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CONVENTION THEME:

"GETTING BACK TO OUR GFWC ROOTS BY
PROMOTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND
LITERACY."

HOST CLUBS:
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT
THERESA T. BERRYHILL, 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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2022-2024 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: PROMOTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND LITERACY

Throughout its history, GFWC has advanced education, partly through the establishment and support of public libraries. In the 1930s, the American Library Association credited the GFWC for establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. Education remains a critical factor in how Americans learn and connect with communities. GFWC clubwomen promote education in both children and adults. GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program's purpose is to ensure club projects are designed to promote schools, all educational institutions, libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book.

Mississippi Federated Woman's clubs have significantly impacted the establishment and supported libraries since 1925. Originally nationally known, Andrew Carnegie established the library system by developing the Carnegie Foundation to establish libraries. Mississippi benefited from this Foundation, and eleven libraries were erected in ten communities across the state from 1908 to 1916. However, the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs made a significant impact across the state for public libraries. Our Mississippi Library Commission noted the following quote "Without the support and steadfast resolve of the women in the various women's clubs in Mississippi, public libraries would have taken a back-row seat to many other community projects. However, in 1925, the state federation of women's clubs determined to ask for library service in every county in the state. In 1926 the Mississippi Library Commission was established and adopted the same goal as the women's clubs. It would take more than 50 years to accomplish this goal. Wow! Does what our club members do across our state make a difference?

Our public libraries are our educational institutions. These shared libraries, along with college libraries, and academic and educational opportunities, improve the literacy levels of individuals and support life -long learning for education.

Please join me during this administration to promote public libraries, education, and literacy in our local communities and across our state for our President Special Project 2022-2024.

Let's get back to our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy.

Theresa

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

Greetings as you arrive for the 126th GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention at Eagle Ridge (Hinds Community College) in Raymond, Mississippi. I am honored and appreciate the opportunity to serve as your State President.

I look forward to the next three days as we celebrate, learn, enjoy, and share, not only conducting the business of our Federation but having a little fun spending time with our Federated friends.

We invite you to enjoy the great outdoors playing "Bloom Where You are Planted," Corn Hole game, Jenga, and planting your own personal flower in a pot that you can transplant and watch it bloom this spring and summer.



Theresa Buntyn, President 2022-2024

Our convention is hosted by the Central District with Diane Rouse, Central District President-elect, serving as General Chairman. Diane Rouse and City Chairmen Lisa Harris volunteered to ensure our convention would be a special occasion for everyone.

As with any great effort, it always helps to understand that teamwork makes the dream work, and that life is easier when friends surround you. This Program Booklet is made possible by the expertise of Lisa Harris, Media/Communications & Technology Coordinator. Thank you, Lisa, for always ensuring our program book is informative, and the ads are amazing! To each of you, my friends, in the Central District members and clubs, I wish to thank you for always Blooming Where You are Planted in the Great State of Mississippi .

Our MFWC State Convention is honored to have Laurie O Kelly, GFWC Southern Region Vice President, from South Carolina. Mrs. O Kelly will be installing our new 2024-2026 officers following the banquet on Friday night. Laurie is an inspiring leader for GFWC as she has served as Vice President, GFWC Southern Region. Since joining St. Andrews Woman's Club in 1987, she has held the offices of President, Third Vice President time, Secretary and Treasurer, and was voted "Clubwoman of the Year" in 1994. She served as GFWC South Carolina State President during the 2010-2012 administration. Laurie has been an active GFWC club leader as she was a member of the GFWC Resolutions Committee 2012-2018, and as Chairman 2014-2018. She served on GFWC Finance Committee 2018-2020 and as GFWC Convention and Meetings Chairman, 2020-2022.

During our Friday luncheon we will enjoy listening to the founder of the Mississippi Writers Guild, Richelle Putnam. Richelle is a Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) Teaching Artist/Roster Artist (Literary), a Mississippi Humanities Speaker, and a 2020 and 2014 MAC Literary Arts Fellowship recipient. In addition, we will be entertained by Mississippi's Wynne Huddleston Alexander, a member of the Mississippi Writers Guild and a member of the Mississippi Poetry Society. Ms. Huddleston has read selections of her poetry at the Mississippi Writers Guild Conferences in Meridian, Vicksburg, and Jackson,

MS; Wynee has shared selections of her poetry at numerous festivals as the MPS Festivals in Ocean Springs, Lake Tiak O'Khata and Belhaven University in Jackson.

The Friday night banquet our keynote speaker will be Laurie O Kelly, GFWC Southern Region Vice President, who will install our new 2024-2026 officers following the banquet. At our Saturday Prayer Breakfast, we will have the pleasure of listening to Charlotte Smith as she presents an inspirational message, and we will be entertained by two clubwomen, Carolyn C. Huey and Ada McGrevey.

Throughout our convention, we will be praising and applauding the volunteer services of our clubwomen. In addition, awards, grants, and scholarships will be awarded throughout the convention.

On behalf of the Executive Officers of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., it is my honor to welcome you, thank you for being here, and commend you for "Getting Back to our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy."

Theresa Buntyn 2022-2024

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 126th Annual Convention

Eagle Ridge Convention Center & Resort Raymond, Mississippi April 25-27, 2024

Convention Theme "Getting Back to Our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy!"

Bloom Where You Are Planted Outdoor activities located downstairs to the outside desk include Corn Hole Games, Jenga, and planting flowers throughout Convention.

Thursday, April 25, 2024, Pre-Convention Activities			
2:00 p.mAudit Committee Meeting	President's Suite		
3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meetings	President's Suite		
3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Registration	ERCC Lobby		
7:00 - 9:00 p.m Executive Board Dinner and Meeting	ERCC Dining Room		
(Sunday dress or party attire.) All GFWC-MFWC members a	re invited with only Board		
Members being allowed to vote.	•		

Executive Board Dinner and Meeting Eagle Ridge Conference Center & Resort

Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Gavel Club, GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club, and GFWC-MFWC Star Woman's Club

"I have found that the most valuable thing in my purse, is my library card." Laura Bush

Executive Board Dinner Welcome and Recognitions Devotion and Grace	Theresa Buntyn, President Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain
Dinner	
Ways and Means	Theresa Buntyn, President Diane Rouse, Door Prize Chairman
Executive Board Meeting Call to Order Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence	Theresa Buntyn, President Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary
Officer Reports President	Theresa Buntyn

President-elect Vice President	Meri F. Newell
Treasurer	Becky W. Watkins
Mississippi Clubwoman Editor	Lisa A. Harris
Standing Committee Reports	
Finance Committee	
Executive Committee	. Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary
Nominating Committee	Shirley Wiltshire, Chairman
Special Committees and Other	,
MFWC President's Special Project "Getting Back to Your R	Roots" Pam Keith, Chairman
New Business	,
Announcements	Theresa Buntyn, President
Collect	
Adjournment	Theresa Buntyn, President
COME BY THE PRESIDENT SUITE FOR "BLOOM WHERE YOU PLAN MFWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEE	
Friday, April 26, 2024	

<u>ALL</u> Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks and Yearbooks <u>MUST</u> be signed out and picked up <u>by 5:00 p.m.</u>

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.View Exhibits Chef & Presidential Dining Rooms

Shop PSP

 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 Gavel Club Breakfast
 Executive Board Room

 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 Continental Breakfast
 ERCC Dining Room

 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Registration
 ERCC Lobby

 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Visit Ways and Means and Vendors
 ERCC Gallery

Official Opening Ceremonies of The 126th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

"The only thing you have to know, is the location of a library." Albert Einstein

Bloom Where You Are Planted Outdoor activities located downstairs to the outside desk throughout Convention.

9:00 – 11:30 a.m Openin	g Ceremonies and Business Session ERCC Auditorium
Invocation	Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain
	Ada McGrevey, GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of	of the United States of AmericaAnnajeral Knight
	Legislation/Public Policy Chairman
	Diane Rouse, Convention General Chairman
	kLisa A. Harris, City Chairman
	Shirley Wiltshire, Southern District President-elect
Recognitions	

GFWC Southern Region Greetings Laurie O'Kelly, GFWC Southern Region Vice President Appointment of Tellers Theresa Buntyn, President
Preliminary Credentials ReportDiane Rouse, Registration and Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing RulesJudy T. Martin, Constitution and Bylaws, Chairman
Progentation of Convention Program Dr. Carolyn S. Tadford, Program
Presentation of Convention Program
Presentation of Convention Committees
Appointment of Reading Committee
Report of the Executive Board
Report of the Audit Committee Becky W. Watkins, Treasurer
Report of Officers (2 minutes each)
Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect
Meri F. Newell, Vice President
Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary
Becky W. Watkins, Treasurer
Report of District Presidents
Diane Rouse, Central District President
Shirley Wiltshire, Southern District President
Report of the Mississippi Clubwoman EditorLisa A. Harris, Editor
Deport of the CENC MENIC Constitution and Pulawa Committee Judy T. Moutin Chairman
Report of the GFWC-MFWC Constitution and Bylaws Committee Judy T. Martin, Chairman
Report of the GFWC-MFWC Resolutions and Recommendations Committee
Darlene C. Adams, Chairman
Election of 2024-2026 Officers
Report of Nomination Committee
Introduction of Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, incoming President Shirely Wiltshire
Poplarville Woman's Club
Introduction of Nominees for Officers
Frances H. Brown, Nominee for President-electAbby May and Amy Jacobs
GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club
Michelle Sutton, Nominee for Vice PresidentDr. Tammie M. McCoy
Pontotoc Woman's Club
Becky W. Watkins, Nominee for Recording Secretary
Quitman Woman's Club
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Visit Ways and Means, Vendors, PSP, and View Exhibits
Photography and Youth Art Exhibits...... ERCC Chef & Presidential Dining Rooms Scrapbooks and Yearbooks ERCC Chef & Presidential Dining Rooms

Hosted By: Crystal Springs Floral Club, GFWC Florentine Evening Club and GFWC-MFWC Leading Ladies

"There is no friend as loyal as a book." Ernest Hemingway

Presiding and Recognitions
Lunch
Introduction of Guest Speakers
Q&A and Book Signing GFWC-MFWC Advancement Plans Awards Communication and Public Relations
2:30 – 4:00 p.m Afternoon Business Session ERCC Auditorium
GFWC-MFWC Signature Program GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for ChildrenJana Owen, Co-Chairmen
MFWC Special Emphasis Awards Mississippi State Institutions
Photography Contest
Youth Art Awards Eleanor J. Bayless and Diane Roberts, Co-Chairmen Youth Challenge Art Awards Eleanor J. Bayless and Diane Roberts, Co-Chairmen Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards Gail W. Mitchell, Chairman Appointments
Announcements
Visit Ways and Means, Vendors, PSP, and View Exhibits
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pick Up all Exhibits (Youth Art, Photography and Books)
6:05 – 6:40 p.m. Photo Opportunities ERCC Lobby

7:00 p.m.Banquet (Formal Attire)ERCC Dining Room

BANQUET

Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progress Club and Thursday Club of Walnut Grove

"A Book is a gift you open again and again." ~ Garrison Keillor

Processional	Theresa Buntyn, President Theresa Buntyn, President		
Dinner			
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	FWC Southern Region Vice President r. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect r. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect Meri F. Newell, MS LEADS Chairman Meri F. Newell, MS LEADS Chairman		
Door Prizes	Diane Rouse, Door Prize Chairman		
Installation of 2024-2026 Officers by Laurie O'Kelly			
Announcements	Theresa Buntyn, President		
Recess	Theresa Buntyn, President		

Following The Banquet, You Are Invited To A Reception Honoring

Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, 2024-2026 GFWC-MFWC President,

And

Laurie O'Kelly, GFWC Southern Region Vice President Hosted By Poplarville Woman's Club

Saturday, April 27, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. ERCC Lobby 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service ERCC Dining Room 9:45 –11:45 a.m. Business Session ERCC Auditorium

Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service

Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club and Quitman Woman's Club

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. 1 Corinthians 7:17a ESV

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Presiding	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect		
Recognitions	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect		
Grace	Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain		
Brea (Buffet – Please allow Head Table, Gave			
Memorial Service	Jackie S. Etie. Chaplain		
Judy	T. Martin, Past President 2008-2010, Gavel Club		
Dr. Tammie	M. McCoy, Past President 2010-2012, Gavel Club		
Introduction of Speaker	Theresa Buntyn, President		
Inspirational Speaker	Charlotte Smith		
Inspirational Music	Ada McGrevey and Carolyn C. Huey		
	GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club		
Door Prizes			
Ways and Means Abby M			
Recess	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect		
9:45 a.mBusiness Session Cor	ntinues ERCC Auditorium		
"Whatever the cost of libraries, the price is cheap compared to an ignorant nation." Walter Cronkite			
Presiding	Theresa Buntyn, President		
MFWC Grants and Scholarships	······································		
	Cherry Moon, Chairman		
Hebron Memorial Scholarship	Lorri Stockstill, Chairman		
	Belinda Peacher, Chairman		
Presentation of Juniorette Awards			
Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year	Michelle Sutton, Juniorette Director		
Presentation of Juniorette of the Year	Michelle Sutton, Juniorette Director		
Recognition of District Clubwoman of the Year	Theresa Buntyn, President		
Clubwoman of the Year			
Announcement of Club of the Year MFWC President's Special Project Award	Incresa Buntyn, President		
PSP Celebration			
Final Credentials Report			
Invitation to 2024 GFWC Convention			
Invitation to 2024 Southern Region Conference			
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Invitation to 2025 State Convention	Shirley Wiltshire, Southern District President-elect
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	tets Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen
Recognition of 2022-2024 GFWC-MFWC Offi	cers Theresa Buntyn, President
Address of the 2022-2024 GFWC-MFWC Pres	sident Theresa Buntyn, President
Address of the 2024-2026 GFWC-MFWC Pres	sidentDr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Pin and Gavel Ceremony	Theresa Buntyn and Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Recognition of Host District and Clubs	Theresa Buntyn, President
Door Prizes	Diane Rouse, Door Prize Chairman
Ways & Means Winners Ab	by May and Amy Jacobs, Ways & Means Co-Chairmen
Announcements	
Collect	
	Theresa Buntyn and Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President

Official Closing of the 126th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Raymond, MS

12:00 p.m	Post Convention Meetir	ng for 2024-2026	Executive Board N	Members
_		_	ERCC Din	ing Room

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC-MFWC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

By direction of the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendment to the Bylaws. If adopted at the State Convention, this amendment, along with any necessary editorial changes (such as renumbering), shall take effect at the adjournment of the 2024 State Convention:

Amend Article III, Section 2.C to provide that the number of terms that one person may serve as State Treasurer are unlimited by inserting the word "the" before Treasurer; deleting the phrase "the officer to be limited to no more than four terms"; and inserting the phrase "who may serve an unlimited number of terms."

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: No officer shall serve more than one term in the same office, with the exception of <u>the</u> Treasurer, <u>who may serve an unlimited number of terms</u> the officer to be limited to no more than four (4) terms.

RATIONALE: The office of Treasurer is very difficult to fill and requires experience and training. This amendment would allow any qualified candidate to stand for election and serve, if elected.

PROVISO: If adopted at the State Convention, these amendments, along with any necessary editorial changes shall take effect immediately upon passage at the State Convention.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GFWC JUNIORETTE CLUBS AND GENDER EQUITY

WHEREAS, there are inherent biological differences between men and women that range from chromosomal and hormonal differences to physiological differences; and

WHEREAS, men generally have stronger and denser bones, tendons, and ligaments and larger hearts, greater lung volume per body mass, a higher red blood cell count, and higher hemoglobin; and

WHEREAS, men also have higher natural levels of testosterone, which affects traits such as hemoglobin levels, body fat content, the storage and use of carbohydrates, and the development of Type 2 muscle fibers, all of which result in men being able to generate higher speed and power during physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the biological differences between men and women, especially as it relates to natural levels of testosterone, explain the male and female secondary sex characteristics which develop during puberty and have lifelong effects, including the following factors that are most important for success in athletic sports: categorically different strength, speed, and endurance; and

WHEREAS, the benefits that natural testosterone provides to male athletes is not diminished through the use of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones. A recent study on the impact of such treatments found that even after twelve (12) months of hormonal therapy, a man who identifies as a woman and is taking cross-sex hormones had an absolute advantage over female athletes and will still likely have performances advantages over women; and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs ("GFWC") has long sponsored Juniorette Clubs throughout the country whose members range in ages from twelve (12) to eighteen (18), who pay dues and who have voting privileges at the GFWC Annual Convention. Many of the GFWC Juniorette members face the prospect of competing against and facing unfair biological advantages from biological males who are being allowed to participate in high school athletic events, sports and competitions that were established for biological female athletes; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Acknowledge and support the science that recognizes there will be significant numbers of biologically male athletes, starting in puberty, who would defeat the best biologically female athletes in every head-to-head sport competition except sailing, shooting, and riding; and
- Acknowledge and support having separate biologically male and female teams and
 competitions furthering efforts to promote sex equality. Sex-specific teams accomplish this
 by providing opportunities for female athletes to demonstrate their skill, strength, and
 athletic abilities while also providing them with opportunities to obtain recognition and
 accolades, college scholarships, and numerous other long-term benefits that flow from
 success in athletic endeavors; and

Support that athletic teams, competitions or sports designated for females, women or girls shall not be open to students who are males, men, or boys, based on biological sex,





CREDENTIALS REPORT

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

Hosting Clubs of GFWC-MFWC Central District

- Crystal Springs Floral Club
- Fortnightly Club of Meridian
- GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club
- GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club
 - GFWC-MFWC Gavel Club

- GFWC-MFWC Leading Ladies
- GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club
 - GFWC-MFWC Star Woman's Club
 - Quitman Woman's Club
 - The Thursday Club

SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Laurie has been a member of GFWC since 1987 when she joined St. Andrews Woman's Club. In her club, she has held the offices of President (3 times), Third Vice President (3 times), Secretary, and Treasurer. She was voted "Clubwoman of the Year" in 1994. She served as GFWC South Carolina State President during the 2010-2012 administration. She was a member of the GFWC Resolutions Committee 2012-2018, serving as Chairman 2014-2018. She served on GFWC Finance Committee 2018-2020, and as GFWC Convention and Meetings Chairman, 2020-2022. She currently serves as the GFWC Southern Region Vice President.



Laurie has been married to David for over 40 years, and they have two grown sons and two precious granddaughters. She is a National Board-Certified Teacher at CrossRoads Intermediate School where she teaches Stem through the Project Lead the Way curriculum. She holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from the University of South Carolina.

DR. STEPHEN (STEVE) VACIK – *President, Hinds Community College*. Stephen (Steve) Vacik is the seventh President of Hinds Community College. Dr. Vacik came to Hinds Community College in 2020 and has nearly 25 years of experience working in various roles with community colleges in four states.

Previously, he served as president of Maysville Community and Technical College, a member institution of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. He has also served as president of Colby Community College in Colby, KS, from 2011—2015. Prior to serving as president at CCC, Vacik was chief instructional officer at East Mississippi Community College, and he spent eight years at Bevill State Community College in Alabama, where he served in a variety of roles, including faculty member,



Student Support Services (TRIO) Director, college-wide career- technical administrator and as Fayette Campus CEO, and at the University of Alabama as a full- time staff member in the Gorgas Undergraduate Library. He has served on numerous local, state, and national boards and committees.

Though born in North Dakota, Steve, as well as his wife Candace, grew up in Mobile, AL. They have two amazing sons and one equally amazing daughter-in-law, Walter (Sarah), a minister in Overland Park, KS, and Michael, a junior at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

In his spare time, Dr. Vacik enjoys reading, traveling, spending time with his family and watching college football.

Dr. Vacik is a graduate of The University of Alabama, where he earned his B.A. in English, M.A. in History and Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration.

RICHELLE PUTNAM – Founder Mississippi Writers Guild. Richelle Putnam holds a BS in Marketing Management and an MA in Creative Writing. She is the senior editor of *The Bluegrass Standard* Magazine, a Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) Teaching Artist, a twotime MAC Literary Arts Fellow, and a Mississippi Humanities Speaker.

Among her six published books are a 2014 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards Silver Medalist, and a 2017 Foreword Indies Book Awards Bronze Medal winner. She believes you should always dare to dream, discover, and do ...YOU ... at any age. Visit her website at www.richelleputnam.com.



WYNEE HUDDLESTON (ALEXANDER) - Writer.

Wynne Huddleston's poetry has appeared in over seventy publications. She is the 2014 Mississippi Poetry Society (MPS) Poet of the Year. Other awards include 1st Place in the 2010 Grandmother Earth National Contest for Environmental Poetry, Winner of the Enchanted Conversation Daughters of Air Poetry Contest, Pushcart Nomination from Deep South Magazine and numerous MPS awards. In 2011 she was Workshop Presenter for the 54th Mid-South Poetry Festival in Memphis.

She has served as 2nd Vice President of the Mississippi Writers Guild and Secretary of the Mississippi Poetry Society, and as a board member for the Meridian youth musical group Stage 2 MPAC.



Ms. Huddleston taught elementary music and choir for 30 years. She currently plays piano at Liberty Baptist Church and teaches piano at her residence in Little Rock, MS. She has two sons and six grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE SMITH — *Retired Teacher*. Charlotte is a retired elementary teacher who still loves to teach. She has been teaching Women's Bible Study classes for numerous years. In her retirement, she has enjoyed developing Bible studies and has been requested as a teacher for various ladies' events.

Charlotte was born and raised in Natchez, MS, where she met her husband, Eddie, of 41 years. She is widowed and has two daughters and one son-in-law: Kelli, Jeff, and Wendy.

She is currently serving as a church pianist and Bible Study teacher.



STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

- 1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them in 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 chair, 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. Speakers shall adhere to the time limits.
- 9. All motions from the floor shall be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing when so required by the chair.
- 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 chair.
- 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.

2024 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

City Chairman	and Means Chairman	Diane Rouse Lisa A. Harris Lisa A. Harris Annajeral Knight & Ada McGrevey Diane Rouse
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Door Prize Chairman		Diane Rouse
		Linda Guraedy & Dianne Roberts
		Diane Rouse
		Sherri E. Reid
		Diane Rouse
		Pam Keith
		Carole Loper
		Belinda Peacher
		Valorie Westbrook
		Lisa A. Harris
		Theresa Buntyn
		Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
		Lisa A. Harris
		Suzanne Byrd Poynor
		Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
		Diane Rouse
		Becky W. Watkins
		Terrie Whitehurst
Timekeepers & Teller	'S	Betty Harpe
		Jeanette Thrash
		Melba Watkins
Vendor Chairman		Cindy Thompson



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Thank Sow

For your unwavering support



"Between the pages of a book is a wonderful place to be." ~ Anonymous

of my PSP "Getting Back to Our Roots, by promoting public libraries, education and literacy!"



In Loving
Memory of Hope
Nicholson for
over 50 years of
service to the
GFWC-MFWC
and Florentine
Club.



Salutes our own and
Northern District
Clubwoman of the Year
Cristin Reed Chandler



GFWC-MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB

Proudly Supports

MFWC President Theresa Buntyn's Special Project



In Memory of Betty La Dulaney

Former GFWC-MFWC President (1982-1984)







Tunica Woman's Club, Betty Jo Dulaney Memorial Scholarship

Dulaney Law Firm Tunica, MS

Tunica Woman's Club





Thank you, Diane Rouse,

for "Living the Volunteer Spirit"

Love, Carolyn and Suzanne





The GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club proudly supports JEANNIE for JENNIE



Congratulations

Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford GFWC-MFWC President 2024-2026

From the Tunica Woman's Club





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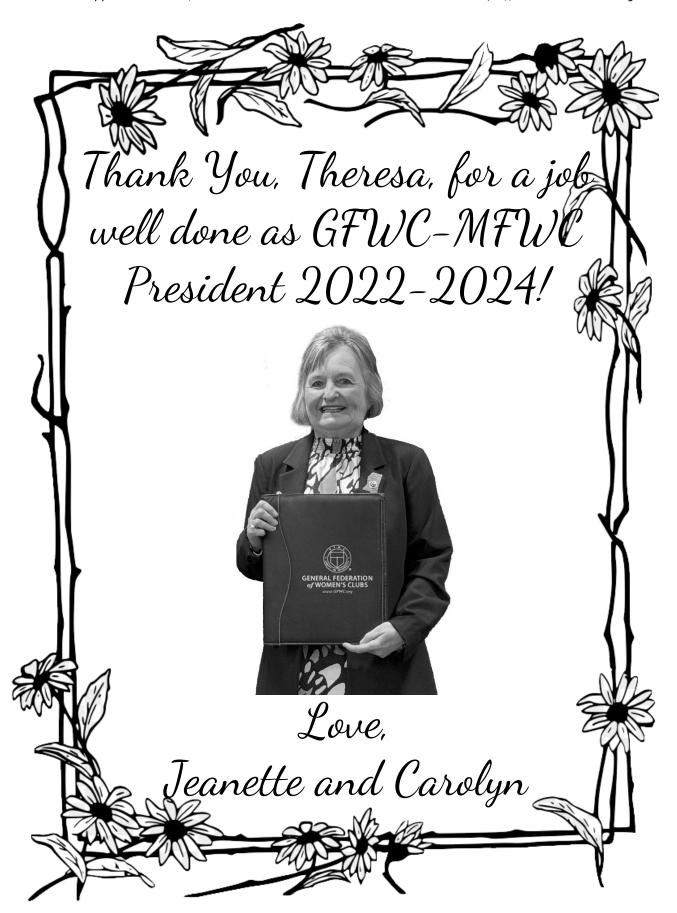
SHOUTOUT

Theresa T. Berryhill



For your service and dedication to MFWC and RWC as 2022-2024

Central District President





Cosmopolitan Club
Federated 1933
90 Years of Service to our Community



MFWC Southern District 2023 Club of the Year





Leza Cooley Cosmopolitan Club 2024 LEADS Candidate

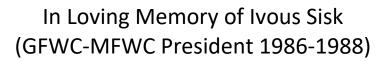


Meri Ford Newell MFWC Vice-President 2022-2024



Sherri E. Reid Cosmopolitan Club 2023 Clubwoman of the Year

Thank you, Theresa, for choosing "Getting Back To Our GFWC Roots" by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy!" as your President's Special Project! We have enjoyed fulfilling your goals and we will always remember to "Bloom Where You Are Planted".



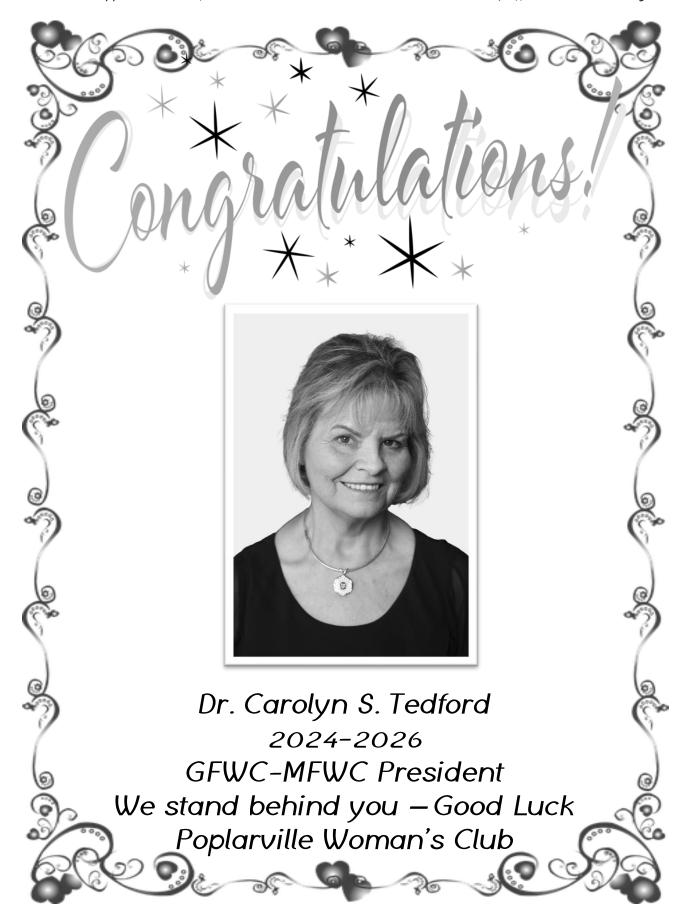


Thank you for your support of MFWC MS LEADS
Program by funding the Malone-Sisk
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Theresa,
It has been an
honor to serve
with you!

Becky W. Watkins GFWC-MFWC Treasurer 2022-2024





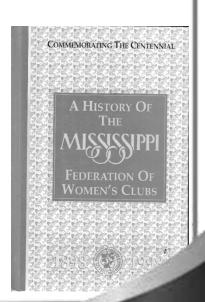


In Memory of Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum GFWC-MFWC President 2000-2002



As the author of "History of MFWC", we thank you for your interpretation of the important activities of the MFWC for the past century.

Dedication from Mrs.
Tommye ...
This history is respectfully dedicated to the unnamed and unsung women of the MFWC clubs who have worked untiringly for 100 years to improve the quality of life for all citizens of this state. ~1998



Thank you, Theresa for a job well done!



Quitman Woman's Club

Thank You



Lisa McGee

for serving as
Northern District
President
2020-2024
(yes, that's 4 years)

From your friends ...
Twentieth Century Club
of Bruce

Congratulations!



Shirley Wiltshire Southern District President 2024–2026



Dawn Vosbein Southern District Secretary 2024-2026

on your appointment to the 2024–2026 GFWC-MFWC Southern District Executive Board

> Poplarville Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club



2023 Central District Club of the Year



Theresa Buntyn GFWC-MFWC President



Cindy Thompson 2024 DWC MS LEADS



Melissia Carlton 2023 DWPC Clubwoman



Owner & operated by Terrie Whitehurst

Great Job 2022-2024 Team

GFWC-MFWC Northern District Salutes

GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce 2023 Northern District Club of the Year

Cristin Reed Chandler
2023 Northern District Clubwoman of the Year
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club

2022-2024 District Officers

Lisa McGee Northern District President Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

Janae Winter
District President-elect
Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Randi Baughman District Vice President Lanier Club

Ashley Williams
District Secretary
Ackerman Twentieth
Century Club

Pamela R. Maxwell District Treasurer EPHFICS Woman's Club of Cleveland

Becky C. Wright
Parliamentarian
Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Cassie Ferguson Historian Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

Frances H. Brown
Chaplain
Twentieth Century Club of
Bruce

Congratulations

to our Teesie for engaging others to find their passion and purpose to improve lives by sharing the example of serving others.



Love Always, your family.

Bloom Where You Are Planted, "Getting Back To Own GFWO Roots" by promoting public libraries, education,

and literacy!

Announcement

GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

is now the

GFWC-MFWC
Bruce Civic Club



2024 GFWC-MFWC Northern District 2nd Place Club of the Year

GFWC-MFWC

Star Woman's Club



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead

Thank Jon! Gavel Club

for your dedication and years of service to the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

Without your knowledge and leadership skills, we would not have accomplished so much. Thank you for your leadership and vision.















In Loving Memory

Morthern District

• June Ferguson Vaughn, Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Central District

- Virginia "Ginger" Mangum Smith, Star Woman's Club
- •Kathryn "Kitty" Wilson Hensarling, Crystal Springs Floral Club
- Tommye Jean Rosenbaum, Walnut Grove Thursday Club & Gavel Club
- · Ivous Sisk, Gavel Club

Southern District

- Doris Mae "Nena" Revon,
 Women's Club of Gulfport
- Anne French Pierce, Women'sClub of Gulfport

Your Was A Blessing

Your

Memory A Treasure...

You Are Loved Beyond Words

Missed Beyond

GFWC-MFWC DIRECTORY

GFWC-MFWC ELECTED OFFICERS	
GFWC-MFWC President	Theresa Buntyn
President-elect	•
Vice President	Meri F. Newell
Recording Secretary	
Treasurer	
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GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS	
Northern District	Lisa McGee
Central District	Theresa T. Berryhill
Southern District	Laura Ann Trigg
GFWC-MFWC APPOINTED OFFICERS	
Immediate Past President	Sherri F. Reid
Parliamentarian	
Historian	
Chaplain	•
Juniorette Director	
Mississippi Clubwoman Editor	
Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator and Circulation	
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GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS	
President's Special AssistantJeane	ette Thrash and Frances H. Brown
Meetings Coordinator/Board Receptionist	
MS LEADS Chairman	
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman	
HOBY Board Member	
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member	•
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT	
GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Northern	Terrie Whitehurst
Central	Pam Keith
Southern	Penny J. Barr
GFWC-MFWC STANDING COMMITTEES	
Constitution and Bylaws, Chairman	
Committee Members	•
	Sherri E. Reid
Finance, Chairman	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Committee Members	Carolyn C. Huey
	Theresa Buntyn
	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
	Meri F. Newell
	Susan Shurden
	Becky W. Watkins
Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman	Lorri Stockstill
Committee Members	Betty Harpe
	Pamela R. Maxwell

Long Range Planning, Chairman	Becky C. Wright
Committee Members	
	Ada McGrevey
	Theresa T. Berryhill
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Membership, Chairman	•
Committee Members	
Decelutions and December and Chairman	•
Resolutions and Recommendations, Chairman	
Committee Members	
State Institutions, Chairman	
Committee Members	
Ways and Means, Co-Chairman	
Co-Chairman	•
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GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL COMMITTEES	
1935 Society	
Committee Members	
	Celia C. Fisher
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Malone Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund Trustee	Snerri E. Reid
Trustee	Dr. Tammie M. McCov
Trustee	•
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Challenge Grant, Chairman	
Committee Members	•
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Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Chairman	
Committee Members	
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GFWC-MFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CHAIRMEN	
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness	
GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children	
Arts and Culture	
Civic Engagement and Outreach	
Education and Libraries	Lisa McGee

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GFWC-MFWC ADVANCEMENT AREA CHAIRMEN	
Communications and Public Relations	,
Leadership	
Fundraising and Development	
Legislation and Public Policy	
Women's History and Resource Center	
Membership	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
GFWC-MFWC CONTEST CHAIRMEN	
Community Improvement Contest	Pollyanna Robelon
Jennie Award	Melba Watkins
Photography Contests	Linda Guraedy
Writing Contests	Deborah Warren
Youth Art	Elanor J. Bayless and Dianne Roberts
Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest	Gail Mitchell
GFWC-Southern Region Office Members	RS/BOARD/COMMITTEE
MEMBERS	
Members Southern Region Board Member	Theresa Buntyn, MS State President
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Southern Region Board Member	

GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2024

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
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982

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	President	City	Term
*	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 M. McCoy	Pontotoc	2010-2012
	Suzanne Byrd Poynor	Florence	2012-2014
	Darlene C. Adams	Picayune	2014-2016
	Tinker Forrester	Ackerman	2016-2018
	Becky C. Wright	Banner	2018-2020
	Sherri E. Reid	Petal	2020-2022

^{*}Deceased