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CONVENTION THEME:
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HOST CLUBS:
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF DISTRICT I
NANCY GRIFFIN, PRESIDENT

CLUBWOMAN COLLECT

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness; Let 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 judgment 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 differences, 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, let us forget not

To be kind.

Mary Stewart, April 1904

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GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2012

PRESIDENT	CITY	TERM
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Beckett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitard	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine Mitts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gautier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal	Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patterson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mary Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Davis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Lois Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Burson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry	Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Simmons	Columbia	1968-1970
Kitty Grafton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Riley	New Hebron	1972-1974
Elizabeth Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
Peggie Herrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	Laurel	1978-1980

GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2012

	PRESIDENT	CITY	TERM
*	Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
	Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
	Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
	Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
*	Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
*	Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
	Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
	Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
	Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
	Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
	Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
	Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
	Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
	Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
	Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010
	Tammie McCoy, PhD, RN	Pontotoc	2010-2012

^{*}deceased



GTWC-Mississippi Federation Women's Clubs, Inc.

Suzanne Byrd Poynor President, 2012-2014



Dear GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Members and Guests,

Each DAY is a GIFT to be Shared with those we LOVE!

This is never more true than TODAY!

GREETINGS to you as you arrive for the 115th GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention at Eagle Ridge Conference Center located in Raymond, Mississippi. Celebrate, enjoy, learn, and maybe, hopefully, relax as you spend three days with your Federation Friends. As we SHARE with other Mississippi Clubwomen at our Convention, we are reminded "That in the big things of life we are at one", OUR GIFT as Volunteers!

District I is the host for the 115th Convention. Under the guidance of District I President, Nancy Griffin, time and effort have so graciously been given to make this a special occasion for each of you. I send my sincere appreciation to all who have planned and prepared for us and are busy, even now, as the Convention unfolds.

When I extended an invitation to each of our speakers and entertainment, each of them ENTHUSIASTICALLY said "YES!". At the luncheon on Friday, **Sandy Middleton** of Pearl will share information and updates concerning "Violence Prevention". Clubwoman Anne McKee's Gift of Story Telling will keep us laughing Friday Afternoon. Friday night, **Judy Thomas Martin**, MFWC Past President 2006 – 2008 will be our "Keynote Speaker". We are in for a treat! Another treat Friday night will be an impressive vocal presentation by **E.C. Harpe** of Florence. The Prayer Breakfast speaker and vocalist is **Dr. Connie Shelton** of Jackson. Canine Companions for Independence Facilitator, **Stacy Cook and Ayla**, Canine Companion, of Philadelphia will tell their story during the Saturday Morning Business Session.

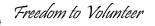
We will, also, be busy applauding the Volunteer Service of our Mississippi Clubwomen. Awards, grants and scholarships will be awarded throughout the Convention. Thank each of you for "Making a Difference" in your Community, Mississippi, and Internationally.

I predict that "Bunco for State Institutions" on Thursday night will be an "Event to Remember"! Donations may be made at the Door for State Institutions. AND the "Rockin' Robin Sock Hop" on Friday night will be another "Event to Remember". There will be 50's Rock 'n Roll Music, a Hula Hoop Contest as well as a Bubble Gum Blowing Contest! Don't forget to bring your SOCKS to the "SOCK Hop" for Veterans and Residents of Domestic Violence Shelters.

Thank you for giving me the GIFT of your PRESENCE at the 115th GFWC-MFWC State Convention!

May we ALWAYS have the GIFT of "FREEDOM to VOLUNTEER"!

Suzanne







April 18, 2013

Dear GFWC Mississippi Clubwomen:

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I wish you a wonderful 115th Annual Convention for GFWC Mississippi Federation in Raymond, Mississippi on April 25th through the 27th, 2013.

I know that you will have a wonderful and educational convention this Spring.

I am welcoming you to the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida on June 29th through July 2, 2013, on the "American Riviera" to the 121st GFWC Annual Convention. This will be an outstanding and "fun filled" convention and "No formal wear".

See you in sunny, south Florida. Come and visit the Florida Everglades. The first State Park in Florida and donated by the Florida Federation of Women's Club. Visit the Villa Vizcaya Museum and Gardens completed in 1916 by Arthur Vining Davis. It is an Italian Renaissance architecture and art and furnishings portray 400 years of history.

See you all in Florida in June, 2013.

Yours in Federation,

Mary Ellen Laister
GFWC International President

GFWC-MFWC DIRECTORY

GFWC-MFWC Officers	
GFWC-MFWC President	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
President-Elect	Darlene Adams
Vice President	Sue Addy
Recording Secretary	Abby May
Treasurer	Diane Rouse
Corresponding Secretary	Sherri Reid
Parliamentarian	Tammie McCoy
Historian	Misty Wright
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Newsletter Editor	Lisa A. Harris
Photographer	Lisa A. Harris
Handbook Editor	Lisa A. Harris
Juniorette Director	Mandy Laiche
Member	•
Immediate Past President	•
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GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS	
District I	•
District II	
District III	•
District IV	•
District V	Cindy Holcomb
GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS	
Scrapbook Chairman	Cassia Bryant
Yearbook Chairman	•
Media Books Chairman	
Youth Art Chairman	
HOBY Board Member	-
GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Chairman	
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Committee	•
Mississiani Library Commission Doord Marshay	•
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member	
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman	Elizabeth C. Powers
GFWC-MFWC STANDING COMMITTEES	
Constitution and Bylaws, Chairman	ludy T. Martin
Committee	
Committee	·

Finance, Chairman	Jo Anne Reid
Committee	Judy T. Martin
	Carolyn C. Huey
	Tammie McCoy
	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
	Darlene Adams
	Sue Addy
	Abby May
	Diane Rouse
Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman	lone Bond
Committee	
	Ella Cronin
Long Range Planning, Chairman	Tommye Rosenbaum
Committee	Nancy Griffin
	Anne McKee
	Sandra Pope
	Mary Ellen Holloway
	Cindy Holcomb
M. Collie Covington Trustees	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
	Darlene Adams
	Sue Addy
	Abby May
	Diane Rouse
Membership, Chairman	Darlene Adams
Committee	Sherri Reid
	Theresa Buntyn
	Ella Cronin
	Cindy Holcomb
Resolutions and Recommendations, Chairman	Rowena Drinkwater
Committee	Jana Jarrell
	Katie Patterson, MD
State Headquarters, Chairman	Mary Elizabeth "Teenie" Boone
Assistant Chairman	Belinda Peacher
Committee	Libby Everett
	Coreen VanDevender
	Cathy Higgins
	Sharon Hudson
	Marie Boswell
	Dee Payne
	Jackie Richardson
1935 Society, Chairman	Sue Thompson
State Institutions, Chairman	Jeannie Pittman
Committee	Perrie Paul
	Jan Delk

Ways and Means, Central Chairman	
South Chairman	•
North Chairman	Terry Shea
GFWC-MFWC Special Committees	
Challenge Grant, Chairman	Phyllis Whittington
Committee	•
Juniorette Director	Mandy Laiche
Co-Advisor	Janae Harrelson
Malone Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund, Chairman	Ivous Sisk
Committee	Diane Rouse
	Jo Anne Reid
Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Chairman	Shirley Hilburn
Committee	Deana Pittman
	Ella Cronin
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	Tami Harris
GFWC-MFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS	Chirley Ctoursh
Arts – Partnership Chairman	, -
Conservation – Partnership Chairman	•
Conservation Chairman	-
Education – Partnership Chairman	
Education Chairman	
Education – Assistance Chairman	
Home Life – Partnership Chairman	
Home Life Chairman	-
International Outreach – Partnership Chairman	
International Outreach Chairman	
Public Issues – Partnership Chairman	
Public Chairman	
GFWC Junior's Special Project, Advocates for Children, Chairman	Debbie Hamilton
GFWC Junior's Special Project, Advocates for Children, Assistant Chairma	an Janice Coutch
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness, Chairman	Lynda Love
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness, Assistant Chairn	nanShelia Owens
GFWC-MFWC ADVANCEMENT AREA APPOINTMENTS	6: 1 11 1
Communication and Identity, Chairman	
Fundraising Chairman	
Leadership Chairman	
Membership ChairmanLegislation and Public Policy, Chairman	
Women's History and Resource Center Chairman	
GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Chairman	<u>-</u>
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GFWC SOUTHERN REGION BOARD/C	OMMITTEE MEMBERS
Board Member	Suzanne Byrd Povnor
Fundraising Committee Member	•
Past President	
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Revisions Committee Member	
Secretary	•
Standing Rules Committee Member	
GFWC BOARD/COMMITTEE Board Member	MEMBERS
Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Co Women's History and Resource Center Committee Member	ommittee Member Tammie McCoy

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

- 1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them on silent mode during all functions.
- 2. Delegates will please be prompt, being in your seats at the hour for beginning the meeting.
- 3. Pages will be available for sending messages to the platform or other delegates.
- 4. Delegates will please wear their badges to all meetings.
- 5. A delegate wishing to speak, shall rise, address the Chairman and give her name and the name and the location of her club.
- 6. No delegate shall speak more than twice to a question, the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
- 7. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
- 8. The timekeeper shall give a warning signal to each speaker. Time limit shall be adhered to.
- 9. All motions from the floor shall be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing when so required by the Chairman.
- 10. Resolutions and recommendations shall be in the hands of the respective committees at the opening of the morning meetings.
- 11. A resolution or recommendation cannot be debated until it has been referred to the proper committee and reported by that committee. No resolution can be voted upon until it has been read twice. A resolution with a minority report can be passed only by a majority of the convention.
- 12. A motion shall be carried by the majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting, except that a motion requiring a two-thirds vote shall be carried by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting.
- 13. The right to the floor may be granted to non-voting delegate members by the Chairman.
- 14. All questions concerning those entitled to vote shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
- 15. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
- 16. Reports shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.
- 17. No one shall enter the Convention meeting room during a musical number or while a speaker is addressing the meeting.
- 18. The President shall appoint a Reading Committee to approve minutes of the entire Convention.
- 19. These rules shall be adopted or suspended by a majority vote, rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a quorum being necessary.

2013 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

General Chairman	Nancy Griffin
Convention Treasurer	Diane Rouse
Ads Chairman	Leslie Lincoln
Convention Kit Chairman	
Door Prize Chairman	
District I Ways and Means Chairman	-
Exhibits Chairman	•
Hospitality Chairman	
Hostess Chairman	•
Name Tag Chairman	
Pages Chairman	
Pages	• •
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Platform Chairman	
Protocol Chairman	•
Registration Chairman	•
Committee	
	•
Credentials Chairman	
Timekeepers	
	•
	Laura Trigg
Program Committee	
Tellers	

SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

STACY COOK AND ALYA, Neshoba County General Hospital – Nursing Home, Philadelphia, Mississippi resident Stacy Cook recently received an assistance dog from Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a non-profit organization that breeds, trains and places assistance dog for people with disabilities. Stacy received her certification in public and facility.

Cook was matched with a Facility Dog named Ayla II, a two-year old yellow Golden Retriever, who responds to approximately 50 commands. Ayla will partner with Cook at Neshoba General Hospital and Nursing Home where she is employed as the Activity Director for the Senior Life and Swing Bed Unit. Facility dogs are expertly trained dogs that partner with a facilitator and can aid patients in medical



rehabilitation. Evidence suggests that animal-assisted therapy can have a positive effect on a patient's psychosocial, emotional and physical wellbeing. One of the most valued qualities of a facility dog is the unconditional love and attention it gives to clients and patients with whom it interacts. Facilitators, such as Cook, are working professionals responsible for handling and caring for the facility dogs.

Cook and Ayla recently completed Team Training, a rigorous training session at CCI's Southeast Regional Center in Orlando, Florida. During training, Cook learned all of Ayla's commands and how to properly care for her. Team Training is an essential part of CCI's program because it gives the recipient an opportunity to learn how to work with and benefit from an assistance dog. The training also consisted of daily lectures, exams, public outings and teaches the recipient how to train and implement this into treatment plans for patients who will benefit from a canine companion working with them to meet goals in outpatient and inpatient rehab settings.

The process begins with CCI's breeding program in Santa Rosa, California. When the puppies are eight weeks old they are placed with volunteer puppy raisers across the country who will teach them up to 30 basic commands. When the puppy is 14 to 16 months old, the puppy raiser returns the dog to one of CCI's regional training centers for six months to a year of advanced training.

E. C. Harpe. (Not pictured) E. C. Harpe majored in voice at Belhaven College (University). He was a member of the Concert Choir and The Highlanders singing ensemble. For forty-five years, he has been associated with the Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree as singer and lights technician.

Mr. Harpe is bi-vocational in the areas of self-employed construction and Minister of Music. In construction, he is involved with renovations, repairs and new construction. As Minister of Music, he has served in churches in Hinds, Rankin, Jefferson Davis and Attala counties. Presently, E.C. is serving as Interim Music Minister at Crossview Baptist Church in Brandon. He also sings in the adult choir, directs children's choir for grades three and four, and sings in the men's quartet "First Five" at First Baptist Church of Richland.

E. C. is a Pelahatchie native, presently living in Florence. He is married to Betty Vance Harpe and they have two adult children and one granddaughter.

JUDY T. MARTIN. Special Assistant Attorney General Judy Thomas Martin is a proud alumna of Mississippi State University and a recipient of the Schillig Leadership Scholarship. She was graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a B.A. in Communication in 1990. She attended Vanderbilt University School of Law on a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship and received her J.D. in 1994.

Judy began her legal career with a clerkship at the Mississippi Court of Appeals. She then served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Lenore L. Prather – the only female to ever serve as Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

For the past fourteen years, Judy has worked for the Mississippi Attorney



General. From 1999-2005, she handled death penalty appeals and served as an appellate advocate for the people of Mississippi. In that capacity, she argued before the Mississippi Supreme Court on numerous occasions. She also appeared before the United States Supreme Court in a case in which the State of Mississippi prevailed. Since 2005, she has represented the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Initially, she managed numerous legal issues surrounding the rebuilding of the infrastructure along the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. She was highly involved with the contractual matters for the rebuilding of the US 90 bridges from Ocean Springs to Biloxi and Pass Christian to Bay St. Louis. In addition, she has advised the Department on procurement matters, including public-private partnerships and design-build contracts. She currently provides legal counsel on matters involving consultant services contracts, construction contract administration, bond issuances, safety and traffic engineering.

Judy has been a member of the Raleigh Woman's Club for nearly 20 years and has served that Club in various positions. In addition, she has served the state federation as District President, Literacy Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, Parliamentarian, Vice President, President-elect, and President. In 2000, she was selected as the Mississippi Clubwoman of the Year. She has also served as GFWC Southern Region Parliamentarian and on the GFWC International Board of Directors as an Elections Committee member and as the Home Life CSP Collaboration Chairman.

Judy has been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians for more than 25 years. She is currently serving as MFWC Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and as a member of the GFWC Southern Region Standing Rules Committee.

Judy is the wife of Gerald M. Martin of Raleigh, Mississippi. They are the delighted parents of Thomas, 5, and Seth, 2.

ANNE MCKEE. Anne B. McKee is a Mississippi storyteller and author. She is a Literary and Performing Artist and Teaching Artist. Anne is listed in both capacities on the Mississippi Arts Commission's Artist/Teaching Artist Roster. She contributes to the arts community in her roles as an author, teaching artist, storyteller, humorist, public speaker, playwright, journalist, creator of historic literary events, and Mississippi history/heritage projects. She is active with the arts and educational communities throughout the state. Anne's book project, Historic Photos of Mississippi, published by Turner Publishing, Nashville, continues to be a bestseller for the publisher and available in most bookstores, throughout the Southeast. Remembering Mississippi is an additional book for Turner Publishing Co., published November 2010. You may read her work in statewide publications:



Mississippi Magazine, Today's Mississippi Woman, Mississippi Legends Arts and Entertainment Review, and Oxford So & So Southern Journal. 2013 finds Anne celebrating eight years as a weekly columnist for The Meridian Star – www.themeridiansta.com.

Anne is the Meridian Rose Hill Historic Cemetery Costumed Tour Director (researching histories and training storytellers who play the parts) – the first tour was 2010, with over 2,000 people in attendance and the 2011/2012 tours as well enjoyed large numbers of attendees. The historic costumed cemetery tour teaches Meridian and Mississippi history and heritage through the arts of storytelling and drama. The 2013 tour date is September 28. Anne is dedicated to her many projects promoting Mississippi, most importantly MFWC. She lives in Meridian and serves MFWC as District II President. Anne is a member of The Round Table Club.

Sandy MIDDLETON. Sandy has been the Executive Director of the Center for Violence Prevention for 8 years. She has a B.A in English Language and Literature from Millsaps College and has a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University. Her background is in Management, Political and Development Consulting.

Sandy and her staff, board and volunteers are committed to effectively addressing the plague of domestic violence and sexual assault on the women of Mississippi.

Ms. Middleton is married to Fred Middleton and they have 4 children.

DR. Gonnie Shelton. The Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton is Senior Pastor of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. Galloway is a downtown church serving the inner city across from the state capitol. Connie and her husband, Joey, were appointed to Galloway five years ago after serving as Co-Directors of Field Education/Church Relations at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC. Both Joey and Connie are elders in the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

She previously served as Executive Director of The United Methodist Hour, headquartered in Hattiesburg, MS. Connie is a graduate of the University of Southern

Mississippi with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Television, and Film, and a Master's Degree in Public Relations. Her Master of Divinity is from Duke University and Doctor of Ministry is from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

Connie is a native of Picayune, MS. The Sheltons have two daughters, fifteen-year-old Bailey and ten-year-old Jessica.

JESSICA SMITH. Jessica Smith, along with her parents, Mark and Debbie Smith, and her brother, Alan, lives in Picayune, on a small farm where she raises beef and dairy cattle. Jessica is actively involved in 4-H and Future Farmers of America on the state and national levels and is currently serving as the State 4-H Vice President. She also serves on the Junior Board of Trustees for the American Junior Simmental Association.

Jessica is an honor student and senior at Pearl River Central High School where she is student body President, FFA President, Chaplain for the Show Choir, and is a member of BETA Club and the National Honor Society. She was the 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Pearl River County and is also recent recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award. Jessica is also a member of Salem Baptist Church, where she sings in the Youth Choir.

Jessica was recently in the FMC Corporation National Anthem Singing Contest where she was named a top four finalist through popular online voting and won a \$5,000.00 scholarship.







Thursday, April 25, 2013, Pre-Convention Activities

GFWC-Mississippi Federation Of Women's Clubs, Inc. 115th Annual Convention

Eagle Ridge Conference Center Raymond, Mississippi April 25-27, 2013

Convention Theme:

"Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating the Present... Freedom to Volunteer!"

2:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting Room 2223
3:00 p.m. Finance/Executive Committee Meetings Room 2223
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Lobby

	eard Dinner/MeetingDining Room
Executive Board	Dinner & Meeting
"MFWC Celebrating"	The Gift of Leadership"
	Woman's Club and Fine Arts Club of Lucedale nor, GFWC-MFWC President
<u> </u>	knows the way, goes the way, ayJohn C. Maxwell
Welcome & Recognitions	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Battle Hymn of the Republic	Judy T. Martin
	Past President 2006-2008
Devotion and Grace	Sheila Forrester, Chaplain
Celebrating MFWC Past Gifts	Carolyn Huey, Past President 2008-2010
	Ivous Sisk, Past President 1986-1988
	Jo Anne Reid, Past President 1998-2000
Ways and Means Opportunities	Amy Jacobs, Ways & Means Chairman
Door Prizes	Penny Barr, Chairman
Recess	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Executive Board Meeting	
Call to Order	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence	Abby May, Recording Secretary
Reports	
MFWC Officers	
President-elect	Darlene Adams
Vice President	Sue Addy
Treasurer	Diane Rouse

Mississippi Clubwoman EditorJune Vaughn

Committees

Finance Committee	Jo Anne Reid, Chairman
Executive Committee	Abby May, Recording Secretary
Headquarters Committee	Mary Elizabeth Boone, Chairman
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness	Lynda Love, Chairman
MFWC "Freedom To Volunteer!"	Annajeral Knight, Chairman
Business	
Announcements	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Collect	Sherri Reid, Corresponding Secretary
Adjournment	
9:30 p.mBUNCO for Mississippi Institutions	Dining Room
Friday, April 26, 2013, Pre-Convention Activities	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m Gavel Club Breakfast	Presidential Dining Room
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m Registration	Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.mContinental Breakfast	Dining Room
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.mShop Vendors, Ways and Means and Nev	v To You SaleGallery
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.mView Youth Art, Photography and Books	Eagle Room

Official Opening Ceremonies Of The 115th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation Of Women's Clubs, Inc. Friday, April 26, 2013 Eagle Ridge Convention Center

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and Business	Auditorium
Call to Order	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President, Presiding
Invocation	Sheila Forrester, Chaplain
Presentation of Honor Boards	Annajeral Knight, PSP Chairman
	District Presidents-elect
Pledge of Allegiance	
National Anthem	Jessica Smith, Picayune, MS
MFWC Welcome	Nancy Griffin, Convention General Chairman
Official Welcome	Peggy Lofton, Executive Director of ERCC
Response	Sandra Pope, District III President
Recognitions	
Southern Region Greetings	Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Secretary
Appointment of Tellers	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Preliminary Credentials Report	Nancy Griffin, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules	Tammie McCoy, Parliamentarian
	GFWC-MFWC President 2010-2012

Presentation of Convention Program	Nancy Griffin, Convention General ChairmanSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Endorsement of Southern Region Vice President Candida	, ,,
Susan Shurden, Pres	
Report of the Audit Committee	Diane Rouse, Treasurer
Report of the Headquarters Committee	Mary Elizabeth Boone, Headquarters Chairman
Report of GFWC-MFWC Elected State Officers	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
	Darlene Adams, President-elect
	Sue Addy, Vice President
	Abby May, Recording Secretary
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Report of District Presidents	
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Report of the Mississippi Clubwoman Editor	
Report of the Website/Newsletter Editor	Lisa A. Harris, Editor
Awards - GFWC-MFWC Community Service Programs	
Arts	
Conservation	
Education	
Public Issues	•
International Outreach	• •
Home Life	
District I Ways and Means	
MFWC Ways and Means	•
Announcements	Snerri Keia, Corresponding Secretary
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Luncheon
"MFWC Celebrating The Gifts OF Volunteer Service"

Hosted By: Poplarville Woman's Club, Lucedale Woman's Club and Pascagoula Civic Guild Presiding Suzanne Byrd Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President

Thought: The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -DeAnn Hollis

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Recognitions	
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Celebrating MFWC Past Gifts	•
Introduction of Guest Speaker	
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violer	nce Awareness and Prevention State Chairman
Address Sandy Middleton, Executiv	e Director, The Center for Violence Prevention
Presentation of MFWC Domestic Violence Grants	Tammie McCoy
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence	Awareness & Prevention Committee Member
Awards	
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Award	eness & PreventionLynda Love, Chairman
GFWC Junior's Special Project, Advocates for Child	Iren Sue Addy, Dean of Chairmen
GFWC-MFWC Advancement Area Awards:	
Membership	Darlene Adams, Chairman
Leadership	Jo Anne Reid, Chairman
	Dorothy Thomas, Chairman
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	Sherri Reid, District I
	Melissa Carlton, District II
	Celia Fisher, District III
	Marie Boswell, District IV
	Melba Watkins, District V
	Tammie McCoy, Parliamentarian
5:45 p.m. Pick Up all Exhibits	Eagle Room
All exhibits must be removed from	om the Exhibit Room by 6:00 p.m.
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6:15p.m District I	
6:20 p.m District II	
6:25 p.m District III	
6:30 p.m District IV	
6:35 p.m District V	
6:45 p.m Processional Assembles	Outside Dining Room
2013 MS LEADS Participants	
District Clubwomen of the Ye	ar
Presidents of District Clubs o	f the Year
District Presidents	
Past State Presidents	
MFWC Officers	
7:00 p.m Banquet	Dining Room
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	nquet
"MFWC: Celebrating II	ie Gift Of A Rich Legacy"
Hosted By Petal Cosmopolitan Club, Waynesbord	o Fine Arts Club and Moss Point Fortnightly Club
Presiding, Suzanne Byrd Poy	nor, GFWC-MFWC President
Thought: "Our LEGACY as a person is d	efined through the memories of others."
Banquet	Dining Room
Processional	Tammie McCoy, Parliamentarian
-	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
	Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Secretary
Celebrating MFWC Past Gifts	Carolyn Huey, Past President 2008-2010
	Tommye Rosenbaum, Past President 2000-2002
	Celia Fisher, Past President 2002-2004
	Tammie McCoy, Immediate Past President
	Darlene Adams, President-elect

Special Entertainment	E. C. Harpe
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Keynote Speaker	Judy T. Martin
	GFWC-MFWC Past President 2006-2008
Recognition of District Presidents	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Recognition of District Clubs of the Year	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Y	earSuzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Recognition of MS LEADS Participants	Susan Shurden, MS LEADS Chairman
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Hebron Memorial Scholarship	Ione Bond, Chairman
Challenge Grant	Phyllis Whittington, Chairman
Juniorette PowerPoint	Lisa A. Harris, Website Chairman
Presentation of Juniorette Awards	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship	Shirley Hilburn, Chairman
Juniorette of the Year	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
Juniorette Club of the Year Award	Mandy Laiche, Juniorette Director
Door Prizes	Penny Barr, Door Prize Chairman
Announcements	Sherri Reid, Corresponding Secretary
Recess	
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9:30 p.m	Gallerv

"Rockin' Robin Sock Hop"

Hosted By GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Byrd Poynor

(Please bring donations of Socks for Veterans and DV Shelters to "Sock Hop").

Saturday, April 27, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.RegistrationLobby **8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m**.Prayer Breakfast & Memorial ServiceDining Room

Prayer Breakfast & Memorial Service "MFWC: Celebrating The Gift Of Compassion"

Hosted By Ellisville Fidelia Club and Waynesboro Home and Garden Club

Presiding, Darlene Adams, GFWC-MFWC President-elect

Thought: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." -John Wesley

Recognitions	Darlene Adams, President-elect
Grace	Anne McKee, District II President

Introduction	Dr. Connie Shelton	
10:00 a.m. Business Session Continues	Auditorium	
Presiding Awards - MFWC Special Emphasis	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President	
Mississippi State Institutions	Sue Addy, Dean of Chairmen neresa Buntyn, Home Life Chairman nine Companions for Independence Annajeral Knight, Chairman Jacobs, Ways and Means Chairman	
11:30 a.mLuncheon	Dining Room	
Luncheon		
"MFWC: Celebrating The Gift Of H	Sope"	
Hosted By Gulfport Woman's Club and Waynesbor Presiding Suzanne Byrd Poynor, GFWC-MF	~	
Thought: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a GIFT of God, which is why we call it the PRESENT." -Bill Kean		
Recognitions	lyn Huey, Past President 2008-2010 nompson, Past President 1996-1998	
Lunch Final Credentials Report	Nancy Griffin, Credentials Chairman	
Creativity Awards	• •	
Club Awards and Presentation of Awards Packets	Sue Addy, Vice President Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President the Year	
MFWC- A Year in Review PowerPoint Presentation	•	

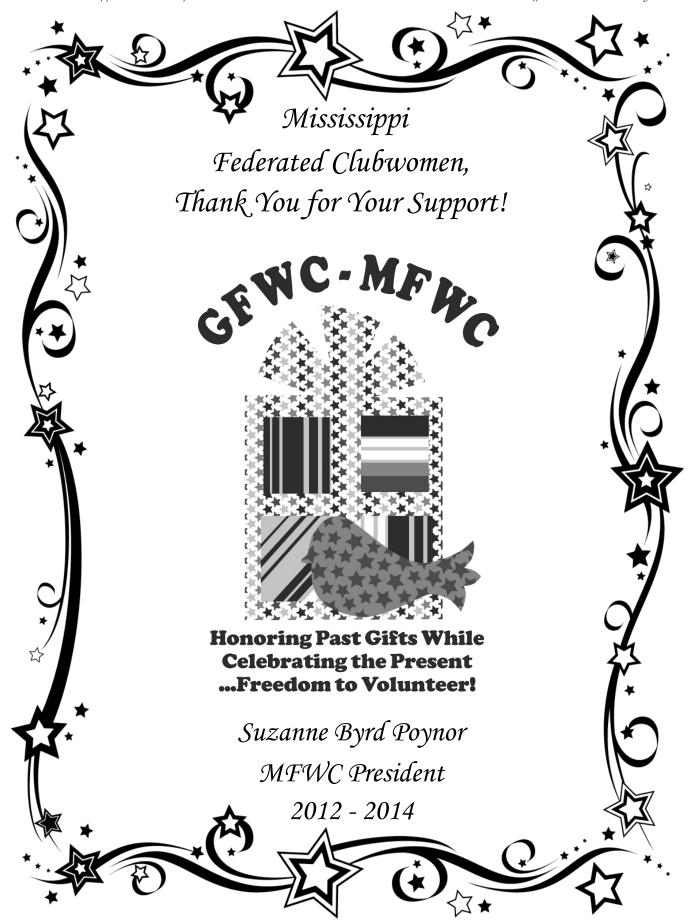
Invitation to Southern Region Conference 2013	Carolyn Huey, SR 2013 Co-Chairman
Invitation to 2014 State Convention	Anne McKee, District II President
Recognition of Host District and Clubs	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Closing Remarks	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President
Door Prizes	Penny Barr, Door Prize Chairman
Announcement of Ways & Means	Amy Jacobs, Ways & Means Chairman
	Shirley Wiltshire, District I Ways & Means Chairman
Announcements	Sherri Reid, Corresponding Secretary
Collect	Celia Fisher, Past President 2002-2004
Adjournment	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, President

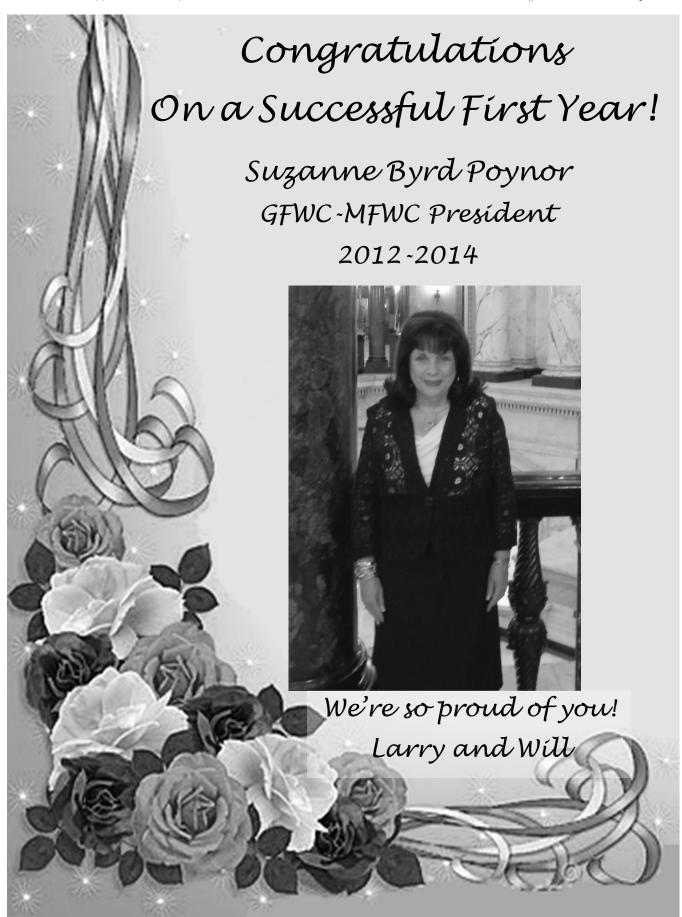




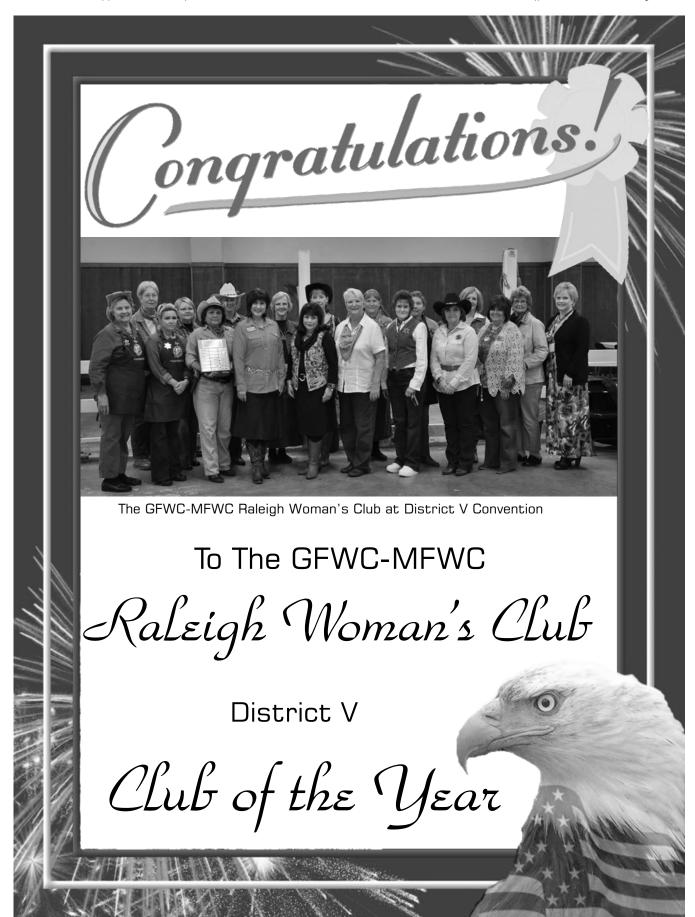
CREDENTIALS REPORT

	Preliminary	Final Report
GFWC Officers		
State Officers & Board Members		
Past State Presidents		
Club Presidents & Other Voting Delegates		
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates		
Visitors & Guests		
Total Number of Voting Delegates		
Total Number in Attendance		









GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

Decatur, MS- District II

District II - Club of the Year

2012-2014 Club Officers

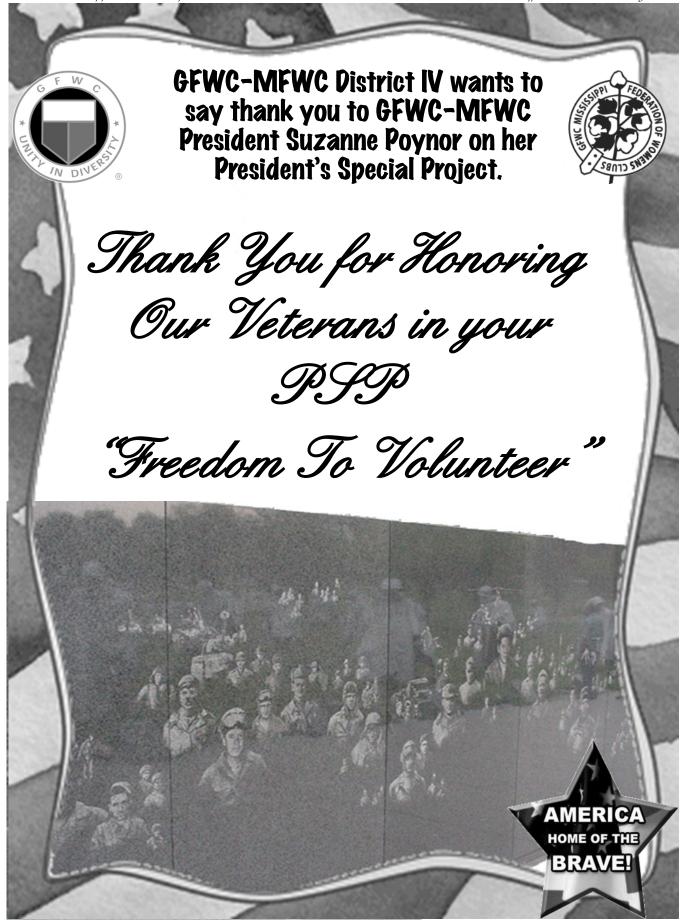
- President Ada McGrevey
- Vice President Kay Chambers
- Secretary Tammy Addy
- Treasurer Merita Cherry
- Reporter Dianne O'Neil
- Historian Candy Thrash & Robin McDonald
- Parliamentarian Jackie Etie

Dean of Chairman - Linda Guready

Club Purpose: To promote the welfare of the community along cultural, civic and educational lines and all public activities pertaining to the general good of the community.

Congratulations to our LEADS representative,
Theresa Buntyn







GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club Honors

Peggy Matthews

As Our 2012

Club Woman Of The Year



The Indianola Civic League said

ratulations

to District IV Clubwoman of the Year Barbara Young of GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club.



Indianola Civic League at the **2013 District IV Convention**

District IV Officers

Mary Ellen Holloway President

> **Ella Cronin** President-elect

Mary Jo Cook Secretary

Glenda Tarver Treasurer

Mary Esther Murphree **Parliamentarian**

> Helen Jenkins Historian

Marie Boswell Ways & Means

Paula Prysock Arts & Crafts

Deana Pittman Books

CONGRATULATIONS TO MY GIRLS!



Nancy Griffin – For a successful first year as District I President (Thank you my friend, for traveling to all those District Meetings with me!)

Tami Harris – Our District I Club Woman of the Year (My special friend, excited for you to walk in the Processional – I'm a "proud mama!")

Kathleen Penton – For serving your first year on the State Board (*Thank you for being a great co-worker and dear friend.*)

Carolyn Huey – Our Past State President still serving on committees and mentoring (My forever friend, regardless of the miles we may be apart.)

AND TO ALL MY CWC FRIENDS NOT PICTURED ABOVE – THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

Darlene Adams
GFWC-MFWC President-elect 2012-2014

GFWC-MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB

Is Tickled Pink With Pride For

SUZANNE POYNOR



2012 — 2014 GFWC-MFWC State President





3FWC-MFWC District Three

GFWC-MFWC District Three 2012-2014 President

Sandra Pope

2012 Club of the Year GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce

2012 Clubwoman of the Year Linda Ann Ward

GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Fulton Civic Club GFWC-MFWC Eupora Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club, Okolona GFWC-MFWC New Century Club of Calhoun City GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce Pontotoc Woman's Club

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Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes Fulton Juniorettes Pontotoc Juniorette Club

GFWC-MFWC District Three







Civic Woman's Club of Picayune Salutes



Nancy Griffin

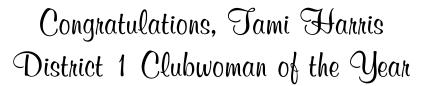
District 9 President

2012-2014









We love you!

Civic Woman's Club
of Picayune





"These boots were made for walking...."

Suz, it's been a blast this first go 'round.

> Love ya, Darlene

June Vaughn,
You Are The
Best
Amy and Abby

GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club in honor of our MFWC State President Suzanne Poynor



Salutes all veterans and members of our military

Diane Rouse,
Thanks for all you
do!
Amy and Abby



Congratulations to Twentieth Century Club of Bruce District III Runner Up and

Erica Warren Griffin Twentieth Century Club of Bruce Club Woman of the Year

MFWC Batesville Woman's Club Congratulates



Barbara Young District JV 2012 Clubwoman of the Year



Congratulations

Stacy Cook Clubwoman of the Year

From

The Philadelphia Woman's Club

In Memoriam of Patricia W. Perry May 29, 1928 – March 24, 2013

Patricia was a committed Clubwoman and volunteer. In addition to leading projects, she had served three terms as President of the GFWC-MFWC Futura Club, as a Treasurer for the GFWC-MFWC District II and was a member of the MFWC Executive Board for many years.

A poetess she had put her faith in God into the following words:

My Savior's love shall always be
A wonderful miracle, precious to me
My Savior, Redeemer, my anchor, and friend
The light for my journey, till life's very end
My shepherd who knows the dear Father's plan
To fill me with love, as only He can
My refuge and fortress in the storms of the night
My joy and my song, sweet bearer of light
Open my heart, Lord, and teach me your ways
I'll praise and thank you for all of my days.

Congratulations! Ann White

2012 LEADS Participant
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club
Florence, MS District V

We are proud of our Amazing Sister!!

With Love,

Janice Coutch &

Jeannie Pittman







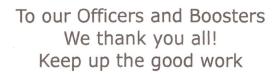


GFWC-MFWC STAR WOMAN'S CLUB

Salutes All Our Members for the great service to GFWC-MFWC and our community!



Congratulations to our Club Woman of the Year 2012 Gloria Weller



Remember Our Veterans and Servicemen "We are free because they are brave"



Congratulations, President Suzanne Poynor, for a successful year!





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Linda Kern (2012-2014 President)

For you Leadership and guidance.

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