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October 23 – 26	Southern Region Conference, Pawley's Island, South Carolina
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January 1, 2015	Dues Deadline for reports to be eligible for judging
February 1	Deadline to postmark reports for judging Deadline to postmark Hebron Memorial Scholarship Applications Deadline to postmark Challenge Grant Applications
February 7	Deadline for submitting articles for <i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i> Magazine
February 10	Deadline to postmark MS LEADS Applications Deadline to postmark Clubwoman of the Year and Juniorette of the Year Nominations
February 13	Finance Committee Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS
February 14	Executive Board Meeting and Judging Day, Headquarters, Jackson, MS
February 15	Scrapbooks and Yearbooks due to District Books Chairman
February 28	District III Convention, Okolona
March 1	Deadline to postmark Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Applications (Juniorettes) Deadline for Club History Reports
March 7	District II Convention, Meridian, MS
March 14	District I Convention, Ellisville, MS
March 21	District V Convention, Meadville, MS
March 28	District IV Convention, Greenwood
April 23 – 25	117 th State Convention, Location TBA
June 1	Deadline to submit Jennie Award Nominations
June 13 – 15	GFWC International Convention and 125 th Anniversary Celebration, Memphis, TN

FRONT COVER - June Vaughn, 2012-2014 GFWC Southern Region Jennie Award Winner, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce; Tammie McCoy, 2012-2014 GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Committee Member and GFWC-MFWC Past President; Standing - Ivous Sisk, GFWC-MFWC WHRC Committee Member and GFWC-MFWC Past President; Suzanne Poynor, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President, Carolyn Huey, GFWC-MFWC Past President and GFWC-MFWC Jennie Award Chair; Ann James, 2012-2014 GFWC Southern Region President; Cynthia Geis, 2012-2014 GFWC Jennie Award Chair and 2014-2016 GFWC Southern Region Treasurer; Darlene Adams, GFWC-MFWC 2014-2016 President; Jo Anne Reid, 2014-2016 GFWC Southern Region Vice President and GFWC-MFWC Past President.

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**Message from 2014-2016
GFWC International President
Babs Condon**



To the most dedicated and generous women I know...my fellow Clubwomen:

Living the Volunteer Spirit is the epitome of our club work, and I have no doubt this phrase will carry us well into the future with the same passion, dedication and willingness to serve. I hope it will catapult us into the next phase of Federation work together.

When we take a moment to think about what the General Federation of Women's Clubs has done for this fine nation, it is a reminder that we have always asked the right question— related to that which was put forth by President John F. Kennedy, Jr. We do not ask what our country or our communities can do for us, but rather what we can do for our country, our communities, our clubs, and all of humankind.

I am honored, privileged, and excited to serve as your president during this momentous administration and to work with the highly talented and energized executive committee and leaders from across the country and around the globe. Because of the stellar work you do and the visionary ideas from all levels of our federation, I firmly believe this is the start of our next 125 years for GFWC. As we celebrate the past 125 years of our organization, we will pause to consider the amazing work that has been done. But ladies, we simply cannot stop there. We need to dream big, reach higher, and continue to serve selflessly.

It will come as no surprise to anyone that our Headquarters will be a focal point of this administration. This is not just about the building, but more aptly it is about our presence as a respected federation "living" and thriving in our nation's capital. It is but one aspect of who we are and one step toward our resurgence as THE preeminent women's organization in the country.

What you do as clubwomen is nothing short of spectacular. You see a need and instead of deciding how best to tell others about the problem, you work together to identify solutions and put those ideas into action. It is as our *Collect* suggests, as we "put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid." In this world of fault-finding and self-seeking, let us forget not to be altruistic. In this world of turbulence and economic challenge, let us forget not to be constructive. And in this world that we have helped shape and continue to contribute to so positively by living the volunteer spirit, let us forget not to be kind.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this amazing opportunity to serve as the 50th International President of GFWC. From Juniors, to Juniors, to General Clubwomen—we are one. We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Together, we are an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Together we are GFWC!

Yours in Federation,
Babs Condon
2014-2016 GFWC International President

**Message from 2014-2016
GFWC-MFWC President
Darlene C. Adams**



Dear Federation Friends,

It is my great pleasure to serve as your State President for this 2014-2016 Administration, with this administration's theme: **"Bringing Hope – Changing Lives."** MFWC brings hope through our Community Service Programs, our GFWC Signature Project "Domestic Violence" and our MFWC President's Special Project, the

American Cancer Society.

When our clubs across the state of Mississippi bring HOPE into their communities, lives will be CHANGED. Get involved, make a difference and report it. Let your voice and your actions be joined with women across our state and nation. Coming together as advocates for the common good, "Living the Volunteer Spirit" as one of the oldest women's volunteer organization. What a heritage we share, locally and internationally!

We have kicked off to a great start with our Summer Institute recently held in July. Combined with our Summer Board that morning, we had a full day filled with 24 workshops and 15 corporate presentations. With a host of executive board members, Gavel Club members and state officers, club representatives were equipped with GFWC and MFWC service opportunities. We also went back to basics, training new club officers and new state board members in their respective duties. By the number of attendees, we are headed in the right direction.

The following are a few goals I have set for this administration:

- Fund Development - I would like each member to support the newly formed Fund Development Committee. This committee will develop a strategic plan for raising funds to assist our MFWC budget and seek grants. This committee will have a fundraiser once a year and shall request each member to purchase at least one item to keep or sell. This committee will also encourage members to sign up and shop at Kroger's and look for similar programs.
- Leadership - The next goal is to equip our members to grow into leadership roles in their clubs, districts and on the state level. We will do this by creating pre-recorded WEBINARS and post on the website for members to view. You can show this at your meetings or have your members view at the convenience of their homes. We will also offer a LEADS workshop for a full day.
- Communication – The next goal is to attempt to visit every club in our state within these next two years. Through this effort, we will build relationships, discover club needs and assist, share knowledge and encourage leadership.
- Registration – With our society becoming more adapted to online purchasing, the next goal would be to investigate the possibility of offering an option to pay registration and meals for MFWC meetings and State Convention online. Many other nonprofits are moving in this direction and our own GFWC offers convenient online payment. We will see if this is feasible and cost effective for our organization.

Throughout these next two years, I encourage each club to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, the President's Special Project. All monies will be designated to stay in Mississippi. I would love to visit your club and share how



this all came about. "Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight" for that loved one in your family struggling with cancer, or in memory of the one that lost their life to this disease.

In closing, remember, in a world that says, "give up," HOPE whispers, "let's try one more time."

My dear, sweet friends – Let us try one more time, "Bringing Hope – Changing Lives." I look forward to visiting with you soon.

In federation spirit,
Darlene

GFWC-MFVC President-elect Sheila "Tinker" Forrester



It is my great pleasure to be able to serve as your president-elect for the next two years. I am excited to be able to tell you that our GFVC theme for 2014-2016 is *A Proud Past and a Promising Future With Friends*. What better way to increase our MFVC membership than by simply asking those people, our friends, that we already have a connection with to be a part of something that is near and dear to us all – Volunteerism.

Now, if you are like me, many of your friends might already be involved in club work with you, but what about those others in your community that aren't a member of your club? Have you ever thought about the fact that maybe no one has ever asked them to be a part of your organization? That happened to me with one of our newest members in my home club. She was interested in joining but didn't know 'how'. All I had to do was simply ask if she would like to join. Ta Dah! A member who has jumped in with both feet while pushing her sleeves up in midair! Granted, I realize that it isn't going to always be that easy; however, you won't ever know unless you try.

I do hope that your club will have had representatives at Summer Institute and will have received a glimpse of the bigger picture with information that I will have provided. If you haven't been on the GFVC website to look at the 2014-2016 GFVC Club Manual I encourage you to do this now!

Alas, if you did not and have not, all is not lost. As part of my commitment to serve as your president-elect for the next two years, I have committed myself to be at your service as your GFVC-MFVC Membership Chairman. In saying that, I am telling you that I am but an email or phone call away. I am committed to doing whatever I need to do to help you develop ideas that will help to increase your local membership, which in turn will help MFVC grow as well!

Feel free to email (tinksdaisies@aol.com) or call (662-312-1532) me with any questions or concerns that I may be able to help you with!

GFWC-MFVC Vice President Becky Wright



What an honor it is for me to serve as your GFVC-MFVC Vice President as we begin "Bringing Hope—Changing Lives!" Building off a revamped system in 2012-2014, the 2014-2016 Administration is presenting an easier and more proficient process to gather important GFVC-MFVC statistical information.

1. **Remember that clubs no longer report directly to GFVC.**
2. **Our MFVC Clubs will report using our own report form** that is tailored to our needs but also in accordance with the GFVC Statistical Form. Individual

reports under a cover sheet will include up to two pages single space narrative and three pages of supportive material. The club president will send all copies of cover and narrative to **Darlene C. Adams, GFVC-MFVC President, 3004 The Woods Road, Picayune, MS 39466** and all copies of cover, narrative and supportive material to **Becky Wright, Vice President, 81 CR 281, Banner, MS 38913**. Reports should be postmarked by February 1, 2015, for work done during 2014. Dues must be paid before January 1, 2015, in order to be judged.

3. **There will be ONE GFVC chairman for each of the six GFVC Community Service Programs. However, MFVC will have a Community Service Program Chairman and a Community Service Program Partnership Chairman for each of the six GFVC Community Service Programs.** There will, therefore, be a MFVC CSP Report and a Partnership report for each of the six Community Service Programs, with a compilation of the two being reported to GFVC by each MFVC CSP Chair. There will also be one chairman with one report for each of the five Advancement Areas, and the Special Projects (GFVC, MFVC and Junior Projects).
4. **The MFVC Report Form will be two pages.** Page one includes GFVC Special Projects and Community Service Programs and Partnerships. The statistics for each specific partnership will be detailed. Page two includes the GFVC Advancement Areas (5), Fundraising, and MFVC Special Projects. The cover sheet for each narrative should include only the information for that specific report.
5. **The club president will fill out both pages to include all club report statistics, which** will provide the statistics for the MFVC President to report on the GFVC Statistical Report Form. Remember that the online report form will add up the columns.
6. **Please note that Money is described four different ways in the total on the final page.** *Dollars donated* and *in-kind donations* are in Special Projects and CS Programs; *Dollars spent* are in Advancement Areas; and *Dollars raised* are in Fundraising. All are totaled separately and are each defined at the bottom of the second page.
7. Remember that **Reporting guidelines have changed for State Chairmen.** Only the GFVC President fills out a GFVC Statistical Form. There are two cover sheets that state chairmen should use to accompany the narratives and send to their GFVC Counterpart.
 - a. **State Award Entry** will include up to two pages describing no more than ten specific projects completed by clubs that have made the most impact on the community or club for consideration for GFVC Awards for each of the two Special Projects, one for each of the six Community Service Programs, and one for each of the six Advancement Areas. One additional page, single spaced, will describe the activities at the State Federation level initiated and organized by the state or chairman.
 - b. **Club Creativity Award Entry** will be a one-page narrative of the most creative project by one club for consideration for the \$50 creativity award in each of the two Special Projects, one for each of the six Community Service Programs, and one for each of the six Advancement Areas. The State Chairman is responsible for completing the cover sheet and attaching it to the narrative that she rewrites.

I am looking forward to getting wild with the new administrative changes as we fight to the finish in February!

**GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary
Nancy Griffin**



I am honored to serve as your GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary for the Adams Administration. I trust I live up to the tasks that you have given me in electing me to this office for 2014-2016. The success of this biennium will depend on every MFWC clubmember in every local club. During the next two years we will be "wild" living the volunteer spirit.

I do not want to offend any of you with my Southern dialect, so please let me know if I do not pronounce your name properly. I can only correct it if you bring it to my attention. I have a request/reminder for all officers, chairmen, and any others giving reports at meetings. You should turn in a written report of your verbal report to me so that it will become a part of the minutes.

Thank you for the privilege to work with you as GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary. Let's get WILD! WILD! WILD!

**GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
Diane Rouse**



The **2014-2105 MFWC DUES FORM** is included in this issue of your *Mississippi Clubwoman*. Your club must use this form and not previous years' forms when mailing in dues.

PLEASE NOTE: As voted on by delegates at the 2014 State Convention, there is a \$5 per member dues increase for 2014-15 which is reflected on the dues form.

Also please remember to attach one (1) copy of your club roster in alphabetical order with names, mailing addresses, email addresses and phone numbers to the dues form you submit.

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 \$30 for general members/\$25 for juniorettes to my attention: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073

Personal and club donations are always appreciated and may be mailed to me at any time during the year to honor someone. An appropriate card will be mailed to the honoree or her family as an acknowledgment of these gifts.

**GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian
Judy Martin**



As we begin a new year of clubwork, I encourage you to review your club's bylaws and standing rules. For every club or organization, these are your most basic rules for conducting your work and resolving conflicts. Each Club President should become familiar with your club's bylaws and standing rules. These documents should also be made available to every member (whether electronically, or in the yearbook, or as a printed handout).

Proper club governance is only possible if every member knows and understands the applicable rules. In addition, regular review of your club's bylaws and standing rules is necessary to make sure that your club's practices and your

rules are in conformity. If the practice and the rule are in conflict, then it is imperative for clubs to conform the practice to the rule OR change the rule to reflect the current practice. I will be happy to advise any club on the implementation/modification of bylaws and standing rules, if requested.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Parliamentarian. If I can assist you or your club in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Are you following the GFWC-MFWC on social media or using our award winning website? Yes, Ladies, the GFWC-MFWC is on the internet. If you want to keep up with what is happening in the Federation, just "Like US" on facebook. Our facebook address is

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/GFWC-Mississippi-Federation-of-Womens-Clubs-Inc/155818214452373>. Once you have "Liked US" be sure to click on the 6 to the right of "Liked" and make sure that "Get Notifications" is ü. This way you will be sure to get all our posting in your new feed. We are also on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/MSFWC> (MS Women's Clubs).

If you need information on anything GFWC-MFWC, then you need to check out our website at www.gfwc-mfwc.org. Everything from Who We Are to Deadlines to Events can be found on our website. The new GFWC and GFWC-MFWC manuals are available for downloading.

If you would like to be on our mass communication email list for even faster GFWC-MFWC updates, please email me at laharris@hughes.net. I will need your name and your club's name with a message to indicate that you want to be on our emailing list.

Help spread the word that the GFWC-MFWC is going **GREEN** this year.

**GFWC-MFWC Historian
Susan Shurden**



Please help our organization preserve its heritage by submitting your club's history each year. The histories are combined and bound in book form and placed at State Headquarters so that they will be preserved. This is a valuable tool for anyone wishing to research an individual club or MFWC in the future. It is important that every club send in its history. Certificates will be given at State Convention to those clubs that do send in a history.

Complete the two page printable or fillable Club History Report Form available on the GFWC-MFWC website MFWC Forms page. In addition to the form, a concise narrative (no more than one page) may be added describing outstanding programs and/or projects of your club year. Do not include photographs. Please do not fold, staple, or punch holes as your actual report will be bound into the state's history book for the year.

The Club History Report Form must be postmarked by March 1 of each calendar year. Please note: if the postmark deadline for an application/form falls on a Sunday, the application/form **MUST** be postmarked by the prior Saturday.

Mail/email completed Club History Report Form to Susan Shurden, GFWC-MFWC Historian, 160 Blythe Creek Road, Mathiston, MS 39752 or sshurden@foundation.msstate.edu. A copy of the report should also be mailed/emailed to Darlene C. Adams, GFWC-MFWC President, 3004 The Woods Road, Picayune, MS 39466 or darleneadams@bellsouth.net.

GFWC-MFWC Junioresettes
Brooke McCarty, Junioresette Director



The enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment of our young women are very contagious, and it is a tremendous honor to be asked to serve this talent as state Junioresette Director. While I do not feel qualified to hold this position, I am so thankful to our former director Mandy Laiche for her outstanding leadership over the past four years and for the support she has endlessly provided. I am also appreciative to those of you who have promised to hold my hand as I gain the knowledge needed to serve our clubs.

The Junioresettes of our Federation are tomorrow's General clubmembers and community volunteers, and my goal is to be an energetic encourager so that these wonderful young women will want to continue to share their gifts through volunteerism and will also want to transition from Junioresette membership to General club membership.

I am looking forward to visiting with all our Junioresette clubs. I hope to be able to attend meetings and events and witness first-hand the wonderful projects being done to make our communities and our world a better place.

This year's Junioresette Retreat was a blast, and I was blessed to be able to make friends with some of our great members! Junioresettes from Waynesboro, Fulton, and Meadville attended along with four advisors. Special guests included GFWC-MFWC President Darlene C. Adams; President-elect Sheila Forrester; Media/Communication & Technology Coordinator Lisa Harris; Immediate Past President Suzanne Poynor, and Rhonda Hood and Missy Warren from Waynesboro's Present Day Club.

A huge thank you to Carolyn Huey for hosting this retreat and letting us use her barn and pool. The lovely Sunday Service was indeed special with the beautiful worship music by Ada McGrevey and Carolyn Huey. Also, special thanks to Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, Present Day Club of Union, Present Day Club of Waynesboro, Florentine Evening Club, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, and Lynn Harris of Raleigh Woman's Club for providing the delicious meals and snacks. Thank you to the Homochitto Heritage Club for the generous cash donation to help cover the expense of the blanket craft the Junioresettes made during the retreat for cancer patients.

I am *wild* about the opportunity to advance Mississippi Junioresettes as we join forces to bring hope and change lives!

District Presidents' Reports

District I – Sherri Reid



As we begin this fall of 2014 I hope each club in District I is preparing each meeting with enthusiasm, excitement, and vigor. Every year I enjoy listening to each club president list the items their clubs work on each year. Now is the time to use those great ideas we heard from others at District and State Conventions and Summer Institute.

I look forward to any and all invitations to visit District I club meetings throughout the year. That will give me the perfect opportunity to hear and experience firsthand those great projects that you report each year!

District I is also so proud of supporting our own MFWC State President Darlene Adams and MFWC Secretary Nancy Griffin. I know they will lead our State with great commitment and finesse.

District I will "Get WILD to Finish the Fight" against Cancer with President Darlene's Special Project. We cannot wait to see what great and creative projects all clubs in our District and State will come up with over the next two years to support her fight against all Cancer.

District II – Theresa Buntyn



This fall we begin our new club year for 2014-2016 under the new administration of President Darlene Adams. I am both honored and privileged to serve as your District II President. I look forward to working with your elected and appointed officers and chairmen as we serve District II for 2014-2016. They are as follows: Susan Shurden, Sue McMurtry, Ada McGrevey, Melissa Carleton, Coreen VanDevender, Jo Anne Reid, Tommye Rosenbaum, Betty Purvis, Jennifer Mize, Merita Cherry, Dorothy Thomas, and Pam Keith. District II is grateful for previous leadership that has left our district strong and viable. I have already had opportunities to visit some of the clubs in our district and look forward to visiting or volunteering with all of the other clubs in the district.

We are excited that two of our club ladies are serving in GFWC leadership roles this year. They are Sheila "Tinker" Forrester, our new President-elect for GFWC-MFWC and Jo Anne Reid, Vice President for GFWC Southern Region. We congratulate these ladies and pledge our support.

I encourage District II clubwomen to continue to work on projects which will strengthen our communities and enhance the lives of others. We look forward to "Get WILD to Finish the Fight" against Cancer with President Darlene Adams' Special Project. I know our District II club ladies will participate in many projects and volunteer countless hours to ensure this fight is won!

Please always feel free to contact me for suggestions, questions, or any type of assistance. My contact information is tbuntyn81@sta-home.com, phone number 601-635-4714 or cell number 601-562-6547. Let's continue to Live the Volunteer Spirit!

District III – Abby May



As I write this article, I ponder what I am to tell you, District III, and the only thing I can think of is You are the Greatest in a Great Organization in a Great State in this Great Nation.

Saying that, I know this magazine issue is just a check list of what you are planning for the upcoming Club year. I expect it to be a wonderful year and full of volunteer service for the betterment of your community and state. I know you will fulfill GFWC-MFWC President Darlene C. Adams's theme for her administration "Bringing Hope – Changing Lives" by "Living the Volunteer Spirit." And you know "Let's Get WILD to Finish the Fight", GFWC-MFWC President Adams' President's Special Project, has District III written all over it.

I would love the opportunity to see and visit you this club year. I am honored to be your District President and look forward to serving District III and I can't wait to celebrate and *party* because of your accomplishments.

District IV – Ella Cronin



The Ninety-Eighth District IV Convention was held in the First United Methodist Church of Cleveland on March 1, 2014. We enjoyed the hospitality of the EPHIC Woman's Club in Cleveland, the host club, and breakfast by the Cleveland Woman's Club. Nationally known chef and successful TV competitor David Crews from Mississippi Delta Community College prepared lunch for all 59 members who registered. The Batesville Woman's Club was named *Cub of the Year*. Hettie Burnett, member of the Batesville Woman's Club, was selected *Clubwoman of the Year*.

Collectively, the six clubs in District IV provided outstanding community service during 2013. Summary data presented at the Convention are impressive: 91 members, 275 projects, 20,269 volunteer hours, \$7,221 donated, \$25,478 in-kind donation, raised \$14,266, and spent \$10,098. In addition, there were 20 MFWC Special Projects with 7,447 volunteer hours and \$320 donated. We certainly met our State President's challenge: *Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating the Present—Freedom to Volunteer*.

For 2014-15, ladies let's have a great year celebrating our successes, giving valued community service, and promoting GFWC-MFWC benefits and contributions both locally and nationally. We will have our 2015 District IV Convention in Greenwood to meet, greet, and eat; share information; listen and interact with state officers; give awards to outstanding members and clubs; and exhibit our work for the year. The new State President's challenge focuses on cancer; *Let's get WILD to finish the fight! Bringing Hope—Changing Lives*.

The date for the District Convention will be distributed to clubs after the summer Executive Board meeting.

As we begin a new administration for 2014-16, it is my pleasure to serve as your District IV President. I want all clubs to know I am just a phone call or email away. Please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help and/or come to your club events: 662-843-5053 and elladcronin@gmail.com.

District V – Melba Watkins



As District V President 2014-2016 serving with President Darlene Adams administration it is my pleasure to be working along with some outstanding clubwomen. The women involved in District V have shown throughout the years that they are truly volunteer spirited women. They go to great lengths serving their communities, their state and indeed, their "World" to help give all citizens a better life. When one sees positive change in a community one doesn't need to look far to find clubwomen who have been instrumental in that change.

During the next two years District V will be served by a group of selfless volunteers who have taken the challenge **"Let's get 'WILD' to finish the fight!" Bringing Hope...Changing Lives**. I appreciate their stepping up and taking this opportunity to make a difference, and I look forward to our two years together.

Let me say a huge "thank you" to the 2014-2016 District V Officers and Appointed Chairmen: Lisa Harris, Belinda Peacher, Pam Smith, Annette Ainsworth, Phyllis Whittington, Cindy Holcomb, Lynn Smith, Dana Carol Bridges, Debbie Hamilton, Theresa Berryhill, Jeannie Pittman, Mary Edmond, Annajeral Knight and Rowena Drinkwater. **THIS "WILD" GROUP IS READY FOR THE FIGHT.**

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

MFWC President's Special Project: Bringing Hope – Changing Lives "Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight!"

Abby May, Chair



Want to do a lot of good with a little of your time? "Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight"!

GFWC-MFWC President Darlene C. Adams' Special Project is the American Cancer Society. It is personal and it touches home. President Adams and Committee members Tommye Rosenbaum, Tammie Harris and Frances Brown, along with a number of you, are cancer survivors.

We want to know your story - if you are a survivor or if a loved one is - if you are on the journey now or a loved one is. Please send us a picture and let us know.

One of the emphases of this administration will be raising funds toward an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, a place where cancer patients and their caregivers can find help and hope when home is far away. Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows guests to focus on getting well. Hope Lodge provides a nurturing home-like environment where guests can retreat to private rooms or connect with others. It offers a variety of resources and information about cancer and how best to fight the disease.

You are encouraged to get involved in your community's Relay for Life or if your community does not have one, join a neighboring community's or organize one. Or just organize a fundraiser to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society. Grow your hair or have someone else grow theirs and donate to Locks for Love. Do something special for someone going through cancer - drive them to treatments or doctor's appointments. Support the caregivers - volunteer to sit with someone so the caregiver can have a break. Run errands, prepare a meal or a sweet, or send a card.

Share lifesaving prevention and detection messages with your local community. Tell your lawmakers why increased cancer research funding is important. Cancer thrives on silence. Make some noise by taking action.

You can even make healthy choices - exercise regularly, eat a healthy diet, avoid tobacco and get cancer screenings/tests. Yes! We want to hear all about it.

Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight! American Cancer Society's 5 Reasons to Fight:

1. You Believe We Can Beat This Disease.
You have a personal reason for taking action - a parent, spouse, friend, child, yourself!
2. You Can See It's Working.
Because there has been a 20 percent drop in cancer death rates. That means 1.2 million lives have been saved from cancer!
3. You Know Cancer Hates Noise.
Silence won't finish the fight, only action will!
4. You're Ready to Put Us Out of Business.
Cancer has transformed from deadly to treatable. The American Cancer Society has played a role in nearly every cancer research breakthrough, helping create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.
5. We've Probably Helped Someone You Know.

American Cancer Society has helped millions of cancer patients and their families stay strong throughout their journey – whether a free ride, a place to stay, support 24-7, or guidance. American Cancer Society has a century of experience being a responsible, responsive, and innovative organization while raising nearly all of its money through private donations.

We challenge you that these reasons be yours. Together we are “Bringing Hope – Changing Lives.”

The American Cancer Society www.cancer.org

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Mississippi Public Broadcasting Donna Hutchings, Chair



MFWC continues to encourage club members to support Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Our support dates back to 1968, when we played a most important role in the activation of educational television. For this initial support and extensive support throughout the years, we can take great pride. MFWC's support has been a vital part of bringing hope and changing lives through leadership, monetary donations, time and talent donations, soliciting and securing support from elected officials, distribution of information concerning programs to be broadcast, volunteer readers, providing publicity for local media outlets, and support for special programs such as Between the Lions.

It is now vital that MFWC joins with MPB to continue the fight to the finish in a period of limited funding. Our club members can play an important role in this endeavor by making a concerted effort to encourage the clubs to make a contribution to MPB in the name of the club as well as encouraging individual membership and encouraging other organizations to make MPB a part of their benevolent budgets.

Please include your club's monetary contributions on the 2014-2016 Dues form, plan club programs and individual activities to support MPB, and report your involvement on the MPB Reporting Form that can be printed from the MFWC website gfwc-mfwc.org. MPB is truly a gift to be treasured and should be supported by all Mississippians.

Hebron Memorial Scholarship Audie Smith, Chair



The Hebron Memorial Scholarship Committee is again asking for your support. We are beginning a new administration for clubs to support our annual scholarship established many years ago in honor of our first MFWC president, Elizabeth Hebron. It benefits a female undergraduate or graduate attending a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning. The annual scholarship is a grant of up to \$1,000 and is supported by voluntary contributions. The only way we can ensure the scholarship continues is through monetary gifts from clubs each year. We ask each club to donate a minimum of \$10. If you wish to give more, please feel free to do so!

There is a line on the 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC DUES FORM for you to list your contribution. Remember the postmark deadline for ladies wishing to send in an application is February 1, 2015. Guidelines can be found in the MFWC Manual and on the MFWC Website at www.gfwc-mfwc.org.

GFWC-MFWC Headquarters Pam Smith, Chair



How can we say **THANKS** to Teenie Boone for the many years of service, sacrifice of time, and personal dedication she has given to our Mississippi Federated Woman's Club Headquarters? She will be a VERY hard “act” to follow, indeed. We have a good team volunteering to continue in the traditions of maintenance, management, and service.

Sandra Hales-Boyd from the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club will be instrumental in assisting me with the oversight of the MFWC Headquarters. Suzanne Poynor, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President, will serve as Hostess Extraordinaire. Of course, all the committee members will be needed to assist on a regular basis.

For those of you who did not get to meet our new tenant at the Winter Board Meeting and Judging Day in February, she is Julie Waddle, now a second year Medical Student at UMC. Her Mother, Cindy Stewart Smith, is a former Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship winner of many years ago. We hope to enjoy Julie's company for several years while she attends Medical School.

REMINDER: Please contribute to the “**1935 Society**” in this next Club year's budget. Staying current with the maintenance and repairs of our beautiful and historical MFWC Headquarters is so very important. Plan to have a club meeting at the MFWC Headquarters and/or tour this next year. Just give me a call. Thanks for allowing me this privilege.

State Institutions Jeannie Pittman, Chair



A huge thank you to everyone for the joy you bring to the patients at the State Hospitals and the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf!

The Christmas Parties you give at the hospitals are so much fun and the amazing gifts you bring are a hit. Your efforts in judging Christmas Parades and your help with Santa Day are much appreciated.

You support the arts project the patients do by attending Serendipity at MS State Hospital and by buying their beautiful work.

You are members of The Friends of MS State Hospital, serve on the Board, and one member is treasurer of fund raising. MFWC members enjoy working the jewelry sales and all fund raisers at the Hospital.

Members have great ideas for raising money. They play Jeopardy and ask questions about the hospital; they play Bunko; they have auctions. So lets Get Wild and think of great ideas to raise money!!

A special thank you to the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind for allowing us to have our MFWC Board Meeting and Summer Institute at their beautiful facility. It was a delightful day.

**Ways & Means
Annajarel Knight, Chair**



With great pleasure, I will serve as your state Ways and Means Chairman for 2014-2016 President Darlene Adams' term.

The MFWC PSP Ways and Means are going "wild" with new items to purchase!

We are working really hard to stay in line with Darlene's 2014-2016 theme "Bringing Hope-Changing Lives." We wish to highlight the "change" in changing.

Some of the ways we will focus on "change" are by selling:

- Small change purses for yourself and happies for others.
- We have a "Hog Wild Piggy Bank Challenge" – a bank to purchase and fill with change until State Convention where the banks will be turned in and counted to reveal the challenge winner.
- We will have a "Change Jar" set up at the Ways and Means table so you can empty your change into the jar.

We will have the following items ready for sale. Look for them online, give us a call, and we will get them to you.

- We have a (Nylon-Knit-Ladies Fit) t-shirt with the 2014-2016 PSP logo, "Let's get Wild to Finish the Fight."
- Tea Towels with logo
- Note cards with logo
- Decorative MFWC emblem ornament with the 2014-2016 theme "Bringing Hope-Changing Lives"
- Cheese ball/dip packets

And there will always be "wild" opportunities to own at each event.

Committee members are: Jana Jarrell – Gulfport, Karan Hardin-Nestor – Bruce, and Melba Watkins – Star.

**Challenge Grant
Phyllis Whittington, Chair**



The Challenge Grant is awarded to a teacher from the State of Mississippi that will use the money to benefit her students with Learning Disabilities. It could range from \$50 to \$300. It must be used in the classroom to purchase additional supplies, implement new programs, buy advanced technology, etc.

Do you have a teacher in your area that could benefit from this Grant? Think about your school district, and then give a most deserving teacher the Challenge Grant form to complete. The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from a school official and one from one member of the local GFWC-MFMC sponsoring club. It must be postmarked by February 1st to be judged. Mail the completed Grant application with the two letters of recommendation to Phyllis Whittington at 5315 Berrytown Road SE, Meadville, MS 39653

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



Congratulations to Brookelyn Walden of Booneville on being selected as the 2014 winner of the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship! Brookelyn has been a member of the Booneville Juniors Club since 10th grade and has logged more than 300 hours of community service during her high school career. She plans to become a nurse anesthetist. 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-MFMC Juniors clubmember who will be graduating from high school in the same year. Applications should be made to GFWC-MFMC President Darlene Adams before March 1 of each year. Mail applications to her at 3004 The Woods Road, Picayune, MS, 39466. The winner will be notified at least one week prior to the GFWC-MFMC 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-MFMC Juniors 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 Juniors Club activities including all awards and positions of leadership.
- g. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFMC sponsoring club advisor to the Juniors Club in which the applicant holds membership.
- h. A letter of recommendation from the GFWC-MFMC sponsoring club president.

Please call or email me if I can be of assistance to you. You may contact me at 662-719-4900 or sahilburn@cableone.net.

Community Service Programs

**GFWC Signature Project: Domestic
Violence Awareness and Prevention
Amy Jacobs, Chair**



Our one voice as GFWC-MFMC members is to increase awareness and prevention of the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. It is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one to gain control or maintain power over another. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and purple is the statement color. In the past, our clubs have been very active in producing great results with said projects. I ask each to continue to fulfill your commitment in your community. Please take the time to contact your shelter and ask about their needs. Don't forget that this subject stretches into abuse awareness for the elderly and into teen relationships.

Write an article for your local paper about dating abuse. Distribute purple ribbons and pamphlets at the local high school. Create a fund to purchase videos on dating violence for the local school and community libraries. Engage public attention, enlist public support, and generate activity and involvement at a grassroots level by observing holidays such as Older Americans Month in May, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April. Refer to the 2014-2016 GFWC Club Manual for other project ideas.

*"Do all the good you can by all the means you can."
--- John Wesley*

**GFWC Juniors' Special Project:
Advocates for Children
Lisa Beech McGloflin, Chair**



The GFWC Juniors' Special Project, Advocates for Children, was adopted to give clubs statewide an opportunity to participate in projects that benefit children of all ages. Club advocates protect children by working to ensure children are protected from harmful situations, encourage healthy physical

and emotional lifestyles, and impact policy to improve children's lives.

Program and project ideas are endless, but can include addressing issues such as feeding hungry children, foster care, child passenger safety, bullying, teen violence, and increasing self-esteem. Clubs can volunteer with backpack feeding programs in local schools, support local food pantries and food banks, encourage family involvement in children's education, raise awareness about the effects of bullying, provide equipment and funding for local emergency service personnel, and support drug abuse prevention programs.

Members can volunteer at schools or day care centers by reading to children, learn about Internet safety and how social media tools affect our youth, encourage positive physical activity by volunteering with schools and parks, and learn about childhood diseases, prevention possibilities, and treatments. Clubs can educate clubmembers and others about the importance of foster care and the need for quality, professional foster parents. They can help teens who are in transition due to aging out of foster care as well as promote projects that teach teens about responsible driving habits.

To raise awareness for GFWC's child advocacy efforts, GFWC has declared the week of October 24 as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. All GFWC clubs are invited to participate by planning events related to the Juniors Special Project. Try a new project or a previously successful one. It's up to you! Consider your club's interests and community needs.

GFWC is partnering with March of Dimes again this administration. As a partner, MOD can offer unique and customized services, materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. Learn about ways to promote prematurity awareness in November and to participate in the annual March for Babies walking events.

Check out the information available at gfwc.org under the Advocates for Children Program about the opportunity to contribute to the "Roosevelt Legacy Society" in honor of the 75th Anniversary of March of Dimes. MFWC clubs are asked to encourage each clubmember to donate \$1.00 and include those contributions designated to the "Roosevelt Legacy Society" on your 2014-2015 Dues Form. A \$1,000 contribution from MFWC will make it possible for MFWC's name to be engraved on the FDR Legacy Wall.

Why does March of Dimes matter? Because we all know babies and families affected by premature birth, birth defects, and infant death. Our babies deserve better! With your participation, more women will have full-term pregnancies and more babies will begin healthy lives. And if something goes wrong, the March of Dimes offers information and comfort to families. GFWC and March of Dimes have worked together on improving the health of babies for over 70 years. Let's work together for moms, babies, and families. For information on how to support March of Dimes feel free to contact me at lisa.mcgloflin@gmail.com or visit www.marchofdimes.org.

ARTS

Meri Ford Newell, Program Chair



The arts enhance and embellish our lives in countless ways. GFWC challenges us to promote and support arts activities in all communities. As MFWC clubwomen, we have an opportunity to help school children see the world through an artist's eyes, create scholarships that foster future composers and performers, and sponsor writing contests that inspire a new generation of amazing Mississippi authors and poets. We promote and attend local theater and dance performances and concerts and provide volunteer assistance at a variety of events. There are so many ways that we can be the face of arts volunteerism; we need to think creatively to see how to best serve our communities, our schools, and our wonderful state of Mississippi.

As your Arts Community Service Projects chair, I have a community service project idea to suggest to you. All Relay for Life sites in each community have an overall theme. Many use this theme on tee shirts to sell as fundraisers for Relay teams. Why not coordinate with your local Relay organizers to sponsor an art contest in your local middle or high schools to design the site logo? This contest would promote visual arts in your schools and spread the mission of Relay for Life in your community.

If you need help at any time with ideas for arts community service projects and implementations, please contact me at meri.newell@jcc.edu.

CONSERVATION

**Mary Ethridge, Program Chair
Elizabeth Froshe, Partnership Chair**



Our natural resources are among our most precious treasures. Through this service program GFWC members gain an appreciation for our environment and become educated about the importance of preserving, maintaining .and restoring natural resources by encouraging and leading citizen action groups/programs to address these concerns. Conservation plans may include topics such as recycling, tree planting, proper care for domesticated animals, food sources, and community gardens. For a complete list please refer to the GFWC Club Manual: www.GFWC.org/ClubManual and go to Conservation Community Service Program section.

GFWC is partnering for a second year with Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees). ACTrees is a national nonprofit organization founded to improve the environment where more than 90 percent of America's population lives—cities, towns, and metropolitan areas. In 1993, its founders shared a vision of a verdant, healthy, functioning urban environment supported by a broad base of community residents who value trees as part of their community's infrastructure. Today, ACTrees is a growing national network of more than 250 member and program partner organizations. As one of these organizations, GFWC members are encouraged to be involved in community greening, stewardship of their community trees, public environmental education, policymaking, and other activities which engage residents in growing and sustaining tree canopy and our urban groves and forests.

To better assist you in determining projects/programs for your club members please refer to the GFWC Club Manual for ideas from other clubs or get creative and start your own Conservation project that fits the area where you live! Also, check out the Awards that GFWC presents to state clubs for their creativity and involvement in Conservation.

Good Luck and let us continue to do our good works for this amazing planet on which we are blessed to live!

EDUCATION

Vera Beech, Program Chair



Education opens doors to a new life of opportunities for our youth as well as those returning to school, whether it is in a degree program or a self-improvement course. Aren't we learning and expanding our knowledge our whole life? Each time we pick up a book to read, we are acquiring some insight into another step into the world of knowledge and learning. This is one huge way we may eventually make a difference in our lives, communities, and the world.

Scholarships! The more scholarships we give, the more opportunities others have to make a meaningful contribution to their communities. Education can assist in the goal to end poverty, attain a better job, improve their quality of life, and create a better world. We are asking that clubs report every scholarship or donation they have made to improve Education. We know that there are many clubs that don't realize how much of an impact we can make when we share how we give back in our community. Most MFWC Clubs give scholarships, big or small. Please share that with us. Size doesn't matter because when we add this to the grand total across the country, you will be amazed at how much it can accumulate.

Combining the amount we give through scholarships is one of the goals in the Education Program area. MFWC clubs do not toot their horns enough. We need to brag and share. That means share some of the creative ways you raise those funds to give the scholarships as well.

Program ideas are endless. Consider projects that help people overcome learning disabilities; support your library; promote literacy; mentor young people; and encourage lifelong learning.

Below is a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs can support the Education Community Service Program.

- Examine the factors in your community that may affect literacy levels, such as:
 - Existence of learning disabilities
 - Prevalence of English as a second language
 - Formal education terminated early
 - Visual difficulties or physical or mental conditions that inhibit learning
- Educate your club and community on the local and national literacy levels.
- Hold a "How to Use the Library" program for local students and English as a second language (ESL) and English as a foreign language (EFL) students.
- Offer scholarships to local high school students.
- Host events at and in conjunction with your local library and/or literary council, including sponsoring a speaker or author, holding craft sessions, or planning read aloud experiences for children.
- Celebrate library card sign-up month annually in September by encouraging community members to apply for library cards.

- Identify and recruit qualified adults as potential tutors from among club members and the community at large. Pair them with tutor training opportunities in your community.
- Recruit tutors by distributing brochures at libraries, grocery stores, malls, athletic clubs, and other community locations.
- Start a local book club for club members and community members.
- Apply for a GFWC Focus on Literacy Grant to fund a literacy program in your community.
- Hold a fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the GFWC Disaster Relief-Library Replenishment Fund.

Penny Barr, Partnership Chair



Presently there is one GFWC-MFWC Education partner for the 2014-2016 administration. Other partners may be added during the administration, so be sure to check for updates on the GFWC or MFWC website, News & Notes, and GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) inspires and develops our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. Annually, more than 10,000 high school students from around the world participate in HOBY programs such as State Leadership Seminars, World Leadership Congress, or Advanced Leadership Academy. Students return from HOBY as changed leaders, equipped with advanced leadership training, self-awareness, and the motivation to make a positive difference in their community. More than 4,000 committed volunteers plan, fundraise, and produce HOBY programs. GFWC's support and volunteers have been critical to thousand of HOBY ambassadors over the decades.

Mississippi hosts a three day HOBY Leadership Seminar for high school sophomores at Millsaps College in late spring. Registration opens in September. Consider getting yourself and your club involved to provide the HOBY experience to students. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as getting in touch with your local high school to sponsor a student, providing a goody bag and other support to a local attendee, inviting a sponsored student to speak at your club meeting, providing in-kind gifts, and volunteering at a HOBY event.

For more information, see your 2014-2016 GFWC Club Manual and visit www.hoby.org.

Let's "get wild" for HOBY and help some awesome young people begin their leadership journey!

HOME LIFE

Sue Addy, Program Chair



GFWC Home Life Community Service Program is designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering.

Program ideas are endless.

- Learn the basic facts about **gynecologic cancer**.
- Assess and quantify specific **needs of local citizens**.
- Research problems in your community that are largely unaddressed, and **identify those who are underserved**.
- Plan programs on **women's heart health**.
- Organize or participate in **health fairs and forums**.
- Create a resource list of local **women's clinics and health centers**.

- **Promote healthy self-esteem** and self-worth.
- Incorporate **fitness activities** into your club activities.
- Organize **financial workshops** for women.
- Work with **local food banks and homeless shelters**.
- Partner with a **local nursing home or mental health facility** to enhance the quality of life for the elderly and disabled.
- Work **with local agencies** that provide supportive services to the homeless and mentally challenged by volunteering at fundraisers and local events.
- Organize **clothing drives**.

Because we are **WILD about Finishing the Fight** during this administration, the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program should have top priority on the list of community service projects for your club. Every project that you do for the MFWC President's Special Project can be cross reported in the Home Life CSP. Our goals are for every club to participate in a Relay for Life Campaign to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, to raise funds for the construction of a Hope Lodge for cancer patients, and to assist cancer patients in our communities in any way possible. The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) has countless suggestions to assist you in meeting these goals.

Let's do our best during these two years to improve the quality of life in our homes one project at a time.

Glenda Tarver, Partnership Chair



GFWC-MFWC Home Life Partners: **Canine Companions for Independent Living, Easter Seals, The Heart Truth and "Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancers.** These are the same Home Life Partnerships as listed in information for 2012-2014. If any changes are made you should be able to

find them in GFWC Clubwoman Magazine and online at www.gfwc.org.

Our State President's special project is "Let's Get Wild to Finish the Fight." The **Gynecological Cancer Campaign** ties in perfectly with this project and is only one form of cancer waiting to be defeated.

Canine Companions is the oldest and largest assistance dog program providing trained dogs for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities. Due to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, there are a significant number of veterans who could benefit from an assistance dog.

Easter Seals assists more than one million children and adults with autism and other disabilities and special needs annually. Approximately ninety percent of Easter Seals' revenue supports services in the area in which they were raised.

The Heart Truth is a national campaign to raise awareness among women about the risk of heart disease. This is a program promoted by the National Institute of Health that states "If you have just one risk factor, your risk of heart disease doubles."

These four partners provide numerous opportunities for programs, fundraisers, and ways to contribute monetarily and time wise in our local communities.

The websites listed below offer additional information for each partnership.

Canine For Companions (CCI) www.cci.org

Easter Seals www.EasterSeals.com

Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancer Campaign

www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge

The Heart Truth www.nhlbi.nih.gov

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Sue McMurtry, Program Chair



In a world where half of the population – over three billion people – lives on less than \$2.50 a day, and 21,000 children die each day due to poverty, MFWC encourages members to reach beyond their own communities and consider how they can make a global impact.

There are countless ways to support global development. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency. Some important dates to remember and plan activities around include:

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

Go to each of these websites for more activity ideas.

I hope that each of you have a very successful club year. If I can be of help to you, please contact me at 601-776-3447 or sue.mcmurtry@yahoo.com.

Theresa Buntyn, Partnership Chair



Making a Global Impact Across the World

In our world today half of the population—over three billion people—live on less than \$2.50 a day, and 21,000 children die each day due to poverty. GFWC has always encouraged and continues to encourage clubs to reach out beyond their own communities and consider how club members can make a global impact.

Last year I had the opportunity to serve in Haiti. I worked in a clinic and saw starving children as well as parents and adults. Throughout the week we gave out so many medicines, multiple over the counter medications, that we take for granted when we have our aches and pains. I was amazed at two Ibuprofen providing relief for a woman coming in the clinic with back pain from carrying heavy sacks of rice on her head and shoulders. Daily we saw several infants and children sick with a variety of illnesses due to poverty and starvation. It was very humbling and truly a life changing experience for me. The same month I had the opportunity to go to GFWC convention in Hollywood, Florida. There I heard more information about the international partners and visited the exhibit hall where the GFWC partners were located. I visited the "Shot at Life" booth and realized my entire week in Haiti I never even thought about immunizations and what an impact that could make on the lives of Haitian children. I gathered information and learned this organization seeks to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines in order to save children in third world countries including Haiti.

This is a little background for you to know why I am truly excited to lead and learn with fellow clubwomen as we become more educated and strive to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action. This will in turn affect change in and for our global friends and their communities through our GFWC International Outreach Program design. The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20 directs us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." How better can we begin to spread the gospel than by showing first our Christian love and concern for the needs of others.

You will find each of our partners listed below with their name, address, and contact information and a summary of what each partner represents. I encourage you to visit each of the websites and find out what your club can do to support international outreach. I also did a little further research and added some informational tips entitled "Did You Know?" I look forward to being the GFWC-MFWC International Outreach CSP Partnership Chairman. If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at tbuntyn81@yahoo.com or 601-562-6547 and we can learn together.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

1 World Avenue Little Rock, AR 72202W: www.Heifer.org
P: 877-248-6437

Contact: Kate Merrill, Community Engagement Coordinator
1 World Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202 E: Kate.Merrill@Heifer.org P: 888-548-6437, ext. 8850

For more than 65 years, Heifer International has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally-sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Over 15 million families in more than 125 countries have been helped.

Did You Know?

Teaching Children to be Everyday Heroes: Read to Feed is a reading incentive service-learning program that offers global education opportunities and will foster in children a love for reading, a passion to help others, and a motivation to help create a better world. Check out Lamb Chops' video.

OPERATION SMILE

Contact: Bonnie Keuhne, Community Relations Associate
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W: www.OperationSmile.org

E: BKeuhne@OperationSmile.org P: 757-321-3208

At Operation Smile, medical volunteers provide safe, effective, and free cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgery for children born all over the world. Operation Smile's free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent, and resources to our cause.

Did You Know?

GFWC-MFWC club members can sew and prepare Smile bags, Smile dolls, children's hospital gowns, blankets and quilts, and armbands for children undergoing surgery.

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION, SHOT@LIFE

Contact: Christine Albrecht, Partnership Officer, Shot@Life
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

W: ShotatLife.org E: CALbrecht@UNFoundation.org P: 202-887-9040

Shot@Life, a United Nations Foundation's campaign, seeks to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines in order to save children in developing countries. Every 20 seconds, a child dies of a vaccine-preventable disease like pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and polio.

Did You Know?

GFWC clubs can support Shot@Life by: Planning advocacy and awareness events around key dates such as World Polio Day (October 24) and World Pneumonia Day (November 12).

U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF

Contact: Lacey Stone, Officer, Office of Strategic Partnerships

4021 13th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98108

W: www.UNICEFUSA.org

E: LStone@UNICEFUSA.org P: 212-922-2640

The United Nations Children's Fund, in its efforts to ensure the world's most vulnerable children have access to health, and immunization, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency and disaster relief, and more.

Did You Know?

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a longstanding program in which kids across the country collect money to help children of the world survive and grow. To order boxes, go to www.TrickorTreatforUNICEF.org. MFWC clubs have participated in this project.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Patricia B. Lee, Program Chair



The Public Issues Community Service Program is designed to actively connect members with effective projects and activities relating to civic and social responsibilities. This program focuses on the areas of Citizenship, Military Personnel, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Safety and Crime

Prevention.

As you begin your new club year, consider programs and projects that address these important issues. The GFWC Website (www.GFWC.org) has an extensive listing of interesting and creative projects in the area of Public Issues. There are endless other resources on the internet.

As clubwomen, it is our job and our privilege to voice our opinions and to help make responsible decisions for ourselves and our communities. Let's celebrate patriotism in this great "land of the free and the home of the brave" where we are thankful for those who fought to the finish to bring hope and change lives.

Rebecca Jarrell, Partnership Chair



Well, the lazy days of summer have invaded my household as it probably has for many of you. While reflecting on good times spent with family and friends lounging by the pool, eating BBQ, or relaxing on the family vacation, I am reminded of the freedoms that we all enjoy as citizens of this wonderful country in

which we live. It is easy to forget that not everyone in this world has these same freedoms and that freedom is not easily attained. To coin a phrase, "Freedom isn't free."

GFWC-MFWC Public Issues Partnerships are dedicated to democracy and the men and women who helped to achieve our freedom and who maintain it today. These people are our service men and women in all branches of the military and National Guard. We currently have two dedicated partnerships for Public Issues:

1. Kettering Foundation: A research organization which challenges citizens to work together to shape their future and maintain democracy.
2. USO: Programs that benefit not only service men and women, but their families as well.

So, before your club year officially begins, take some time to read about each partnership. You can access this information on the GFWC-MFWC website. Think of some ways that your Public Issues community service program or club, as a whole, can contribute and be ready to share your ideas at your next club meeting. Remember, "Freedom isn't

free.” Let’s do the best we can for those who have and are still paying the price.

GFWC ADVANCEMENT

**Communications and Public Relations
Cindy Holcomb, Chair**



Your club is a dynamic, powerful force in your community. You work to affect change every day. While recognition is not something you expect for the work you do, it serves an important purpose getting the word out. You're not looking for a thank-you, you're looking for partners to help make your community a better place. And how will like-minded women know how to join your club if they don't know it exists? Publicizing your club's projects and initiatives lets your community know you exist and that you're doing important things. It attracts new members and open doors to worthwhile partnerships. It also assists GFWC with promoting the Federation on a national level.

Name and brand recognition is the ultimate goal of our clubs. MFWC clubs actively participate in projects that communicate and identify their membership in their local clubs, MFWC, and GFWC.

Before reporting read the 2014-2016 guidelines and suggestions from GFWC. A good report will provide a great way to show your hard work. READ, IMPLEMENT, and REPORT.

GFWC provides Awards Programs for Newsletters, Websites, and Media Campaigns. Award and contest winners are recognized during the GFWC Annual Convention. A \$50 award will be given to one club in the nation for creativity in implementing an effective Communications and Public Relations Advancement Area. Refer to the Reporting section of the GFWC Manual for complete award and contest guidelines.

**Fundraising and Development
Nelda Mills, Chair**



Fundraising and Development, formerly fundraising, is an old advancement area with a new name. Fundraising within all clubs is an absolute necessity if the club is to be all it can be. Clubs need fundraisers to support the president's special project, to support the club's budget, and to support needs that may arise in the community, state, nation and world.

Fundraising can be more fun, and less drudgery, if the club begins by choosing the desired project(s), appointing a capable chairperson and committee for each project, and choosing a date for each fundraiser. Then let the planning, organizing and delegating begin! Always remember to allow plenty of time to prepare for the fundraiser, publicize the event heavily, and follow up by letting the community know how successful the event was and how much their participation was appreciated. It is also important to remember people are more likely to participate in and/or give to something when they know where the money is going.

With fundraising, your club may get as creative and energetic as you like, but if all your ideas are old and worn out, there are excellent "packaged" ideas through the GFWC-MFMC website. So, as the new club year begins, make plans to fit in a few fundraisers!

**Leadership
Sandra Pope, Chair**



Leadership involves taking risks, being innovative, and promoting new directions. While some may talk about being born leaders, most of us can learn how to be a strong leader. Club, district, state, and national volunteers can become leaders by developing a clear and compelling vision for what one wants to become; establishing attainable goals; providing—and being provided—with encouragement and appreciation; behaving with an entrepreneurial spirit; and pursuing training and education.

Many clubs have problems finding members who are willing to step forward and accept the responsibilities of leadership positions. Some members feel less than competent and not at all prepared to take on the tasks. Maybe they have seen others try and fail because of lack of preparation or support. However, sharing responsibilities keeps members interested and enthusiastic about their club. You might not want to delegate because you want the job done “right.” Your way is generally only one way of a variety of ways a job can be done well. If club members are not asked to take on responsibility they may feel unimportant.

Reasons to delegate:

When a leader delegates responsibilities, members

- ❖ Become more enthusiastic, involved, and dedicated
- ❖ Share tasks, allowing the club to undertake more projects and activities
- ❖ Can complete club projects in a time efficient manner
- ❖ Develop skills and experiences that allow them to step into club leadership roles
- ❖ Grow a club that runs smoothly and effectively

Think about what you can do to make a tangible difference in the growth and development of leadership.

**MS LEADS
Debbie Benoit, Chair**



Editor's Note: The information below will be incorporated into a day long workshop to be held on Thursday before 2015 State Convention begins. All clubs may send a representative to this workshop, but only those who complete the LEADS application process will be considered for selection as Mississippi's delegate to the GFWC LEADS Seminar to be held at the annual GFWC International Convention in Memphis in June 2015. Please visit gfwc.org for GFWC LEADS information and application guidelines/form.

What is an effective leader? What strategies should effective leaders set? What essential skills should an effective leader exhibit? Well I am sure you are ready for some exact answers, but the truth is there are at least six styles of leadership. All, however, have one singular job and that is to achieve results. Each style has a unique impact on the division, team, club, or company and in turn has a direct impact on the atmosphere and cohesiveness of such.

This year in LEADS we will learn to instinctively call upon each style of leadership as we develop our skills and performance pacing ourselves to expect excellence and self-direction. We will study the emotional intelligence of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and social skills as we learn to use the right tools to meet the challenges presented and eloquently put them to work.

We will understand the styles of *Coercive* leaders, *Authoritative* leaders, *Affiliative* leaders, *Democratic*

leaders, *Pacesetter* leaders, and *Coaching* leaders. Through this study we will look at the ability to draw from our own personality and character traits and sharpen the tools we already possess and develop those we have held back.

Utilizing various tools we will advance our understanding of GFWC programs and policies, parliamentary procedures, public speaking, conflict resolution, and mediation while encouraging new leadership to be responsible for greater levels of volunteerism in club membership. After we complete this workshop I expect each person to have a new appreciation for the capabilities they may have never recognized with-in themselves.

I challenge each club to nominate an outstanding member to attend GFWC-MFWC's MS LEADS program workshop. Be prepared to effectively engage new leadership that serves with distinction in your club and beyond.

Legislation and Public Policy

Dorothy Thomas, Chair



The Legislation and Public Policy. G-ro-a-n! **Don't!** This GFWC Advancement Area can be one of the easiest and handiest for Clubs to do one or more projects in and report on. If a Club has an issue it wants to work on it is virtually certain that GFWC has in place a resolution that deals with it.

Does your Club already have one or more members who are serving as appointed or elected members in non-Club or non-Federation organizations – hospital boards, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, parent-teacher organizations, arts organizations and so forth? Make that service count.

There are some easy ways to get a fast understanding of Legislation and Public Policy. First, go to www.gfwc.org/clubmanual. On the home page click on Advocacy in Action: Legislation and Public Policy. You will find excellent and explicit information and tips.

Second, on GFWC home page near the bottom of the left column sign up to receive mail – most of it is email – from GFWC. This includes a weekly e-newsletter – *News & Notes* – plus special invitations, announcements and alerts. From time to time, Clubs and Clubwomen will get requests to “take action” directly through GFWC in support of legislation or a petition on a subject. That is easy. Just follow the instructions. As I am writing this I have responded to a GFWC “take action” request.

Third, to go the GFWC website address listed in paragraph three above. It's the home page. At the top, click on Public Policy. In the menu that comes up click on GFWC Resolutions. In the text click on the following underlined portion: 2013-2014 GFWC Resolutions. If the Manual has been updated the dates will probably be 2014-2015. You will find a description of the GFWC resolutions that have been adopted.

Women's History and Resource Center

Becky Rheinhart, Chair



The Women's History and Resource Center of the GFWC was established in 1984 in Washington, D. C. It contains historical GFWC records accessible to clubwomen, the scholarly research community, and the general public. There is a WHRC online catalog and a guide for its use provided by GFWC.

For more information on its 45,000 artifacts, it can be accessed in the GFWC Club Manual under WHRC section at

GFWC.org/WHRC or you can email the center at WHRC@GFWC.org.

How WHRC Can Help Your Club:

Need a program? Through GFWC history it can help promote interest and membership.

Does your club have a clubhouse? It can provide help with preserving historic clubhouses. It can be a professional liaison for clubs that desire to work with state and local historical agencies to preserve their records and clubhouses.

Want more info about WHRC? It publishes WHRC News, a bi-monthly newsletter for Friends of WHRC to help clubs with their historic preservation. The GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D. C. is a National Historic Landmark and has free tours for the exhibits to GFWC members.

How Can My Club Support WHRC? Join the Friends of WHRC. A form for this was given to all clubs present at the Summer Institute. This can also be downloaded off the GFWC website. Promote the WHRC to your local colleges, universities, and historical institutions. Have a WHRC chairman for your club to share the info.

Ideas To Use? Use WHRC publications and digital resources for club programs. Using GFWC historical stories, submit them to your local news outlets for Women's History Month in March, Federation Day on April 24 and for Archives Month in October. Contact your local historical groups to promote the distinguished role your club made in local history.

GFWC Awards, Contests, and Grants

Community Improvement Program

Mary Edmond, Chair



The Community Improvement Project Program is the longest standing project of GFWC. Its aim is to meet the needs of individual communities as it enhances relationships between the community and the club. Many communities are unaware of the activities of GFWC and the local club.

Through the project, the club's involvement in the community will be observed with a positive outlook toward the club's activities and may seek further information regarding other projects and programs.

In considering a Community Improvement Project, a club should first determine a specific need within the community. The project should last as long as the need exists. When possible, a club should join with other organizations, such as GFWC partner organizations, professional or other membership organizations, government entities and other nonprofit organizations.

Every club can create a Community Improvement Project. Look around your community and get started! The program period is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015. Entries must be postmarked to the state CIP chairman by March 1, 2016. Contact me for more details and for the entry forms.

Jennie Award Tammie McCoy, Chair



What is the Jennie Award? The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each of the eight GFWC regions for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state and regional levels, with one from each region to be honored at the 2016 GFWC International

Convention. This is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. The award is named in honor of Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of GFWC. This is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize the spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family.

Since this is an award for lifetime personal excellence, club presidents should consider utilizing the knowledge of club historians for Jennie Award nominees. Club presidents should be mindful of first impressions and make the nominee's packet of supporting materials as professional as possible because it may be judged at the different levels by influential community leaders.

Award rules are as follows:

- Clubs may nominate one member who has demonstrated the qualities outlined under the judging criteria for this award.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of a GFWC club for a minimum of five years. Her tenure of service may be with several clubs. Years of service must be consecutive not concurrent.
- Current and past members of the GFWC Executive Committee are ineligible.
- Nominations should emphasize a member's entire lifetime of service.
- Clubs must complete and submit the official GFWC Jennie Award Nomination Form along with a maximum 500-word written narrative. Narratives should include descriptions of the nominee's:
 - Club activities
 - Participation in community groups and organizations, both volunteer and professional
 - Commitment to her nuclear or extended family
- Clubs must submit the following supportive materials along with nomination form and narrative:
 - Photograph of nominee (no larger than 5x7 inches)
 - Clips of two-three newspaper (or other media) stories about successful projects to which the member contributed (it is not necessary for such articles to mention the member by name).
 - Letter of endorsement from club president
 - Letter of endorsement from a representative of another organization
- Nomination forms and supporting materials, including photographs, will not be returned.

Club nominations shall be submitted to GFWC-MFVC President Darlene Adams, postmarked by June 1, 2015, for state-level judging. Please adhere carefully to all guidelines when filling out applications. For more details and information, as well as the Jennie Award nomination form, please go to the GFWC-MFVC 2014-2016 Club Manual or visit www.GFWC.org/Clubmanual.

Photography Contests **Carolyn Long, Chair**



The guidelines for Photography are the same as the past administration. If in the future weeks GFWC changes or adds any items to the guidelines, the information will be passed on to you.

There are a few things I would like to stress. 1.) Make sure **ALL** the required information is neatly typed or written and placed on the back of each entry. This will ensure the photograph is judged in the correct category. 2.) Be sure the mounting is stiff and the **SAME** size as the photograph. The edges should be smooth (not poorly cut so edges are jagged)

3.) **PLEASE** send your photograph for the calendar (one per club) directly to GFWC. It should **NOT** go to district convention. 4.) **ENCOURAGE** high school students to get involved. This will benefit the students and our state organization. Last year we had two students to enter and this year we had three. Let's work and offer guidance to our future photographers. 5.) Remember each photo **MUST** have a wavier.

This year we had a wider variety of subject matter and larger number of black and white photos. This made the job harder for the judges, but that was a good thing.

We want to send our best to GFWC - so get busy ladies. I am anxiously waiting for your photos next spring.

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



Dear MFVC Sisters -- I KNOW you have stories to tell and poems to write. It's time to get them together for our annual writing competition. The written work must have been composed during the year of 2014 however the subject matter may be from any time period. Such as a story about your grandma or a poem about a beautiful and special friend from your childhood. Another important part of the writing competition is work written by children/youth (short stories and poems). Those clubs who have been successful in this area organize the work early in the school year with teachers and administrators. It is a meaningful/fun project for all. Check with your local schools (elementary, middle school, high school) and encourage them to participate. The deadline is Feb 1, 2015. Mail two copies of each entry, plus the Creative Arts Waiver, to me: Anne B. McKee, 5891 Windsor Circle, Meridian, MS 39305. All submission guidelines are available online: www.gfwc.org/writingcontest or if you have any questions, please call me: 601-681-8525. I can't wait to read your creative work!

GFWC-MFVC Contests

BOOKS **Tammy Fillingame/Lisa McGee, Chairs**



The purpose of the scrapbook is to give a creative account of the club activities from January 1st through December 31st using photographs, newspaper articles, and other materials. Please take this opportunity to brag about a year's worth of outstanding work.



The purpose of the yearbook is to give members as much information as possible concerning club, MFVC, and GFWC activities. Also use this to show a potential member what GFWC, MFVC, and the local club are all about.

DISTRICT CONTEST

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

All scrapbooks and yearbooks judged **First Place** shall be taken by the **MFWC President** to the **State Books Chairmen**. The **District Books Chairman** is responsible for placing them in the President's car. She should make two lists of the books going forward, giving one to the President and keeping one for herself. All other books must be picked up at the close of the District Convention by the club.

STATE CONTEST

All entries in the State competition must be picked up at the designated time at the State Convention by the sponsoring club. If no one from the club(s) is present, the **District President** should pick up the book(s) and see that it is returned to the club(s).

Youth Art Libby Everett, Chair



Guidelines for Youth Art 2014-

2016

District first place entries go directly to state level competition.

Classes:

A – Students receiving lessons from private teachers

B – Students receiving instructions as part of a school curriculum with a certified art teacher

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

Divisions:

- Division 1 – Kindergarten – Grade 1
- Division 2 – Grades 2 & 3
- Division 3 – Grades 4, 5, & 6
- Division 4 – Grades 7, 8, & 9
- Division 5 – Grades 10, 11, & 12

Rules:

1. Entries must be sponsored by an MFWC member club.
2. Each club may submit two entries in each of the five divisions of the three classes.
3. Typewritten identification cards must be firmly attached to the front and back of each entry. The label should contain the following information: Class, Division, Student's name and the complete name of the sponsoring club, city, and MFWC district. See example below.
4. All work must be original, done within the last 12 months. Items previously entered in MFWC contests are ineligible.
5. Any pastel or charcoal must be sprayed with a fixative or covered with transparent material.
6. Dimensions: Before matting, minimum size must be at least 8-1/2 x 11 inches and maximum size must not exceed 20 x 24 inches.
7. Mats and Frames: It is preferred that entries be matted or attached to a firm backing. Mats should be stiff enough to stand. Cover pictures with transparent materials to protect if desired. Do not use glass.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Check the following Class and Division:

Class A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Sponsoring Club: _____

City: _____

MFWC District: _____

Note of Thanks

Thank you 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board for the lovely Ronaldo Cameo Ring and the kind gift of dollars to make my GFWC-MFWC Past President's pin possible. Each time that I wear these, I will be reminded of your love and support!

Volunteerism has always given purpose to my life. I send my appreciation to each of you for giving me these two special years and the opportunity to give special emphasis to PSP "Freedom to Volunteer." May God Bless America!

*With Federation Love,
Suzanne Byrd Poynor*

REMINDER

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
- Challenge Grant
- Hebron Memorial Scholarship
- LEADS Participant
- Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship (Juniorette)

Encourage participation in all GFWC and MFWC Contests as appropriate.

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

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

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."



MFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



2014-2016 Dues Form

Club Information:

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Club President: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Club Treasurer: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____

Club Dues: \$30.00 X number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____
 \$25.00 X number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____
 Magazine Subscription for Associate or Honorary Members _____ @\$5.00 each \$ _____

Contributions:

- ♦ MFWC President's Special Project: American Cancer Society – Let's get WILD to finish the fight!" \$ _____
- ♦ 1935 Society (MFWC State Headquarters Upkeep) **\$5 per member suggested** \$ _____
- ♦ Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000.00 annual scholarship) \$ _____
- ♦ Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship for Juniette) \$ _____
- ♦ Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
- ♦ State Institutions Fund
 - Deaf School \$ _____ Blind School \$ _____ State Hospital \$ _____
- ♦ Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
- ♦ Youth Art: **\$10 per club suggested minimum** \$ _____
- ♦ HOBY: \$175.00 per student or other contribution (\$20.00 minimum donation) \$ _____
- ♦ **Name of school sponsored by your club:** _____ \$ _____
- ♦ Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
- ♦ Other Contributions Not Listed \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____

(Additional pages may be attached if necessary)

Total of All Above \$ _____

Instructions:

- ♦ Mail this form along with your club's check payable to MFWC and one (1) copy of the club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers. Must be postmarked by November 1 to: Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073, 601-845-3059, crouse99@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Dues must be postmarked by January 1 in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or receive awards.
- ♦ For new members added during the club year, send name, address, email address, phone number and dues to MFWC Treasurer.
- ♦ Send deletions to Lisa Harris, Mississippi Clubwoman Circulation Editor at laharris@hughes.net or 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153.

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

2014-2016 DIRECTORY

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 2014-2016 Directory has been removed. Please contact Lisa A. Harris at laharris@hughes.net for an electronic copy of our directory. You will need to provide your name and your club name for verification. We are doing this to protect against identity theft of your contact information and photograph. Please do not share the information in this directory with anyone outside our organization without the written consent of GFWC-MFWC President Adams.

*Let Us Forget Not
to be Kind!*



***The General Federation of Women's Clubs
of South Carolina***

extend a special invitation

to our "Southern Sisters by the Sea"

GFWC Southern Region Conference

Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort

Pawley's Island, South Carolina

October 23 ~ 26, 2014

*Come and experience southern lowcountry
hospitality at it's finest*

Call ~ 877.854.6358

Ask for GFWC Southern Region rate

\$89.10 - Summerhouse adjacent to Conference Center
\$129.60 - Lakeside Two Bedroom within walking distance
\$120.60 - Bridgewater One Bedroom
\$174.60 - Bridgewater Two Bedroom ocean-side
Bridgewater units are **not** within walking distance

*Individuals with special
needs should contact Mary
Branch at 843-235-5536 to
reserve units

Artwork By Katie Jones-Moydell
GFWC-SC Junior Director-Elect



***GFWC-Mississippi members
attending the 2014-2016 GFWC
Officers Installation Banquet at the
2014 GFWC International
Convention in Chandler, Arizona
were Jo Anne Reid, Darlene
Adams, Carolyn Huey, Suzanne
Poynor, Tammie McCoy,
and Ivous Sisk.***

GFWC-MFWC STATE CONVENTION ~ JACKSON, MS ~ APRIL 24-26, 2014



2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor (right) presented 2013 GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year Award to GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce.



2014 GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year Theresa Buntyn (right) Decatur Woman's Progressive Club



Janae Winter, Fine Arts Club of Bruce, GFWC-MFWC LEADS Delegate to 2014 GFWC International Convention with Susan Shurden, 2012-2014 MFWC LEADS Chair and Suzanne Poynor, 2012-2014 GFWC- MFWC President



Marla Hare, 2014 Challenge Grant Recipient, Booneville High School, with Woman's Club of Booneville President Lana Harrelson.



Annedrea Leigh McMillan Enterprise Woman's Club 2014 Hebron Memorial Scholarship Recipient

JUNIORETTE AWARDS



2013 Juniette of the Year Jalynn Aron Bruce Fine Arts Juniettes



2013 Juniette Club of the Year GFWC-MFWC Bruce Fine Arts Juniettes with Mandy Laiche (right), 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Juniette Director



Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Recipient Brookelyn Walden Booneville Juniettes

**GFWC-MFWC SUMMER INSTITUTE
MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
JACKSON, MS ~ JULY 19, 2014**



Darlene Adams, GFWC-MFWC President, recognized and thanked Dr. Sandra Edwards, MS School for the Deaf Superintendent, for use of their facility for the summer meeting.



Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFWC President-elect and Membership Chair, conducted a workshop on Membership emphasizing the 2014-2016 theme: A Proud Past and a Promising Future with Friends.



Shirley Stough, GFWC-MFWC Chaplain, gave an inspiring devotion.



Vice President and Dean of Chairmen Becky Wright and Past President Tammie McCoy led a workshop for new board members and those wanting a refresher in judging and writing State Reports.



Debbie Benoit, MS LEADS Chair, shared with members about the GFWC and MS LEADS Program and encouraged all clubs to have an attendee at the MFWC LEADS Workshop at State Convention and to nominate a member for the GFWC LEADS Program.



Pam Smith, MFWC Headquarters Chair, encouraged clubs to hold meetings at MFWC Headquarters, donate to its upkeep, and report volunteer hours toward its lease.



GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club Members posed for a fun photo with President Adams after a day filled with learning, laughing, and "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Hats Off to You!
Winners of the Summer Institute Club Attendance Contest are:

**1st Place - GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
12 attendees**

**2nd Place - GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
7 attendees**

**3rd Place - GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club
6 attendees**

**GFWC-MFWC Budget Information
Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

RECEIPTS:

GFWC Dues		
1080 General members @ \$15	16,200.00	
170 Jrette members @ \$10	1,700.00	
TOTAL GFWC Dues		\$17,900.00
MFWC Dues		
(\$15 per member distributed as follows:		
State Federation Fund	\$6.34	7,930.00
Headquarters Fund	\$6.58	8,220.00
MS Clubwoman Magazine	\$2.08	2,600.00
1250 Members @ \$15		18,750.00
Other:		
Occupant reimbursement 12 @x \$500 for HQ utilities expenses		6,000.00
TOTAL:		\$42,650.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

GFWC Dues		
1080 General members @ \$15	16,200.00	
170 Jrette members @ \$10	1,700.00	
TOTAL GFWC Dues		\$17,900.00
State Federation Fund:		
<i>Officer Expenses:</i>		
President	GFWC Conv. Travel	\$2,000.00
	GFWC SR Convention	500.00
	GFWC Board Travel	500.00
	Instate Travel	500.00
	Desk Allowance	250.00
President-elect	GFWC Intl. Conv. Travel	1,800.00
	GFWC SR Convention	500.00
	Instate Travel	250.00
	Desk Allowance	100.00
Vice President	Desk Allowance	150.00
Treasurer	Desk Allowance	100.00
Recording Sec.	Desk Allowance	100.00
Correspond. Sec.	Desk Allowance	100.00
General Operating Expenses:		
	Southern Region Dues	30.00
	Southern Region Fundraising Item	100.00
	Binding of Histories & Magazines	100.00
	Office Supplies	100.00
	State President's Pin	50.00
	Income Tax Preparation	100.00
	Website Service	300.00
	Juniorette Retreat	200.00
	GFWC Gift	100.00
State Federation Fund		
Disbursements (1250 @ \$6.34)		\$7,930.00
Headquarters Fund:		
	Phone/Alarm monitoring	1,100.00
	Atmos Energy (Gas)	2,400.00
	Entergy (Electricity)	2,700.00
	City of Jackson (Water/Sewer)	250.00
	HQ Insurance	4,800.00
	Filters, pest control, lawn maintenance, building repairs, HQ supplies	2,970.00
HQ Fund Disbursements		\$14,220.00
(1250 @ 6.58 + apt. occupant of \$6,000)		
Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine		
(1 issue mailed/1 issue emailed)		
	Printing & Postage	2,500.00
	Editor Desk Allowance	100.00
MS Clubwoman Disbursements		\$2,600.00
(1250 members @ \$2.08)		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		\$ 42,650.00

**~CONGRATULATIONS~
2013 Winners Announced at
GFWC International Convention
Chandler, Arizona ~ June 2014**

- ❖ **Arts Partnership**
Shirley Stough, MFWC Chair
- ❖ **Home Life Partnership**
Theresa Buntyn, MFWC Chair
- ❖ **Home Life Partnership**
Club Creativity Award
GFWC Philadelphia Woman's Club
Theresa Buntyn, MFWC Chair
- ❖ **International Outreach Partnership**
Honorable Mention
GFWC Quitman Woman's Club
Sue McMurtry, MFWC Chair
- ❖ **U.S Fund for UNICEF**
State Partner Award
Sue McMurtry, Internat. Partnership Chair
- ❖ **U.S. Fund for UNICEF Club Partner Award**
Dixie Daisy Juniorettes
Sue McMurtry, Internat. Partnership Chair
- ❖ **GFWC Juniors Special Project-Advocates for Children,**
Debbie Hamilton, Chair
Frances Brown, Acting Chair
- ❖ **Leadership**
Jo Anne Reid, Chair
- ❖ **Membership**
Darlene Adams, Chair
- ❖ **Newsletter: Lisa A. Harris**
- ❖ **Website: Lisa A. Harris**
- ❖ **Photography Award-Member**
Lisa Harris, Raleigh Woman's Club
World in Pictures, Living Things, Color
Carolyn Long, MFWC Photography Chair
- ❖ **Photography Award-High School**
Lane Hudson, Batesville Junior Woman's League
World in Pictures, Living Things, Black and White
Carolyn Long, MFWC Photography Chair
- ❖ **June Vaughn, Southern Region Jennie Award**
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
Carolyn Huey, Mississippi Jennie Award Chair



2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor and 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams proudly received the first of 14 awards for Mississippi at the GFWC International Convention.

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**(Left to right) Jackie Boland, Installing Officer, 2014-2016 GFWC Southern Region President;
Diane Rouse, Treasurer; Nancy Griffin, Recording Secretary; Becky Wright, Vice President;
Sheila "Tinker" Forrester, President-elect; and Darlene Adams, President**