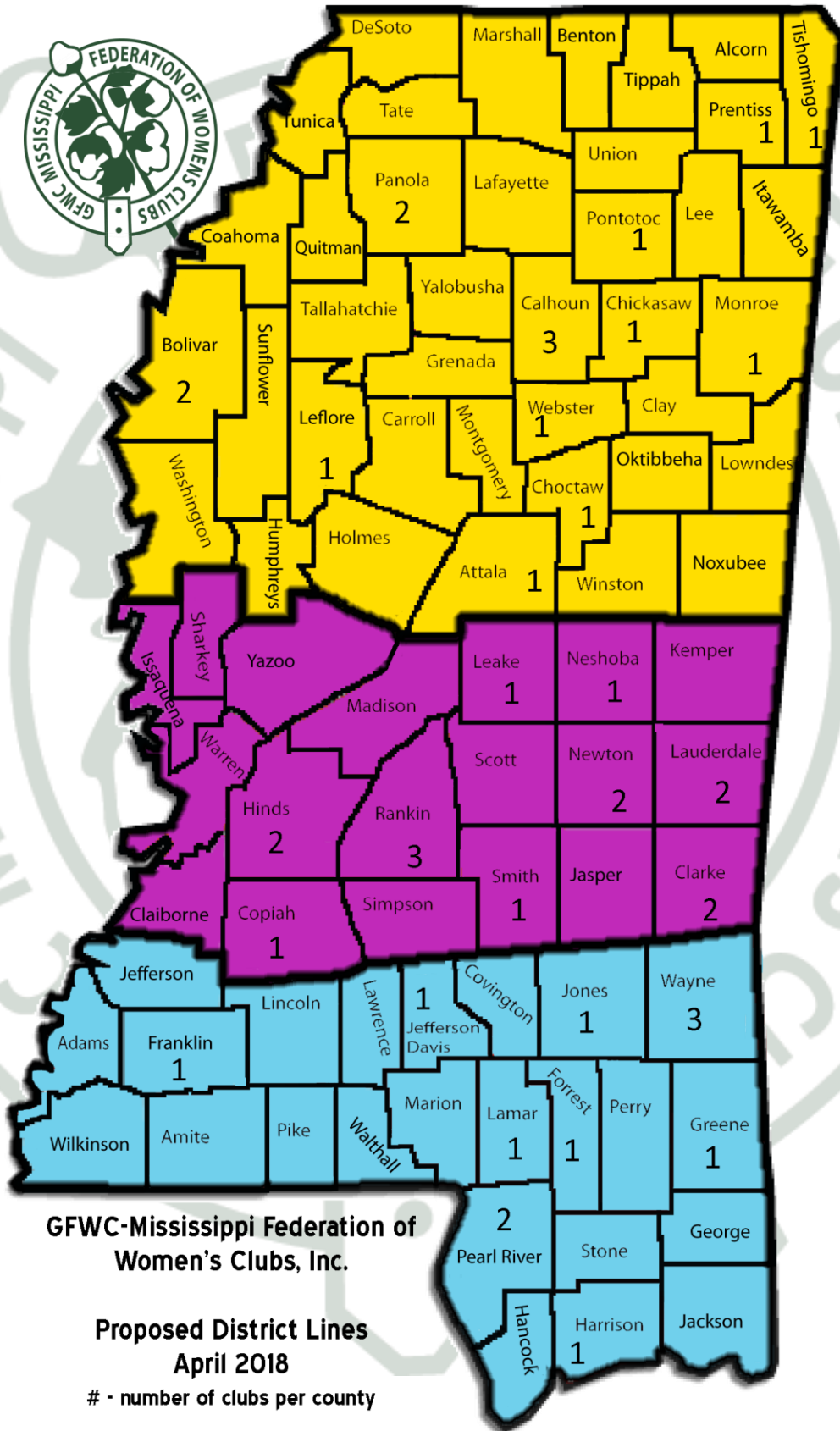
Batesville Junior Woman's League members have been busy volunteering, bringing awareness, fundraising, and even serving in leadership positions for District IV and on the state board!



GFWC-MFWC Proposed District Lines April 2018



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GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

**Proposed District Lines
April 2018**

- number of clubs per county

OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
119th State Convention
Holiday Inn Trustmark Park
110 Bass Pro Drive
Pearl, MS
April 27 – 29, 2017
Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFMC President 2016-2018
“Informing Minds . . . Inspiring Hearts”

The One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Pearl, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 27th – 29th, 2017.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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

Registration Schedule:	Thursday, 4/27	3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, 4/28	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4/29	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration Table will be located in the Hotel Lobby.

All members attending must be registered.

Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets.

Prices and the meal reservation form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following page.

Please bring for *President's Special Project*: National chain Gift Cards for “Opportunities to Win” Gift Card Tree.

Please bring for *Afternoon of Service at GFWC-MFMC Headquarters*: Work clothes, gloves and gardening tools. We will be ‘beautifying’ the exterior of our Headquarters.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 7, 2017.

Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.

The deadline for hotel reservations is April 12, 2017.

The group-block room rate is \$109.99 per night (*not including tax*) through **April 12, 2017**.

The block of rooms will be released after this date. You may make your own room reservations by calling **1.601.939.5238**. You must identify yourself with the group-block “**F2C**.”

Check-in is 3:00 p.m., and checkout is noon.

EXHIBITS

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 28th, and all Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST be picked up** between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. 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, Special Committees and Community Service Programs; District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State; and, regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear a 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 of the GFWC-MFMC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate action, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

Registration and Meal Reservation Form

Mail to:

Judy Martin, Registration Co-Chairman
P.O. Box 472
Raleigh, MS 39153
601-540-1856 – cell phone

Club member: _____
 District: ___ Club: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

	<u>Member</u>		<u>Booster</u>
Registration (1 day only)	_____	\$15.00	_____
Registration (more than 1 day)	_____	\$20.00	_____
Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/27	_____	\$37.00	_____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/28 (Gavel Club Members Only)	_____	\$15.00	_____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/28	_____	\$26.00	_____
Banquet, Friday, 4/28	_____	\$30.00	_____
Brunch, Saturday, 4/29	_____	\$21.00	_____
 *Registration Late Fee	_____	 \$10.00	_____
 TOTALS:	_____		_____

*Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.

CREDENTIALS CARD
GFWC-MFWC 119th Annual Convention

Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____

_____ 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-MFWC.

_____ A Past State President of GFWC-MFWC.

_____ A State Chairman of a Standing Committee, Special Committee, or CSP.

_____ A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State.

_____ A regularly accredited club delegate. (Each club of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and 1 elected delegate. For each additional membership of 15 or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)

If voting delegate, please have Club President to sign, and mail this along with your meal reservations.

_____, Club President

Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to:

GFWC-MFWC 2017 State Convention,
to Judy Martin at the address above.

The registration form is also available for download from www.gfwc-mfwc.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 7, 2017.

TENTATIVE Schedule of Events*
119th State Convention
“Informing Minds . . . Inspiring Hearts”

Thursday, April 27:

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. **Registration - Hotel Lobby**
2:00 p.m. **Finance and Executive Committee Meetings – President’s Suite**

*It is suggested that you arrive early enough to get checked-in (3:00 p.m.) so that you will have time for some ‘Retail Therapy’ either at the **Outlets of Mississippi** and/or **Bass Pro**. The hotel is conveniently located between the two locations.*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting**
All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.

Friday, April 29:

7:30 a.m. **Gavel Club Breakfast - 2nd Floor Board Room**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Registration - Hotel Lobby**

9:00 a.m. **Convention Convenes - Cypress & Magnolia Rooms**
Business Session
Reports from: Officers and Executive Board
Headquarters and Long-Range Planning Committees

12:00 - 2:15 p.m. **Luncheon – featuring GFWC Treasurer Wendy Carriker**
Awards: GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness
GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children; Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy and Membership

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **Business Session**
Awards: Fundraising & Development, WHRC, ESO, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues
State Institutions, MPB, Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks & Yearbooks

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Free Time for shopping at the Outlets of Mississippi**

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Pick up All Exhibits - Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks, and Yearbooks**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Social Gathering – honoring GFWC Treasurer Wendy Carriker – Location TBA**

6:45 - 7:15 p.m. **Photo Opportunities will be available – Location TBA**

7:15 p.m. **Processional Assembles**
(MS LEADS Participants, District Presidents, Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Clubs of the Year, Past State Presidents, GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers, & GFWC Guest)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Banquet – featuring Judy Duncan, Director of EXPRESS Yourself! Art and Neha Arora, 2017 MS Distinguished Young Woman.**
Awards: Arts, PSP, LEADS, Challenge Grant,
Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship

Saturday, April 28:

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Memorial Service**

Business Session
Reports by: District Presidents
Juniorette Awards

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Brunch – featuring Maggie Wade-Dixon**
Awards: Juniorette of the Year, Juniorette Club of the Year
Clubwoman of the Year, Club of the Year

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Afternoon of Service – GFWC-MFWC Headquarters**

- *If a report is moved to another day/time slot, the chairman will be notified.*
- *Chairmen are requested to always have your report with you at all meetings.*
- *If possible, we will continue with reports as time permits, in order to expedite the program.*
- *Dress for day functions: Business.*
- *Dress for evening functions: Sunday attire or semi-formal.*



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**GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S
CLUBS, INC.
119TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 28 - 29, 2017
PEARL, MS**

Convention Ads

Why not purchase an ad or two to recognize the accomplishments of your members, your club, your district or state.

Ads come in many sizes and cost. Pick the right size for your announcement. Ads are available in the following sizes and cost:

- ★ Full page (9.4" h x 6.9" w) - \$100.00
- ★ 1/2 page (4.5" h x 6.8" w) - \$50.00
- ★ 1/4 page (4.5" h x 3.6" w) - \$30.00
- ★ 1/8 page (2.28" h x 3.6" w) - \$20.00

When selling or buying an ad in the Convention Program, please provide the following information for each ad:

- ★ Name of Company/Person/Club purchasing the ad
- ★ Contact information on person selling ad, i.e., name, email address & phone number.
- ★ Ad size and Amount Paid

Important Instructions and Comments:

- ★ All ad information and payment should be submitted with State Convention Ad Form
- ★ Ad (including GRAPHICS and PICTURES) should be *Camera Ready in digital file format if at all possible.
- ★ Make check(s) payable to GFWC-MFMC 2017 State Convention and note on the check that it is for a convention ad.
- ★ Mail check(s) and completed form to Lisa A. Harris, 822 SCR 115 S, Raleigh, MS 39153. Email ad to lisaharris@outlook.com

Deadline - (postmarked) April 15, 2017.

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