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IMPORTANT DATES

2011	
October 28-30	GFWC Southern Region Conference Tampa-Clearwater, FL
November 1	Deadline for dues-Honor Club recognition given for dues submitted by this date
2012	
January 1	Final date to submit dues in order for reports to be judged Deadline for clubs to suggest state officers for 2012-2014 Administration
February 1	Deadline for clubs to postmark reports Deadline to postmark Hebron Memorial Scholarship Applications
February 10	Deadline to submit Clubwoman of the Year Nominations
February 10	GFWC-MFWC Executive/Finance Committee Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS
February 11	GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
February 11	GFWC-MFWC Judging Day Headquarters, Jackson, MS
February 15	Deadline for Scrapbooks and Yearbooks to be in the hands of District Books Chairmen
February 25	GFWC-MFWC District V Convention Florence, MS
March 1	Deadline to postmark Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Application
March 1	Deadline to postmark Club History Report to Celia Fisher, MFWC Historian
March 3	GFWC-MFWC District I Convention Picayune, MS
March 10	GFWC-MFWC District II Convention Meridian, MS
March 17	GFWC-MFWC District III Convention Bruce, MS
March 24	GFWC-MFWC District IV Convention Indianola, MS
April 26-28	GFWC-MFWC State Convention Hosted by District V, Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS
June 14-17	GFWC International Convention Charlotte, NC

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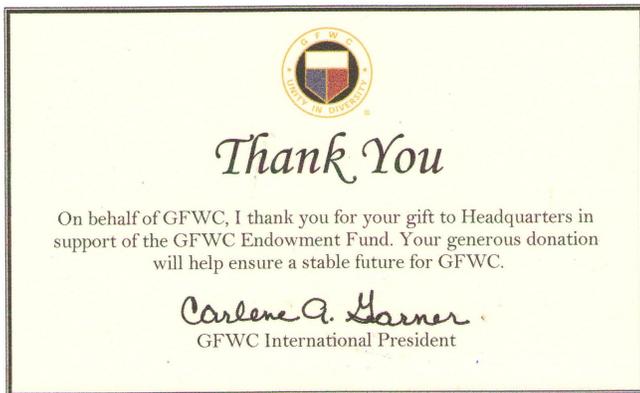
Article Deadlines:

Spring 2012

February 1, 2012

- ❖ Please send **ALL ADDITIONS (with DUES)** to your Club Roster directly to the **State Treasurer, Shirley Hilburn, 1100 South Fifth Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732. She will, in turn, forward to the Circulation Editor, Lisa A. Harris.**
- ❖ Please send **ALL DELETIONS AND CHANGES** to your Club Roster directly to the **Circulation Editor, Lisa A. Harris.**
- ❖ Requests for additional magazines (if available) should be addressed to the **Editor, June Vaughn.**

**Thank You from 2010-2012
GFWC International President
Carlene Garner**



**Message from 2010-2012
GFWC-MFWC President
Tammie McCoy**

Dear Ladies,

What a wonderful club year we have had! Since our last Clubwoman Magazine was published we have had five district conventions, our MFWC state convention, and two MFWC board meetings. At each district convention, we were able to celebrate club award winners and were able to recognize the district club of the year and district clubwoman of the year. I loved seeing the numerous District Arts and Crafts entries; now I can only hope that I can enhance my craft skills! It was also a great pleasure getting to travel to towns across Mississippi and learn about many of your local programs and projects. The hospitality was fabulous, and Suzanne and I were treated like queens.

At our 2011 MFWC State Convention, attendees enjoyed visiting with Carlene Garner, GFWC International President and enjoyed many laughs – especially with the Miss Team Spirit Pageant and the MFWC Cook-off. A great time was had even in the basement when the storm clouds became ominous. Our invitation to inspirational speaker Barbie Bassett, a Jackson Meteorologist, did not help one bit with the weather, but each attendee thoroughly enjoyed her presentation.

Additionally at the MFWC convention, we were able to celebrate the state club winners for the community service areas and the advancement areas. We enjoyed viewing and honoring the winners of the scrapbook, yearbooks, youth art, writing, and photography contests. If you were not at convention and would like to see the listing of winners, please go to our MFWC website; Lisa has them posted there.

The 2011 MS LEADS participants enjoyed a special class presented by Deborah Tierce, a well known motivational/leadership speaker. Then all the clubwomen who attended the Friday luncheon were able to hear her motivational words. Diane Rouse was

selected to represent Mississippi at the 2011 GFWC LEADS seminar.

Congratulations to Sheila "Tinker" Forrester for being selected the MFWC Clubwoman of the Year for 2010. The Twentieth Century Club of Bruce celebrated an "Emmy Award" when they were recognized as the 2010 MFWC Club of the Year. The scholarship recipients announced at the convention were Janae Harrelson, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Bridget Haire, Challenge Grant, and Katlin Nolan, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship.

As soon as the MFWC convention was over, several MFWC members began preparing to attend the 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Suzanne, Judy, Jo Anne, Ivous, Rowena, Diane, and I enjoyed representing Mississippi on your behalf. It was certainly great renewing friendships and meeting new federation members from across the USA and beyond. I was pleased that Suzanne was able to attend the GFWC Board meeting with me; she will be ready to be your next president.

Mississippi clubwomen were busy at the GFWC convention. Suzanne was selected to perform a coveted task: timekeeper for the GFWC convention. Ivous presented a workshop on the Women's History and Resource Center; she had so many participants that someone even got her handout with her notes. Jo Anne gave a superb Southern Region treasurer's report at our luncheon meeting. Remember bylaws: Judy assisted with the revision of the Southern Region Bylaws and kept our Southern Region meeting going according to Robert's Rules. Diane represented our MS LEADS well, despite being so ill. Thanks to Diane's collection of many ways and means items, Mississippi participated in the GFWC State Showcase event. It was a great success; just ask Judy or Jo Anne. We were skillful at selling, and I think that we were probably a top selling state. Finally, Mississippi was recognized ten times during the awards ceremonies. Suzanne and I were so pleased to race to the front of the room and accept the awards on your behalf. We even coordinated an outfit one day. Mississippi was proud to watch Judy give the Home Life Collaboration awards and Jo Anne give the website awards, especially since Mississippi won in those areas.

Within this magazine, you will find a few updates: the newest board members' contact information, the updated dues form, and new membership initiative contest information, just to name a few. Please update your directory of information. Again, you can find a current directory on the MFWC website; Lisa keeps it updated. The dues form was updated to add a place for clubs to donate to MS LEADS. Mississippi has always had a very successful LEADS program and we want to continue with that program and encourage all clubs to send a representative. The donations will be earmarked to assist with the LEADS program. Furthermore, MFWC needs members; Suzanne has unveiled a new membership initiative that can give money back to your clubs. Be sure to see the contest guidelines! YOU can earn money.

To continue the celebrations that we have experienced this spring and summer, it is my pleasure

to tell you about the arrival of Lovedee Laiche. She and her mom Mandy, our Juniorette Director, are doing well. In addition, Shirley Hilburn is smiling brightly with the arrival of her new granddaughter, Lucy Kate. It might be a little early to sign these two up as clubwomen but one never knows. Lastly, June Vaughn has welcomed her new grandson, Caden. I am sure that he will also learn all too soon about federation work. Congratulations to all.

Again, it is my honor to serve as your president. I welcome any and all suggestions and will look forward to hearing from you. A special thanks to all MFWC clubwomen and clubs who unselfishly give of their time each and every day: you are all winners in my eyes. Your work is noticed, and it is great to have you on TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism.

Love in Volunteer Service,
Tammie

MFWC 2010 Reporting Statistics

Number of clubs in Mississippi	69
Number of clubs who reported to state	42
Number of members	1,500
Number of participating members	1,500
Number of programs/projects	5,281
Number of volunteer hours	384,120.4
Amount of dollars raised/donated	\$725,911.10
Amount of "in kind" donations	\$513,296.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$1,239,207.10

You have been gracious and supported every GFWC program and project along with State Institutions, MPB, and of course

My PSP – Feeding Fellow Mississippians with
\$62,986
and
4,943
Volunteer Hours

Thanks for your hard work!

~Tammie

GFWC-MFWC President-elect Suzanne Poynor

It is with thoughts of great pride for GFWC-MFWC that I send "Congratulations" for the amazing volunteer work of our MFWC Clubwomen for 2010. Celebrating that work was the highlight of my trip to the 120th GFWC Annual International Convention in Milwaukee. What an honor to represent such a wonderful group!!! Thank you for that opportunity.

In Milwaukee, our GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy brought the Thought for the Day at the Opening Session. Tammie represented GFWC Mississippi with

warmth and grace! Congratulations to Diane Rouse, our enthusiastic MFWC LEADS Representative, who is now a GFWC LEADS Graduate of 2011. Southern Region Treasurer Jo Anne Reid and Southern Region Parliamentarian Judy Martin executed the duties of each office with skill and ease. How exciting it was to have GFWC Mississippi called as Award Winners ten times especially by our own GFWC Website Chairman, Jo Anne Reid, and GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman, Judy Martin. During the Convention, I gleaned as much GFWC-MFWC wisdom as possible from Rowena Drinkwater, Past President of GFWC-MFWC and Southern Region, and Ivous Sisk who serves on the GFWC WHRC Committee and also a Past GFWC - MFWC and Southern Region President as we enjoyed fun and fellowship.

MEMBERSHIP, of course, was the topic of the Workshop I chose to attend. Many ideas and suggestions were shared. MEMBERSHIP, once again, must be a priority for MFWC. I hope to incorporate these new ideas into our MEMBERSHIP Advancement Area. Check Suz's Snippets at www.gfwc-mfwc.org monthly for updates!

We will continue the GFWC Seasonal Recruitment Campaign! Remember: "Three New Members is a GREAT Reason to Recruit This Season". Be sure to report the three new members to GFWC and be recognized in the GFWC Magazine.

Also, frequently check out the Membership Page on the MFWC Website at http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Megaphone_Clubs.html. Each new member is represented by a megaphone. Watch as our Membership Grows!!!

Membership Matters in MISSISSIPPI!!

WANTED! ALIVE!

MFWC CLUBWOMEN

REWARD OFFERED!

By Membership Task Force:
\$10 per member net increase

Membership Contest Rules:

- Contest begins July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
- New member information must be reported with dues postmarked by December 31, 2011 to Shirley Hilburn.
- Rewards will be presented at 2012 District Conventions.

Reward offered by:
the authority of GFWC-MFWC, Inc.,
GFWC-MFWC President Tammie McCoy and
Membership Chairman Suzanne Poynor.

GFWC GUIDELINES ALERT!

Take special note of the changes that have been made to the Fundraising Advancement Area guidelines and to the GFWC Photography Contest rules.

Please adhere to this updated information when reporting and entering the contests!

GFWC-MFVC Vice President Libby Everett

The MFVC State Convention in Raymond was such fun! If you were not there, you missed a great time. Congratulations to the GFWC-MFVC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce, Club of the Year, Sheila "Tinker" Forrester, Clubwoman of the Year, and Dixie Daisy Juniores, Meadville, Juniores Club of the Year. Awards were presented to the clubs in attendance, and a wonderful PowerPoint presentation by Lisa Harris recognized all clubs.

Important Information!

- Record your club activities this year as you go, and when reporting time comes, you will have documentation to assist you.
- Please note that changes have been made to the GFWC Photography Contest rules. They will be in effect for this contest year May 2010-May 2011. You can find these on the MFVC website www.gfwc-mfvc.org in the May newsletter and on page 11 of this Fall magazine issue.
- Keep an accurate record of "Dollars Donated" by members to various Community Service Programs and Special Projects. If your club raises \$20,000.00 through several fundraisers during the year, that total amount (\$20,000.00) is reported in the "Dollars Donated" column in the Fundraising Advancement Area and your narrative would describe the ways your club raised the money. It is anticipated that the GFWC Report Form will be changed to better clarify dollars raised/dollars donated. For monies given to the various Community Service Programs and Special Projects, report the exact amount of "Dollars Donated" to each program and project. Example: Of the \$20,000.00 raised, your club gave \$2,000.00 to Arts collaboration, \$5,000.00 to Home Life partnership, etc.
- Another area of concern for most clubs this reporting year was in-kind donations. In-kind Donations are the dollar value of ANY resources **other than money** that are used or obtained by the club to complete a project. This includes anything donated to the club for that purpose (other than money) whether it is from club members or others.

I hope this clarifies some issues that came up during Judging Day and thereafter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance.

MFVC 2011 State Convention Report GFWC-MFVC Recording Secretary Sue Addy

The GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs conducted important items of business at the 113th Annual Convention held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi, April 15 - 16, 2011.

1. \$500 was donated to GFWC designated for Japan Disaster Relief Fund.
2. \$100 was donated in honor of Carlene Garner to be used as needed for GFWC Headquarters.
3. MFVC voted to participate in the State Showcase at GFWC Convention with proceeds used to defray the cost of the Mississippi LEADS delegate.
4. The convention body approved 17 changes to the Constitution and By Laws as recommended by the Constitution and By Laws Committee under the leadership of Carolyn Huey.
5. The recommendation for the nomination of Jo Anne Reid for Southern Region Secretary passed unanimously by the convention delegates.

These items were recorded in the 2011 Convention Minutes.

GFWC-MFVC Treasurer Shirley Hilburn

My first year as MFVC Treasurer has truly been a learning experience, and I am forever indebted to former MFVC Treasurer Merle McLeod (who had this job for six years) for her hard work, guidance, and patience in teaching me my responsibilities. Thanks, Merle!

The **DUES FORM** is included in this issue of *Mississippi Clubwoman*. Please attach two copies of your club roster with names and addresses of club members in alphabetical order.

Remember that dues must be paid by **November 1st** to be an Honor Club and receive a Certificate at State Convention. The envelope containing the dues form and check must be postmarked on or before November 1st. Therefore, if it is being mailed the last few days of October, please ask your postman to postmark the envelope. That postmark is evidence that dues are paid by the November 1 deadline. If dues are not paid by **January 1, 2012**, the club will not have reports judged or awards given at District and State Conventions.

Donations are much appreciated! Do not forget to include your donations to the programs listed on the Dues Form. You may include "other" donations also. Send one check made payable to Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs (MFVC).

Memorials and Honorariums are thoughtful ways of supporting GFWC and MFVC. An appropriate card will be mailed to you, your club, the recipient and/or family. Please include the family name and address with your check.

If new members are added during the club year, please send the name, address, and dues of \$25 (\$20 for

Juniorettes) to: Shirley Hilburn, 1100 South Fifth Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732. I will send additions and deletions to Lisa Harris, Circulation Editor for the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine. If you lose members or have address changes during the club year, please send the deletion and/or change list directly to Lisa Harris, 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153 or e-mail her at lharris@hughes.net.

Please do not hesitate to call (Home 662 843-5295 or cell 662-719-4900), write (1100 South Fifth Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732), or e-mail me (sahilburn@cableone.net) if I can be helpful. HAVE A GREAT CLUB YEAR!

***GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian
Judy Martin***

My thoughts of encouragement are with each of you, as you plan for an exciting, successful, and organized club year. I want to remind you that many changes to the GFWC-MFWC Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules were voted this past year. By the time you receive this magazine, an updated version of our governing documents should be available on the website. Please be sure and download this information, so that you will have the current rules at your fingertips. As always, if you have any questions, or if I can assist you and your club in any way, please feel free to contact me.

***GFWC-MFWC Historian
Celia Fisher***

Please remember that your club history form is on the website. Look under "forms" for "club history". This one sheet is really all you need to complete. It is NOT judged and does not go to GFWC. However, it is bound with other clubs' histories and placed at the MFWC Headquarters in Jackson.

If you failed to send in a history in 2011, please do a two year history this year. Thanks to the clubs who did send one last year, and please do so again this year. They are due March 1, 2012 and should be sent to Celia Fisher, 109 W. Monroe Ave., Okolona, MS 38860.

***GFWC-MFWC Juniorettes
Mandy Laiche, Director***

Mississippi Juniorettes have had an amazing year so far! In April, several Juniorettes attended the MFWC State Convention. The clubs of the year were awarded at the convention banquet. Fourth place Club of the Year went to Fulton Juniorettes. Third place Club of the Year went to Futura Juniorettes. Second place Club of the Year went to Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes. First place Club of the Year went to the Dixie Daisy Juniorettes. Congratulations to all the amazing girls, and thanks so much to the advisors for making sure they turned in their reporting.

I was also honored to present the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship to Miss Katlin Nolan of the Fulton Juniorettes. Katlin plans to attend the Mississippi University for Women and eventually become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations Katlin!

Stay tuned for news of an upcoming FALL Juniette retreat. I have received positive feedback from several advisors about trying the retreat in the fall this year, so we are going to see how that works out. I know it will be a blast for all who attend!

District Presidents' Reports

District I – Sandra Wright

Hello to all of District I members!

The Waynesboro Fortnightly Club celebrated its 100th year anniversary on the afternoon of May 10, 2011, at the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library's Betty Cain Hurt Community Meeting Room. It was such a pleasant reception – lots of beautifully prepared foods that we all enjoyed. President Jackie Allen presided over a short session where presentations were made to the club for their hard work over the years. The first meeting of the club was November 22, 1910. What longevity! On a sad note, though, the club has decided to disband. We wish all of the members well and appreciate their contribution to their city, the State Federation, and the General Federation of women's clubs.

District I members, please remember that I am available to visit your club, so please give me a call at 601-498-6936 and let's set that up!

Have a great club year, and feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you have.

District II – Lynda Essary

I would like to say thank you for all the hard work that the District II clubs have done this past year and to encourage their hard work this year. I want to also encourage all clubs to report this year. We had a tie last year for District Club of the Year; let's see who will break the tie.

Also, I want to see each club nominate a Clubwoman of the Year and someone from your club for LEADS. Let us not forget our President's Special Project, "Feeding Fellow Mississippians." Let's see if District II will have the lead in everything this year.

I hope that all clubs had a good summer and look forward to working with you this year. Please let me know if I can help in any way. Have a great year for 2012.

District III – Jo Uptain

Staying cool this summer has been a challenge for us all as we turned the sprinklers on our flowers and shrubs, wishing we could run through the water with our grandchildren.

I had the pleasure of installing the new officers at the 20th Century Club of Eupora last month. It was a very enjoyable meeting dining on Mexican food among the festive decorations. As I installed the new officers, I could not help being reminded of the upcoming year, new officers, membership drives, new programs, and fundraisers. I am so proud of District III clubs and the work we do in MFWC.

Sadly, the 20th Century Club of Okolona has disbanded. The club was organized and federated in 1919—a club with a great history, wonderful and talented members, and long list of accomplishments. As always, it is sad to see a club have to give up, although I know that the ladies of that club will be active in volunteer service elsewhere.

I missed the State Convention but have heard many good stories. I especially missed being with MFWC friends and sorry I was not there to be part of Suzanne's play. I thank Sandra Pope, District III President-elect, for standing in for me.

Keep cool, and see you all soon.

District V – Mary Edmond

Although the 2010-2011 club year has ended, we find ourselves eagerly anticipating a new year. Hopefully, we have learned more about the GFWC programs and can approach the year with more confidence than previously displayed!

It was wonderful to share in the recognition of the accomplishments of District V clubs at the district convention in Star and in the state convention at Eagle Ridge. Congratulations to all clubs and individuals for your hard work in serving your communities. That service sends ripples out in many directions where needs exist and are met.

District V Bylaws do not address the resignation of an officer. With the approval of the Executive Board, Lisa A. Harris has been appointed to complete the term of Jennifer Griffin as Recording Secretary. Jennifer moved "back home" to Virginia. She is greatly missed!

Our district looks forward to serving as host for the state convention next spring in Eagle Ridge. Each club in the district will be asked to contribute in some way. We are open to suggestions, so please don't hesitate if you have ideas to share.

Meanwhile, stay active: Volunteer!

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

BOOKS

Jo Russell, Scrapbook Chair
Ruth Ellen Cox, Yearbook Chair

A BIG THANK YOU to all who entered scrapbooks and yearbooks and heartfelt **Congratulations** to the winners. We were so impressed with the outstanding job each club did. The judges had a hard time selecting the best. We look forward to a new "crop" of books to challenge the judges!

We have just a few suggestions. Everyone needs to be sure to put the name of their club, city, district, and proper classification in the **inside** cover of their scrapbook and yearbook for easy identification by the judges. The scrapbook and yearbook guidelines by which the judges will evaluate each book are found in the Handbook, Section 4, pages 29 - 31. However, the yearbook guidelines for classification are incorrect concerning the **Number** of club members.

The number classification should be:

- 20 and under members
- 21 - 35 members
- 36 - 50 members
- 51+ members

In compiling your scrapbook, remember the purpose is to give a creative account of the club activities from January 1 through December 31 using photographs, newspaper articles, and other materials. We encourage all clubs to take this opportunity to brag about a year's worth of outstanding work.

As the yearbook is being compiled, be sure to include as much information as possible concerning club, MFWC, and GFWC activities developed to the nth degree. Also use this to show a potential member what we're all about.

Scrapbooks and Yearbooks must be postmarked to the **District Books Chairman by February 15th**. The chairman should see that the books are judged according to the guidelines found in the Handbook and on the Website (www.gfwc-mfwc.org). The same criteria will be used for state judging. General and Juniorette clubs are judged separately.

All scrapbooks and yearbooks judged **First Place** shall be taken by the **MFWC President to the State Books Chairmen**. Only **one first place in each classification is allowed**. The **District Books Chairman** is responsible for

placing them in the President's car. She should make two lists of the books going forward, giving one to the President and keeping one for herself. All other books must be picked up at the close of the District Convention by the club. Each **District Books Chairman or her designee is responsible for boxing up the books and including the list that goes forward to state**. Chairman or her designee is responsible for boxing up the books and including the list that goes forward to the state. State pick-up is unchanged.

MFWC President's Special Project: Feeding Fellow Mississippians Phyllis Whittington, Chair Eleanor Bayless, Cassie Bryant, Shannon Cliburn

It is hard to believe that we have been *Feeding Fellow Mississippians* for a year. This project has helped feed thousands of people in our state. Our Mississippi clubwomen have kept the food pantries stocked in their counties and donated their time, money, and food to those less fortunate.

If you have a summer garden and have an abundance of fresh vegetables, remember those less fortunate in your community as you share the fruits of your labor.

We still have a lot to do in the next year to support our local food pantry in monetary donations, food donations, or in collaboration with other organizations to assist in feeding or serving those less fortunate.

Be sure to keep track of the pounds of food donated, how many you are serving, hours, and dollars spent that will go on your MFWC President's Special Project report at the end of the year.

I am confident our outstanding MFWC club members will continue to provide the service and leadership qualities to help with *Feeding Fellow Mississippians*.

If I can ever assist you or your club in any way in your endeavors, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Hebron Memorial Scholarship Tinker Forrester, Chair

Congratulations to Janae Harrelson of Bruce, the most recent recipient of the Hebron Memorial Scholarship. I had the pleasure of presenting Janae the \$1,000 scholarship at the GFWC-MFWC State Convention this past April.

The Hebron Memorial Scholarship, a grant of up to \$1,000 annually, was established many years ago in honor of our first state president, Elizabeth Hebron, who served from 1898 to 1900. It benefits a female undergraduate or graduate student attending a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning and may be awarded to the same person multiple years. Originally, a mandatory per capita ten (10) cents was assessed, but now the annual scholarship is supported by voluntary contributions from MFWC clubs. Applicants must be endorsed by three GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs members and recommended by three additional people relative to scholarship, character, and qualities of leadership. Preference is given to areas of service where it is felt there is the greatest need in our state. Rules governing this scholarship and the selection of the recipient are the responsibility of a committee of three members appointed by the MFWC President with chair of the Education Department and the president as ex officio members.

Has your club made a contribution to the fund? If so, Thank You! If not, consider doing so when you send in your club dues this fall. There is a line specifically for this on the dues form.

**GFWC-MFWC Headquarters
Teenie Boone, Chair**

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS, for all of your volunteer hours from your reporting and from information sent to me. In the year of 2010 we had 219,369.7 volunteer hours reported from 40 clubs! District I - 7 Clubs, District II - 10 Clubs, District III - 10 Clubs, District IV - 5 Clubs, and District V - 8 Clubs. At minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour that is a value of \$1,590,430.33 toward our lease for Headquarters. We would have to pay \$500 a month lease, but your volunteer hours of your service are valued so that we do not have to pay the lease. We still have utility bills, maintenance expenses, repairs, etc., so PLEASE, keep the 1935 Society donation in your budget! Lightning caused damage to the fence gates with repair costs over \$1000!

Thanks to the Thursday Club of Walnut Grove for coming in May for a tour and visit. Hope more of you can come. Just call me and set up a time you would like to come. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful Headquarters to meet in and to have a place for our history. PLEASE, come and use it!

**Community Service
Program Updates**

ARTS

**Partnership
Dorothy Thomas, Chair**

Remember GFWC has designated Arts Community Service Program partnerships with only two groups. These are VSA Arts and American Mural Project (AMP). Only Club work specifically associated with these are to be reported on the MFWC annual report cover sheet in the Arts partnership row. A separate cover sheet is to be submitted for arts partnership data. A narrative attached to the cover sheet can be helpful when the Club's work is judged during MFWC's annual judging day in February.

GFWC requests that when individuals or Clubs send donations to either of these projects, or any other partnership project they (1) write on the check that the sender is a GFWC member or Club, (2) submit the check to the GFWC Partner Contact listed in the GFWC Club Manual and (3) notify GFWC of your donation by calling or e-mailing the GFWC Programs Director at 202 347-3168 or GFWC@GFWC.org.

The GFWC Club Manual specifically directs Clubs to work with their state VSA agency. Ours is VSA Mississippi, P.O. Box 2364, Jackson, MS 39225-2364. Telephone 601 965-4866. The email address is javsas@bellsouth.net. The website is www.vsartsms.org. Ms. V. A. Patterson is Executive Director.

AMP contact information is P. O. Box 538 Winsted, CT 06098 or email Info@AmericanMuralProject.org or www.AmericanMuralProject.org. It is suggested that GFWC clubs schedule events supporting the "Watch Collection" project to be held on the Fall and Spring daylight savings dates.

CONSERVATION

**Partnership
Carolyn Long, Chair**

Note that Conservation-Partnership has only two partners: Humane Society of the U.S. and Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

The Humane Society has some fairly simple projects like KIND News (the most reported project) that is appropriate for

grades K-6. If you have a local animal shelter, many ideas will be suggested that may fit your club.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., has a list of projects. Notice the ideas are not our usual ideas of planting, pruning, and sprucing up an area. Most of the ideas require rereading, discussing, and developing a plan. Ideas include curbside recycling, cigarette litter, and graffiti. Many ideas include young people, and some projects are with teachers and students at local colleges. Most of us do not have access to a nearby college. Some of the ideas need to be adapted to our small town clubs.

GFWC did not list any example ideas from other states in this service committee. During the summer planning sessions for next year, we will have to dig deep and bounce ideas around.

PLEASE DO NOT make two copies of your report and send one for Partnership and one for Collaboration. This takes extra time during judging and possibly placing the work in the wrong area.

Since we will have had time to work with the GFWC changes, I look forward to getting a larger number of interesting reports in February.

**Collaboration
Melba Watkins, Chair**

On a recent family vacation, we visited Mayfield Dairy in Athens, Tennessee, and Sweetwater Valley Farms in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Both were quite educational for the adults and the children. However, for me the most outstanding feature of both farms was their hard and diligent work toward conservation. In fact, Sweetwater Valley Farm has a huge display in one of their buildings showing the process they follow in growing, harvesting, and recycling all the food products for their dairy cows. From studying the display, we learned that nothing is wasted or disposed. All byproducts have a use on the farm with either growing food, feeding the cows, or preparing the fields. Sweetwater Farms refers to itself as the very first "Green Farm." From what I read, they have been recycling for many, many years, even before it was considered the "right" thing to do.

Also, on this trip we visited Dollywood with the grands. I had a great time but was most impressed with the recycling efforts at the park. There are still plastic bottles of water available and plastic soft drink cups, but most of the food vendors and restaurants are serving in paper cups. Those cups can be refilled free of charge with ice water throughout the daily visit. This saved lots of money, was an excellent recycling process, and helped to keep everyone hydrated during the day.

On the home front, many families in our small community are suffering from the extreme dryness in our area. I am sure there are many others around our state who have the same problem. It is important for all of us to be water conscious and use our resources wisely. When you do get some rain, you might want to consider having containers placed in open areas and collect rain water to care for your plants when needed.

Remember to go to the internet and "Google" conservation for a huge number of websites with exceptional ideas and information on who is doing what to foster our conservation efforts.

EDUCATION

**Collaboration
Ella D. Cronin, Chair**

The challenges of effective education and literacy continue to be a major focus of work for local clubs. Our communities reflect the national problems that link illiteracy as a

contributing cause of poverty, infant mortality, gender inequality, abusive relationships, and prison inmates. Over 14 percent of the United States population have low literacy skills—the ability to read, write, speak, compute, and solve problems necessary to function on the job, in the family, and in society.

Our local clubs have dramatically addressed issues of education and literacy on a broad scope, such as connecting with schools and public libraries, sponsoring book donations, and supporting homework helpers and reading buddies. The *Call to Action* in the *GFWC Education Community Service Program (2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual)* contains three categories: (a) educate yourself, (b) inform others, and (c) create change.

Educate yourself: We have the obligation to improve our own educational skills. The Epsilon Sigma Omicron program offers a path to self-enrichment and personal growth through reading. Hours devoted to reading are recognized in annual reports.

Inform others: We have a national legacy of supporting public libraries. Members are encouraged to plan activities at your library, invite speakers and authors, and encourage use of the library.

Create change: Celebrate library club sign-up month in September, recruit tutors, provide training, and support libraries through volunteer services.

Some important annual dates are Lifelong Literacy in America Month in January, Read Across America Month in March, National Library Week in April, National Teacher Appreciation in May, National Book Month in October, and American Education Week in November.

HOME LIFE

Partnership **Theresa Buntyn, Chair**

Making a Difference With Home Life Partners

I would like to share with you a story by Loren Eiseley called "The Starfish Story".

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out "Good Morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" The young man paused and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the startled wise man. The young man replied "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they will die." Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "Do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

We have many opportunities to make a difference with organizations of our Home Life Partnership. Our actions may be walking or just simply providing water in a "Memory Walk for Alzheimer's" or "March for Babies" for March of Dimes. Some of you may collect used toner cartridges to recycle for Easter Seals or actually help build a house in a "Women's Build" for Habitat for Humanity. The opportunities are numerous and are listed on websites for each of our partners. If

you do not have internet access, please contact me and I will be glad to send you activities for each of our Home Life partners. Remember we not only have the power to make a difference with our deeds, but we may inspire others to act which can make major impacts.

Home Life Partnership organizations are listed as follows:

- Alzheimer's Association - www.ALZ.org
- Canine for Companions for Independence - www.CCI.org
- Habitat for Humanity International - www.Habitat.org
- March of Dimes Birth Foundation - www.MarchofDimes.com
- National Heart Lung & Blood Institute - www.NHLBI.NIH.gov
- National Osteoporosis Foundation - www.NOF.org
- Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement - www.WiserWomen.org

Collaboration **Frances Brown, Chair** **Lisa Barefield, Assistant**

I am impressed and inspired by all the projects and programs you have implemented. In 2010 you completed 594 projects, donated \$169,220.07 plus \$51,340.03 in-kind and devoted 38,112.25 volunteer hours to promoting healthy lifestyles, alleviating hunger, increasing awareness about health concerns, and financial issues. I am so very proud of you and all you have accomplished. Thank you to all who reported. If you did not report, please take a few moments to report and share your ideas with us for 2011.

September is National Cholesterol Awareness Month as well as National Ovarian Cancer Month. Because ovarian cancer symptoms may be caused by other conditions, it often goes undetected until it has spread. Early symptoms may include: Abdominal pressure, fullness, swelling or bloating, pelvic discomfort or pain, changes in bowel or bladder habits, including a frequent need to urinate, loss of appetite or quickly feeling full, a persistent lack of energy, and low back pain.

You may reduce your risk by eating five servings from the fruit and vegetable group, several servings of whole grains, exercising 30 minutes five times per week, limiting red meats and processed meats, limiting alcohol to one drink per day, and not smoking.

You may be at increased risk if you have a family history of ovarian cancer. If you feel you are at risk or have symptoms, you should consult your physician. CA-125 is one of the screening tools used to detect ovarian cancer. For more information you may visit www.WomensHealth.gov/pub, www.mayo.org, or the American Cancer Society website.

National Women's Health and Fitness Day is September 29, 2011. Other important dates include Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Month in October. National Mammography Day is October 21, 2011. Don't forget to schedule a mammogram and remind your friends as well. November is National Alzheimer's Month. If we can assist you in planning events to commemorate these dates or in any other way, please feel free to contact us.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Partnership **Sherri Reid, Chair**

Important Dates for the remainder of 2011

- ❖ September 8 – International Literacy Day
- ❖ September 21 – International Day of Peace

- ❖ October 10 – World Food Day
- ❖ December 1 – World Aids Day
- ❖ December 10 – Human Rights Day

Thank you to all of the clubs that invited me to your club for a Program. I enjoy meeting with you and enjoy your fellowship and good food. Please email or call with any questions you may have for organizing programs or reporting. My job is to be here for you and your club.

A few ideas for the year:

1. Bring a change jar to every meeting, ask members to drop extra change into the jar. At the end of the year you will be surprised how much has accumulated for your favorite International Outreach Partner!
2. Contact UNICEF in September and order Trick-or-Treat UNICEF boxes to be distributed among the members and community offices and stores to raise funds for UNICEF. Keep a list of where you leave them, and after Halloween don't forget to pick them up. To order boxes, go to www.UNICEFUSA.org/TrickOrTreat
3. March 22 is World Day for Water. On this day pass around an empty water bottle (with the top cut off to allow change to be dropped in), collect change in the bottle. While the bottle is passed share facts and tidbits about the need for clean drinking water. Then send the change to UNICEF for their Tap Project.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Partnership **Darlene Adams, Chair**

Reporting under Public Issues Partnership means that your club partnered with the six (6) GFWC designated organizations. There are several ways to "partner." Go to their website and inform your members of their mission. Take it one step further and contact the organization for materials or obtain a speaker for your club. You can even make a donation to the organization.

In our Spring Issue, we took a closer look at three of our six Partnerships for Public Issues. They were:

- Coalition against Bigger Trucks, LLC
www.CABT.org
- Safe Kids USA—National Safe Kids Campaign
www.SafeKids.org
- National Disaster Search Dog Foundation
www.SearchDogFoundation.org

Now, let's look at our final three Partnerships for Public Issues. They are:

- National Safety Council - www.nsc.org
Through their commitment to safety, their mission is preventing injuries and death through leadership, research, education, and advocacy.
- Sew Much Comfort- www.sewmuchcomfort.org
They are the only organization that provides adaptive clothing at no cost to support the unique needs of our injured service members from all branches of the military and National Guard. Without adaptive clothing, the only option for them is a hospital gown.
- Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc. - www.womensmemorial.org
The Foundation's mission is honoring American servicewomen for their service and achievements in the US Armed Forces.

Never hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, particularly when it comes time to writing your reports.

Collaboration **Annajeral Knight, Chair**

Remember the program principles that have been set up for the Public Issues Community Service Project. They have been designed to enable us all as clubs to continue our history of involvement towards the investigation and development of programs/projects relating to our Veterans, citizenship, and public safety.

It is as easy as looking for safety issues that are facing your local communities. Do you have a spot that needs a traffic light? Is there a stretch of road way that needs a speed bump/speed limit reduction sign posted? Get busy! We need to stop talking about it or listening to citizens say it needs to be done, and take the initiative as clubs, and make it happen.

As we are all too aware of, our dear Mississippi has been hit with many weather related storms over the last few years. We have cleaned up, helped citizens, and prayed as families for our local communities. But, when you stop and think, does your community have a plan of action in place for such a disaster? If not, your club could help develop one for your area.

What about our Veterans? Do we care for those who have given so much? Do we help care for them and their families? Let me challenge you as a club to realize that it is our job to get busy taking care of them and their needs. Begin now developing programs that will help them know how much we care!

Also, are we voting? We need to be out there encouraging our club members and citizens to prepare and be knowledgeable of all politicians and issues in our communities. We should study the items on the ballots and encourage people to use their voices by voting.

Call me and we can talk about some ideas for your club. I am ready to help you! Call 601-845 -7097; if no answer, please leave a message, or call again!

Thanks to all of you Mississippi federated clubwomen who took the time to report all of the work/hours and money that helped us win the Public Issues-Collaboration award at GFWC's 2011 International Convention in Milwaukee, WS.

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention **Jeanith Burdine, Chair**

Help domestic violence survivors "Step Away From Abuse." All members are encouraged to work with domestic violence shelters in your local communities by participating in the GFWC Sock Project. Place a pair of new socks in a quart-size, clear plastic baggie. Affix a personalized label with a message of support and encouragement from your club, that reads "as you begin your new life and Step Away from Abuse, we hope you will find comfort and warmth as you walk into your newly found freedom" with the name of your club and the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention logo. Fill-in labels can be downloaded from the GFWC website at www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers.

Members are also encouraged to join Glamour and Avon in their "Tell Somebody" campaign to encourage women to both ask for help and to offer it without judgment. Members can text TELLNOW to 85944 to make a \$10 donation to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the Avon foundation will match every dollar donated, up to \$200,000. The \$10 will be billed to your mobile phone bill and messaging and data rates may apply. For 85% of the callers to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, it's their first time ever telling their story. Let's help make sure someone is there for each and every one of those women and to keep more women safe.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT

Fundraising ***Mary Jo Cook, Chair***

As you begin to plan for the 2011-2012 club year, don't forget to include GFWC Fundraising partners such as Uncle Al's Pecans and Grounds for Change. New Fundraising partners will be announced during the upcoming club year!

Also, include plans for supporting the many projects of GFWC. You can now support GFWC's volunteer programs when you shop Amazon.com! Just click on the Amazon.com image on the GFWC website, place your order, and members can request up to 15% of their purchase to be donated to GFWC!

Help raise funds for the Success for Survivors Scholarships to be given in June 2012 by making tax deductible club donations to the Signature Project Fund or by purchasing the new GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Pin through the GFWC Marketplace!

GFWC Disaster Relief Fund - This fund supports recovery efforts of communities affected by the storms of the south and midwest. Send your contributions to: GFWC, Attn: Spring 2011 Storms Relief, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036-2990. For more information go to GFWC.org.

I look forward to serving as your Fundraising Chairman for the remainder of the 2010-2012 administration! You may reach me day or night by phone (662)563-7792 or e-mail wlcook@panola.com. I look forward to hearing from you during the upcoming year!

MS LEADS ***Susan Shurden, Chair***

SP-IR-IT! Got Spirit? Want Spirit?

Attention all coaches!!!

Announcing the 2011 Line Up:

Lisa Barefield, Eleanor Bayless, Rannie Gillentine,
Lisa Harris, Carol Shoemaker, Melinda Shope,
Terri Whitehead, and Diane Rouse,
2011 MS LEADS Representative

It's time to sign up for 2012 MS LEADS TRYOUTS!

Candidates must hold the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project/committee chairman
- Exhibit a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibit an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she is/has been involved
- Demonstrate leadership skills, including but not limited to organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility
- Exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the Federation
- Understand and accept potential expenses involved in participation
- Not have held an elected position at or beyond the state level

Your club's candidate will receive:

- Presentations on conflict resolution, mediation, public speaking, time management, and parliamentary procedure
- Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance

- Discussions on GFWC policies, procedures, and parliamentary law
- Tips and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities

I challenge EVERY club to send a candidate to MS LEADS this year. It will strengthen your team, help with challenges, and infuse spirit into your club as well as MFWC.

GFWC Contests

Jennie Award ***Carolyn C. Huey, Chair***

- ❖ The nominations are in.
- ❖ The judges have begun the tremendous task of selecting a winner.
- ❖ The highest individual honor given by GFWC, the Jennie Award, will be announced at State Convention in April, 2012.

State Photography Contest ***Angie Whitlock, Chair***

In the Photography Contest there are NEW changes this year.

- ❖ No matted photos
- ❖ No markings on the back of photo

There are three photography contests: 1) The World in Pictures, divisions: Natural History, Scenic, and Feature 2) GFWC Volunteers in Action, and 3) A Year In Pictures (Calendar Contest).

Photo submissions for all three photography contest must be submitted in a print format. If you have a digital photo you wish to submit, please submit a high quality print of it.

Photo Requirements:

- 1) black and white, or color
- 2) taken by amateur photographer
- 3) the photographer is a dues paying member of an active club
- 4) minimum size 10x12 -- maximum size 14x16 inches -- no matting is required
- 5) taken within the contest year which runs from May of the previous year to May of the year that the contest awards are given.
- 6) same image can be submitted in multiple contests, but a separate photo must be entered in each contest
- 7) do not mark any info on the back of the photo, including contact information or an arrow pointing to the top. Instead, please submit a separate sheet of paper with photographer's name, address and phone number, sponsoring club, district, category, title, location, and brief caption.
- 8) photos to GFWC not returned

The rules for the contests are the same except 'A Year in Pictures' must be in color and horizontal. Judges look for creativity in 'Volunteers in Action' photos.

Certificates are given at state level for winner at GFWC level. Cash awards (\$100, \$75 and \$50) and certificates are given for 'World in Pictures' and 'GFWC Volunteers in Action.' 'A Year in Pictures' winners get certificates and a place on the calendar.

Club Newsletter Contest ***Pam Helms, Chair***

Club newsletters are one of the most effective and efficient methods of informing your members about current, ongoing, and new initiatives. Newsletters need not be fancy, custom-designed, or lengthy. Substance is more important than style. A

newsletter should be informative and convey knowledge, generate enthusiasm, and contribute to your public relations outreach, membership recruiting and retention, program development and reporting, and operational planning. The GFWC Newsletter Contest encourages clubs and state federations to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events, and issues that affect GFWC members, clubs, and communities.

Begin by appointing a club newsletter chairman. Identify a format and publishing schedule that works best for your membership and your budget. Possibilities range from a plain, one page, photocopied document to more elaborate multi-page, colorful newsletter with photos. Suggested topics include: President's Column, Member Profiles, Calendar of Events, Club News, Program Updates, and Club Accomplishments. Along with member submissions, articles can be solicited from a community leader or program partner and may include thank you notes or letters of praise.

Be sure to share information found in GFWC publications, using the appropriate copyright information, which can be found in the *GFWC Stylebook*. Include action photos, when possible, as they add interest to your newsletter.

Entries will be judged on content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact, as well as presentation, design, and inclusion of entry requirements.

Entry requirements include:

- Only one newsletter per club/state federation may be submitted.
- Newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the reporting year.
- Front page for each newsletter must contain prominent display of the official GFWC emblem and mention of membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Refer to the *GFWC Stylebook* for GFWC Trademark Use Policies.
- **All entries must be printed and sent from entrants by postal mail, postmarked no later than March 15 in the year in which they will be judged, to GFWC Newsletter Contest, GFWC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036-2990. Envelope must be clearly marked GFWC Newsletter Contest.**

Enclose a cover letter that includes club or state federation president's name and contact information, name and contact information of individual submitting the entry, number of members in the club/state, and approximate circulation. Include an essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's/state federation's approach to utilizing its newsletter.

Clubs and states with electronic newsletters must follow the same entry rules. Printed copies of electronic newsletters are required.

Community Improvement Contest Nancy Griffin, Chair

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second year of the McCoy Administration. It was so exciting to be at State Convention to hear about all the work Mississippi clubwomen are doing in their communities.

I want to remind you that Community Improvement Contest reports are due March 1, 2012. The Community Improvement Contest is a special project designed to encourage and to reward clubs for completing improvement projects in their own communities that meet the unique needs of their respective communities, at the same time helping to make their cities and towns better places to live.

Monetary awards are available each year to the top three reports in each state (\$50, \$35, and \$25). National monetary award presentations are granted to the top five states (\$5,000,

\$3,500, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$500), as well as International Affiliate (\$500), and Juniorette (\$250).

Guidelines and Award Form for your CIC report are located in the 2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual under Awards, Contests, and Grants on pages 11-17 and pages 47-48.

The contest is a two-year contest beginning March 1, 2010, and ending February 28, 2012. March 1, 2012 is the deadline for submitting your Community Improvement Contest report. Please mail your CIC report to Nancy Griffin, 60 Bayou Lane, Picayune, MS 39466.

Remember this is a contest no one can lose --- every participating community will benefit from your work in your area.

Opportunities for Special Recognition, Awards, and Scholarships

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

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

Encourage participation in all GFWC and MFWC Contests as appropriate.

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

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

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT UPDATES

Please note contact information for the following Board Members:

Jeanith Burdine – GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
4501 Highway 415
Ackerman, MS 39737
662-387-4383 – home
662-803-1363 – cell
burdine00@dtcweb.net

Mary Jo Cook – Fundraising
110 Shagbark Drive
Batesville, MS 38606-7249
662-563-7792 – home
wlcook@panola.com

Lisa Harris – Publicity Book Contest
822 SCR 115 South
Raleigh, MS 39153
601-782-4465 – home
601-940-1519 – cell
lharris@hughes.net
laharris@hughes.net

**GFWC-MFWC Budget Information
Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

Receipts:

GFWC Dues	1500 x 15.00 =	\$22,500
MFWC Dues	1500 x 10.00 =	15,000
Other:		
Tenant reimbursement	12 x \$525.00	6,300
TOTAL:		\$43,800

MFWC Dues (disbursed as below)

State Federation Fund	1500 x 3.19 =	\$4,785
Headquarters Fund	1500 x 3.56 =	5,340
Magazine	1500 x 3.25 =	4,875
TOTAL:		\$15,000

Disbursements of Receipts:

GFWC Dues	1500 x 15.00 =	\$22,500
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State Federation Fund:

Officer Expenses:

President	GFWC Travel	\$3,000
	Instate Travel	450
	Desk Allowance	350
President-elect	GFWC Travel	2,000
	Instate Travel	250
	Desk Allowance	100
Vice President	SRC/GFWC Travel	0
	Desk Allowance	250
Treasurer	SRC/GFWC Travel	0
	Desk Allowance	250
Recording Secretary	SRC/GFWC Travel	0
	Desk Allowance	100
Corresponding Secretary	Desk Allowance	0
Miscellaneous Officer Expense		165
<i>General Operating Expenses:</i>		
	Southern Region Conference Dues	30
	Binding of Histories & Magazines	55
	Office Supplies	100
	State President's Pin	50
	Income Tax Preparation	100
	Website Service	300
	Membership Initiatives	650
	GFWC HQ Gift	100

Subtotal (State Federation Fund) \$ 8,300

Headquarters Fund:

Utilities		
	Phone/alarm monitoring	1,200
	Gas	2,500
	Electric	3,100
	Water/Sewage	1,100

*Filters, pest control, termite inspection, yard maintenance, building repairs, headquarters supplies, allowance, and headquarters insurance

Subtotal (Headquarters Fund) \$7,900

Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine

	Printing & Postage	5,000
	Editor Desk Allowance	100

Subtotal (Mississippi Clubwoman) \$ 5,100

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$43,800

***Items paid through the 1935 Society pursuant to Standing Rule 25**

NEW ARRIVALS!



Lovedee Marie Laiche

Born June 17, 2011, 8 lbs. 6 oz., 21 in. long
Parents – Steven and Mandy (Mullins) Laiche,
GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director



Caden Hugh Melton

Born June 3, 2011, 8 lbs. 1 oz., 20.5 in. long
Parents – Amber and Hugh Melton
Proud Grandmother – June Vaughn
GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman Magazine Editor



Lucy Kate Waters

Born June 7, 2011, 7 lbs., 20 in. long
Parents – Leslie and Brent Waters
Proud Grandmother- Shirley Hilburn
GFWC-MFWC Treasurer

GFWC-MFWC DUES FORM 2011-2012

CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT # _____

CLUB PRESIDENT _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB TREASURER _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB DUES: \$25 times number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____

\$20 times number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster

(General and juniorette members will receive the magazine.)

Magazine Subscription for Associate or Honorary Members @\$3.00 each \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS:

MFWC President's Special Project – **Feeding Fellow Mississippians**

Check one: \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ Other _____ \$ _____

1935 Society (Upkeep of MFWC State Headquarters) \$ _____

Youth Art: \$5.00 per club (or 10¢ per member if over 50 members) \$ _____

Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) \$ _____

Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship for a Juniorette) \$ _____

Challenge Grant (For Special Education Teacher) \$ _____

State Institutions Fund (3 Institutions) or separately below:

Deaf School \$ _____ Blind School \$ _____ MS State Hospital \$ _____ \$ _____

Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____

HOBY: \$175 per student or other contribution (\$20 minimum donation) \$ _____

Name of school sponsored by your club _____

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS NOT LISTED ABOVE: List Name and Amount of each in space below or attach a separate page if more space is needed.

MS LEADS _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL ABOVE \$ _____

Check # _____

NEW MEMBERS (added during club year): Send name, address, and dues to Shirley Hilburn. She will forward information to Lisa Harris, Circulation Editor of the magazine.

DELETIONS: Send deletions to Lisa Harris, 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153, 601-940-1519 or email lharris@hughes.net.

Due Date: NOVEMBER 1st (Honor Club certificate given at State Convention). Club dues NOT PAID by January 1st will not have reports judged and will not be eligible for awards given at conventions.

MAIL: Your check payable to MFWC and TWO copies of your roster with names and addresses in alphabetical order. PLEASE IDENTIFY NEW MEMBERS ON YOUR ROSTER.

TO: Shirley Hilburn, 1100 South Fifth Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732.

If you have any questions, please call Shirley at 662-843-5295 or send email to sahilburn@cablone.net.

~CONGRATULATIONS~
Award Winners Announced at GFWC International Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 18-20, 2011

- ❖ Home Life/Partnership – Theresa Buntyn, Chair
- ❖ Home Life/Collaboration – Frances Brown, Chair
- ❖ International Outreach/Partnership – Sherri Reid, Chair
- ❖ Public Issues/Partnership – Darlene Adams, Chair
- ❖ Public Issues/Collaboration – Annajeral Knight, Chair
- ❖ Legislation and Public Policy – Sandra Pope, Chair
- ❖ Website – Lisa A. Harris, Chair
- ❖ Youth Poetry – Grades K-2 – “Snowy Weather” by Belle Stainaker; Sponsored by GFWC-MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal; Anne McKee, Writing Contest Chair
- ❖ Youth Poetry - Grades 9-12 – “Daddy, Didn't You?” by Christian Ratcliffe; Sponsored by GFWC-MFWC Batesville Junior Woman's Club; Anne McKee, Writing Contest Chair
- ❖ National Osteoporosis Foundation Community Awareness and Education Award – GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club (awarded to only one club in the nation)



Participating in the GFWC awards presentation at MFWC Summer Board Meeting were (left to right) Suzanne Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President-elect; Mary Jo Cook, Batesville Woman's Club; Sherri Reid, International Outreach Partnership Chair, Cosmopolitan Club of Petal; Libby Everett, GFWC-MFWC Vice President and Dean of Chairmen; June Vaughn (seated), Fine Arts Club of Bruce, accepting awards on behalf of Frances Brown, Home Life Collaboration Chair and Sandra Pope, Legislation and Public Policy Chair; Annajeral Knight, Public Issues Collaboration Chair; Tammie McCoy, GFWC-MFWC President; Darlene Adams, Public Issues Partnership Chair; Judy Martin, GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chair, GFWC Southern Region Parliamentarian, and GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian; Kate Thomas, Present Day Club of Union, accepting award on behalf of Theresa Buntyn, Home Life Partnership Chair; Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Fundraising Chair, GFWC Southern Region Treasurer; and Lisa Harris, GFWC-MFWC Website Chair.

Not pictured is Batesville Junior Woman's Club.

GFWC REPORTING WORKSHOP HELD AT MFWC SUMMER BOARD

*Special thanks to Judy Martin, GFWC Home Life Collaboration Chairman, GFWC Southern Region Parliamentarian, and GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian for the outstanding workshop on GFWC Reporting for MFWC Community Service Program, Special Project, and Advancement Area Chairs presented at the Summer Board Meeting Day on June 25th. Those attending the workshop certainly came away with much valuable information and encouragement for preparing 2011 GFWC reports **and planning for more GFWC awards in 2012!***

GFWC-MFWC STATE CONVENTION~RAYMOND, MS ~APRIL 14-16, 2011

2010 GFWC-MFWC District Clubwomen of the Year



Sandra Houston
GFWC-MFWC Civic
Woman's Club of Picayune
District I



Sheila "Tinker" Forrester
GFWC Ackerman
Twentieth Century Club
District II



Rose Mary Shelton
GFWC-MFWC
Fine Arts Club of Bruce
District III



Misty Wright
Batesville Junior
Woman's Club
District IV



Lisa A. Harris
GFWC-MFWC
Raleigh Woman's Club
District V

2010 GFWC-MFWC District Clubs of the Year



District I
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club
of Picayune



District II (Co Clubs)
Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
Quitman Woman's Club (not pictured)



District III
GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century
Club of Bruce



District IV
GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club



District V
GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club



Left- Janae Harrelson, Hebron Memorial Scholarship Recipient with Tinker Forrester, Scholarship Chair

Right – Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club, GFWC-MFWC 2011 LEADS Delegate to GFWC International Convention



2010 GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year



*GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce
District III*

Clubwoman of the Year



*Sheila "Tinker" Forrester
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth
Century Club, District II*



*Left – GFWC-MFWC
2010 Juniorette Club of the Year,
Dixie Daisy Juniores, Meadville*

*Right – Sarah Peugh Butterfly
Scholarship Recipient, Katlin
Nolan (center), Fulton
Juniorettes, Mandy Laiche,
GFWC-MFWC Juniorette
Director, (left), and
GFWC-MFWC President
Tammie McCoy (right)*



*Left – Deborah Tierce, motivational
speaker and president of Tierce
Motivational Training, addressed the
LEADS participants at their workshop as
well as those in attendance at "The Spirit of
Teamwork" Brunch on Friday.*

*Right – Barbie Bassett, Jackson TV
personality, author, and HOBY
representative, brought the inspirational
address at the Saturday morning Prayer
Breakfast. She was also available for a
book signing following her remarks.*

*Special thanks to clubwomen Chanda
Lantern of Batesville and Tinker Forrester
of Ackerman for sharing their vocal
talents for the attendees at Convention.
Chanda presented a beautiful rendition of
"One Voice" and Tinker touched our hearts
with her selection, "Truly the Presence."*



**THANKS TO THE LADIES OF DISTRICT IV FOR
A WONDERFUL CONVENTION!**

**GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION~MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
JUNE 18-20, 2011**



GFWC-MFVC President Tammie McCoy and President-elect Suzanne Poynor accept GFWC award from GFWC International President Carlene Garner. Pictured with them is GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Kathleen Ferrara.



GFWC-MFVC President-elect Suzanne Poynor (left) and GFWC-MFVC President Tammie McCoy (right) attend Board Meeting at GFWC International Convention.

Other GFWC International Convention photos were not available at press time but will be posted on the MFVC website. Be sure to check them out at www.gfwc-mfvc.org.

GFWC Florida

Welcomes you to:
Southern Region Conference 2011

Set your heading for the:
Mainsail Suites Hotel and Conference Center
October 28-30, 2011

Plan on attending Friday's "State Night"
to be held in the "Pirate Ship"
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Cutoff date October 13, 2011 For direct reservations,
https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=595800&hotelID=13844
<http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID=595800&hotelID=13844>

MFVC Clubwomen, let's have great attendance in Florida as we support our very own Jo Anne Reid, GFWC Southern Region Treasurer, Judy Martin, GFWC Southern Region Parliamentarian, and GFWC-MFVC President Tammie McCoy as well as visit with our fine federated friends.

*The distance is drivable...
The room rate is reasonable...
The fun is imaginable!*

SEE YOU THERE!

GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means

Diane Rouse, Central Chair

Tracey Waits, South Chair; Amy Jacobs, North Chair

Thank you for your support of 2010-2012 MFWC Ways & Means over the past 15 months or so. Buying Ways & Means items is a great way to not only support the MFWC President's Special Project but also to show YOUR support of GFWC-MFWC at your club meetings, club fundraisers, and in your community as you don the apparel, jewelry, and other items.

As you will note on the Ways & Means "shopping list" below, I have reduced the price of a couple of items, the apron and yellow T-shirt. We also have a couple of NEW items, the MFWC Mouse pad for \$5 and the MFWC Charm for \$10. The charm is designed to attach to either a charm bracelet or simply wear on a chain around your neck.

As always, I will be happy to mail you any items you wish to purchase for a small additional fee, or if you are coming to Jackson or the surrounding area, I would be happy to deliver items to you.

It is my pleasure to serve as your 2010-2012 GFWC-MFWC Ways & Means Chair. Please feel free to contact me at 601-454-5350 or crouse99@yahoo.com.

2010-2012 WAYS & MEANS

MFWC Charm – NEW ITEM	\$ 10
MFWC Mouse pad – NEW ITEM	\$ 5
MFWC Member Pin	\$ 5
MFWC Aprons (reduced)	\$15
MFWC T-Shirts (reduced)	\$10
MFWC Note cards	10/\$6, 5/\$3
MFWC Polo Shirt (by special order only)	\$20
MFWC Umbrella	\$15
MFWC Cloth Grocery Bag	\$ 5
Kym Garraway Note cards	\$1 ea.
Green Pin Ribbon	\$1 ea.

**THANKS
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Team MFWC - One Strong



Voice For Volunteerism

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

**A listing of the
GFWC-MFWC 2010 Awards
presented at the 113th Annual Convention held
in Raymond, MS on April 14-16, 2011 is
available online at www.gfwc-mfwc.org.**

**An updated version of the GFWC-MFWC
Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules
reflecting those changes approved
at the 2011 MFWC State Convention
is available online at
www.gfwc-mfwc.org.**

**Suggestions for candidates for the 2012-2014
elected MFWC officer positions are due January
1, 2012. Please send suggestions to the
Nominating Committee Chairman, June
Vaughn, 89 CR 257, Bruce, MS 38915.**

**Nominating Committee Members:
District I – Ione Bond
District II – Lynda Essary
District III – June Vaughn, Chairman
District IV – Mary Jo Cook
District V – Lisa A. Harris**

GFWC Mission Statement

*"The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an
international organization dedicated to
community improvement through volunteer
service and to providing opportunities that
strengthen the role of women."*

MFWC Mission Statement

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

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**MS Leadership Education and Development Seminar, Class of 2011
Sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment**

Front (left to right) Suzanne Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President-elect; Carlene Garner, GFWC International President; Tammie McCoy, GFWC-MFWC President; Ivous Sisk, GFWC-MFWC Past President and GFWC WHRC Committee Member; Deborah Tierce, Guest Speaker; Susan Shurden, MFWC LEADS Chair; Back (left to right) LEADS Participants: Carol Shoemaker, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce; Melinda Shope, GFWC Twentieth Century Club of Ackerman; Eleanor Bayless, GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.; Lisa A. Harris, GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club; Terrie Whitehurst, GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club; Lisa Barefield, GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce; Rannie Gillentine, GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club of Okolona; and Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club