



The Heartbeat

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121st Annual State Convention

And the Winner is...

The Mill Conference Center



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

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GFWC-MFWC Headquarters & Elected Officers



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MFWC Facts

**Taken from "A History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs"
1898 - 1998**

by Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum

**Administration of Mrs. Robert (Blanche M.) Ralston
1924 - 1926**

- ♥ Fourteenth President of MFWC from Coahoma, MS

Highlights of this Administration

- ♥ Mrs. Ralston presided at the twenty seventh convention of the Mississippi Federation again held in Jackson at the Edwards Hotel in April 1925. Twenty eight new clubs had been added to the Federation.
- ♥ In 1922, an honor system had been installed that required each club of twenty or more members to donate ten dollars annually and clubs of less than twenty members to donate five dollars annually. The money was invested in United States Government Bonds that paid 4% interest, and the income was designated to be used to defray costs of the Federation. At a later convention, a resolution to call this fund the M. Colie Covington Endowment Fund to honor Miss Covington for her hard work on this project was adopted.
- ♥ Mrs. Ralston also presided at the twenty eighth convention of the Federation held at Brown's Wells Hotel (Brookhaven), April 27-30, 1926. The convention was cited as being the most enjoyable one in Federation history. Cost to attend this convention was \$4.50 a day which included meals and lodging.
- ♥ Department reports were given that showed the progress of the Federation in all areas. One of the more interesting of these was from the Art Department. Miss Person, Chairman, had arranged an exhibition of etching and paintings of nationally known artists, collections from Mississippi painters, and pottery and pine needle baskets. The Extension Chairman reported that since 1925 convention the Federation had a net gain of sixteen clubs, which brought the total to two hundred fifty clubs.
- ♥ Several resolutions worthy of note from this convention were adopted. The convention voted to support compulsory public music in the public school. In a move to protect the environment, support was given to a Billboard Removal Committee, whose function was to remove unsightly billboards and keep rural Mississippi from being commercialized. Another resolution endorsed the Forestry bill and called for the creation of an Division of Conservation in the Mississippi Federation. Finally, the convention voted to cooperate with the Mississippi Plant Board to secure legislation for the statewide eradication of the Argentine Ant.

Next month, the Administration of Miss Susie V. Powell, 1926 - 1928.

A Message From Becky C. Wright

Dear Federation Friends,

Let me begin by saying great job team! Merriam-Webster defines team as a number of persons associated together in work or activity, such as a group on one side. As a Federation, we may not always be on one side, but we definitely come together collectively for the cause, hence our GFWC motto—*Unity in Diversity*.

Acting as one. Believing in each other. Committing to excellence. Doing whatever it takes. Embracing a common vision. Fostering group intelligence. Giving the benefit of the doubt. Harnessing the power of one. Inspiring cooperation, not competition. Juggling skills and talent. Kindling collaborative genius. Looking out for each other. More “we” and less “me” thinking. Not minding who gets the credit. Overcoming obstacles together. Putting principles before personalities. Quickly resolving differences. Recognizing each other’s strengths. Sharing the workload. Treating each other with respect. Utilizing everyone’s skills. Valuing everybody’s input. Working side by side. Xpecting exponential results. Yearning to succeed together. Zestfully making a difference.



Becky C. Wright
2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC
President

I came across the above-mentioned *Teamwork A to Z*, by M. Steward after reading *Boys in the Boat* last year, and saved it thinking that this was a perfect goal to strive to attain during the 2018-2020 Administration, and now after just one year, I believe that you have epitomized teamwork! From acting as one to zestfully making a difference, the culmination of the first year and the success of our 121st State Convention, solidifies that we are Team MFWC, where Together Everyone Achieves More!

I think that we all can agree that while the Northern District, under the amazing leadership of Amy Jacobs, hosted a fun packed, informative, and relaxing convention, that it takes the efforts of our entire Federation to make a convention truly successful. May you all know how very grateful I am to each of you for the integral part you played in empowering the team. From months of planning, to ad sales, to table decorations, to door prizes, to taking care of every detail in planting a tree for Arbor Day and leaving our mark in Starkville, to well wishes, and attendance, you embraced our theme and had a roaring good time, you supported the New to You, and you made our guests feel welcomed. If you missed this year, you missed a treat.

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Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference. Detect. Correct. Protect.

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Collectively, this past year, we have reached so many goals—making a difference in the lives of so many. You started strong, you stayed on course, and you finished strong —traits necessary to achieve results. Just like our membership, our goals were diverse: the PSP, the 7 Grand Initiatives, our Headquarters, chartering the Leading Ladies, ESO and Reading with the President, and having a service project at each state meeting—whenever asked, you stepped up to the plate and scored. Thank you for always going the extra mile.

I am sure that you know by now, at State Convention, that along with over 150 little red hats—made by you, we presented a check for \$10,000 to the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association—all thanks to your efforts state-wide! Our hope is to present a second big check in April 2020, and with your support, we can do it! Thank you to all the clubs who participated in the “Life is Why Brag Boards”— in just a few short weeks, your efforts raised \$889!

Additionally, you embraced the Quarters for Headquarters contest, showing your support for the preservation of our beautiful headquarters in Jackson. However, you didn’t stop there. When asked to support our GFWC Headquarters—and one of the Grand Initiatives with the Million Dollar Club—you graciously contributed, proving that together we can do so much and that \$1 per member adds up nicely!

Furthermore, we were honored to have as our GFWC guest, our International President Mary Ellen Brock—what an inspiration! President Brock was most appreciative of MFWC’s efforts toward and success of her 7 Grand Initiatives. You have made my heart swell with pride by embracing these initiatives, and although I had bragged to President Brock in my report sent to her earlier in the year, she was able to see first-hand the generosity and team spirit of MFWC.

My heart is full and my cup runneth over with the love and the support that I have been given this past year. As I prepare to represent you at the GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas, I want you to know how very proud I am of your collective accomplishments and I look forward to returning with empowering information for you, the greatest Federation! The whole truly is greater than the sum of its parts.

With Federation love,

Becky

We are not
A TEAM
because we
work together.

WE ARE
a team because

*We respect,
trust, and care
for each other.*

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project: American Heart Association

May is National Salad Month

Submitted by PSP Co-Chairman Bethany Flint, MS, RD, LD.

Did you know that May is National Salad Month?

The American Heart Association recommends consuming 4 ½ cups of fruits and vegetables per day. An easy and

delicious way to accomplish this is simply by eating a salad either as an entrée or side dish to your main meal. Of course, we need to make sure we are on the same page about what a “salad” is! If you are picturing a small amount of iceberg lettuce piled high with shredded cheddar cheese, bacon bits, croutons, and covered in ranch or thousand island, then we have some work to do! We’re also not talking about mayo-based chicken salad, potato salad, or those delicious congealed fruit salads made with Jello and whipped topping! Does this sound like your typical “salad” plate? No worries – keep reading for **tips to build a better salad!**



Start with the base. Consider lettuce as a free food: with about seven calories per cup and packed with nutrition, choosing lettuce as the foundation is a good start to any healthy salad. All leafy greens are low in calories but darker greens, like spinach or kale, generally have more nutrients than the lighter colored greens. Or try adding in flavor-packed greens like arugula! Iceberg lettuce isn’t a bad choice, per se, but you are missing the opportunity to up your vitamin and mineral intake by choosing darker greens!

Next, add color, flavor, and texture with non-starchy vegetables and fruit! Add crunch with red bell peppers, cucumber slices, carrots, radishes, and/or broccoli. Juicy tomatoes are another great option. And don’t forget about antioxidant rich fruit like blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries.

Up next- add lean protein! Grilled chicken, turkey breasts, fish (like salmon or tuna), or beans such as kidney, white, garbanzo, or black beans are all great choices.

Extras – aka the salad “goodies” are next. Think nuts and seeds, cheese, avocado, croutons, dried fruit, etc. While nuts, seeds, and avocado are healthy fats, they are still very calorie dense (aka a lot of calories for a small amount). These “goodies” can definitely make a salad more enjoyable, just be sure to watch portion sizes and only add a small amount. Remember, we want our salad to be made of mostly the lettuce base and non-starchy veggies!

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Last, dress it up – in moderation! Salad dressings, like those extra toppings, can be a calorie-and-fat bomb; however, no one really wants a dry salad! Portion control is key here! Creamy dressings like ranch, blue cheese, and thousand island are usually the highest in calories, contain unhealthy saturated fat, and can be high in sodium! If at a restaurant, look for light, reduced calorie versions and ask for it to be served on the side. This way, you are in control of how much is added! At home, whip up your own using low fat milk and light mayo. It is also so easy to make your own heart healthy vinaigrette! To a small mason jar, add a squirt of Dijon mustard, a tsp. of honey, herbs and spices, and 1 part balsamic vinegar to 2 parts extra virgin olive oil. Add the lid and shake, shake, shake! Voilà – homemade vinaigrette in less than 5 minutes! Just like the nuts and avocado though, olive oil is healthy but high calorie. One tablespoon has 120 calories so a little bit goes a long way! If you want a lower calorie way to dress your salad, a simple squirt of lemon juice or salsa is a good option.



Happy salad making!

GFWC Advancement Area

GFWC Membership



Recruitment is a year-round process, and the campaigns and reporting of new members reflect this fact. A club that recruits three new members during each season will end the year with 12 new members! Clubs may plan creative membership recruitment campaigns and events around the many national awareness issues that are aligned with GFWC Community Service Programs, special programs, and commemoration days and months.

For more information on GFWC Membership and how to Participate in GFWC's "United by Diversity" recruitment campaign, check out the 2018-2020 GFWC Club Manual Membership Advancement Guide by [clicking here](#).

GFWC-MFWC Membership Contest

All Clubs Can Win!!!
Earn money for your club!

It's time to get serious about membership and win some money!

Monetary Prizes to the three clubs who add members to their club. The top **three** clubs in the state who recruit the **most percentage** of new members wins!!

Rules:

Send name and contact information of your new members to
Sherri E. Reid at reidshe@comcast.net

Recruitment Period

March, April and May 2019

June, July and August 2019

September, October and November 2019

December 2019, January and February 2020

March and April 2020

Recruitment Report Due

June 1, 2019

September 1, 2019

December 1, 2019

March 1, 2020

April 10, 2020

This is a year-long contest for Membership for all clubs to be entered send in names and contact information of all new members to Sherri E. Reid. Contest ends April 10, 2020.

The number cumulate, so send ANY new members and their information to reidshe@comcast.net, even if you only add one new member!! The prizes will be announced and given out at MFWC Convention 2020. Awards will be given to the three clubs who increase their membership by the most percentage.

There will also be a creativity award. This award will be judged by reports sent in for the 2018 and 2019 reports sent in on judging day. The most creative membership report sent in also wins a monetary prize.

[All names submitted will be forwarded to GFWC for GFWC Recruitment Campaign](#)

Holidays, Observances & Awareness

Awareness Months

- Zoo and Aquarium Month
- Candy Month
- Gay Pride Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- Great Outdoors Month

June is
PTSD
Awareness
Month

Not all wounds are visible



NATIONAL
GUN VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH



ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE
IS THE **6th** LEADING
CAUSE OF DEATH
IN THE U.S.
IT KILLS MORE THAN BREAST CANCER
& PROSTATE CANCER COMBINED

Holidays & Awareness Days

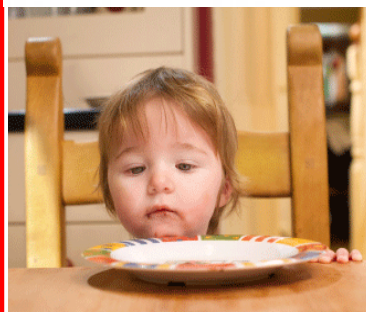
JUNE 2 National Bubba Day
JUNE 5 World Environment Day
JUNE 5 National Doughnut Day
JUNE 14 Flag Day
JUNE 21 Father's Day
JUNE 16 Fresh Veggies Day
JUNE 18 International Picnic Day
JUNE 21 First Day of Summer



National Candy Month

Awareness Weeks

JUNE 7-13 National Business Etiquette Week
JUNE 7-13 National Sun Safety Week
JUNE 6-14 National Fishing Week
JUNE 15-21 Men's Health Week



JUNE is
NATIONAL
HUNGER
AWARENESS
MONTH



JUNE is
NATIONAL
SAFETY
MONTH



Scleroderma
Awareness
Month

National Fresh Fruit
& Vegetables Month

INTERNET SAFETY MONTH

National Smile Month

It's National Rose Month!

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

AWARENESS MONTH

MIGRAINE

Men's Health
Awareness Month

NATIONAL CMV AWARENESS MONTH

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



121st State Convention

**The Mill
600 Russell Street
Starkville, MS**

April 25-27, 2019

Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference

Becky C. Wright
GFWC-MFWC President
2018-2020

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The Numbers



GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet

2018-2020 Administration, Reporting Year 2018, Club Year 2019



GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Special Projects & Special Emphasis:			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
1	MFWC President's Special Project:	Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect.	171	8,307	19,665	24,740
2	MFWC Special Emphasis:	State Institutions	93	498	2,404	4,489
3	MFWC Special Emphasis:	Mississippi Public Broadcasting	37	1,056	3,380	94
GFWC-MFWC TOTALS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS & SPECIAL EMPHASIS:			301	9,861	25,449	29,323

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAMS:			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
4	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION		143	1,644	2,856	18,270
5	GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN		307	9,887	45,611	23,995

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs):			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
6	ARTS		708	51,595	43,539	128,502
7	CONSERVATION		338	26,880	31,535	66,836
8	EDUCATION		473	32,046	72,916	67,958
9	HOME LIFE		535	28,922	67,400	55,335
10	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH		539	3,337	37,159	26,524
11	PUBLIC ISSUES		308	20,184	45,717	31,736

GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS (AAs):			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent
12	COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS		233	4,681	8,133
13	LEADERSHIP		281	20,309	64,355
14	LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY		226	2,537	3,549
15	MEMBERSHIP		207	7,026	21,379

			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised
16	FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT		136	6,659	131,669

			Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations
17	WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER		198	3,637	29,282	5,690

				Volunteer Hours	Books Read
18	EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)				40

32 out of 51 Clubs Reporting	Number of Projects	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In Kind Donations	Dollars Raised	Dollars Spent	Books Read
GFWC GRAND TOTALS:	4,622	219,344	371,057	424,846	131,669	97,416	40

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

121st Annual State Convention

Starkville, Mississippi



**General Club Awards
Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019**

♥ **GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence
Awareness & Prevention**

- 5th Place - Women's Club of Gulfport
- 4th Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 3rd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 1st Place - Batesville Junior Woman's League

♥ **GFWC Juniors' Signature Program: Advocates for
Children**

- 5th Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 4th Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 3rd Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 2nd Place - Women's Club of Gulfport
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ **GFWC CSP Arts**

- 5th Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 4th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 3rd Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 2nd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ **GFWC CSP Conservation**

- 5th Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 4th Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 3rd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ **GFWC CSP Education**

- 5th Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 4th Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 3rd Place - Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Florentine Evening Club

♥ **GFWC CSP Home Life**

- 5th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 4th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 3rd Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ **GFWC CSP International Outreach**

- 5th Place - Women's Club of Gulfport
- 4th Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 3rd Place - Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ **GFWC CSP Public Issues**

- 5th Place - Present Day Club of Union
- 4th Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 3rd Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Star Woman's Club

♥ **GFWC AA - Communication and Public Relations**

- 5th Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 4th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 3rd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Batesville Junior Woman's League
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ **GFWC AA Leadership**

- 5th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 4th Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 3rd Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

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♥ GFWC AA - Legislations and Public Policy

- 5th Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 4th Place - Batesville Woman's Club
- 3rd Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 2nd Place - Quitman Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

♥ GFWC AA Membership

- 5th Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 4th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 3rd Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 2nd Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Cosmopolitan Club

♥ GFWC AA WHRC

- 5th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 4th Place - Present Day Club of Union
- 3rd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Raleigh Woman's Club

♥ GFWC AA - Fundraising and Development

- 5th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 4th Place - Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- 3rd Place - Batesville Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Florentine Evening Club

♥ GFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

- 3rd Place - Woman's Club of Gulfport
- 2nd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Batesville Junior Woman's League

♥ GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project: American Heart Association

- 5th Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 4th Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 4th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 3rd Place - Iuka Twentieth Century Club
- 2nd Place - Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ GFWC-MFWC Emphasis Area: Mississippi Public Broadcasting

- 5th Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 4th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 4th Place - Cosmopolitan Club

- 3rd Place - Woman's Club of Booneville
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ GFWC-MFWC Emphasis Area: Mississippi State Institutions

- 5th Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 4th Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 3rd Place - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 2nd Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Florentine Club

Juniorette Club Awards Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

♥ GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- 1st Place - Juniorette Diamonds

♥ GFWC Juniors' Signature Program: Advocates for Children

- 2nd Place - Juniorette Diamonds
- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes

♥ GFWC CSP Arts

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- 1st Place - Juniorette Diamonds

♥ GFWC CSP Conservation

- 2nd Place - Juniorette Diamonds
- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes

♥ GFWC CSP Education

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- 1st Place - Juniorette Diamonds

♥ GFWC CSP Home Life

- 2nd Place - Juniorette Diamonds
- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes

♥ GFWC CSP International Outreach

- 2nd Place - Juniorette Diamonds
- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes

♥ GFWC CSP Public Issues

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- 1st Place - Juniorette Diamonds

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121st GFWC-MFWC State Convention - The Winner Is ...

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♥ GFWC AA - Communication and Public Relations

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC AA Leadership

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC AA - Legislations and Public Policy

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC AA Membership

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC AA WHRC

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC AA - Fundraising and Development

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC-MFWC President 's Special Project: American Heart Association

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ GFWC-MFWC Emphasis Area: Mississippi Public Broadcasting

- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes

♥ GFWC-MFWC Emphasis Area: Mississippi State Institutions

- 2nd Place -
- 1st Place -

GFWC-MFWC Book Awards Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

SCRAPBOOKS - GENERAL CLUB

♥ Classification A (20 and under members)

- 3rd Place - Homochitto Heritage Club
- 2nd Place - Florentine Club
- 1st Place - Iuka Twentieth Century Club

♥ Classification B (21 - 35 members)

- 3rd Place - Present Day Club of Waynesboro
- 2nd Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Florentine Evening Club

♥ Classification C (36 - 50 members)

- 1st Place - Women's Club of Gulfport

SCRAPBOOKS - JUNIORETTE CLUB

♥ Classification A (20 and under members)

- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

♥ Classification B (21 - 35 members)

- 1st Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresette

YEARBOOKS - GENERAL CLUBS

♥ Classification A-1 (20 and under members, printed)

- 2nd Place - Cleveland Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Quitman Woman's Club

♥ Classification A-2 (20 and under members, looseleaf)

- 3rd Place - Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro
- 2nd Place - Present Day Club of Union
- 1st Place - Iuka Twentieth Century Club

♥ Classification B-1 (21 - 35 members, printed)

- 1st Place - Present Day Club of Waynesboro

♥ Classification B-2 (21 - 35 members, looseleaf)

- 3rd Place - Poplarville Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ Classification C-2 (36 - 50 members, looseleaf)

- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

YEARBOOKS - JUNIORETTE CLUBS

♥ Classification A (looseleaf)

- 1st Place - Junioresette Diamonds

GFWC-Photography Contests Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

♥ GFWC Volunteers In Action

- 2nd Place - Angela Easley, Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Lisa A. Harris, Raleigh Woman's Club

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121st GFWC-MFWC State Convention - The Winner Is ...

♥ The World In Pictures - Living Things

- 3rd Place - Kay Fairley, Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Jeanine Gregory, Lanier Club
- 1st Place - Melissa Carleton, Present Day Club of Union

♥ The World In Pictures - Still Life

- 2nd Place - Claire Barlow, LeBonte Women's Club
- 1st Place - Debbie Bruister, Ackerman Twentieth Century Club

♥ The World In Pictures - Scenes

- 3rd Place - Laura Trigg, Present Day Club of Waynesboro
- 2nd Place - Melissa Carleton, Present Day Club of Union
- Jeanine Gregory, Lanier Club

GFWC Short Story and Poetry Contests Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

♥ Member Poetry

- 2nd Place - Amanda Hillhouse, Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - GFWC Affiliate, Pontotoc Woman's Club

♥ Member Short Story

- No Entries

Youth Poetry

(Writer's Name, Submitted By)

♥ Category I (K, 1 & 2)

- 2nd Place - Leah Steele, Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Ellie Kathryn Bailey, Fine Arts club of Bruce

♥ Category II (3, 4 & 5)

- 2nd Place - Ella Hawkins, Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - James Mixon, Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ Category II (6, 7 & 8)

- 2nd Place - Charlie Nicole Brock, Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Amy Roberson, Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ Category IV (9, 10, 11 & 12)

- 2nd Place - Justin Watkins, Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Tate Porter, Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Youth Short Story

(Writer's Name, Submitted By)

♥ Category I (K, 1 & 2)

- 2nd Place - Reed Harrison Kelly, Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Elias Gray, Cosmopolitan Club

♥ Category II (3, 4 & 5)

- 2nd Place - Mia Kelly, Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Kimberly Lichlyter, Cosmopolitan Club

♥ Category III (6, 7 & 8)

- 2nd Place - Ashley Roberson, Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Zoey Hada, Cosmopolitan Club

♥ Category IV (9, 10, 11 & 12)

- 2nd Place - Mallory Extine, Cosmopolitan Club
- 1st Place - Shaylynn Grosstephan, Cosmopolitan Club

MFWC Youth Art Contests Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

Class A (Student receiving lessons from private instructors)

♥ Division I - (Kindergarten - Grade 1)

- 1st Place - Marlee Miller, Enterprise Woman's Club

♥ Division II - (Grades 2 & 3)

- 2nd Place - Amree Harmann, Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Graham Overton, Batesville Woman's Club

♥ Division III - (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

- 1st Place - Paislee Goodson, Florentine Evening Club

♥ Division IV - (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

- 2nd Place - Carlee Bess Williams, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

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category.)

- 1st Place - Amy Roberson, Fine Arts Club of Bruce

♥ Division V - (Grades 10, 11 & 12)

- 2nd Place - London Seale, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- 1st Place - Ainsely Gordon, Batesville Woman's Club

Class B (Students receiving instructions as part of a school curriculum with a certified art teacher)

♥ Division I - (Kindergarten - Grade 1)

- 3rd Place - Shelby Williams, Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Joley Clark, Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 1st Place - Caden Bonner, Quitman Woman's Club

♥ Division II - (Grades 2 & 3)

- 3rd Place - Jack Izor, Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Emma Sayle, Batesville Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Kaybre Powell, Decatur Women's Progressive Club

♥ Division III - (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

- 3rd Place - Marlee Donahue, Batesville Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Camille Laphard, Quitman Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Sadie Knight, Cosmopolitan Club

♥ Division IV - (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

- 3rd Place - Aria Ball, Cosmopolitan Club
- 2nd Place - Ahnnah Newell, Florentine Evening Club
- 1st Place - Kim Carter, Pontotoc Woman's Club

♥ Division V - (Grades 10, 11 & 12)

- 3rd Place - Hannah McNeece, Florentine Evening Club
- 2nd Place - Katelin Burks, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 1st Place - Bronwyne Bain, Batesville Woman's Club

Class C (Students receiving no art instruction from private or certified art teacher; classroom teachers giving art instruction in the classroom would fall in this

♥ Division I - (Kindergarten - Grade 1)

- 3rd Place - Kira Simmons, Batesville Junior Woman's League
- 2nd Place - Liam Walker, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 1st Place - Elijah Smith, Florentine Evening Club

♥ Division II - (Grades 2 & 3)

- 3rd Place - Ruby Worley, Poplarville Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Camden Conn, Ackerman 20th Century Club
- 1st Place - Anna Claire Keith, Enterprise Woman's Club

♥ Division III - (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

- 3rd Place - Cooper McLeod, Enterprise Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Morgan Schiedler, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- 1st Place - Emeri Roberts, Pontotoc Woman's Club

♥ Division IV - (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

- 3rd Place - Ella Walker, Enterprise Woman's Club
- 2nd Place - Abigail Pittman, Batesville Junior Woman's League
- 1st Place - Kaitlyn H., Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

♥ Division V - (Grades 10, 11 & 12)

- 1st Place - Jenna Lewis, Enterprise Woman's Club

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♥ Division 3 (Ages 9 - 12)

- 2nd Place - Harmony Billiot, Florentine Evening Club
- 1st Place - Cosmopolitan Club

♥ Division 4 (Ages 13 - 15)

- 3rd Place - Dixie Moore, Cosmopolitan Club

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- 2nd Place - Will Horne, Florentine Evening Club
- 1st Place - Kayla Bowdin, Batesville Junior Woman's League

♥ Division V (Ages 16 - 21)

- 1st Place - Brooke Stogner, Florentine Evening Club

Honor Clubs

Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

(Clubs who paid dues postmark by November 1, 2018)

- Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- Batesville Junior Woman's League
- Batesville Woman's Club
- Booneville High School Junioresettes
- Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- Cleveland Woman's Club
- EPHFIC Woman's Club of Cleveland
- Eupora Junioresettes
- Eupora Twentieth Century Club
- Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Florence Junioresettes
- Greenwood Woman's Club
- Iuka Twentieth Century Club
- Lanier Club
- Pontotoc Junioresette Club
- Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Star Woman's Club
- Thursday Club of Walnut Grove
- Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- Twenty-first Century Club of Kosciusko
- Woman's Club of Booneville
- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Cosmopolitan Club
- Crystal Springs Floral Club
- Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Ellisville Fidelia Club
- Enterprise Woman's Club
- Enterprise Woman's Club
- Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro
- Florentine Club
- Florentine Evening Club

- Gavel Club
- Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.
- Lucedale Fine Arts Club
- Present Day Club of Union
- Present Day Club of Waynesboro
- Quitman Woman's Club
- Raleigh Woman's Club
- Women's Club of Gulfport

History Club Awards

Club Year 2018, Reporting Year 2019

(Clubs who submitted History Club Report postmarked by March 1, 2019)

- Ackerman Junioresettes
- Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- Batesville Junior Woman's League
- Batesville Woman's Club
- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Cleveland Woman's Club
- Cosmopolitan Club
- Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Enterprise Woman's Club
- EPHFIC Woman's Club of Cleveland
- Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Florentine Club
- Florentine Evening Club
- Iuka Twentieth Century Club
- Junioresette Diamonds
- Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Present Day Club of Union
- Quitman Woman's Club
- Raleigh Woman's Club
- Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- Twenty-first Century Club of Kosciusko
- Woman's Club of Booneville
- Women's Club of Gulfport

President's Award of Excellence

- Under 20 Members: Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- 21-35 Members: Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 36-50 Members: Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

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Scholarships/Grant Recipients

- Hebron Memorial Scholarship - Robyn Hadden, sponsored by Raleigh Woman's Club
- Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship - Perry Beth Liles, Junioresettes of New Century Club
- Challenge Grant - Stacey McAllister, Raleigh Elementary School sponsored by Raleigh Woman's Club

MF WC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) Participants (Malone-Sisk Educational/Leadership Endowment)

- Kristina Barnes, Florentine Evening Club
- Lindsey Faust, Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
- Manda McClure, Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
- Allison Meitzler, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Sonya Smith, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

GF WC-MFWC LEADS Delegate to 2019 GF WC International Convention

- Sonya Smith, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

GF WC-MFWC Jennie Award

- Libby Everett, Cosmopolitan Club

District Clubwomen of the Year

- Tammy Griffin, Fine Arts Club of Bruce, Northern District
- Carolyn Mason, Florentine Club, Central District
- Shirley Stough, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

Clubwoman of the Year

- Shirley Stough, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

Juniorette of the Year (JOY Award)

- Alexis Lino, Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes

District Clubs of the Year

- Twentieth Century Club of Bruce, Northern District
- Raleigh Woman's Club, Central District
- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune and Cosmopolitan Club, Southern District I


Juniorette Clubs of the Year

- 2nd Place - Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes
- 1st Place - Juniorette Diamonds

Clubs of the Year

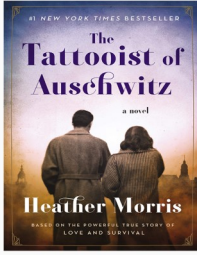
- 5th Place - Florentine Evening Club
- 4th Place - Cosmopolitan Club
- 3rd Place - Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- 2nd Place - Raleigh Woman's Club
- 1st Place - Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

For a printable copy of the GF WC-MFWC 121st Annual Convention Book, GF WC-MFWC Awards Book and GF WC-MFWC Top Ten Projects, [click here](#).




ESO Reading with the President Challenge

June 2019 Selection of the Month



The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris

Category:
Fiction, Historical



For a complete listing of "President's Picks", [click here](#).

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2018 GFWC-MFWC Creativity Awards Winners

Greetings ladies,

I first would like to thank President Becky C. Wright for her approval and Lisa Harris for her inspiring work to ensure our AWARDS are now posted on our website.

I also have the esteemed pleasure of sharing with you our Creativity club award winners in this article. How impressive thanks to all of you. Be sure and email or contact club presidents or chairmen for more details.

Theresa Buntyn,

GFWC-MFWC Vice President and Dean of Chairmen

♥ **GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

- Batesville Junior Woman's League, Bra and Feminine Project Drives for I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

♥ **GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children**

- Women's Club of Gulfport hosted a baby shower with March of Dimes for 25 military "Moms to Be".

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: Arts**

- Fine Arts Club of Bruce, Barnyard Christmas Float.

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: Conservation**

- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, Keep Picayune Beautiful affiliate of Keep America Beautiful organization.

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: Education**

- Florentine Evening Club, BeYOUtiful.

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: Home Life**

- Fine Arts Club of Bruce, PROJECT 719 based on Psalms 71:19. Community service event to local nursing home and assisted living centers for the residents a Christmas shopping day.

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: International Outreach**

- Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes, Milk and Cookies for Heifer International. Donations for Heifer International.

♥ **GFWC Community Service Programs: Public Issues**

- Juniette Diamonds, Approval from the County Board of Supervisors. Getting on the Agenda for County Board of Supervisors- the Juniette Diamonds of Picayune, MS filled out all the necessary paper work to be placed on the agenda, of the Board of Supervisors, for approval of a project sanctioned by their club.

♥ **GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Communications and Public Relations**

- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, Pearl Swinehart, Mascot Extraordinaire. This beautiful swine attends all events of the club and is always visible in the town and community and members are awarded to have her attend all events.

♥ **GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Leadership**

- Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, The club had Pearl River County Leadership Development Coordinator conducted a teambuilding session that was attended by officers and chairmen. A DISC profile exercise was conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses and to create a strategy for

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greater teamwork and accomplishing goals.

♥ GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Legislations/Public Policy

- Juniorette Diamonds, "Mock Legislative Summit". Junioresettes were contacted by GFWC Resolution Chairman and participated in summit on how to write a resolution and to send to legislature.

♥ GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Membership

- Florentine Evening Club, Grow a Member.

♥ GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Fundraising and Development

- Batesville Woman's Club, "Egg a Yard at Easter". Bright colored eggs decorated yards and donations were accepted in the community.

♥ GFWC Advancement Area Programs: Women's History Resource Center

- Present Day Club of Union, Preserved Mourning To Action. club members took artifacts from deceased club member and preserved all the documentation she had saved as MFWC officer and club officer and member

♥ GFWC Advancement Area Programs: ESO

- Batesville Junior Women's League, ESO Group. Founded and maintains a Facebook Online ESO Reading Group.

Back to School: Required Vaccinations for Entering 7th Graders

Source: Mississippi State Department of Health, Public Health Report for May 24, 2019.



The **school** year is just ending, but parents of sixth graders should remember that Tdap vaccinations are required for all seventh graders entering school in the fall. Parents are required to submit an updated form 121 (vaccination compliance) to their school at seventh-grade entry. Request the form from your doctor or county health department when your child receives their vaccination.

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccinations for this age group became a requirement in Mississippi in [2012](#) after a sharp increase in childhood pertussis (whooping cough) in the state and nationwide. Pertussis can be serious or deadly to young children, and teens and adults can easily spread the disease to this younger age group.

This is also an excellent time to schedule other recommended vaccinations for your teen. The Mississippi State Department of Health strongly encourages all students receive HPV and meningococcal vaccination along with their Tdap. Meningococcal vaccination can protect against serious disease exposure that comes in teen and college years, and [HPV vaccination](#) provides excellent protection against several cancer types.

Don't wait. Getting required vaccination ahead of time can make sure that school entry isn't delayed.

GFWC
Mississippi Federation
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PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT SHORTY'S SPEAKEASY

Thursday
April 25
7pm

PASSWORD

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
BOARD MEETING/MEAL

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General Federation of Women's Clubs

Club Charter

Be it known by all persons, having met all requirements for members, the

GFWC-MFWC Leading Ladies

is hereby chartered as par capita dues paying club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club, Inc. together with all honors, privileges, and obligations thereto appertaining on this 25th day of April in this year of 2019

This group is composed of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. LEADS delegates who have attended GFWC LEADS at the annual GFWC Convention.



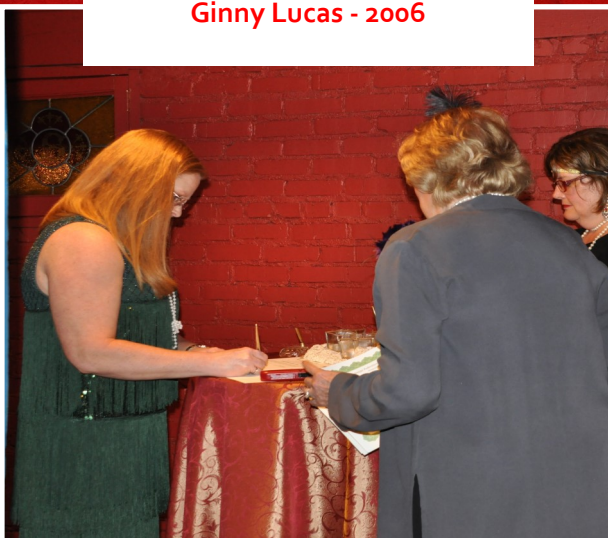
Becky C. Wright - 2003

Ginny Lucas - 2006



Diane Rouse - 2011

Terrie Whitehurst - 2012



Members, but not present at Chartering: Stephanie Steele Lee (2004); Lynn Blaylock (2007); Susan Shurden (2009); Misty Wright (2015); and Carolyn Tedford (2018).

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Theresa Buntyn - 2013

Janae Winter - 2014



Debbie Bruister - 2016

Meri Newell - 2017



Charter Members of the Leading Ladies: (from left to right) Diane Rouse, Janae Winter, Theresa Buntyn, Ginny Lucas, Debbie Bruister, Meri Newell, Terrie Whitehurst and Becky C. Wright.

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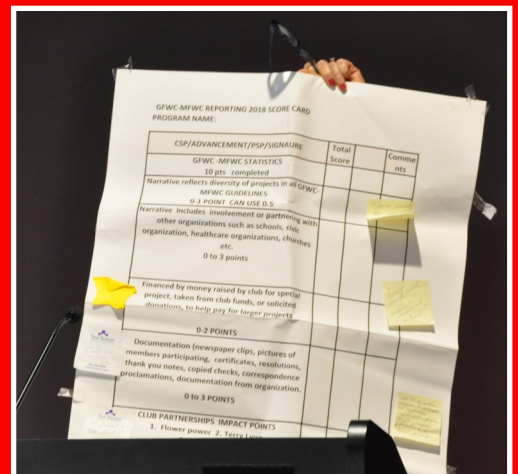
Gavel Club (left to right): Suzanne Byrd Pointer, Jo Anne Reid, Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock, Carolyn C. Huey, Darlene C. Cramer, Tinker Forrester and Celia C. Fisher.



Nomination of Dr. Tammie M. McCoy to GFWC Southern Region Board.



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Fifty Year Club (pictured left to right), Anne Porter (59 years), Sherri E. Reid, GFWC-MFWC Membership Chairman and President-elect, Carolyn Ritter (50 years) and Gale Mitchell (50 years).



"Grand" Central District

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Northern District

Southern District



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**Juniette Club of the Year
Juniette Diamonds**



**Juniette of the Year
(Joy Award)
Alexis Lino**



**GFWC-MFWC LEADS Delegate to 2018 GFWC
International Convention**

**Sonya Smith
Decatur Woman's Progressive Club**



**GFWC-MFWC Jennie Award
Libby Everett,
Cosmopolitan Club**

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Clubwoman of the Year
Shirley Stough
Civic Woman's Club of Picayune



A Tree Planting with International President Brock and GFWC-MFWC President Wright on National Arbor Day.



Club of the Year
Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to Club, Community and family.

Club members are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. COMMITMENT TO CLUB

The nominee should have an outstanding record of success and achievement, not only in terms of her club's volunteer programs and projects, but also her role in a leadership position, her activity to build membership and promote the club to others, and her overall spirit of volunteerism. She should be kind, loyal, and positive in her relationships with other clubwomen, and her commitment should be continuous, rather than a onetime activity.

2. COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Community service must address real community needs and concerns. This service should go beyond club activities and be carried out through other community organizations (e.g. schools, hospitals, an elected/appointed position, scouts, etc.) as well as through the workplace. Activities should reflect an innovative or unique approach to volunteer work.

3. COMMITMENT TO FAMILY

Recognizing that families come in many different forms, the nominee might be a single parent, a grandparent raising her grandchildren, an adult caring for an elderly relative, or an adult without children. The definition of a family member may include persons who are older or younger than the nominee. It may include nuclear as well as extended family members. The nominee should exemplify outstanding concern for the well-being, health, and welfare of one or more persons by providing aid and comfort on an on-going basis, separate and apart, from club and community work.

See next page for a summary of Libby's Club, Community and family volunteer work.

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Libby Donovan Everett, a member of Cosmopolitan Club of Petal, is the recipient of the GFWC Jennie Award for the state of Mississippi. She will now be considered for the Regional Award.

Mrs. Everett has been a federated clubwoman continuously since 1978. She has served her club as chairman of every community service department, as well as President's Special Project and Communication and Public Relations Chairman, and all elected offices. As club president-elect, she served as acting president for almost two years due to the illness and eventual death of the president and then served her own two years as president. As Community Improvement Program (CIP) Chairman, the work she did and the report she submitted won the MFWC cash award of \$150.00 that was donated to the project – a new library and civic center in Petal. Under her leadership, additional funds were raised and a piano was purchased for the new civic center. She chaired Petal's Junior Miss, Christmas Tasting Luncheon, Cooking for A Cure, and Relay for Life team. She crafts the Relay team baton which wins first or second place every year. She was 2016 MFWC District 1 Clubwoman of the Year. She is currently Cosmopolitan Club Reporter, Parliamentarian, and Relay for Life team captain.

She currently serves as MFWC Youth Art Chairman and is a member of the Challenge Grant committee. She is also a member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO), Pi chapter, an MFWC reading group.

Libby provides aid and comfort to her 92 year old mother as her two sisters live out of state. Her mother lives 45 minutes away, so a round trip to the doctor often involves at least three hours travel time.

She is a founding member of the Petal Arts Council and served as president 2002-2003 and currently serves as president. She organized and spearheads the arts council booth at the local farmer's market once a month. With assistance from board members, she organized an open house to include a silent auction of art donated by local artists that raised funds for future arts council projects and a Petal High School art scholarship.

She teaches a crafts class weekly for senior ladies at the YMCA. She creates the crafts that are taught to the class and provides materials. The completed projects are taken to the local nursing home, where class members visit with each of 60 residents as they are presented their small token of the season. She is a member of Friends of the Library and the Petal Area Chamber of Commerce.

If selected as a regional winner, she will travel to the GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, where one clubwoman from each of the eight regions will be honored.



Libby Donovan Everett was awarded the GFWC-MFWC Jennie Award by GFWC-MFWC President Becky C. Wright.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Important Dates (Overview)

June	
June 8th - 9th	2019 GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Retreat
June 29th - July 1st	GFWC 2019 Annual Convention, June 29- July 1, 2019, JW Marriott, Austin, TX
July	
July 19th	2019 GFWC-MFWC Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting, GFWC-MFWC Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi
July 20th	2019 GFWC-MFWC Summer Executive Board Meeting and Summer Institute
For a complete listing of Important Dates, click here .	

Postmark Deadline:

Please note: if the postmark deadline for an application /form/report /entry falls on a Sunday, the application/form/report/entries **MUST** be postmarked by the prior Saturday.

2019 GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Retreat

No Time To Siesta, It's A Juniorette Fiesta!

The 2019 GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Retreat is scheduled for June 8 - 9, 2019 at the Red Rooster Barn on the property of Carolyn C. Huey in Decatur, MS. Check, Registration/Permission Form, Permission/Medical Authorization Release and Dietary Restrictions Form for each Juniorette must be postmarked by June 1st. This will allow time for ordering t-shirts and planning meals. All food, drinks, and snacks will be provided from lunch on Saturday through lunch on Sunday. The \$35 per Juniorette will be used to pay for the t-shirt, meals, crafts, etc. Advisors or moms are welcome to attend as chaperones and do not have to pay a registration fee, but please do fill out a registration form for each adult so we will know you are coming.

For a complete registration packet and additional information, [click here](#). Remember, postmark deadline is June 1st.

Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference

2019 GFWC-MFWC
Juniorette Retreat
June 8 - 9, 2019



No Time To

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It's a
Juniorette

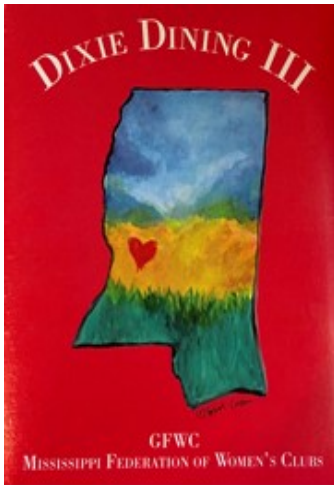


Fiesta!

The Butterfly Effect - Paying it forward for Positive Change

MFWC Marketplace

The following Ways & Means items are available for purchase from GFWC-MFWC. For more information or to order any item(s), please contact Amy Jacobs or Abby May, Ways and Means Co-Chairs.



Dixie Dining III Cookbook. A beautiful addition to your kitchen. This is a fundraiser for President Becky C. Wright's PSP: Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Collect. Protect. Funds raised will go to the American Heart Association. Heart Disease is the number one killer of Americans. Softback with 777 recipes from GFWC-MFWC Clubwomen. \$20.00 each.



T-shirt with "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23." White print on red heather shirt. T-shirt material is 52% cotton/48% polyester. Shirt is made by Bella Canvas in the unisex jersey short-sleeve V neck style. Click here for [Fit Guide](#). \$20.00 each.

T-shirt with "And, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind." Black print on marble white shirt. T-shirt material 52% cotton/48% polyester. Shirt is made by Bella Canvas in the unisex style. Click here for [Fit Guide](#). \$20.00 each.



White floral pillow with "And, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind." Pillow is manufactured in Mississippi by The Little Birdie Company. \$25.00 each.

White floral pillow with "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23." Pillow is manufactured in Mississippi by The Little Birdie Company. \$25.00 each.



LET NATURE NURTURE YOU...

Need to de-stress? Just step outside. Spending time in nature has been shown to lower stress and reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. This week spend a few minutes enjoying a nearby green space. Your mind and body will thank you.

To read more, click button below.

TAKE ME OUTSIDE





GFWC 2019 Annual Convention, June 29- July 1, 2019, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

The clubwomen of the Texas Federation are hosting the 2019 GFWC Annual Convention and anxious to welcome you to the Lone Star State from June 29-July 1 at the JW Marriott Austin.

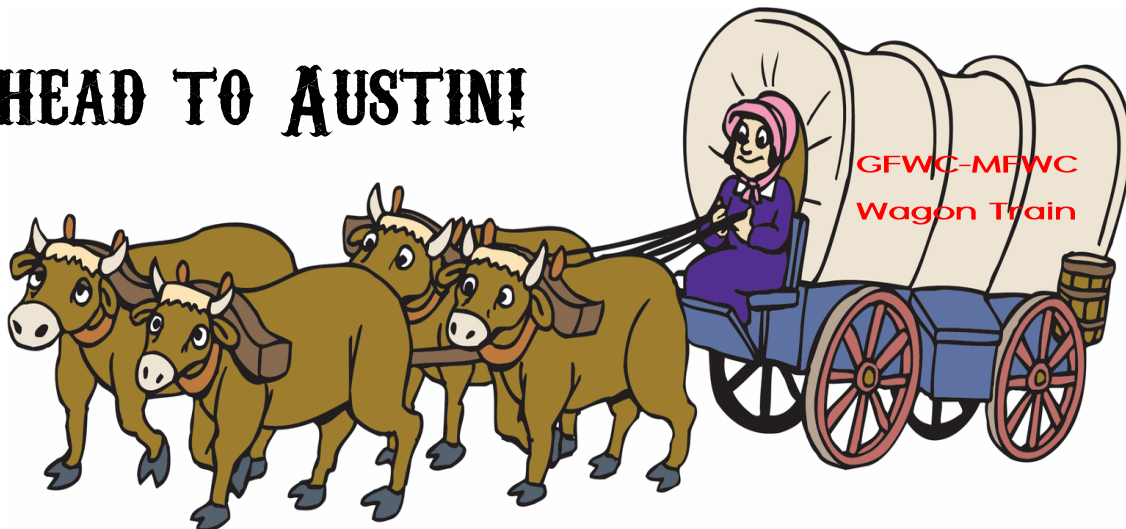
Pre-Convention tours are planned for you to visit various sites in and around the city of Austin on June 27th and 28th.

The Convention will officially begin with the Opening State Flag Ceremony, followed by business sessions to act on proposed Resolutions and Bylaws. For celebration, there will be awards to honor your successes and accomplishments. There will be speakers, exhibits, vendors, partner networking, a service project, and raffles.

Use these links to find out more about the upcoming 2019 GFWC Annual Convention:

- View the [agenda](#)
- To view the [tours](#)
- To [register](#)
- To book your lodging at the [JW Marriott Austin](#)

COME ON GIRLS, LET'S LOAD UP THE WAGONS AND HEAD TO AUSTIN!



GFWC News & Notes

March of Dimes Service Project at Convention

Join us at the [2019 GFWC Annual Convention](#) and help us reach our goal of creating 1,000 Self-Care Packages for March of Dimes. A generous donation from you will bring relief to parents who are experiencing the exhaustion and stress that comes with their baby being in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for weeks or even months. Check what item your region is responsible for [bringing to Convention](#).

The Convention Service Project is an annual opportunity to bring clubwomen from across the country together to make a lasting impact. Join us on June 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the March of Dimes Service Project.

Can't make it to Convention? You can still help make a parent's life a little brighter! Send a check to GFWC Headquarters by June 1 so we can purchase supplies in Austin. Make the check out to GFWC and put "2019 Service Project" and your region in the memo line.

Support Our Convention Raffle

Help make the [Lone Star Raffle](#) a huge hit. If you, your club, or your district would like to donate a prize, send the raffle donation [form](#) to Jennifer Simpson at jsimpson@gfwc.org. Donations can be sent to GFWC Headquarters if delivered by June 1. Or you can bring your donation to Convention if the [form](#) is sent beforehand. Small and lightweight items that travel easily are recommended, such as:

- Jewelry and Scarves
- Electronics and Gadgets
- Handbags
- Gift Cards with national appeal

[Donate](#) to the 2019 Convention Raffle to support GFWC and to bring a smile to a winning clubwoman's face.

Where in the World is GFWC?

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