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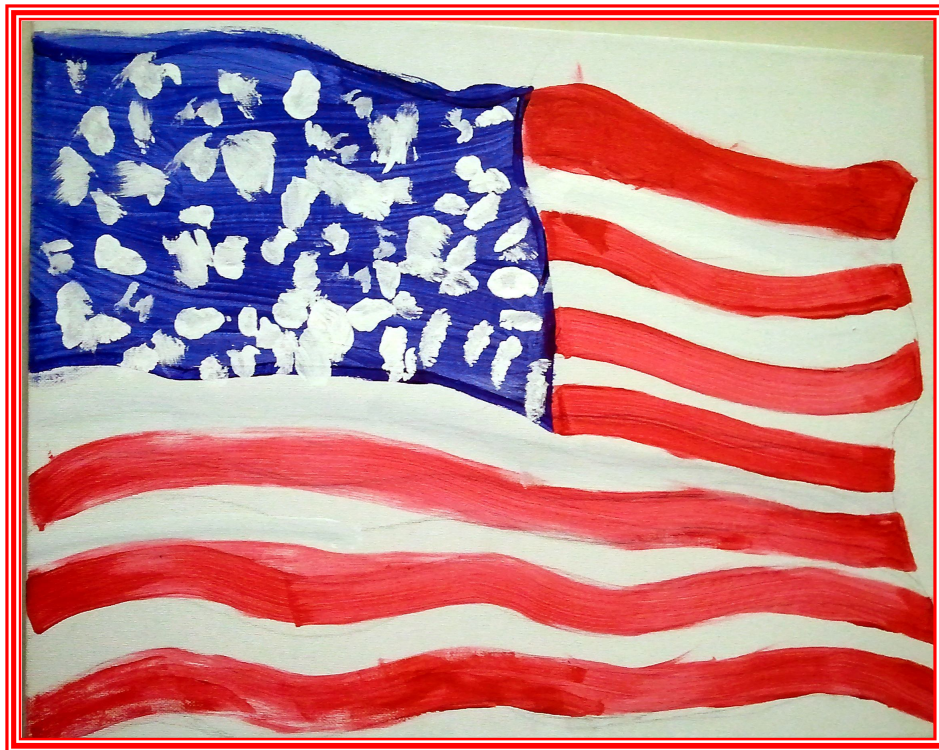


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CALL TO CONVENTION



"Freedom to Volunteer"

115th State Convention

April 25–27, 2013

Eagle Ridge Conference Center

Raymond, Mississippi

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IMPORTANT DATES

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March 16	District IV Convention, Batesville, MS
March 23	District V Convention, Raleigh, MS
April 25-27	115 th GFWC-MFWC State Convention Eagle Ridge Conference Center Raymond, MS
June 1	Deadline for Jennie Award Nomination
June 24	Deadline for submission to <i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i>
June 30-July 2	122 nd GFWC International Convention Hollywood, FL
July 12	Finance Committee/Executive Committee Meetings, GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Jackson, MS
July 13	Executive Board Meeting/Summer Institute Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf Jackson, MS
October 24-27	GFWC Southern Region Conference Biloxi, MS

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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Southern Region Conference
"Masquerade Under the Magnolias"
October 24-27, 2013
Imperial Palace, Biloxi, MS

Expect a fun-filled conference as well as an informative one. You are sure to work in some sun, seafood, and shopping at the Southern Region Conference 2013 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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

The old saying, "TIME FLIES when you are having FUN!" certainly describes this first year of my administration. I have spent the past year traveling from Bruce in North Mississippi to Picayune in the South over to Meridian to the east and as far west as Cleveland in our Mississippi Delta...with many stops in between! Several times I have wanted to be in two or even three places at once! On my travels at Club Meetings or Club Events, our MFWC Clubwomen have been gracious, enthusiastic, and supportive. Spending my TIME traveling as I have represented MFWC as State President has certainly been a GIFT!

Statewide our MFWC Clubs have supported the President's Special Project, "Freedom to Volunteer." Our Clubs have planned and carried out many terrific projects and programs involving Veterans and our Active Military. Clubs found creative and meaningful ways to "Honor our Past Gifts and Celebrate the Present." Thank you for being as excited as I am about this worthwhile project! I am proud of you and your Volunteer Service. May we ALWAYS have FREEDOM to VOLUNTEER!

Our MFWC Clubs are keeping the USPS in Florence (and Union) quite busy! Club Reports welcome me each time I check my mail! Reading these outstanding reports is a joy! I commend our Clubs for taking the TIME to complete the reporting process. The Volunteer Commitment in these reports is a GIFT to those in your Community, District, State, and even Internationally.

Plans for the 115th State Convention are well underway. MFWC Clubwomen will gather April 25-27, 2013 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi. This will be a TIME of Celebration of MFWC Volunteer Programs and Projects of 2012. Past State Presidents, District Clubs of the Year, and District Clubwomen of the Year will be honored. Our State Club of the Year and State Clubwoman of the Year as well as Juniorette Club of the Year and Juniorette of the Year will be revealed. State Award winners will be named and congratulated. Scholarship Recipients will be announced. MS LEADS candidates will enjoy attending an informative MS LEADS SEMINAR and will discover who will represent Mississippi at the GFWC LEADS Seminar. There will be informative speakers, great entertainment, and yes, shopping with several vendors as well as our own MFWC Ways and Means. The successful "New To You" Sale will be back again this year. Be sure to find your "POODLE SKIRT" or maybe you will just want to roll up your jeans for the ROCKIN' ROBIN SOCK HOP! Find your hula-hoop and practice for the "Hula Hoop Contest." At the Sock Hop, we will collect socks, tights, or footies for The Center for Violence Prevention and socks, diabetic socks particularly, for the Veteran Homes throughout Mississippi. Monetary donations will be accepted, also. AND there will be much more...Many ways to "Spend your TIME!" You will find the Official Call to Convention in this Issue. It includes the Registration Form and Schedule of Events. As the TIME draws near, I know you will want to be PRESENT for this special TIME!

**Message from 2012-2014
GFWC-MFWC President-elect
Darlene Adams**

Membership – The Sole of the Federation!
Let's see, you have "Kicked up your Heels," then "Laced up your Shoes," and recently "Dug out your Boots."

So how did you do gathering new "Sole Sisters" for your club? I am here to tell you that you have done well. Congratulations, as we will be able to report to GFWC a total of 1,419 MFWC members. That is an increase of 14 members. Way to go Mississippi clubs!

To keep moving forward in March, April, and May you will "Pump up your Members!" How will YOU "Pump it Up?" Do you have recruiting events scheduled for 2013? What changes are you willing to take as a club to retain the members you have? If your club actively works on recruiting and retaining members, it's a win-win for your club AND your community. There are many tools available through GFWC. You can find these online at www.gfwc.org, under "Member Center." Remember you have your District President-elect who serves on the Membership Committee and ready to assist you.

As Advisor to your District Presidents, I can assure you they have worked hard with their respective hosts clubs to give you an enjoyable District Convention along with worthwhile information for you to share with your club members. I can't wait to attend your District Conventions and recognize those clubs that contributed to our increase in Membership and give out those contest awards!

In April, we will come together and celebrate the accomplishments of Mississippi Clubs because we have the "Freedom to Volunteer." I look forward to seeing YOU at our State Convention.

MFWC – "As comfortable as an old shoe."

**GFWC-MFWC Vice President
Sue Addy**

As I write this I am preparing for judging day for the 2012 reports. Forty-four MFWC Clubs reported 294,520 hours of volunteer work in 4,899 projects. \$550,258 was given in club donations, \$407,023 made up in-kind donations, and \$90,026 was spent on advancement areas. The clubs did a great job raising \$132,593 in funds to support these programs and projects. Our clubs should really be proud of the impact they make on our communities. Thank you for the great job that you do. A special "Thank You" to all who judged. I could not do my job without you.

Just a reminder to MFWC Chairmen, your reports are due to your GFWC Counterpart on March 15. Send a copy to Suzanne and an email to me so we will be aware that you completed your duty as chairman. Call me if you have questions about the two new forms.

Always when I finish reports I make New Year's Resolutions to do a better job next year. Let me encourage you to keep good records of the projects you do. Many clubs make notes on forms each month throughout the year. Check out the partnership projects. Look up the websites, make a donation or promote the project in a segment of your club meeting. Partnerships

are easy wins on judging day. Also, remember to keep up with volunteer hours so that these can be used to pay our headquarters' lease. Best wishes as you start now to prepare for next year.

Contact me throughout the year if I can be of assistance with a project or can answer a question.

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

What an exciting time the last few months have been! At least my mail carrier thought so with all of the club dues packets coming in. I have received ALL of the 53 active general clubs' and 10 active Juniorette clubs' dues, dues forms, and rosters. What that meant was that our membership dues were remitted to GFWC by their February 1 deadline.

However, it is NEVER too late to add new members – just send in a new dues form, their dues, and an updated roster. Your club can also send in contributions all throughout the year and I will see that they get to their destination along with a letter telling them who gave the donation.

Send to: Diane Rouse
GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
2323 Tiffany Circle
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***GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian
Tammie McCoy***

Parliamentary procedure is often difficult to understand and/or follow in our club meetings. We ask the question regarding how formal should we be: Do we really need a motion and a vote? The best answer to that question is YES, you do need a motion, discussion, and a vote. Members do want the opportunity to discuss club business. In addition to your Bylaws and your *Robert's Rules of Order*, I have found an excellent website that might help answer your parliamentary questions. The site is www.parlipro.org. The site is filled with questions, answers, and even some quizzes to test your knowledge. Below, I have listed a few frequently asked questions noted on that site and the answers that they gave with a reference page. I hope that this information is helpful. Please feel free to send me your questions.

1. Can the chairman vote? (our club president)
If a member, the chairman has the right to vote, and does so in small boards of not more than about a dozen members present. In larger assemblies, the chairman (who has a duty to maintain an appearance of impartiality) may vote when his vote would affect the outcome: to make or break a tie or to make or prevent a two-thirds vote, or when the vote is by ballot (at the same time as everybody else). For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. pp. 392-393.
2. Now you go to the website and see if the chairman can make a motion or enter into the debate? Hint: Accepting the job of chairman does not remove any rights as a member. For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. pp. 470-471, 343, 210, 234, 490.

3. Are mail-in or telephone votes okay?
No, not unless authorized by the bylaws. For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. pp. 469-470.
4. Should seconds be recorded in the minutes?
No. For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. pp. 451-456.
4. What is a quorum?
It is the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a meeting in order to conduct business, usually specified by the bylaws. If not specified in the bylaws, then in most societies a quorum is a majority of the entire membership. In a body of delegates, a quorum is a majority of the members registered as attending. In organizations without a reliable register of members, a quorum at a regular or properly called meeting is those who attend. In a mass meeting, a quorum is those persons present at the time. For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. pp. 334-335.
5. Does a treasurer's report need to have a motion of approval? No motion is needed - or proper. A treasurer's report is simply "received" as it is given and no motion should be made to "adopt", "accept", or "approve" it. An annual auditors' report, on the other hand, is "accepted" "or adopted", but not the treasurer's financial report itself. For more information, refer to RONR 10th ed. p. 461.

***GFWC-MFWC Historian
Misty Wright***

Happy Spring to everyone!!!! I know if you are like me you are ready to get out of the house and get into the wonderful outdoors. However, it looks like we have a little while longer before that wonderful weather is here, so let's make the most of our time and write some wonderful histories of our great clubs. I know reporting time is officially over and we are excited about awards, but I urge each club to please send in a club history. Our goal is to be able to send to GFWC a history of every active club in the MFWC federation. Even if your club doesn't normally send in a history, I plead with you to get one into to me. I am here to answer any questions that I can. At this time, I have two club histories in hand. These are not the same as the one page histories that you send in to be bound at state, so if there is some confusion please let me clear this up. The one page history that you send to me for state is just for the past year. The history I need to send in for GFWC is a complete history of your club since it was founded. The first five clubs to get theirs in will be recognized at state convention. My email is Misty_Merie@yahoo.com if you have any questions. My mailing address is Misty Wright, 115 Holly Cove, Batesville, MS 38606. I look forward to reading all about our history. Clubwomen, lets all preserve our past to enhance our future!

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

Hi MFWC ladies! Juniorettes had an amazing year in 2012 and I am excited to tell you that we had four Juniorette clubs reporting with a total of 7,013 hours,

171 projects, 5,245 dollars donated, 4,745 in-kind donations, 6,375 dollars raised, and 1,829 dollars spent. Give these girls a big round of applause! So far Juniorettes are having a great 2013! They have been working on scrapbooks, applying for the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, and nominating a Juniette of the Year for their clubs. Plus they have lots of exciting plans for the rest of the year. Juniette Advisors, please encourage some of your girls to attend District and State Convention. It's an excellent opportunity for them to get a real MFWC experience and see they are part of something bigger than just their own small clubs.

Juniette Advisors, please let me know if you have questions and I will be glad to help with whatever I can! I look forward to an amazing 2013!

District Presidents' Reports

District I – Nancy Griffin

District I has been very busy this spring. Poplarville Woman's Club planned a wonderful district convention themed "Freedom to Volunteer" as we recognized the District Club of the Year and the District Clubwoman of the Year. At the same time we celebrated the many accomplishments of all the clubs in the district.

Fidelia Club of Ellisville, Woman's Club of Gulfport, Lucedale Fine Arts Club, Lucedale Woman's Club, Fortnightly Club of Moss Point, Pascagoula Civic Guild, Cosmopolitan Club of Petal, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, Poplarville Woman's Club, Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro, Home and Garden Club of Waynesboro, Present Day Club of Waynesboro, Juniette Club of Pascagoula, Picayune Service Club, and Sub Debs of Waynesboro have been busy this past year honoring our veterans with various projects in so many ways. They have been working in the Community Service Program areas to improve their communities for their families and friends.

We have also been working closely with President Suzanne Poyner making plans for our annual State Convention. Make your plans to attend the convention at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi, on April 25–27, 2013. You will not want to miss the Sock Hop for Domestic Violence Awareness on Friday night. And you certainly want to be there when the MFWC Club of the Year and the MFWC Clubwoman of the Year are awarded on Saturday.

As soon as convention is completed, the clubs of District I will be back to working on all those programs and projects that make our district and our state the best it can be for others. Keep up the good work, ladies!

District II – Anne B. McKee

Dear Mighty District II,

I am so happy to hear of all of your good work -- keep it going!

We celebrated District II, and the strong-spirited, heart-felt energy our members represent, at our GFWC-MFWC Convention in Louisville at beautiful Lake Tiak-O'Khata on Saturday, March 2. Thanks to the host clubs, GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club, Philadelphia

Woman's Club, and Present Day Club of Union and all who helped make this a great day!

Also, I hope to see you April 25, 26, and 27 at State Convention in Raymond, Eagle Ridge Convention Center.

Celebrate ~Freedom to Volunteer!

District III – Sandra Pope

During my first year serving as President of District III, I have enjoyed getting to know all of you wonderful ladies of District III. I thank you for your encouragement, your commitment, and most of all, your friendship. It was my honor to install officers this past spring for my home club, the Fine Arts Club of Bruce, and in May of 2013, I have been invited to install officers for the Eupora 20th Century Club. I also attended the Pontotoc Bodock Festival as a guest of the Pontotoc Woman's Club this past summer and enjoyed lunch with some of the ladies there. It would be my privilege to visit with each club in District III or assist in any way. Please give me a call with any invites, advice, or suggestions.

Judging Day has come and gone and reports are in with seven general clubs reporting in District III. Congratulations to each club that took the time to send in their reports. District III Club ladies have been very busy volunteering lots of hours and doing great things in their communities.

I want to thank Terrie Whitehurst and Terry Shea for all their hard work serving as 2013 District III Convention Chair and Co-chair. Host clubs were Iuka Twentieth Century Club, Fulton Civic Club, Woman's Club of Booneville, and Tupelo Sorosis Club. Congratulations, ladies, on a job well done!

Make plans now to join me in Raymond April 25-27 for an exciting State Convention as we again celebrate the outstanding volunteer service of our Mississippi federated clubs.

It is my pleasure to serve you, and I thank you for your support.

District IV – Mary Ellen Holloway

By the time you get this *Mississippi Clubwoman*, the Winter Board Meeting/Judging Day will be over and District Conventions will be underway. District IV Convention will have been held on March 16 in Batesville at the Independence Presbyterian Church on 10700 Highway 35 South. The Batesville Woman's Club and the Batesville Junior Woman's League were hostesses for the Convention. These dedicated volunteers worked diligently to have a good meeting, and we are so proud many of you joined us there. Then remember the State Convention at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond on April 25-27. GFWC-MFWC women have a busy schedule ahead of us.

What a privilege it was for me that my first official duty as District IV President was to install the 2012-2014 officers for the Indianola Civic League. On April 10, I will be privileged to visit and speak to the Batesville Woman's Club. I look forward to serving you these next two years. Contact me if you would like for me to visit your club or help you in any way.

District V – Cindy Holcomb

Wow! Judging Day is over, District Conventions are too, and State Convention is almost here. Where has this year gone? Thank you to all of the clubs of District V for the exciting work you are doing and the wonderful reports you wrote. I know a lot more work has been done but not reported. Please clubs...report, report, report. This is where District Presidents get our "bragging rights." Congratulations to all the winners. Keep up the good work! See you at State Convention.

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

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

Fellow Clubwomen have you seen it? Have you? Have you? (Seen What? You ask?) Why! One of the most rewarding things ever...Oh! I surely hope that you have seen it-that you have had the pleasure and excitement of seeing the joy of a Veteran's smile and sparkle in their eyes when they have been the recipient of an "Act of Love" from one of our clubwomen. It means so much for that very special person to have someone give back to them with such a sweet demonstration of love.

Thank you for the many programs and projects that you have done on behalf of veterans. Your reporting turned in was really great!!! Keep up the good work!

Remember-don't just give a little...give a lot, because they gave ALL for us. Write a check for this or that project, but also (if you are able) give of yourself with your time and your talents. I assure you that you will never regret serving these whom have given so much serving us.

So, keep up the good work for our State President's Special Project. As you know, this is a project that is near and dear to the hearts of so many of us!

God Bless America and our "Freedom to Volunteer!"

GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Teenie Boone, Chair

What's new? We now have a new renter in the apartment. He is Nathan King from Corinth. He is a State Trooper hired to drive the Governor. We have to have someone residing in the apartment for insurance purposes.

By now you have reported, and I will get your volunteer hours from the reports. Some have mailed me some hours. If you do not report, please, send me your hours no matter how small so we can get a better count on true Mississippi volunteer hours. I report the volunteer hours toward our lease on the MS State property our headquarters resides. The headquarters building was built for Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs in 1935. Call me and have a visit, tour, or/and meeting at your MFWC Headquarters. We are so proud

to have such a beautiful place to keep our yearbooks, scrapbooks, pictures of past State Presidents, etc. and to have our MFWC Board meetings of over ninety wonderful ladies.

State Institutions Jeannie Pittman, Chair

As we enter 2013, I am excited about all the opportunities we have to help the patients at MS State Hospital, MS School for the Deaf and MS School for the Blind.

Thank you so much for your tireless volunteer hours and your generous donations. Because of your Christmas gifts, the hospitals were able to enjoy wonderful Christmas parties. You even helped judge the Christmas Parade.

We appreciate those that judged the talent show and cooked for State Hospital Day. Members also worked at the Farmer Jim Golf Tournament and attended the Serendipity Art Show. Those of us that worked at the Fine Jewelry and \$5.00 Jewelry Sales had a great time working and buying at the hospital's largest fundraiser.

Your love for volunteering always amazes me.

Community Service Programs

EDUCATION

Ella D. Cronin, Program Chair

Education in the Community Program has a long history in GFWC-MFWC for motivating members to support lifelong education. From supporting local libraries to the pursuit of self-improvement through self-education and awareness through literature and continuing education, members encourage and celebrate education by awarding scholarships, providing academic challenges in Kindergarten through grades twelve, and providing community support for literacy programs in libraries and community-based organizations. A strong focus on literacy gets children excited about reading, provides tutoring for those who need extra assistance, and supports education providers with resources to achieve broad-based learning outcomes. GFWC provides three goals and objectives summarized as *Promoting self-worth, self-improvement, and enrichment programs; Acting as change agents in promoting educational opportunities and educational awareness; and Increasing literacy*. Our clubs are dedicated to promoting a commitment to literacy and lifelong learning as a core value for volunteer service and resource allocation.

Food for thought for Education committees to think about and guide their volunteer services and financial support are listed from the 2012-2014 Club Manual. Examine influences in your community that affect literacy, dropouts before graduation of high schools and middle schools, special education, English as a second language, and visual and physical conditions that inhibit learning. Educate the club and community on issues of literacy. Support youth through scholarships. Hold a

"How to Use the Library" program for club members and targeted community groups. Offer scholarships for higher education and selected college programs. Host events at and in conjunction with your local library, literacy council, and Friends of the Library chapters—sponsor a speaker or author, hold craft sessions, and read-aloud programs for children. Celebrate library card sign-up month. Recruit and train tutors and instructional support for community literacy programs, library educational activities, and in-school learning curricula and teachers. Start a book club for club members and promote expansion by others in your community. Hold fundraisers and collect items to support local libraries; agencies that serve local areas of need such as domestic violence, health related programs; hunger; and shelters that serve those with special needs; the elderly with food, clothing, social functions, and dementia; and state and national service projects such as GFWC Disaster Relief—Library Replenishment Fund, State schools for the blind and deaf, Mississippi Public Education, and Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. Enthusiastically support the GFWC-MFWC President's projects. In all of these areas are rich resources for club programs.

Annually, Education Committees in all clubs prepare written reports to document success and number of projects, hours of volunteer service, and in-kind and direct financial contributions. To support report writers, a recommended format with examples is provided that is aligned with the GFWC-MFWC Report Cover Sheet and GFWC Report Form.

At the end of the calendar year Education Committees will prepare written annual reports to document success and number of projects, hours of volunteer service, and in-kind and direct financial contributions. The narrative should clearly state *who, how, what, when, and where*. Writers should review the GFWC and MFWC Reporting Guidelines and recommendations as well as Education Program goals and objectives prior to writing.

HOME LIFE

Theresa Buntyn, Partnership Chair

GET THE INSIDE KNOWLEDGE

(Information from www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge)

Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer campaign provides education for women and health care providers about the five most common types of gynecologic cancer and their symptoms. Every woman is different. What is normal for one is not always the same as what's normal for another. That's why it is important to pay attention to what is normal for you and see a doctor if something doesn't seem quite right.

Gynecologic Cancer Symptoms

- Cervical Cancer: Abnormal vaginal bleeding or discharge
- Ovarian Cancer: Abnormal vaginal bleeding or discharge; Pelvic pain or pressure; Abdominal or back pain; Bloating; Changes in bathroom habits
- Uterine Cancer: Abnormal or vaginal bleeding or discharge; Pelvic pain or pressure

- Vaginal Cancer: Abnormal vaginal bleeding or discharge
- Vulvar Cancer: Pelvic pain or pressure; Itching or burning of the vulva; Changes in vulva color or skin, such as a rash, sores, or warts

The only cancer the Pap test screens for is cervical cancer. It does not screen for ovarian, uterine, vaginal, or vulvar cancers. So, even if you have a Pap test regularly, see your doctor if:

- You have abnormal vaginal bleeding.
- You have any of the other symptoms listed above for two weeks or longer, and they are not normal for you.

It may be nothing to worry about, but find out for sure. See your doctor and ask about gynecologic cancer.

Get the Inside Knowledge.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Kathleen Penton, Program Chair

Reporting time is past, and it is time to look at what we have accomplished so far. I hope everyone has had a great time helping our foreign neighbors. Sometimes the only thing we can do is give donations for our projects. This is very important because money is so hard to make in many of these countries. Many times families have little or no food. Medical services are a great need. If you have trouble finding projects, a good place to look is missionary magazines such as Mosaic, etc. We can always do projects for our service men and women over seas. Also if any of your members go to another country for a vacation or visit, you can count this. Please don't stop working this last half of the year, and if anyone has some good ideas, please share them. Thanks for all you have done, and remember we are all volunteers.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Melba Watkins, Program Chair

It is difficult to believe that one fourth of President Suzanne Poynor's term has passed by so swiftly. By naming me to chair this program she truly took me out of my comfort zone, but I have learned much and am still excited about the prospect of learning more about public issues.

With the four major sections under Public Issues we as members of GFWC-MFWC have the opportunity to practice good **citizenship** and to serve our communities by continuing to be governmental policy advocates as well as friendly and watchful adversaries. No matter our party affiliation, we are duty bound to have a voice in our government. President Poynor's "from her heart" special project helps us to increase our knowledge of and to more fervently appreciate and support **veterans** and all **military personnel**. As leaders it also is our duty and responsibility to make certain that **emergency preparedness** is a standard in our communities and surrounding areas. Practicing **safety** is also a very important area of Public Issues. Safety in the home (fire/smoke and carbon monoxide detection, protection

from intruders, gun safety), in one's automobile (no texting, hands-free telephone usage, use of seat belts and child restraints, and proper auto maintenance) and in one's daily work or play routine are all very important parts of keeping ourselves, our families, and everyone around us safe and sound from harm of any kind.

**REMEMBER: PUBLIC ISSUES ARE OUR
ISSUES...WE ARE AND CONTINUE
TO BE...THE PUBLIC.**

***GFWC Signature Project: Domestic
Violence Awareness and Prevention
Lynda Love, Chair***

I hope this finds everyone well and that your clubs are doing good after writing all of the reports. I had some wonderful reports to read and was so pleased to see the great things local clubs are doing to prevent domestic violence.

I want to tell you about some fun things that we will be doing at State Convention. We will be having a sock hop for Domestic Violence and President's Special Project honoring our Veterans. Please bring socks, stockings, tights, and footies when you come to convention.

Please note that we will have a one time grant for a shelter. If you know of a shelter that has a special need, please be watching for the forms that you need to fill out. These are funds that Past President Ivous Sisk secured for Mississippi when she served as GFWC International Domestic Violence Chairman.

Please keep up the hard work that each of your clubs do. If you would like me to visit your club, just let me know. I visited with the Star Woman's Club in October of 2012 for a program and had a great time with their members. I want to say thank you to them for giving me the opportunity to join them for a meeting.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT

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

WHRC is a fascinating unit of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Although the Center did not open at the GFWC headquarters in Washington, DC until 1984, leaders and members of the GFWC have been acquiring, archiving, and preserving information on the activities of women volunteers virtually since GFWC came into being and encouraging Clubs and Clubwomen to do the same. WHRC is considered a premiere source of such information. Its information is not only available to Clubs and their members but is available to qualified researchers.

If you are going to be in Washington, the GFWC headquarters at 1734 N Street NW is a destination that is well worth a time slot on your list of things to do while in the Nation's Capital. You can go on internet to WHRC@GFWC.org for information on tours. Or call 1-800-443-4392. Or write WHRC, 1734, N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. Keep these addresses and this number. It can save time. Or, if you want a contact

nearer home, MFWC has one. Past MFWC President Ivous Sisk is one of three – among thousands of Clubwomen – members of the 2012-2014 Women's History and Resource Committee. Her email address is IvousWFTA@comcast.net

Is Your Club A Friend of WHRC? If "yes," remember to renew your Friend status each year. If not, click on to internet and go to WHRC@GFWC.org to download a copy of the "Become a Friend of WHRC" form. You may also write to the WHRC address listed in the second paragraph to request a printed copy of the form. Complete and mail it and your check to the address listed on the form. Or, you can email me at d139thomas@gmail.com, and I will email a copy of the form to you. Encouraging Clubs to become and continue to be a friend of WHRC is a 2012-2014 priority of GFWC.

Are You a Friend of WHRC? If "yes," see the preceding paragraph. If not, see the preceding paragraph and grab an opportunity to do a good deed for all Clubwomen, indeed for all women who are and have been volunteers.

Another GFWC and WHRC Priority and Opportunity! They want your Club's history, oral and written. The best way to get top notch guidance on these projects is to get copies of both *A Guide to Recording Oral History* and *A Guide for Preserving and Writing Club History*. These are available via internet at WHRC@GFWC.org, or by writing to the address listed in the second paragraph above, or by telephoning the 800 number listed in that paragraph.

How Can WHRC Help You and Your Club? There are too many excellent ways to list in this article. In the 2012-2014 GFWC Club Manual section on WHRC under "Overview of WHRC Resources, Volunteering Opportunities and Project Ideas," eight are discussed. This information also is available at WHRC@GFWC.org.

How Can My Club Support the Work of the WHRC? You don't have to be in Washington to be a WHRC volunteer. But, if you are in Washington and want to do a bit of volunteer work for GFWC WHRC you probably can arrange that. Again, take a look through "Overview. . ." It lists seven ideas.

GFWC Awards, Contests, and Grants

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



Don't Forget!

All Jennie nominations are due to President Suzanne Poyner postmarked by **June 1, 2013**. For more details and information, as well as the nomination form, please go to the 2012-2014 Club manual or visit www.GFWC.org/Clubmanual.



MEET AYL AND STACY!
by
Suzanne Poynor
2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President

At an MFWC Club Meeting, I met Ayla and Stacy. Stacy Cook, one of our Mississippi Clubwomen, is the facilitator for Ayla, a graduate of the Southeast Region of Canine Companions for Independence. Stacy is a Member of the Philadelphia Woman's Club and Ayla is an Honorary Member. Reading with Ayla (At Risk Students) and Painting Therapy with Ayla (Alzheimer's Nursing Home Patients) are only two ways that Stacy and Ayla make a difference in the Community.

After the meeting, I researched Canine Companions for Independence, Wounded Veterans Initiative. I read the stories of how assistance dogs like Ayla are making a difference in the lives of injured men and women who are returning from war. I felt that I wanted CCI's Wounded Veterans Initiative to be an additional emphasis in the President's Special Project, so I am asking our Mississippi Clubs statewide to lend support. Canine Companions is a GFWC Partnership under Home Life. I hope that our Clubs will be as excited about lending support to CCI's Wounded Veteran Initiative as I am!

During the MFWC State Convention, Clubwomen may purchase "opportunities to own" a canvas that Ayla and several Residents of Neshoba County Hospital...with a little help from Stacy...created just for MFWC! The canvas is a unique painting of our FLAG of the UNITED STATES of America and it is pictured on the cover of this issue. Also, there will be an opportunity to preorder T-shirts or Sweatshirts featuring this painting. If you are unable to attend the Convention, get a Clubwoman who is attending to buy the opportunities or preorder a shirt for you! Shirts may be preordered with payment by mail using the order form below and may also be found at www.gfwc-mfwc.org. Monies raised will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence, Wounded Veterans Initiative in the Southeast Region. **Best of all, come to the Convention and meet Ayla and Stacy!**

GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
FUNDRAISER FOR CANINE COMPANIONS/VETERANS INITIATIVE
AYLA'S FLAG T-SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Name _____ E-mail _____
Mailing Address _____ Phone _____
GFWC-MFWC Club: _____ District _____

Size: SM MED LARGE XLARGE 2XL 3XL	Number	T-Shirt (\$12) No. X \$12	Sweatshirt (\$16) No. X \$16	TOTAL
ADD: \$2 Per T-Shirt Mailing \$4 Per Sweatshirt Mailing				
TOTAL				
GRAND TOTAL				

Mail order to: Suzanne Poynor, GFWC-MFWC State President
225 Briarhill Cove, Florence, MS 39073
Phone: 601-845-7014



OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
115th STATE CONVENTION
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Mississippi
April 25–27, 2013
Suzanne Byrd Poynor
GFWC-MFWC President 2012–2014



The one hundred fifteenth annual convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will convene in Raymond, Mississippi, Thursday–Saturday, April 25–27, 2013.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The Convention is open to all members of GFWC-MFWC.

Registration will be at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center on Thursday, April 25 from 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

The deadline for hotel reservations is April 4, 2013. The block of hotel rooms will be released after this date. Convention registration for meals must be received by April 11, 2013. Meal reservations will not be guaranteed after this date.

All members attending any function of the convention must be registered. Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets. Prices and the meal reservations form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following pages.

You may make your own **room reservations** by calling (601) 857-7100. Please identify yourself as a member of the group – MFWC Annual State Convention. The room rate is \$75.00 per night (not including tax and fees) for single occupancy and \$85.00 per night for double occupancy. There will be an additional charge of \$10.00 for each additional occupant per room. Check-in is 3:00 p.m., and check-out is 11:00 a.m. **Room Reservation deadline is April 4, 2013.** Any guaranteed reservation not cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival will be billed to your credit card.

EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Room will close at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, and all Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST** be picked up on Friday evening between 6:00 and 6:30. **Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.**

REPRESENTATION

The Voting Body shall consist of the General Officers, Appointed Officers, Past State Presidents, State Chairmen of Standing Committees and Department Programs, District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State, and regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear special designation on their name badges. Each Federation Club of fifteen (15) members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen (15) or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.

RESOLUTIONS

Emergency resolutions may be presented to the Resolutions Committee. All other resolutions must be submitted in advance, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9 B-C of the GFWC-MFWC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate actions, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

115th STATE CONVENTION
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Suzanne Byrd Poynor
GFWC-MFWC President 2012–2014
Registration and Meal Reservation Form

Club Member: _____
 Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Registration Fees and Meal Reservations:

		Member	Booster
Registration (1 day only)	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registration (2 days)	\$20.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Board Dinner, 4/25	\$30.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gavel Club Breakfast, 4/26 (Gavel Club members Only)	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Continental Breakfast, 4/26	\$ 5.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon, 4/26	\$20.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Banquet, 4/26	\$30.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prayer Breakfast, 4/27	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon, 4/27	\$18.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Late Fee	\$10.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Cost:		\$ _____	\$ _____

Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule Number 8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for attendees whose registration is not received by Diane Rouse by **April 11, 2013.*

CREDENTIAL CARD

GFWC-MFWC 115th Annual Convention

Club Member: _____
 Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

_____ I am a Non-Voting Delegate

I am a Voting Delegate because I am: *(Please mark only the highest position you hold.)*

_____ An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFWC.

_____ A Past State President of GFWC-MFWC.

_____ A State Chairman of a Standing Committee or Department of GFWC-MFWC.

_____ A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State.

_____ A regularly accredited delegate for my club.

(Note: Each club of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one (1) elected delegate. For each additional 15 members, or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)

Voting delegate, please have Club President sign and mail this along with your meal reservations.

Club President

Mail this form along with a check made payable to: GFWC-MFWC 2013 State Convention by

April 11, 2013 to: Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer crouse99@yahoo.com

2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073

115th STATE CONVENTION
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Suzanne Byrd Poynor
GFWC-MFWC President 2012–2014
Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 25:

2:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting, Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Room 2223
 3:00 p.m. Finance and Executive Committee Meetings, ERCC, Room 2223
 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Registration, ERCC Lobby
 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. **MFWC Celebrating the Gift of Leadership**, GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting. (Sunday dress or party attire) **All GFWC-MFWC members are invited**, with only Board members being allowed to vote. Dining Room, First Floor

FRIDAY, APRIL 26:

8:00 a.m.–6:00p.m. Registration, ERCC Lobby
 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. **Gavel Club Breakfast**, Presidential Dining Room
 8:00 a.m.–6:00p.m. Ways and Means, **New To You Sale, ERCC Gallery**
 8:00 a.m.–6:00p.m. Shop Vendors, ERCC Gallery
 View Art, Photography, and Books, ERCC Eagle Room
 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Dining Hall
 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies and Business Session**, ERCC Auditorium (Business Attire)

- State Officer Reports
- District Officer Reports
- Community Service Program Awards: Arts
- Conservation
- Education
- Public Issues
- International Outreach
- Home Life

12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. **MFWC Celebrating the Gift of Service**, Luncheon, Dining Hall

- Guest Speaker
- GFWC Signature Project Award
- GFWC Juniors Signature Project Award
- Advancement Awards: Membership
- Leadership
- WHRC

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. **MS LEADS Seminar**
 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. **Business Session**, ERCC Auditorium

- Advancement Awards: Communication
- Fundraising
- Legislation and Public Policy
- MFWC Youth Art Awards
- GFWC Writing Contest Awards
- GFWC Photography Awards
- MFWC Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards

6:00 p.m. **Pick Up All Exhibits**

- 6:30 p.m. District Pictures with GFWC-MFWC Officers, ERCC Foyer
6:45 p.m. Processional Assemblies
- 7:00 p.m. **MFWC Celebrating the Gift of a Rich Legacy**, Banquet
(Formal Attire), ERCC Dining Room
- Entertainment
 - Guest Speaker
 - Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year
 - Recognition of District Clubs of the Year
 - Recognition of District Presidents
 - Recognition of Past State Presidents
 - Recognition of LEADS Participants
 - Presentation of GFWC-MFWC LEADS Representative
 - Challenge Grant
 - Hebron Memorial Scholarship
 - Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship
 - Presentation of Juniorette Awards
 - Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year Award
 - Presentation of Juniorette of the Year Award
- 9:00 p.m. until SOCK HOP Hosted by GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor
ERRC Gallery
Dress: Poodle Skirt or Rolled-Up Jeans
Bring donations of socks, footies, or tights for Domestic Abuse Center OR
Socks or footies for VA Homes

SATURDAY, APRIL 27:

- 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. **MFWC Celebrating the Gift of Compassion**, Prayer Breakfast
Dining Room
- Guest Speaker
 - Memorial Service
- 10:00 a.m.—Noon Business Session, ERCC Auditorium
- Guest Speaker
 - MFWC President's Special Project Awards
 - MFWC Special Emphasis Awards: State Institutions
 - MPB
- Noon—2:00 p.m. **MFWC Celebrating the Gift of Hope**, Luncheon, Dining Hall
- Guest Speaker
 - Presentation of GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year
 - Presentation of GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year
- Adjournment

**“We can chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know
the part which has led to the present.” ...Adlai E. Stevenson**

2013 GFWC-MFWC State Convention Program Ads

The 2013 State Convention will be held April 25-27, 2013 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi.

In selling or buying an ad in the Convention Program, please complete the following information for each ad submitted. The program pages will be 8½ x 11 inches.

Ad Size (check one)	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Full page	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ½ page	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> ¼ page	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> ⅛ page	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$10

Name of Company/Person purchasing the ad:

Email:

Amount Paid: \$

Name of Clubwoman selling the ad:

Phone: ()

Email:

Club:

City:

Ordering Instructions:

- All ad information should be submitted with this form.
- Ads may be hand-printed, a copy of another ad, or a business card.
- Graphics and Photographs are allowed. (Photographs do not always print well.)
- Make checks payable to:
GFWC-MFWC 2013 State Convention.
- Mail check, ad, and completed form to:



Leslie Lincoln
103 Oakwood Lane
Picayune, MS 39466
601-798-2594
thelincolns@bellsouth.net

Order Deadline: April 1, 2013

"NEW TO YOU SALE"

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It's time again to clean out those closets and jewelry boxes, ladies! The "New to You" sale is back for the 2013 State Convention!

Ways and Means is looking for the following items:
Jewelry, scarves, belts, handbags, as well as cocktail and formal attire.

It can be "gently" used or new, and you just never got around to wearing it, or "fell out of love" with it. In many cases, we all have great dresses; we just don't want to wear them anymore. Please make sure the clothing is sized. You can go to your room or the restroom to try on the clothing before purchasing.



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WAYS AND MEANS

Come shop MFWC
Ways and Means Table
at State Convention where
you will find MFWC Items
and many "Opportunities
to Own." We will be
looking for you!

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Juniorette Retreat ~ "One Wild Weekend" ~ July 28–29, 2012



***Home of GFWC-MFWC Past President
Carolyn Huey, Decatur, Mississippi***



***Visit to Mississippi Veterans Memorial
Cemetery, Newton, Mississippi***



***GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club's Delegation
to Southern Region Conference in Augusta, Georgia,
October 26-28, with Ann James, GFWC-Southern Region
President 2012-2014 and Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC
International President 2012-2014***



***2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC
President Suzanne Poynor
and Vice President Darlene
Adams in processional at
Southern Region Conference***



***GFWC Board of Directors' Meeting,
November 29–December 1, 2012,
Alexandria, Virginia
(Left to right) Ivous Sisk, GFWC-
MFWC Past President and 2012-
2014 WHRC Committee Member;
Suzanne Poynor, GFWC-MFWC
President 2012-2014; Mary Ellen
Laister, GFWC International
President 2012-2014; and
Becky Weber, GFWC Director of
Junior Clubs 2012-2014***

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GFWC-MFWC Summer Institute ~ July 14, 2012
Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf
Jackson, Mississippi