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## IMPORTANT DATES

October 24 – 27	Southern Region Conference, Biloxi, MS
November 1	Dues Deadline for Honor Club recognition
January 1, 2014	Dues Deadline for reports to be eligible for judging
February 1	Deadline for District Dues
February 1	Deadline to postmark reports for judging
February 1	Deadline to postmark Hebron Memorial Scholarship Applications
February 1	Deadline to postmark Challenge Grant Applications
February 6	Deadline to postmark MS LEADS Nominations
February 8	Deadline for submissions for <i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i>
February 10	Deadline to postmark Clubwoman of the Year and Juniette of the Year Nominations
February 14	Finance Committee/Executive Committee Meetings, Headquarters
February 15	Executive Board Meeting, Jackson, MS
February 15	Judging Day, Headquarters
February 15	Scrapbooks and Yearbooks due to District Books Chairman
February 22	District II Convention, Enterprise
March 1	District IV Convention, Cleveland
March 1	Deadline to postmark Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Applications (Juniorettes)
March 1	Deadline to postmark Club History Reports
March 15	District I Convention, Waynesboro
March 15	GFWC-MFWC State Chairman Reports due to GFWC Chairman
March 22	District V Convention, Crystal Springs
March 29	District III Convention, Calhoun City
April 25 – 27	116 <sup>th</sup> GFWC-MFWC State Convention Hosted by District II
April 25 – 27	Hilton on County Line Road Jackson, MS
June 21 – 24	123 <sup>rd</sup> GFWC International Convention Chandler, Arizona

### 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."*

### MF WC 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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**Message from 2012-2014  
GFWC International President  
Mary Ellen Laister**

Dear Fellow Members:

I cannot believe the first year of this administration is complete. It has been a whirlwind year and we accomplished a great deal.

President-elect Babs Condon and I traveled to each of the eight Region Conferences last fall, and we look forward to doing so again this year.

Thanks to your generosity to the Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Fund, we awarded a total of \$20,000 in *Success for Survivors Scholarships*. Eight women now have an opportunity to reshape their futures through higher education.

Our annual holiday reception was a huge success as more than 170 guests celebrated the season amid the beautiful Victorian decorations. Another 70 people attended our *Celebrating Democracy* open house during the Presidential Inauguration weekend.

In the spring, we launched our new tagline: *Living the Volunteer Spirit*. GFWC Marketplace unveiled several new products featuring the tagline during our 2013 Annual Convention in Hollywood, Florida. Visit [www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace) to take a look at our new product offerings.

As we prepared for the beginning of our 2013-2014 club year, we are enthusiastic about what we can accomplish in our communities. The ideas generated from the Community Service Program and Special Projects Best Practices Sharing Sessions at Convention will be posted online in mid-July. Sharing with and learning from our Federation sisters in "Joy in Belonging to GFWC." You have a connection with your fellow members throughout the United States that have the same challenges. The "Joy in Belonging to GFWC" helps us find the solutions together.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of GFWC. A special thank you to the GFWC Staff and all the GFWC Florida volunteers for their long hours and hard work that made this year's Convention a huge success.

Yours, in Federation,  
Mary Ellen Laister

**Message from 2012-2014  
GFWC-MFWC President  
Suzanne Byrd Poynor**

Dear Club Women of Mississippi:

What a **GIFT** year 2012-2013 has been and 2013-2014 promises to be!

Representing Mississippi at the International Convention in Hollywood, Florida, was quite an honor. Mississippi Clubwomen's Volunteer Service was honored with eleven GFWC Awards. Thank you to all of our chairmen for reporting to GFWC the outstanding achievements of our State Clubs. As I read each Chairman Report, I was once again reminded of the many hours, energy, and caring that Mississippi Clubwomen return to their Community, State, and Internationally. YOU make me PROUD!

As our summer days go by, we find our Clubwomen making plans and preparations for your new club year. I am sure you would like to include the following:

GFWC announced three new PARTNERSHIPS:

\*\*\* HOBY is now an EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

\*\*\* Heart Truth is welcomed to HOME LIFE PARTNERSHIP.

\*\*\*March of Dimes is a PARTNERSHIP under ADVOCATES for CHILDREN.

MFWC will continue the MFWC President's Special Project, "**FREEDOM to VOLUNTEER**". I have been delighted with the outpouring of support for our Veterans and Military. Please continue to plan projects that include Veterans and Military in your communities. Volunteer with the Veterans Home nearest to you! Locate families of Active Military and lend them support. Canine Companions' Wounded Veterans Initiative, USO and Sew Much Comfort provide many opportunities to serve. I am happy to include the Easter Seals Military and Veterans Initiative and Dixon Center which focuses on education, employment, and access to health care to Veterans and Military Families to our programs and projects for PSP. (See [thedixoncenter.org](http://thedixoncenter.org) for more information.) Please share your photos and projects.

**May God Bless America!**

The Southern Region Conference is FAST approaching! The date is October 24 – 27, 2013. The Imperial Palace Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi, will provide a festive background for the Conference. Mississippi Night is Saturday, October 26. Join the party as we "Masquerade under the Magnolias"! Wear your favorite party attire and don't forget your mask! Clubwomen from each District will serve as Hostesses for one of the meals and will be involved with decorating, favors, and door prizes as well as registration. I would like to INVITE and ENCOURAGE each of you to attend. When your District President calls, Just say "YES, of course, I will"! Diane Rouse and Carolyn Huey are our Co-Chairmen for the Conference. May I offer many thanks to them as well as to the MANY Clubwomen who are involved in the plans and preparations. Also, MFWC'S Jo Anne Reid is the Southern Region Secretary. Come see Jo Anne in action! Mississippi, it's OUR TIME to SHINE!!

SAVE the Date for your District Convention. This day is filled with Federation Friends, Fun, Facts and

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Festivity. It is such a special time to celebrate our accomplishments. As Darlene and I travel our grand State, I look forward to seeing YOU as we visit YOUR District! (District Convention Dates are listed in this *Mississippi Clubwoman*.)

Also, Save the Date for our 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi State Convention: April 24 – 26, 2014. I am happy to announce that we will be at the HILTON on County Line Road in Jackson. The Hilton is beautifully decorated with a congenial and knowledgeable staff. SHOPPING is close by!! District II will be hosting the Convention. You WILL NOT want to miss one minute of this Celebration of GFWC-MFWC Volunteer Service!

Membership will continue to be an emphasis! "The Sole of Federation" Membership Campaign will continue. See Darlene Adams', Membership Chairman, article for exciting news and plans for this year. As we begin this new club year, we WELCOME Stonewall as a General Club to our Federation and Star Juniores as our first GFWC-MFWC Cyber Club. We look forward to strengthening your connection with your State and International Federations. CONGRATULATIONS MFWC and Darlene on receiving the GFWC Membership Award!

OUR GFWC-MFWC Clubwomen are "The BEST"! Let's show our members how much they are appreciated by nominating them for our GFWC-MFWC Special Honors as Clubwoman of the Year, Juniores of the Year, MS LEADS and the Jennie Award. I would LOVE to have 65 nominations in each category!

Please SUPPORT the Challenge Grant, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, and Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship with your nominations as well as club donations to these worthy endeavors.

YES, the Volunteer Service of GFWC-MFWC Clubwomen for 2013-2014 does PROMISE to be engaging and worthwhile! Thank you for your dedication and commitment. As I have visited MFWC Clubs over the past year, I have been thrilled to hear the excitement as plans were made or reports were given on projects completed. I anticipate more excitement for 2013-2014! I with sincerity THANK YOU for giving me this **GIFT** to serve as GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. President.

May we ALWAYS have the "**Freedom to Volunteer!**",

Suzanne

### ***GFWC-MFWC President-elect Darlene Adams***

I look forward to serving another fantastic year as your President-elect. MFWC Club Women are the best volunteers and I had the opportunity to visit several of you as your State Membership Chairman at your club meetings. We continue another year of "Membership – The Sole of the Federation." I hope you have had as much fun as I have had with our shoe theme. I have a shoebox full of new "happies" to give out this new administration.

Pat yourself on the back! You have done an outstanding job this past year with your membership. What an honor to receive the GFWC award for

Membership in Hollywood, Florida, with President Poynor. Let's continue another year with those recruitment events, membership orientations, and most importantly, "Just invite someone to be a club member. Simply put - JUST ASK! And why? BECAUSE "One shoe can change your life."

I am excited to report we have a new, chartered club from Stonewall. This is a regular general federated club and will be a part of District II. They are a wonderful group of ladies and already have some very impressive projects in mind for their community. Welcome ladies.

We also have our first Cyber Club from Star. Do you know those in your community that may not have the time to join your club, but may be interested in a cyber club? Your club can sponsor a cyber club, whether a new Juniores club or former Juniores now going on to college. Think about young moms that can't get away to attend your meeting. This may be the answer to their "Freedom to Volunteer."

Thank you for making my first year as your President-elect so special.

*"Good friends are like great shoes. Beautiful, make you look great, help you stand taller and have amazing soles."*

Darlene

### ***GFWC-MFWC Vice President Sue Addy***

We have an adjusted report form this year that will make reporting and judging easier. Presidents, the online form will add the columns into the correct space for you. MFWC Special Projects will be totaled separately to avoid duplication of total hours, dollars, etc.

State Chairman your CSP has a number that will help in sorting and judging. GFWC Domestic Violence and GFWC Junior Special Project will each have one report with partnerships included.

Remember partnerships are an easy place to win awards. New partnerships have been added. HOBY is now an Education Partnership, and Heart Truth is another Home Life Partner. March of Dimes will be under GFWC Junior Advocates for Children.

A new 1935 award will be added this year. It will be based on donations to Headquarters (1935 Fund) on the dues form, money from fundraisers sent directly to the treasurer, and projects done for the upkeep of the building. We need to support our beautiful state clubhouse.

Sometimes our project numbers and dollars donated are inflated. My rule of thumb is dollars donated come out of the treasury and in-kind dollars come out of member's pockets. If you do one project 12 times it only counts as one project not 12.

Remember, reports are two pages single space and three pages of supportive material. Mail post marked by February 1, 2014 to Suzanne Poynor, GFWC-MFWC President, 225 Briarhill Cove, Florence, MS 39073 all copies of cover and narrative. Mail to Sue Addy, Vice President, 211 Long Street, Union, MS 39365 all copies of cover, narrative and supportive material. If your post office closes on Saturday, Feb. 1 then you must mail it on



January 31. Judging day has been moved to February 15 to give us time to process reports.

As always, contact me if I can be of assistance.  
Sue Addy, MFWC Vice President, 211 Long Street,  
Union, MS 39365  
addy@satt.net, 601 416 3195 or 774 5345

**Remember to nominate a deserving clubmember for 2013 Clubwoman of the Year and Juniorette of the Year by February 10, 2014. Guidelines are printed in the MFWC Handbook and available on the MFWC Website.**

### **GFWC-MFWC Treasurer Diane Rouse**

The **2013-2104 MFWC DUES FORM** is included in this issue of your *Mississippi Clubwoman*. Please make sure your club treasurer uses this form and not previous years' forms when mailing in dues and contributions. Also, remember to attach to the dues form two (2) copies of your club roster in alphabetical order.

Dues forms must be postmarked no later than **November 1** in order for your club to be recognized as an Honor Club. Clubs whose dues are not postmarked by January 1 **WILL NOT** be eligible to have reports judged or receive awards at State Convention.

As your club adds new members during the year, please send their names, addresses, and dues of \$25 for general members/\$20 for juniorettes to my attention: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073.

### **GFWC-MFWC Junioresettes Mandy Mullins Laiche, Director**

Mississippi Junioresettes have had an amazing 2013 so far! In April, several Junioresettes 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 Junioresettes. Third place Club of the Year went to Sub-Debs of Waynesboro. Second place Club of the Year went to Dixie Daisy Junioresettes. First place Club of the Year went to the Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes. Congratulations to all the amazing girls and thanks so much to the advisors for making sure they turned in their reporting. We are so glad to have a scholarship available for Junioresettes and the recipient of this year's Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship was Miss Anna Bein from the Dixie Daisy Junioresettes. Congratulations Anna! I was also honored to present a prestigious award for Juniorette of the Year. This is only the second year for this award to be presented, and it went to Miss CeeCee Johnson from the Sub-Debs of Waynesboro. Congratulations CeeCee! At the time of writing this, we are busy planning the summer Juniorette Retreat which will be held July 27th and 28th at Mrs. Carolyn Huey's barn. The theme is "Shiver Me Timbers", and I can't wait to tell you all about how it went in the next club magazine!

## **District Presidents' Reports**

### **District I – Nancy Griffin**

As this second year of the Poynor Administration begins, I am excited for the opportunity to continue to serve as your District I President. I am so proud of the work that you have done during the first year of this administration. Veterans and their families have truly been blessed by your volunteer service.

The clubs in District I did an outstanding job hosting the GFWC-MFWC State Convention. I want to thank all of the clubs for the beautiful decorations and favors for each of the meal events. Many of the clubwomen from District I served on various convention committees and I appreciate your hard work. Thank you for your willingness to serve our state.

Congratulations to District I member Tami Harris for being named 2012 GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year. Tami is a member of the Civic Woman's Club of Picayune and is an ideal clubwoman. District III club Fine Arts Club of Bruce is also congratulated as being named GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year for 2012. These ladies worked extremely hard and are so deserving of this award.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at Summer Institute. It is now time for us to begin preparations for Southern Region Conference. SRC will be held October 25-27 at the Imperial Palace Casino and Resort in Biloxi. It will be right here in our District I. Please make your plans now to attend.

Ladies of District I --- Keep up the good work!

### **District II – Anne B. McKee**

DISTRICT II ROCKS!

Okay, I admit it -- I am a tiny bit prejudice when thinking, talking, participating, loving, supporting, uplifting, or really anything and everything pertaining to my dear friends of District II. I just can't help it, and that's a good thing. As I write this morning, I can imagine each of you and your cubs making plans for the new year in Federation. Hey, we are planners -- that's the main reason the results of our labors are so hugely important and needed. Our State and our District depends largely on the work we do to support them. It's more than important. We answer the needs of the multitudes. Let us march forward in a mighty way, which is the mantle and directives of GFWC-MFWC. Whew!

We have some things coming up: October 25-27, GFWC-MFWC Southern Region, Mississippi Gulf Coast (District II decorates for Friday evening dinner). As of today, I have not gotten info pertaining to theme for the dinner (and convention), but I do know it will take all of our clubs working together to accomplish a Class-A-Act for this occasion. Our State hosting Southern Region is a big deal! District II's own Jo Anne Reid represents Mississippi with diligence and great energy, so it's more than important that we show our State in the very best light. I like to say, ~Smear a little Mississippi all over 'em~ then, these Southern Region ladies will return to their homes, districts, and clubs to tell of the delightful time spent in the Magnolia State. It's as easy as sweet tea.

Let us remember: Our District II Convention (location is Enterprise) will be first this year since we are in charge of State Convention. YES! Please, please, please -- all clubs gear up for State Convention, which will be in Jackson. More on that later.

One more thing -- I suffered a crazy accident June 13. As I peck away this morning with only one lefty finger (casts due off July 23, dental work and physical therapy begins July 25), I should be wonderfully new by September 15, spit-shined and ready to ROCK -- I hope. I hope.

### ***District III – Sandra Pope***

Greetings everyone! It has been such a pleasure to serve as District III President this year. I cannot believe this first year is behind us and another year about to begin. One of my goals for this year is to visit each club in District III. I want to encourage you to contact me if you would like for me to visit your club. My email contact is: rudy@brucetelephone.com.

Thank you District III members for your great attendance at State Convention. Congratulations to all clubs for the awards you received for outstanding programs and projects as well as your arts and crafts entries. Special congratulations to the Fine Arts Club of Bruce and the Bruce Fine Arts Junioresettes on being named State Clubs of the Year.

As we begin a new year, I want to wish each club of District III a great club year, and I want to encourage you to participate in GFWC programs and projects. Plan now to report all the positive and good things you do to make your community a better place.

Southern Region Conference will be in Biloxi this year October 25-27, at the Imperial Palace Casino and Resort. Please plan now to attend this event. District III is making plans now for hosting breakfast on Sunday morning.

I encourage you to begin planning now for great representation at the 2014 District III Convention to be held in Calhoun City with the GFWC-MFWC New Century Club of Calhoun City and GFWC-MFWC Eupora Twentieth Century Club serving as hostesses. I know we will have a great time and I hope each club will have many members in attendance.

I am so proud of all the accomplishments of each club and know that there are more to come!!!

### ***District IV – Mary Ellen Holloway***

After living in the same town (Indianola) for 58 years, we have moved to Cleveland--actually Merigold--five miles north of Cleveland. However, that is still in District IV. My cell phone and email address are still the same: 207-6029 and meholloway@bellsouth.net, so keep me posted on what is going on in your club. What a special treat to have Babs Condon, GFWC President-elect, as our special guest for the Summer Institute. She literally bubbles with energy and enthusiasm. Her talk on "Keys to Being a Good Leader" was most inspirational. Our General Federation has much in store for us. Let's encourage our members to get involved and volunteer! Mary Ellen Holloway, District IV President  
Address: 14 Colton Drive, Merigold, MS 38759

### ***GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments***

#### ***MFWC President's Special Project: Honoring Past GIFTS while Celebrating the PRESENT... FREEDOM to VOLUNTEER! Annajeral Knight, Chair***

To begin with, I wanted to express a very heart felt Thank-you for all of the attention, time, and thoughtfulness you have all given to the MFWC President's "Special Project."

Over the years, I have seen lots of "words" that are used in conversations again and again. "Super", "Great", "Fantastic"-these name just a few of them. However, the word I hear used the most to describe something truly wonderful is the word AWESOME, and it is what I think of as the perfect word to use while talking about MFWC Clubwomen. A-a-W-woman-E-earnestly-S-sharing-O-over and over-M-making- E-everything

better for everyone! That is what all of you have done with this special project!!!

Here is a short list of some new things/projects that you might be able to do as a club for a service project:

1. Take those names from your Honor Boards and if the veteran is still alive, take the time do an act of kindness for them (Rake leaves, run to grocery or doctor, pick up groceries, etc.)
2. Visit the veterans that are living in your community, write them a note of thanks for their service, invite them to talk about their service at your group, or make them some goodies.
3. Start getting your "care boxes" ready to send our troops overseas for the Holidays. (If you need addresses, or names, call me. I have a link at the Pentagon). 601-845-7097
4. Plan on Sunday, November 10, 2013 to choose a church in your community and place flowers in honor/memory of a veteran from your club.
5. Be sure and send a donation to Canine Companions for Independence. Plan this in your club's budget, and send donation in with your club dues.

Keep up the GOOD WORK! MFWC-we are proud to have the opportunity to honor and support our Veterans! We know we have the Freedom to Volunteer because of their service!

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

The latest news from the MFWC Headquarters consist first of all a BIG THANK YOU to the Star Woman's Club, President Annajeral Knight, for having their May meeting at the Headquarters along with their HUSBANDS AND REPRESENTATIVES TOM WEATHERSBY AND JOHN MOORE WITH THEIR WIVES! It was nice to see the men and their interest in the headquarters. Some of you might like to invite your husbands to come with you for a meeting. As a result of that meeting, a committee of eight representatives visited the headquarters on June 9th to observe the condition and needed repairs. We all know money is tight everywhere, but they were very interested. They acknowledged the volunteer hours we have sent in toward our lease of the State Property. I sent in 294,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS IN MAY FOR 2012!

We had a new tenant to move into the Headquarters in May. Brittany Strickland from Corinth, a student at Mississippi State, is interning as an environmentalist in Jackson for three months, May-July, as a part of her education. She has been a great tenant but now we will need someone else when she leaves the first of August. NEEDED- NEW TENANT IN AUGUST!!!!!!!!!!!! HELP! HELP! If you know anyone, possibly a student at UMC, University Medical School, that needs a place to stay while in school, PLEASE, let me know.

I hope some of you went by the Headquarters during Summer Institute; THANKS SO MUCH if you did. Thanks to the Headquarters' Committee Members who attended Summer Institute and helped host the "Taste of Mississippi" during the noon meal.

REMINDER: PLEASE, CONTRIBUTE TO THE "1935 SOCIETY" IN YOUR NEXT YEAR PLANS! Come have a meeting or tour next year. Just give me a call! Have a Great Year!!!

### ***Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Shirley Hilburn, Chair***

Congratulations to Anna Bein of Smithdale on being selected as the 2013 winner of the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship. Anna, a member of the Dixie Daisy Junioresettes, plans to attend

Ole Miss and major in pharmacy. We are so proud of her and wish her the very best in all her future endeavors.

The Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded each spring to a GFWC-MFWC Juniorette club member who will be graduating from high school in the same year. Applications should be made to GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poyner before March 1 of each year. Mail applications to her at 225 Briarhill Cove, Florence, MS 39073. The winner will be notified at least one week before the GFWC-MFWC State Convention.

Applications should include the following information:

- a. Name, address, age, and photograph of applicant.
- b. Name and address of applicant's parents.
- c. Name of GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Club applicant holds membership in and number of years applicant has been an active member.
- d. Name of high school from which applicant is graduating and grade average.
- e. List of ACT Assessment scores.
- f. Leadership activities: appropriate high school/community and Juniorette Club activities including all awards and positions of leadership.
- g. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club advisor to the Juniorette Club in which the applicant holds membership.
- h. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFWC sponsoring club president.

## **Community Service Programs**

### **ARTS**

#### **Shirley Stough, Partnership Chair**

In 2012, 11 clubs reported 291 projects for a total of 18,244.60 volunteer hours. These clubs donated \$62,253.89 along with \$6,496.72 and spent \$7,726.00. Imagine what 22 clubs could do! Let's double the number of clubs reporting.

A current American Mural Project open to your participation fits our President's Special Project. It is a section of mural designed to honor those who have served in the United States military past and present. You are requested to send military dog tags, name tags, pins, unit patches and/or photo of soldier in uniform. Go to AMP Website to obtain entry form. Send form along with your donated object to AMP, Liz Doddmeade, P.O. Box 1135, Sharon, CT 06069. Locally you can report your donation in Arts Partnership and President's Special Project. What an honor to Suzanne if every MFWC club participates.

### **CONSERVATION**

#### **Belinda Peacher, Program Chair**

Conservation is the preservation of our natural resources from loss, waste, or harm. The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation of our environment and the need to preserve it. This program strives to educate members about the importance of beautifying our communities; preserving, maintaining, and restoring natural resources; and stimulating citizen action to address these concerns. Natural resources include, but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land and wildlife.

Some ideas for conservation include:

- Advocate for improved recycling and conservation programs.
- Clean up along roadways, waterways, and trails.
- Plant native species for beautification.
- Work to eradicate non-native invasive species.
- Organize curbside recycling programs if none exist.
- Preserve natural habitats to protect wildlife.
- Implement energy conservation practices in your clubhouse, home, office, and public buildings.
- Create community gardens to promote self sufficiency.

I compiled the following list of online resources that provide information for conservation in Mississippi:

- Beautification – [www.keepmsbeautiful.com](http://www.keepmsbeautiful.com)
- Recycling – Mississippi Recycling Coalition: [www.msrecycles.org](http://www.msrecycles.org); Mississippi Recycling Directory: [www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us)
- Soil & Water Conservation – Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission: [www.mswc.state.ms.us](http://www.mswc.state.ms.us)
- Tree Planting – Mississippi State Extension Service: [www.msucares.com](http://www.msucares.com)
- Community Gardens – Mississippi Community Gardens: <http://simplegoodandtasty.com/2010/08/17/digg>
- Wildlife Protection – Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fish and Parks: [www.MDWFP.com](http://www.MDWFP.com)
- Great Backyard Bird Count: [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc)
- Noxious Weeds – Mississippi State Extension Service: [www.msucares.com](http://www.msucares.com) United States Site: <http://plants.usda.gov>
- Proper Care for Domesticated Animals – Mississippi Shelters: [www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Mississippi.asp](http://www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Mississippi.asp)

I encourage every club to take on a new conservation project this year so that future generations can continue to enjoy our beautiful state for many years to come!

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Deana Pittman, Partnership Chair**

Greetings, MFWC Clubwomen! I am so pleased to be able to announce that GFWC has formed a new partnership for education. Our Education Partnership is the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership program. Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. HOBY programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students. There are many ways your club can earn hours for this program:

- Your club can sponsor a student by paying their registration fee of \$175. This will allow the student to attend the seminar where he or she will learn about how to be a leader in the community. This is so easy to do; club presidents can simply indicate this on their dues form and enclose a check for HOBY. You only have to indicate the school that your club wishes to support.
- Your club can provide snacks and other supplies for the student attending the seminar. This can be done by bringing a Sam's/Walmart gift card to your district convention, or giving an actual basket of goodies or a check to your club's representative.

HOBY has many other ways that your club can be active through volunteerism and donations...on a state and national level, such as having your employer or business sponsor a student. Please visit the websites below for more information or contact our state HOBY consultant.

National website: [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org)

State website: [www.mississippihoby.org](http://www.mississippihoby.org)



Belinda Peacher, Mississippi HOBY Consultant  
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601-845-5299 Office (try first)  
601-291-6937 Cell  
601-845-1162 Fax

This is such a great program and we know how important it is for us to grow our future leaders! If we don't train them, no one will. As always, remember to report your hours! Spend a club meeting informing your members about HOBY if your club does not already support a student. Log hours that you spend contacting the school representative and/or student recipient about HOBY. Log hours for shopping for your student's supplies.

As always, if I can be of any help, don't hesitate to contact me! Deana Pittman, 662-560-3847, dtpittman@hotmail.com.

### ***Ella D. Cronin, Program Chair***

For local Clubs the challenges of effective education and literacy continue to be a major focus of work. Our local clubs have dramatically addressed these issues on a broad scope, such as connecting with schools and public libraries, sponsoring book donations, and supporting homework helpers and reading buddies. To communicate accomplishments, the Clubs submit annual GFWC-MFWC reports using guidelines published in the *GFWC-MFWC Handbook, 2012-14*. Brief instructions on how to prepare the Education report follows. When writing the report to provide a comprehensive description of all work:

- Get to the point and briefly describe each project. List best projects first with greater detail to highlight your best Club educational projects.
- Number or use bullets for each project.
- Provide statistics for each project either below or within the narrative.
- Provide the following details for each project:
  - a. What was the project?
  - b. How was it accomplished?
  - c. Who or what organization benefited from the project? Briefly describe benefit.
  - d. Where and when did the project take place?
  - e. Why did your club undertake this project?
- Be concise
- For the State report, GFWC requires State Chairmen to select and submit narratives on the 10 best Club projects for international competition.

Before the year begins, read your guidelines and collect information throughout the year. At the end of the year, report everything that your clubs does. Do not get bogged down in the details – give a concise report of what happened or what you did. Give a brief description and include other groups that were included within each project. Give details about promotions that were received. Remember two pages single spaced is the limit, not two pages for each project or program.

## **HOME LIFE**

### ***Theresa Buntyn, Partnership Chair***

Exciting news was received in regard to MFWC Home Life Partnership at the recent GFWC convention in Hollywood, Florida. MFWC won the Home Life Partnership Award and GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club won the Club Creativity Award. Thanks to all clubs reporting for each of the area partners. Unfortunately we did lose National Osteoporosis Foundation as a partner this year. However we do have a new Home Life Partner "HEART TRUTH". Special information will be provided by our State President-elect Darlene Adams in regard to club participation. Club presidents are encouraged to

promote each of our four partners this year. Two partners have programs available to support MFWC State President's Special Project: Veterans and Military Emergency Needs Fund".

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) supports the "Wounded Warrior Initiative" providing assistance dogs to veterans with physical disabilities. Easter Seals request support in funding Camp Hope/The Dixon Center. The center is designed to provide camping opportunities for children of military families.

Listed below are our four partners and links available to obtain valuable information and resources. We appreciate all of our clubs and your support.

Canine Companions for Independence

[http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4011069/k.A9A4/Southeast\\_Region.htm](http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4011069/k.A9A4/Southeast_Region.htm)

Easter Seals

[jjamieson@easterseals.com](mailto:jjamieson@easterseals.com)

The Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge>

Heart Truth

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/educational/hearttruth>

### ***Pam Smith, Program Chair***

I was absolutely overwhelmed by the number of Home Life Community Service Programs that were reported for 2012. Thirty-eight clubs submitted reports with descriptions and illustrations of their programs. A total of 2,179 projects were listed totaling 60,988 hours of service involved with the projects. \$271,768.00 was donated and \$79,514 donated in kind for the projects.

As I reviewed the **38** reports, I noticed some repeated projects which illustrated the common love for these community needs. I also recognized some quite unique and interesting projects, of which I'd like to share.

There were **25** different community food pantries listed as projects and many were continuous throughout the entire year. Activities for the local nursing homes were a favorite project for many clubs and included providing meals, visiting the residents, transporting residents to community services, planning parties and celebrations which included special foods and gifts, chauffeuring the residents to special community events, and donating money to the homes.

Education is a vital part of Home Life. There are so many opportunities by which we can serve and learning about them through presentations and demonstrations helps make wise choices. There were **62** educational awareness and presentations listed and some repeated by several clubs.

Many clubs participated in the Angel Tree project, preventive health and maintenance programs, Relays for Life, sponsored walks, and volunteered at hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, schools, and churches.

Multiple clubs dedicated time and resources to the local animal shelters or pet organizations. From volunteering at the shelters, to "pet-sitting" and cleaning cages as well as transporting pets to veterinarians, it appears to be a popular project.

There was money donated to **51** different organizations; many of them by multiple clubs. Thank you all for being so generous with your money to support these organizations. I was so impressed with the vast number of different projects that I made a comprehensive list of them **ALL**.

I have also developed a checklist with the different categories for your use as you list and describe the many Home Life projects in which your GFWC-MFWC clubs participate. This may make it easy to keep up with the time committed, money contributed, and community service initiatives done each year.

The GFWC-MFWC organizations are a powerful force when we work within our local clubs and when we join together to better serve our communities with the Home Life projects.

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

### ***Sue McMurtry, Partnership Chair***

When we think of our four International Outreach partners we immediately think – “write the check”. That is certainly helpful but do we ever think of fun ways that we might obtain the money that enables us to “write the check” or possibly make the contribution larger? Most towns and communities hold “festivals” of some type (if yours doesn’t maybe that’s a project in itself). Utilize this opportunity to raise funds as well as awareness and educate others about our partner organizations and their objectives.

Some ideas include:

Dart game, pie throwing, ring toss, “Mile for Milestones” walk. Many mothers in developing countries walk for miles to get their children vaccinated. Parents here can get together – with children in strollers – to walk a mile to raise awareness for global childhood vaccines and Shot @ Life.

Host petting zoo, go fish game, pick up a duck, Easter egg hunt, or “Kiss a Pig” contest where two to three individuals such as the mayor, sheriff, or other distinguished citizens are selected to “Kiss the Pig”. The individual who collects the most votes (money) will “Kiss a Pig” – yes a real one! These activities can be used to educate and benefit Heifer International.

Host a Trick or Treat Costume contest, apple bobbing, or sell bottled water to bring awareness to the need for safe drinking water and UNICEF.

Host a photo booth or photo opportunity for Operation Smile.

Other ideas include: pay for the “privilege to brag”, create and stuff Smile Bags for Operation Smile. Host a Shot @ Life baby shower in honor of a club member who is expecting. Sell extra home grown fruits and vegetables and use funds to purchase a “Gardener’s Gift Basket” through Heifer International. There is no end to the possibilities.

Resources:

[GFWCOperationSmile.org](http://GFWCOperationSmile.org)

[UNICEFUSA.org](http://UNICEFUSA.org) (TAP Project) (Nothing but Nets)

[ShotatLife.org](http://ShotatLife.org)

[Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org)

The most important thing for us to remember is that through our contributions to these partners we can make a difference because we have the freedom to volunteer! If I can be of assistance to you or your club, please contact me at [sue.mcmurtry@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.mcmurtry@yahoo.com) or 601-917-3447.

### ***Kathleen Penton, Program Chair***

The goal of the International Outreach program is for clubwomen to become informed and engaged better world citizens within the global community. This community service program should increase member’s knowledge and awareness of human right’s global issues. We are to create opportunities for clubwomen to provide direct service opportunities for women around the world. Some important dates to remember:

August 12	International Youth Day
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 21	International Day of Peace
October 16	World Food Day
November 20	Universal Children’s Day
December 1	World Aids Day
December 10	Human Rights Day

## PUBLIC ISSUES

### ***Rhonda Terrell, Partnership Chair***

While you are enjoying fireworks, watermelons, homemade ice cream, your summer vacation trips, and all the fun things that go along with those things don’t forget it’s time to start planning for next year. If you are the Public Issues Partnership chairman for your club, put your name in the hat quickly! Sign up to have a program at your meetings. There are three major partnerships for Public Issues:

- The Kettering Foundation
- Sew Much Comfort
- USO

Each one of these has information available that you can do a program on or provide handouts at your meetings. In addition, schedule a fundraiser and designate it for Public Issues - perhaps a bake sale, a Tupperware party, Pampered Chef, or a Thirty-One party. These are simple ideas and will not take long - every dollar you raise and donate helps an individual in need. You may be able to provide an article of clothing for an injured Veteran or a story book on tape for a child of a soldier serving overseas. Don’t take your freedom for granted; do your part and take a stand for Public Issues!

### ***Melba Watkins, Program Chair***

#### **PUBLIC ISSUES ARE “OUR” ISSUES: WE ARE THE PUBLIC!**

For this issue of the *Clubwoman Magazine* I decided to focus on one area of the Public Issues Community Service Program. Therefore, GFWC-MFWC members..... Here is some new and hopefully interesting information regarding SAFETY.

It seems that everyday there is a new safety concern issued to the public regarding anything from our automobiles, our food, products that we use, services on which we depend, and even our own identity. We all must be aware of telephone, social media, shipping services, and unfortunately even face to face challenges (scams) that we come in contact with often.

Were you aware that your credit cards, your driver’s license, and any other type of personal information that you carry with you can be scanned and in essence stolen without the card ever leaving your person? Well, this is true. Savvy identity thieves are equipped with high tech scanners that can read bar codes up to several feet away while they (the cards) are in one’s pocket, wallet, briefcase, purse etc. Recently, a security company has marketed new carrying cases for valuables which protect against this type information theft. Another product available is a portable safe for travelers. It is easily carried but outfitted with a pad lock which can be secured to a non-movable piece of furniture in one’s hotel room. For our avid travelers this might be something to look into for sure.

With many of our children and grandchildren returning to or heading off for their first college experience, one of our biggest concerns is their safety. One of the newest products on the market especially for young people are cards which resemble beverage coasters. The cards are treated with chemicals which can detect drugs such as GHB with just a small drop of liquid from a drink. This is just a little added protection for our young folks as they have fun, spread their wings, and enjoy life.

There are also new guidelines regarding child safety restraint seats. If you have little folks who have opportunity to ride in your vehicle you might want to check out these new rules on the internet.

Of course I urge us to continue to be diligent about our home safety...smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, pool safety, equipment usage, stings, sun protection, and oh so many more.

With this being the fall volume of our magazine, I hope that we are all ready to be grand and gentle hostesses for our

Southern Region Conference in Biloxi. Mississippi is known as the "Hospitality State", so let's all show how we got that moniker.

## GFWC ADVANCEMENT

### *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* *Glenda Tarver, Chair*

Please join the thousands of other Clubwomen and subscribe to the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. This is not the same as your Mississippi magazine received by each member and paid by your dues.

This is your go to reference for the latest in club news, program updates, valuable articles, and other information for use in your club.

Subscribe now or get fellow club members to subscribe and get a discount. Information may be obtained from your MF WC Handbook or online at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org).

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

The Malone/Sisk LEADS program identifies members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GF WC beyond their club. The goal is to help these members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction.

During the 2013 MS LEADS seminar at the MF WC Convention, candidates discussed the qualities of good leader. Good leaders should be frogs: Friendly, Reliable, Organized, and Gracious. They also covered skill topics of Personality Assessment and Generational Differences. Because nothing wears you out like banging a square peg into a round hole! Participating this year:

Theresa Buntyn - Decatur Woman's Progressive Club  
Cindy Hubbard - Fine Arts Club of Bruce  
Marina Loper - Ackerman Twentieth Century Club  
Pam Smith - Florentine Evening Club  
Ann White - Florentine Club of Florence

Every year, a panel of former MS LEADS Representatives selects one candidate to represent Mississippi at GF WC LEADS. Marina Loper was selected as alternate and this year's MS LEADS Representative was Theresa Buntyn.

### *Membership* *Darlene Adams, President-elect*

#### **Membership – "The Sole of the Federation."**

GF WC's Seasons of Recruitment are:

Summer: "Kick Up Your Heels" – June, July, August

Fall: "Lace Up Your Shoes" – September, October, November

Winter: "Dig Out Your Boots" – December, January, February

Spring: "Pump Up Your Members" – March, April, May

I urge each club to **recruit all year**. Consider amending your bylaws if your club enrollment is only once a year.

#### **Contests**

Once again, we will have a Membership Recruitment Contest. The award will be based on how many net members a club acquires.

We will continue our Recruitment Contest. Those clubs holding a recruitment event from April 2013 through February 2014 are to report this event to the State Membership Chairman with documentation. Your club will be entered in a drawing at their respective District Convention.

We will also have our "Coveted Shoe Award" for the club that makes the most effort in recruiting and retaining

membership. This award will be presented at our 2014 State Convention and represent Mississippi in the GF WC contest.

Please review your MF WC Club Manual for more information about grants and to help your club **RETAIN AND RECRUIT**.

### *Women's History and Resource Center* *Dorothy Thomas, Chair*

Good news!! In 2012, more Mississippi Clubwomen became "Friends of the WHRC" than from any other state in the nation. Let's keep that record going. Clubwomen renew your "Friend" status and make your Club a "Friend of WHRC."

MF WC President Suzanne Poynor has asked program and project chairpersons to share with Clubwomen some of the project ideas listed in the 2012 annual reports. Some from WHRC reports follow.

- Obtain from the General Federation of Women's Clubs a copy of its *Guidelines* and use them for preparing written and/or oral histories. These are available on the GF WC website.
- Work with your local public library to have copies of your Club yearbook, scrapbook, and/or media book become a part of the library's archive division.
- Organize a project to identify women who have influenced the history of your community and publish a brochure about them.
- Organize an event honoring women volunteers who have had and/or have records of service to your Club and community.
- In preparing your annual yearbooks, incorporate a section that includes historic information about your Club, including founding members, past Presidents, awards won at MF WC district and state levels, and notable special events sponsored or co-sponsored by your Club.
- Honor your Clubwoman of the Year by making her a "Friend of WHRC."
- Become a volunteer with your local museum and/or other special community facility open to the public.

## *GFWC Awards, Contests, and Grants*

### *Media Campaign Contests* *Frances Brown, Chair*

If you would like a chance to win \$50, I encourage each club to submit an entry for the 2013 media campaign contest about one or more of these topics:

Advocacy - issues related to GF WC public policy priorities as outlined in the GF WC Resolutions

Fundraising - money raised for one of GF WC's partners or a local initiative

Membership Recruitment - communications to attract new members

Special Events - a single event or a series of events.

Each campaign must be submitted separately and give reference to GF WC and the sponsoring club. The campaign materials must include a medium (i.e. website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube video, etc.) and contact information where additional information can be obtained. A cover letter or the body of the email should include the president's name and contact information, the person submitting the entry, number of club members, campaign category, and an essay limited to 500 words. The essay should include information about the goal, budget, targeted audience, strategies and tactics, key message, and measurable analyses (Was the goal met, stay within budget, and was it successful?). The campaign must take place during 2013 and be postmarked or emailed no later than March 15, 2014.



GFWC Media Campaign Contest  
1734 N Street NW  
Washington, D. C. 20036-2990  
or  
[PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org)

Subject: GFWC Media Campaign Contest

More information regarding judging criteria and contest rules is available in the 2012-2014 GFWC Club Manual or online at [www.GFWC.org/Clubmanual](http://www.GFWC.org/Clubmanual).

This is new to all of us, so please contact me if I can help.  
[frannabrown@hotmail.com](mailto:frannabrown@hotmail.com)

### **Club Newsletter Contest** **Pat Gandy, 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 elaborate or lengthy. Substance is more important than style. A newsletter should be informative and generate enthusiasm while contributing to public relations outreach, membership recruitment and retention, and program development. 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 and communities.

Entries will be judged and awarded points on content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact, as well as presentation, design, and adherence to rules.

Contest rules include:

\* Only one newsletter issue per club or State Federation may be submitted.

\* Newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the contest year.

\* The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC. Refer to the *GFWC Stylebook* for GFWC Trademark Use Policies at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org).

\* Entries must include the contact information of at least one member, defined as an email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address.

\* All entries must be printed and sent via postal mail, postmarked no later than March 15 in the year in which they will be judged to: GFWC Newsletter Contest, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. The 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 Federation, and approximate circulation. Include an essay of no more than 250 words describing the club/State Federation's approach to utilizing its newsletter.

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

### **Photography Contests** **Carolyn Long, Chair**

We had some beautiful entries to send to GFWC in every category. I was excited and the judges had a difficult time. All entries arrived with a waiver. The winners had followed all the criteria listed by GFWC.

Three high school students were sponsored by two GFWC-MFWC clubs. Civic Woman's Club of Picayune sponsored Sonni Parker and Anna Sanford. Batesville Junior Woman's League sponsored Lane Hudson. I am hopeful that more clubs will become sponsors next year.

### **REMINDERS**

1. Include ALL required information on a card attached to back of mount - do not write directly on mount board.
2. Color and black and white should be judged separately.
3. Mount board should be rigid (stiff, firm, not bending).
4. Get high school students involved. Will be judged according to rules as listed in GFWC handbook.
5. Send A Year in Pictures photographs (for calendar) from your club directly to GFWC- don't bring to district conventions
6. Each entry needs a waiver.

I look forward to seeing Mississippi's best photographs next spring. Get busy snapping those special moments.

### **GFWC Writing Contests** **Anne B. McKee, Chair**

It's time to write, write, write!

Remember all of the fun, crazy, uplifting, troubling, or life-lessons that have been part of your life during 2013? Well, write them up! We are Mississippi writers. I think each Mississippian has at least one novel in them, really!

Attention: All MFWC Clubs -- Encourage your members and the children of your community to write their short stories and poems. All entries for the GFWC Writing Contest are due to me by February 1, 2014 and must have been written during the year of 2013. Send me two copies of each entry, along with a signed Creative Arts Waiver. The Waiver and all contest rules can be found at: [www.GFWC.org/contests](http://www.GFWC.org/contests). Any questions, call me: (601) 681-8525.

### **Special Recognition, Awards, Scholarships and Contests**

*Remember 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
- Juniorette of the Year Award
- Challenge Grant
- Hebron Memorial Scholarship
- 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
- Jennie Award
- Photography Contest
- Writing Contest
- Youth Art Contest
- MFWC Crafts Contest (District Only)
- Media Campaign Contests

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

***"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."***

***~DeAnn Hollis***

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## ***GFWC-MFWC 2013 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS***



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



***District II Club of the Year  
Decatur Woman's Progressive Club***



***District III Club of the Year  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce***



***District IV Club of the Year  
GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club***



***District V Club of the Year  
GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club***



## GFWC-MFWC 2013 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS



*District I Clubwoman of the Year  
Tami Harris  
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of  
Picayune*



*District II Clubwoman of the Year  
Susan Shurden  
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth  
Century Club*



*District III Clubwoman of the Year  
Linda Ward  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts  
Club of Bruce*



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



*District IV Clubwoman of the Year  
Grace Peebles  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club*



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



# **GFWC-MFWC STATE CONVENTION ~ Raymond, MS ~ APRIL 25-27, 2013**



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



**2012 GFWC-MFWC  
Clubwoman of the Year  
Tami Harris  
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's  
Club of Picayune**



**Hebron Memorial Scholarship  
Sara Oswalt  
Cosmopolitan Club of Petal  
with Lone Bond,  
Scholarship Chair**



**Challenge Grant  
Carmin Mizell  
Cosmopolitan Club  
of Petal**



**MFWC LEADS Participants  
(Seminar sponsored by the  
Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership  
Endowment)**

**Theresa Buntyn  
Decatur Woman's Progressive Club  
MFWC LEADS Delegate to the  
2013 GFWC International Convention**

**Cindy Hubbard  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce**

**Marina Loper  
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club**

**Pam Smith  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club**

**Ann White  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club**



**JUNIORETTE AWARDS**



**2012 JUNIORETTE CLUB OF THE YEAR  
GFWC-MFWC BRUCE FINE ARTS JUNIORETTEES**

***Sandra Pope, District III President and 2010-2012 Club Advisor, Misty Tatum, Myranda Bennett, Courtney Hubbard, Suzanne Poynor, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President, Mandy Laiche, GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director, Elizabeth Hathorne, Marley Taylor, Rebecca McCord, Carol Shoemaker, 2012-2014 Club Advisor, and Kathryn Hathorne***



***Juniorette of the Year  
Tera Elyse "CeeCee" Johnson  
GFWC-MFWC Sub Debs,  
Waynesboro***



***Sarah Peugh Butterfly  
Scholarship Recipient  
Anna Bein  
Dixie Daisy Juniorettes, Meadville  
and Shirley Hilburn, Scholarship Chair***



# **GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ~ HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA JUNE 30 – JULY 2, 2013**



***GFWC-MFWC President-elect Darlene Adams, GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor, and MFWC LEADS Delegate Theresa Buntyn***



***GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor(left) and GFWC-MFWC President-elect Darlene Adams (right) with Mississippi Flag before processional at GFWC Convention.***



***(Left) Mississippi's Delegation at GFWC International Convention  
Front (left to right) GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor, Penny Barr, Theresa Buntyn  
Back (left to right) Amy Jacobs, Darlene Adams, Abby May, Ivous Sisk, and Jo Anne Reid***



***GFWC Winners Recognized at Summer Institute July 13, 2013***



**~CONGRATULATIONS~  
2012 Winners Announced  
at GFWC International Convention  
Hollywood, Florida  
June 30 – July 2, 2013**

- ❖ Website Contest  
Lisa Harris, Website Editor
- ❖ Arts  
Theresa Berryhill, Chair
- ❖ Conservation  
Belinda Peacher, Chair
- ❖ Education Partnership  
Deana Pittman, Chair
- ❖ Home Life Partnership  
Theresa Buntyn, Chair
- ❖ Home Life Partnership Creativity Award  
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club
- ❖ Membership  
Darlene Adams, Chair
- ❖ USO Challenge Coin  
Rhonda Terrell, Chair
- ❖ Photography Contest  
Carolyn Long, Chair
- \*Still Life Black and White 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Carol Shoemaker, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- \*A Year in Pictures, January  
Mary Ellen Holloway, Indianola Civic League
- ❖ Fundraising Achievement, GFWC Signature Project Fund – Southern Region, Tammie McCoy, Southern Region Domestic Violence Chair

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**A listing of the GFWC-MFWC Awards  
presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held in  
Raymond, MS on April 25-27, 2013 is available  
online at [www.gfwc-mfwc.org](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org).**

**Suggestions for candidates for the  
2014-2016 elected officer positions are  
due January 1, 2014. Please send suggestions  
to the Nominating Committee**

**Chairman Sherri Reid  
Nominating Committee Members:**

**District I – Sherri Reid  
District II – Melissa Carleton  
District III – Celia Fisher  
District IV – Marie Boswell  
District V – Melba Watkins**

**\*\*\*\*\*WAYS AND MEANS ALERT\*\*\*\*\***

**Contact Ways and Means Chair Amy Jacobs  
At 662-447-3569 to purchase Ways and Means  
items. Some have been drastically reduced.  
Limited supply available.**

**GFWC-MFWC Budget Information  
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**Receipts:**

GFWC Dues		
1204 General Members @ \$15		\$18,060
216 Juniorette Members @ \$10		2,160
MFWC Dues 1420 x \$10		14,200
(\$10 per members distributed as		
State Federation Fund	\$5.25	
Headquarters Fund	\$2.90	
MS Clubwoman Magazine	\$1.85	
Other:		
Tenant income	12 x \$500	6,000
for HQ utilities expenses		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>		<b>\$40,420</b>

**Disbursements of Receipts:**

<b>GFWC Dues</b>		
1204 General Members x \$15	\$18,060	
216 Junioresettes @ \$10	2,160	
		<b>\$20,220</b>

**State Federation Fund:**

*Officer Expenses:*

President	GFWC Conv. Travel	\$1,500
	GFWC SR Convention	500
	GFWC Board Travel	500
	Instate Travel	450
	Desk Allowance	200
President-elect	GFWC Conv. Travel	1,500
	GFWC SR Conference	500
	GFWC Orientation Travel	500
	Instate Travel	250
	Desk Allowance	100
Vice President	Desk Allowance	150

*General Operating Expenses:*

Southern Region Dues	30
Southern Region Conv. Fundraising Basket	100
Binding of Histories & Magazines	100
Office Supplies	100
State President's Pin	50
Income Tax Preparation	100
Website Service	300
Membership Initiatives	250
Juniorette Retreat	200
GFWC Gift	100

**State Federation Fund Disbursements \$7,480**  
(1420 X \$5.25)

**Headquarters Fund:**

Phone/alarm monitoring	\$1,200
Gas	1,300
Electricity	3,000
Water/Sewage	300
Headquarters insurance	4,000
Filters, pest control, lawn maintenance, building repairs, headquarters supplies	320
(*Up to \$3,000 may be transferred from M. Colie Covington Endowment Fund to cover these costs)	

**Headquarters Fund Disbursements \$10,120**  
(1420 X \$2.90 + apartment income of \$6,000)

**Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine**

Printing & Postage	2,500
Editor Desk Allowance	100
<b>MS Clubwoman Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>
(1420 X \$1.85)	

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 40,420**



# GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs 2013-2014 Dues Form



## CLUB INFORMATION:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB DUES:** \$25 x number of general members \_\_\_\_\_ listed on roster \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 x number of juniorettes \_\_\_\_\_ listed on roster \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(General & Juniette members will receive the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine)  
Magazine subscription for Associate or Honorary Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

MF WC President's Special Project – "Freedom to Volunteer" ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
1935 Society (MF WC Headquarters upkeep) **\$5 per member suggested** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual Jrette). Scholarship)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Challenge Grant (for a Special Education teacher)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Art: **\$10 per club suggested** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone-Sisk Educational Leadership (LEADS) Program... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
State Institutions: Deaf School \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Blind School \$ \_\_\_\_\_ State Hospital \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
HOBY: \$175 per student or other donation (\$20 minimum)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school sponsored by club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other contributions not listed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF ALL ABOVE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form along with your club's check payable to MF WC and 2 copies of club roster with names and mailing addresses postmarked by November 1 to:**

**Diane Rouse, MF WC Treasurer**  
**2323 Tiffany Circle**  
**Florence MS 39073**  
**601-845-3059**  
**crouse99@yahoo.com**

- Dues NOT POSTMARKED by January 1 will not have reports judged and will not be eligible for awards.
- For new members added during the club year, send name, address and dues to MF WC Treasurer.
- Send deletions to Lisa Harris, *MS Clubwoman* Circulation Editor at [laharris@hughes.net](mailto:laharris@hughes.net) or 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153

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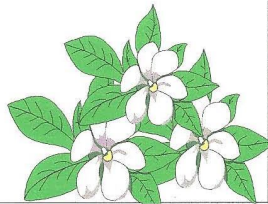


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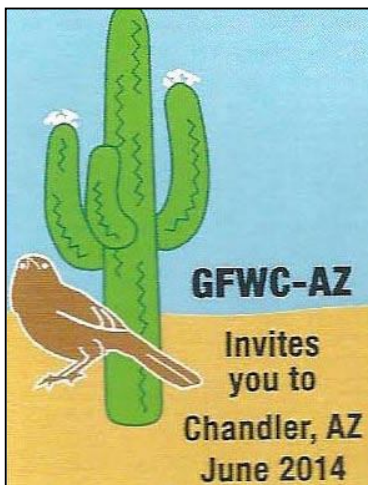
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***Summer Institute, July 13, 2013***

***2012-2014 GFWC International President-elect Babs Condon (fourth from left) was special guest speaker at the GFWC-Mississippi Summer Institute.***

***Pictured are Condon with 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Officers (left to right): Mandy Laiche-Juniorette Director; Diane Rouse-Treasurer; Darlene Adams-President-elect; Condon; Suzanne Poynor-President; Sue Addy- Vice President; Abby May-Recording Secretary; Misty Wright- Historian; Tammie McCoy-Parliamentarian; and Tinker Forrester-Chaplain. Not pictured is Sherri Reid-Corresponding Secretary.***