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## CALL TO CONVENTION

**116<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION  
April 24–26, 2014  
Jackson Hilton  
County Line Road  
Jackson, Mississippi**

**GFWC Mission Statement**

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

**MFWC Mission Statement**

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

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

March 29	District III Convention Derma Baptist Church Derma, MS
April 24-26	2014 GFWC-MFWC State Convention Hilton on County Line Road Jackson, MS
June 21-24	2014 GFWC International Convention Chandler, Arizona

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

I have found over the past two years as your President that our Mississippi Clubwomen of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs are "Living the Volunteer Spirit"! Now, let's CELEBRATE and REFLECT on that Volunteer Spirit.

It seems that I just blinked and another year passed much too quickly. As reports began to appear, I excitedly opened my mailbox each day to see if I would find another report to read that would continue the story of Volunteerism in Mississippi.

Soon, Winter Board and Judging Day arrived. After the business of the day, chairmen enthusiastically gathered the materials needed to "JUDGE" those reports! Thank you, thank you to Sue Addy, Dean of Chairmen, for organizing and facilitating the afternoon of Judging. By the end of the day, it was determined that 41 Clubs reported these statistics: 4,564 projects, 305,909 volunteer hours, \$693,987 were donated, and \$442,369 "in kind" donations were made in 2013! Do you feel like celebrating? GFWC-MFWC you should! Let's CELEBRATE!

District Conventions are well underway. Thank you to the GFWC-MFWC District Presidents, Hostess Clubs and Club Members for helping make special memories for me as I traveled this spring from Enterprise to Cleveland then to Waynesboro next to Crystal Springs and finally to Calhoun City for our District Celebrations.

A CELEBRATION of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Members is planned for April 24–26, 2014, as the 116th Annual Convention convenes at the Jackson Hilton, 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi. We will **CELEBRATE GFWC Federation Day** on Thursday, April 24 with a Social Hour and GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting at the Cotton Kitchen, 870 Avery Blvd., Ridgeland. I wonder if "Jennie June", Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of GFWC in 1890 will stop by for a quick visit?

The CELEBRATION continues all day Friday with Business Meetings, **GFWC-MFWC Celebrates Living the Volunteer Spirit Luncheon**, the MS LEADS Seminar, Exhibits to View, and Shopping with Ways and Means and a Vendor or Two!

Jackie Boland, GFWC Southern Region President-elect 2012-2014, will be our guest at **The Celebration Banquet** Friday night. There will be recognitions and presentations with entertainment. The night will end with the Installation of the

GFWC-MFWC Officers for 2014-2016 by Jackie Boland and Reception following.

At Saturday morning's Prayer Breakfast, **GFWC-MFWC Celebrates Peace**, there will be Special Music, Guest Speaker, and Memorial Service. This will be followed by a Closing Business Session with special presentations and addresses ending with the Pin and Gavel Ceremony and Adjournment. Quite the CELEBRATION!

You will find the Official Call to Convention in this issue. It includes the registration form, room reservation information, and the schedule of events.

As I come to a close writing my final *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine article as your President, I am reflecting on the amazing support for the President's Special Project, "Freedom to Volunteer". MFWC embraced our Mississippi Veterans and Active Military Women and Men through many unique and caring programs and projects statewide. I caught your enthusiasm for volunteer service visiting meetings and attending events. Thank you for your hospitality as I visited in your homes and towns. Through service to others, I have always found my purpose. These two years as GFWC-MFWC President have been a TRUE GIFT to me from you, my GFWC-MFWC Federation Sisters! Always remember: "Today is a Gift. That is why they call it the Present! CELEBRATE each day."

"May God Bless America" and "May We Always Have Freedom to Volunteer"!

See you at the Jackson Hilton, April 24–26, 2014, for the 116th State Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



***GFWC-MFWC President 2012-2014  
Suzanne Poynor represented  
MFWC in the Star Christmas Parade.***



## Darlene C. Adams

2014-2016

### GFWC-MFWC President

**Darlene Adams will be installed as the fifty-eighth president of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. at the one hundred sixteenth annual State Convention.**

Darlene has been a member of the GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune since 1996 and has served as President, Vice President, Dean of Chairmen, Reporter, Past President Advisor and chairman for various community service programs and special committees. She has chaired two of the clubs largest fundraisers, the annual Christmas Parade and the Christmas Pilgrimage. She also introduced/organized its now popular Bunco fundraiser. She has been honored with numerous awards on the local club level, but her proudest contribution has been to repeatedly bring in new members year after year. She has mentored many into current leadership roles.

Darlene has served on the District level as President for three years, President-elect and Parliamentarian for two years. She was Convention Chairman for the 2008 State Convention in Hattiesburg. When MFWC hosted two Southern Region Conferences, she served as chairman for two committees.

Darlene has continually served on MFWC's State Board since 2002, and currently as President-elect and State Membership Chairman. She has won several GFWC awards for Mississippi, most recently GFWC's Membership Award. She was a recipient of the Hebron Memorial Scholarship in 2007 and represented her club as a Leads Candidate. She humbly received the GFWC-MFWC's State Clubwoman of the Year for 2003-2004.

Darlene received her Associates Degree from Pearl River Community College. With the assistance of four scholarships, Darlene returned to school and received her B.A. with high honors from the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Mass Communication and Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations and a minor in English. As one of the top 10 students in the school, she received the Kappa Tau Alpha (the National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication). She also was inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi Society for leadership.

After owning her own business for 10 years and then working for an oil company for 18 years, Darlene has committed the latter years to public service. Going on six years, she currently works as Executive Director for the Senior Center of South Pearl River County, overseeing a wonderful staff of six, as well as 16 class instructors and a host of volunteers. She secured over \$100,000 in grants for the Center since her employment.

Darlene is a Certified Nonprofit Professional after an extensive year of exams, and as such, her employer has received an award as a 'model nonprofit' for the state of Mississippi for applying the best principles and practices.

As a community leader, Darlene serves on the board for Partners for Pearl River County to promote economic development and serves as one of the instructors for their Leadership Program. She serves on the Pearl River County Executive Advisory Counsel for the MS Extension Service, Highland Community Hospital Needs Assessment Board, Picayune Item Reading Board, active member of the local Chamber, as well as the facilitator for the Community Business Advisory Committee. As an advocate for seniors, the local Lion's Club International presented Darlene with the "Heart of a Lion" award in 2013.

Darlene is married to Brian Adams, Sr. for 38 years and a member of First Baptist Church of Picayune. Darlene also serves on the Budget and Finance Committee as well as a substitute teacher for their Sunday Bible Fellowship Class. They are proud of their three grown children, Tiffany (NC), Candice (FL) and Brian Jr. (MS) along with their spouses who have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Darlene's favorite hobby outside of her family is club work. Some of her best friends were found through this organization.

You are invited to a  
Dessert Reception honoring  
Darlene Adams, 2014-2016  
GFWC-MFWC President,  
and Jackie Boland, 2012-2014  
GFWC Southern Region President-elect,  
immediately following the Friday night  
Banquet and Installation of Officers  
at State Convention.

Hosted by GFWC-MFWC  
Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

## **2014–2016 Candidate Bios**

### **Sheila (Tinker) Forrester Candidate for GFWC-MFWC President-elect**



The GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club wholeheartedly recommends Sheila "Tinker" Forrester as GFWC-MFWC President-elect for the 2014-2016 administration. Tinker's work ethic and enthusiasm are second to none and make her a strong leader for our organization.

Tinker has been a valuable member of her local club since 1993, and her service includes two terms as President as well as most offices and chairmanship responsibilities. Currently she is serving as Historian, Arts Chairman, Fund Raising Committee Chairman, DYW Committee and COY Committee. Much of our continued success can be attributed to Tinker's involvement.

Tinker has served District II well as its President, President-elect, and Crafts Chairman. Currently she is the hard working Ways and Means Chairman, a position she has held the last two administrations District II has been responsible for MFWC Convention.

Tinker has continually served on the MFWC's State Board since 1998, most notably as Editor of the Clubwoman Magazine for 12 years. She also received the well-deserved honor as GFWC-MFWC's State Clubwoman of the Year for 2011. Currently she is serving as MFWC Chaplain.

Tinker enjoys spending time with her husband, Larry, crafting, traveling, gardening, and serving her church wherever needed. Tinker has two married daughters, Ginny and Chelsea, one son, Clayton, and five grandchildren. Ginny has joined in Tinker's favorite hobby of club work. Some of her best friends were made through Federation.

Because of her strong commitment to GFWC and MFWC, her warm personality, and her drive for excellence, the GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club is proud to present Sheila "Tinker" Forrester for your consideration as GFWC-MFWC President-elect.



### **Becky Wright Candidate for GFWC-MFWC Vice President**



The GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce enthusiastically endorses outstanding club and community leader Becky Wright for the office of GFWC-MFWC Vice President. An active member of her local club since 1995, she has served in most all offices and chairmanships. As 2002-2004 President, she led the club in earning recognition for the first time in its history as MFWC Club of the Year. Notably, she served as the club's chairman of the MFWC President's Special Projects for four consecutive administrations 2006-2014, leading the club to donate large sums to these projects.

Recognizing Becky's potential as a federated leader, her club chose her as its first LEADS Candidate in 2003 to attend MFWC's first LEADS Seminar. She was chosen to represent MFWC as its LEADS Delegate to the 2003 GFWC International Convention. A member of the MFWC Board since 2003, she has served as Leadership Chairman, Newsletter Contest Chairman, Assistant Editor of Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine and currently as a member of the Challenge Grant Scholarship Committee. Additionally, she completed a successful term as District III President 2006-2008 having served as Vice President and President-elect.

Her extensive community service has included three terms as Bruce Chamber of Commerce President, Bruce March of Dimes Walk-America Chair, Bruce Elementary School Team (BEST) Chair, and the town's Sawmill Festival Chair. Her unsurpassed community volunteerism has garnered her many awards including Chamber Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Parent of the Year, and Who's Who Among Young American Women.

Becky and her husband James have two sons, two daughters, and two granddaughters. She and James are co-owners/operators of Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Bruce since 1994. An active member of Bruce United Methodist Church, Becky enjoys camping with her family, playing Scrabble, reading classics and John Grisham, spectator sports, traveling, and learning about different cultures through food and cooking.

Noting her strong leadership and her commitment to federation as well as her volunteer spirit, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce proudly supports Becky Wright for the office of Vice President.



## **Nancy Griffin Candidate for GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary**



The GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club (CWC) of Picayune is proud to recommend a second generation clubwoman, Nancy Griffin for the office of GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary during the 2014-2016 administration. Nancy has been an active member of CWC for 33 years even though her federation experience began at age 5 when CWC was founded in 1959, her mother being one of its original founders. She has served her club as Custodian, Historian, Reporter, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. She has also served as chairman of all six community service areas, Chairman of CWC's annual Christmas Parade and Co-Chairman of CWC's annual Christmas Pilgrimage. Nancy has been awarded numerous awards in her club including New Clubwoman of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Clubwoman of the Year. In District I she has served as Ways and Means Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and President. On the state level of MFWC she has served on the Ways and Means Committee, as Ways and Means Chairman, Community Improvement Contest Chairman, and as the President's Special Assistant 2008-2010. She was also awarded fourth place in the GFWC Community Improvement Contest.

Nancy worked as a legal assistant for 26 years. Other community involvements include being a member of First Baptist Church of Picayune, Daughters of the American Revolution, Friends of the Library, and the Pearl River County Historical Society.

Nancy is a native of Picayune and a graduate of Picayune Memorial High School and Pearl River Community College. She did further studies in music education at UNO and USM. She and her husband Ronnie Griffin have three daughters and four grandchildren. Her hobbies include playing piano and solving jigsaw puzzles.



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



The GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence proudly endorses Diane Rouse for the office of GFWC-MFWC Treasurer. Diane has been a member of the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club since 2002. Since joining, she has served as Club President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Reporting Chairman, and Chairman of various committees.

Diane is currently serving as MFWC Treasurer for the 2012-2014 administration. As Co-Chairman of the 2013 Southern Region Conference that was held in Biloxi, Mississippi, she played a major role in pouring out a truly Southern welcome to our Southern Region Officers and federated clubwomen. Diane served on the MFWC Board 2006-2010 as MFWC Meetings Coordinator and served a dual role as MFWC Ways & Means Chairman and Meetings Coordinator 2010-2012. In 2011, she was selected as the Mississippi LEADS Representative to attend the GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A Rankin County native, Diane is a graduate of Brandon Academy and holds a degree in Interior Design and Marketing from Stratford Women's College in Atlanta, but she pursued a number of other career choices through the years, as well – Church Treasurer, Budget Analyst at the Mississippi Department of Education and most recently prior to leaving state government, Human Resources Director at the Schools for Deaf and Blind. Since leaving state government in 2005, Diane has enjoyed working part-time as a freelance designer and in 2013 joined the ministry team at Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church as Church Hostess and Kitchen Ministry Supervisor. Diane also enjoys decorating for weddings and other special events.

Diane enjoys spending time with her husband, Clay, traveling, reading, gardening, decorating, shopping, serving in her church wherever needed, and volunteering in her community. Diane has two grown sons, Jeremy and Justin, one grandson, Brody, and in July will be adding a new family member, daughter-in-law, Brittany.



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

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President-elect for this administration. The highlight has been traveling to all the District Conventions and getting to know you better. Serving as Advisor to the District Presidents has been a joy because of the following ladies: Nancy Griffin, Anne McKee, Sandra Pope, Mary Ellen Holloway, and Cindy Holcomb – your District Presidents. Ladies, job well done!

I was also blessed to serve under our State President Suzanne Poynor as she guided me through my many “firsts” such as, holding our grand Mississippi flag in GFWC and SRC opening ceremonies. Also, my first GFWC Orientation in Washington, visiting the GFWC Headquarters and holding my first workshop at Southern Region. Mostly, what I will remember are all the times Suzanne invited me to stand beside her in receiving all those awards. What an honor. Thank you Suzanne!

My other hat this administration was serving as your State Membership Chairman. Thank you to my committee members: Sherri Reid, Theresa Buntyn, Ella Cronin, and Melba Watkins. We will forever remember that, “one shoe can change a life.”

I am happy to say that 16 clubs have a net increase. This means that not only are they “recruiting” new members, they are “retaining” and “renewing” their current members. GFWC’s last seasonal recruitment for this administration is June 1. If you have recruited new members after March 1, report it to GFWC and you may be mentioned in their magazine.

I have enjoyed reading all the membership reports from clubs throughout the state on Judging Day. There were a total of 311 projects reported, 5,162 volunteer hours, and \$11,208.72 spent. Congratulations to all those clubs that received Membership Awards on your District level. Also, congratulations to the winners of the Recruitment Contests held in each District. However, all clubs that held a recruitment event are winners. State winners will be announced at State Convention, as well as the “Coveted Shoe Award.” I hope to see you there.

I have enjoyed our Membership Theme these past two years – “Membership, the Sole of the Federation.” We have “kicked up our heels,” as well as many other seasonal taglines. You have engaged with this theme with your creative “shoe” projects in your own club events.

As we come to a close for this term, now more than ever will we need club members to think outside of the box to recruit Generation X and Y. This is a struggle all organizations are facing as clubs age out. How much are we willing to change? This is the question we must ponder as a club.

Will you consider changing your meeting time? Will you consider adding a daycare service for moms while attending your meetings? In your future recruiting efforts, find out the needs that are stopping women from joining. See if there is something your club can do.

It has been my pleasure to serve you the members these past two years.

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

As I write this I am preparing the award booklet, award cards, and certificates for MFWC State Convention. It is a joy to see the harvest of your hard work for the 2013 club year.

Forty-one MFWC Clubs reported 305,909 hours of volunteer work in 4,564 projects. \$693,987 was given in club donations, \$442,369 was in-kind donations, and \$92,565 was spent on advancement areas. The clubs did a great job raising \$111,030 in funds to support these programs and projects. Our clubs should really be proud of the impact they make on our communities. Thank you for the great job that you do. A special “Thank You” to all who judged. Your patience and diligence made my job easier.

We are now looking forward to awards when our state officers represent us at GFWC Convention in Phoenix in June. Our MFWC Chairmen have a way with words and figures and always produce winning entries. Thank you for taking your position to the highest level.

Even though this administration is ending and changes will come about with the new administration, still remember to keep up with projects and statistics in order to be ready for reports and judging next year.

## **GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary Abby May**

As this administration comes to an end, all I can say is WOW - what an experience! Thank you for giving me this opportunity. As GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary, I have learned more about this organization and what it takes (the people, the money, the commitment) to exist. Before, I guess, I thought it just took care of itself. Was I wrong! It is because of the women who volunteer their time, energy, expertise, and guidance that allow this organization to continue.

In 2013, I (and Amy) attended four out of five district conventions, attended and participated in all finance, executive and board meetings, judging day, GFWC-MFWC State Convention, and Summer Institute and attended GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, FL and GFWC Southern Region Convention in Biloxi, MS. Let me just say that I had an awesome time at each of these events!

As a GFWC-MFWC officer, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone, out of your town and community and to spread your wings and become involved in this federation on a higher level. As a GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman, I encourage you to get involved, stay involved, and get others involved - Honoring Past Gifts While Celebrating the Present...Freedom to Volunteer!



**Forever Remembering with  
Excitement and Enthusiasm  
the Daring and Outstanding  
Service of our Military**

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

I have so enjoyed serving as your GFWC-MFWC Treasurer for the past 22 months. It has really been a great experience just being involved in seeing all of the charitable organizations to which our local clubs contribute.

At this writing, I have received dues and club rosters from 48 general clubs and 7 Juniorette clubs for a total of 1,273 GFWC-MFWC club members.

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

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GFWC-MFWC Treasurer  
2323 Tiffany Circle  
Florence MS 39073

## **GFWC-MFWC Juniores** **Mandy Laiche, Director**

Hi MFWC ladies! Juniores had an amazing year in 2013 and I loved reading all the reports about the amazing things these girls did throughout the year. I am excited to tell you that we had 4 Juniorette clubs reporting with a total of 9,331 hours, 268 projects, 4,719 dollars donated, 8,480 in-kind donations, and 2,047 dollars spent. These Juniores deserve huge congratulations for all of their hard work and dedication to volunteering!

So far, Juniores are having a great 2014 too! They have been working on scrapbooks, applying for the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, and nominating a Juniorette of the year for their clubs. Plus they have lots of exciting plans for the rest of the year.

Juniorette Advisors, please encourage some of your girls to attend District and State Convention. It's an excellent opportunity for them to get a real MFWC experience and see they are part of something bigger than just their own small clubs. Please let me know if you have questions and I will be glad to help with whatever I can. I look forward to an amazing 2014!

## **District Presidents' Reports**

### **District I – Nancy Griffin**

As the Poynter Administration concludes, I am so excited for the opportunities we have had with our Freedom to Volunteer with our military families. All of the clubs have worked to serve and assist military families and veterans in our state. We have been blessed beyond measure in doing so as much as they have benefited from your volunteer service.

Judging Day was a busy day for all involved. It was amazing to read the reports from the clubs. The amount of hours and money spent by our federation is astounding and remarkable.

The clubs in Waynesboro (Fine Arts Club, Home and Garden Club, Present Day Club, and Sub-Debs) joined together to host the District I Convention on March 15. I hope you were able to attend. All the clubs deserve to be recognized for their diligent work in their communities. Congratulations to GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune for being named District I Club of the Year. All clubwomen are worthy of the Clubwoman of the Year Award. I commend each of you for your volunteer hours of service. District I honored Dr. Carolyn Sue Tedford of the Poplarville Woman's Club the 2013 District I Clubwoman of the Year. We are proud of both Civic Woman's Club and Dr. Tedford. Good luck at State Convention.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of working on the district and state levels in our federation. It provides you a growing knowledge as you serve. You will meet and make many new friends across our great state. Thank you for the privilege to be your District I President for 2012-2014. It has been tremendously a rewarding and learning experience for me. Hope to see you all in Jackson in April for state convention!

### **District II – Anne McKee**

2014 District II Convention is in the history books now and in a mighty way. We celebrated 2014 Convention on February 22 in the lovely, historic town of Enterprise, located on the banks of the Chickasawhay River. 2013 Convention was held near Louisville, at the gorgeous Lake Tiak-O'-Khata Resort. The dedicated ladies of District II know how to celebrate therefore the 2014 MFWC State Convention is in "partying hands" as we plan big-goings-on in Jackson at the magnificent Hilton Hotel, located on County Line Road, April 24-26. Huge congratulations to District II, 2014 Club of the Year -- GFWC-MFWC Quitman Woman's Club, and as well a special congratulations to District II, 2014 Clubwoman of the Year, Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club's "work-a-holic." Both are very deserving, hardworking, VOLUNTEERING machines, and gurus of creativity, organization, and leadership. I'm so proud to have them living and working in District II. Just as a review: 2013 Club of the year was GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club and Woman of the Year was the "dynamo/prodigy" Susan Shurden, GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club. Also, congratulations to Present Day Club of Union who nominated our first District II Scholarship winner, Lauren Cassel. It has been totally gratifying for me to walk and work among the GREATS of District II. I've learned so much (some of it I'm not telling), however 99% of my experiences as MFWC District II 2012-2014 President has brought me to the "volunteering mountaintop" over and over again. My most appreciative and grateful thank you goes to each District II member and to my brave District board and appointed chair ladies as well. I am truly aware that sometimes "signing-up" with me can test even the most dauntless among us, but we always have fun and eventually get the job done, 110%! Also, I would be amiss not to thank each one of you who came to my rescue as I convalesced from my June accident. I consider myself 90% recovered --

physically, spiritually, and mentally, although the mental-part didn't just begin with the accident, but that's another story for another time. Congratulations to Theresa Buntyn, the incoming District II President. We are so fortunate to have Theresa and I am giddy with anticipation as we move forward into a new year of Federation. I love you all -- thanks for letting me serve as MFWC District II President.

### **District III – Sandra Pope**

It has been such a pleasure for me to have served as District III President for the 2012-2014 administration. I am honored to represent such an outstanding group of volunteers who love serving their communities. I want to thank the District III officers for your dedication and for a job well done. It has been a wonderful two years and I have learned so much from each of you with our common goal of serving our communities better.

Our GFWC-MFWC District III Ninety-ninth Annual Convention will be held Saturday, March 29 with the GFWC-MFWC New Century Club of Calhoun City and the GFWC-MFWC Eupora Twentieth Club serving as the hostess clubs. I am anxiously looking forward to this day and hope that your clubs are also. Please make plans to join us at the Derma Baptist Church, Derma, MS for a day of information, recognition, and fun. It will only be the perfect day if you are there. The ladies of these two clubs are working diligently to provide the very best District III Convention. "Bee" Inspired to Volunteer will be our theme. District III members are certainly "busy bees" as they serve in their communities. I am looking forward to seeing you and visiting with each of you. I know you will want to be on hand to learn which club will be named "District III Club of the Year" as well as "District III Clubwoman of the Year".

I attended Judging Day a couple of weeks ago and was so proud of all of the volunteer hours and monies donated by District III. If your club is not reporting, let me encourage you to REPORT so we can have an accurate record of your many community accomplishments.

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege of serving as your District III President. This has been two years that I will always cherish. I am proud to be a part of District III working together to make great things happen in our state.

### **GFWC-MFWC**

### **Special Appointments**

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

Greetings to you all!

Today, the sun is shining bright, and the weather is warmer. The song birds are having their breakfast at my bird feeders. What a wonderful Mississippi morning!

When this message hits the web, your reports will have been judged and some of the district conventions

will already have been held. However, our club year isn't over! We all still have time to do many loving things for our veterans and military.

Remember, Military Child Month is the month of April. Plan something special for those children in your community who have a parent serving in the military. Plan an appreciation party, called "It's a Hero Party!", with "Your Parent is Special" as the theme. Make a donation to Canine Companions for Independence (Southeast Regional Center, P.O. Box 680388, Orlando, FL 32868-0388) in a child's honor. Check at your local school(s) and see if a child needs a tutor or mentor. A \$10.00 donation to the USO sends a book and a DVD of parent reading to a military child. For more information, go to [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

Memorial Day is May 26, 2014. It is a great time to remember the great men and women who did and continue to do so much for all of us. June 14, 2014 is Flag Day. Bake a cake and take it to a veteran as a sweet surprise!

President Poynor and I both thank all of you for all the programs and projects you have done on behalf of this special time of year. Always remember that we are free to volunteer because of these brave men and women that serve our country!

Freedom to Volunteer totals from 2013 reports:

Programs/Projects – 295  
Hours – 15,864  
Dollars Donated – \$31,687  
In Kind Donations – \$21,996

### **Mississippi Library Commission Board of Commissioners' Member Celia Fisher**

My two year term as GFWC-MFWC President ended in April 2004. In July of that year I began representing MFWC as one of five members of the Mississippi Library Commission's Board of Commissioners. When the Library Commission was created by the MS Legislature, the charter stated that one of the five commissioners would be either the MFWC President or the person designated by her. The commissioners serve five year terms with one changing each year.

When my five years ended in 2009, then MFWC President, Carolyn Huey, asked that I serve another term. It has been a very rewarding and educational ten years and has kept me busy. The Board has accomplished much during those years. But all good things must come to an end. It has been a real honor to represent MFWC in this position. I hope the person who replaces me will find it as rewarding.

*Thank you Celia for the grand way you have represented MFWC on the Mississippi Library Commission's Board of Commissioners. Your efforts on behalf of public libraries throughout our state are appreciated and will provide lasting benefits for people of all ages served by their local libraries.*

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

This is my last HQ report! Thanks so very much for an unforgettable, enjoyable twelve years at our beautiful Headquarters as your Chairman. President Celia Fisher brought me on "board" in 2002. In 2003, Celia, Sue Thompson-who had chaired "The 1935 Society" under President Tommie Rosenbaum- and a few others packed up the Headquarters for a complete restoration provided by the legislature to the tune of one million dollars plus. Celia and Sue worked so hard picking out some new furniture, material to cover existing furniture, blinds, curtains, and the list goes on. Thanks!

Then in 2005 when Deborah Dickens was president, we moved back in. Celia and Harvey along with Sue and "Bud" Thompson spent endless hours unpacking, furnishing two bedrooms and the boardroom, hanging all of the pictures and mirrors, putting together the kitchen cart, and more. Thanks to them will never be enough!

Thanks again to Debbie Williams, member of my Florentine Evening Club in Florence, for donating the beautiful Viking appliances for our new kitchen in 2005.

Thanks to the GREAT HQ Committee members during the past twelve years, especially the last years: My assistant, Belinda Peacher; Libby Everett; Coreen VanDevender; Cathy Higgins; Sharon Hudson; Dee Payne; and at-large Marie Boswell, Jackie Richardson and Sue Thompson. THANKS so very much!

The latest news is that we have a new roof due to hail damage paid for by our insurance except for the \$500 deductible, and we have a darling UMC medical student for the apartment tenant. At Judging Day, you reported 305,909 volunteer hours! We may have fewer clubs due to Katrina and fewer members, but you just keep on going up in volunteer hours! If you didn't report your hours, you may still send them to me until May.

Keep up the GREAT work that you do and THANKS again for allowing me to be your Headquarters Chairman for 12 years.



**2012-2014 Headquarters Committee  
Members Coreen VanDevender, Belinda  
Peacher (seated) GFWC-MFWC President  
Suzanne Poynor, Dee Payne,  
and Teenie Boone, Chairman**

## **In Appreciation**



Sincere appreciation is expressed to Mary Elizabeth "Teenie" Boone for her 12 years of outstanding volunteer service to MFWC as Headquarters Committee Chairman. Teenie is a member of the Florentine Evening Club of Florence for over 25 years.

Throughout her years as Headquarters Committee Chairman, Teenie has spent countless hours in preparing our headquarters as well as seeing that it is kept in "tip top shape" for varied Federation functions. These functions have included club meetings, Executive Board meetings, summer institutes, receptions, and various other events. Our beautiful Headquarters stands proudly today as a testimony to all the courageous and stalwart women, such as Teenie, of the Mississippi Federation who have worked to preserve and enhance its beauty for the 78 years of its existence.

Always rising to the occasion, Teenie has performed her numerous duties with dedication and determination. She has worked diligently with six MFWC Presidents and six Headquarters Committees through periods of renovation, restoration, and preservation. Additionally, she has faithfully reported members' volunteer hours to the Real Property Management toward the lease of the State Property on which the Headquarters sits.

Teenie has been the ultimate hostess as she has tirelessly used her talents, time, and resources in sharing her Southern hospitality with clubwomen and visitors. Thanks for the memories – memories of special times in a beautiful place with cherished friends and fellow volunteers.

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

As I write this article, I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship applications that were due to GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor by March 1. Mississippi has some awesome Juniores, as evidenced by the amazing accomplishments of last year's scholarship applicants. I know the scholarship committee members will be equally impressed this year. Thanks to general club members and Juniolette advisors for assisting and encouraging these ladies in applying for the scholarship. Thanks, also, to those clubs who contributed on the dues form. Remember, if each club member contributes only \$1.00 per year, we can fund this \$1,000 scholarship and make such a difference in the pursuit of a Juniolette's educational goals. Thanks for all you do on behalf of MFWC!

## **Community Service Programs**

### **ARTS**

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

Judging Day has come and gone. I would have liked to see many more reports; however, I was extremely happy with those that were filed. Only eleven clubs filed reports. These clubs used eighty-four volunteer hours to complete sixteen projects. They donated \$153 as well as \$1,013 in in-kind donations.

I appreciate that many of these clubs honored our military veterans.

Please attend your District convention to see how you rated within your district, and attend GFWC-MFWC Convention in April to see your overall result.

### **EDUCATION**

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

I have just completed judging the GFWC-MFWC education projects submitted from clubs all over the state. It was a wonderful opportunity to gain insights into the contributions by 35 clubs to the GFWC program, work performed by members, and scope of efforts made by the clubs both locally and statewide. The numbers were most impressive and represent a real community service in education: 4,296 projects and programs for youth and adults, some challenged by handicaps, in schools, libraries, training sessions, tutoring, summer programs, ESO readings by members, scholarships, and too many others to list. Members reported 296,578 (that's almost 300 thousand) hours of personal service and a lot-of-hard work. More impressive, clubs reported \$689,268 (that's over a half-million dollars) donated to improve education service, plus an additional \$443,889 in-kind donations for a total exceeding \$1.1 million. Plus, these same clubs raised \$105,951 and spent \$90,578.

In addition to GFWC educational service, these same 35 clubs contributed to our MFWC Special Projects: MFWC President's Special Project—Freedom to Volunteer, MFWC Special Emphasis—State Institutions, and MFWC Special Emphasis—Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Clubs had 415 local projects and programs. Members worked 21,825 hours. Financial contributions were \$37,276 donated and \$44,296 in-kind donations.

The hours of volunteer services and dollars reported represent a broad-based program of educational community service reflective of GFWC-MFWC goals and objectives. More specifically, the projects addressed specific educational needs and interests in each Club's specific service area, the state, and international community. Along with this "hard work and high finance," members enjoyed regular meetings with social interaction, challenging presenters, and extremely good refreshments. Certainly, this is community service with a personal touch and satisfaction.

From a personal perspective, it has been a very rewarding two years for me to serve as your state educational chairman. I have learned so much about our clubs' activities conducted in communities all over our state just by reading their annual reports and meeting many members in the state and southern region. Thanks for the opportunity. Please support the next educational chairman in the upcoming administration with the same enthusiasm and cooperation.

### **HOME LIFE**

#### ***Theresa Bunty, Partnership Chair***

**Canines for Companions** needs MFWC club women to act. Recently, an alarming number of internet companies are offering assistance dog vests to anyone who would like to purchase them. This fake certification allows people to claim untrained dogs are service dogs so they will be allowed in grocery stores, restaurants, and other public places where pets are not allowed. As a result of these fraudulent practice, people with disabilities as our veterans who have a legitimate need for a service dog for assistance are being denied access to public places which is in violation of the Americans Disabilities Act. Go to [www.cci.org/](http://www.cci.org/) to tell the Department of Justice the online sale of fraudulent service dog products needs to stop.

**Easter Seals** helps Military and Veterans Services. The crisis facing the nation in meeting the physical and mental health needs of the Armed Forces having served in Iraq and Afghanistan is overwhelming and continues to grow. Thousands of injured military service members are returning home with hopes of successfully transitioning to civilian life. Many communities are not equipped to respond appropriately to their unique needs, nor are they aware of how to best work with military and Veterans systems in the process. Easter Seals' Military & Veterans services respond to this call through the following actions: Dixon Center, Financial Planning, Veteran Caregiver training, community services, Community One Source, Operation Employ Veterans, Public Policies, and other related resources. If you know a veteran that is in need of assistance go to <http://www.easterseals.com/our-programs/military-veterans/> to obtain more details.

**Heart Truth:** Ladies try these two delicious heart healthy recipes that you are sure to enjoy. These recipes are located at:

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/educational/hearttruth/downloads/pdf/factsheet-recipes.pdf>

#### Barbecued Chicken

5 Tbsp (3 oz) tomato paste, 1 tsp ketchup, 2 tsp honey, 1 tsp molasses, 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce, 4 tsp white vinegar, 3/4 tsp cayenne pepper, 1/8 tsp black pepper, 1/4 tsp onion powder, 2 cloves garlic, minced, 1/8 tsp ginger, grated, 1 1/2 lbs chicken (breasts, drumsticks), skinless

1. Combine all ingredients except chicken in saucepan and simmer for 15 minutes.
2. Wash chicken and pat dry. Place on large platter and brush with 1/2 of sauce mixture.

3. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour.
4. Place chicken on baking sheet lined with aluminum foil and broil for 10 minutes on each side to seal in juices.

### SIDE DISHES

Classic Macaroni and Cheese lower-fat version of a favorite dish.

Ingredients: 2 c macaroni, 1/2 c onions, chopped, 1/2 c evaporated skim milk, 1 medium egg, beaten, 1/4 tsp black pepper, 1 1/4 c (4 oz) low fat sharp cheddar cheese, finely shredded, As needed, nonstick cooking spray

1. Cook macaroni according to directions, but do not add salt to the cooking water. Drain and set aside.
2. Spray casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Preheat oven to 350° F.
4. Lightly spray saucepan with nonstick cooking spray.
5. Add onions and sauté for about 3 minutes.
6. In another bowl, combine macaroni, onions, and rest of ingredients and mix.
7. Transfer mixture into casserole dish and bake for 25 minutes. Stand 10 minutes before serving.

### **Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecological Cancer**

Gynecological cancer symptoms may be difficult to recognize. If you have bleeding that is abnormal for you or any of the following symptoms for a two week period such as abnormal vaginal discharge, pelvic pain or pressure, abdominal or back pain, bloating, changes in bathroom habits, itching or burning, changes in vulva color, or skin such as a rash, sores, or warts, abnormal vaginal bleeding, see a doctor. It may be nothing to worry about, but find out for sure. For further information go to [www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge) 1-800-CDC-INFO.

I hope the information shared is helpful. If you have any information about our Home Life Community Service Partners please contact me at 601-635-4714 or tbuntny81@yahoo.com.

Remember to exercise regularly, eat healthy, and have fun !

## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

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

As I come to the end of my term as state chairman for International Outreach Community Service Program, I want to say a big "thank you" to each person for working so hard. In 2013 we reported 428 projects. The totals were: 4,366 volunteer hours, \$57,146 donated, 27,066 in kind donations. This is great. It just goes to prove what we can do. Just think of the lives we have touched. Thank God for the opportunities he gives us.

This has been a great year, but as we look ahead maybe we can do even more. Always remember it's what we do for others that makes a difference and that we have FREEDOM TO VOLUNTEER.

## **PUBLIC ISSUES**

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

As my term draws to a close as a part of President Suzanne Poynor's MFWC Board, I am obliged to say a thank you to her, to President-Elect Darlene Adams, and to Rhonda Terrell, Public Issues Partnership Chairman for the opportunity and the valued experience that I have gained through their leadership.

Serving as the Chairman for Public Issues, I have learned much regarding the four categories within the PI agenda...Citizenship, Veterans Affairs, Emergency Preparedness, and Safety. With President's Poynor's Special Project I have been involved in learning and fostering our volunteer service to our veterans, our active military, and their families.

One of the most rewarding experiences of the last two years has been working with and honoring our Star, Mississippi veterans. They have become great friends with us and the evidence of their appreciation of our groups efforts is seen on their faces and in the notes, letters and conversations that we have with them. On a personal note, my husband never had the privilege of serving in the military which he has long regretted; however, my work with public issues has given him the opportunity to serve and spotlight our veterans by building and financing a float for them to ride during the Star Christmas Parade for the last three years. It was with great pride that "Our Gift to You" float featuring our veterans won first place in the 2013 parade.

Through President-Elect Adams' guidance and her work ethic I have learned that being a good citizen and serving one's community is so important. With her career working with the elder citizens of her area we have all learned how important care and concern for our citizenship is and should be. I also had the privilege of working with her on membership which is a part of being a good citizen and it is the "Sole of Volunteerism".

With Rhonda Terrell's guidance everyone was kept aware of partnership projects that we could become a part of to serve our veterans and our communities. Her expertise in the area of Public Issues is evident in her workshops and her articles for the Clubwoman Magazine.

Let me say that as long as I am a part of MFWC, I will always be a work in progress, and learning new things is a valid part of membership in the organization.

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

As your GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Chairperson I would like to thank each club and clubmember for the work that you did in supporting this special project. I would like to say thank you to the clubs that invited me to their meetings and/or gave me opportunities to speak. It is always amazing to hear and see what work each of you do as volunteers in our community making a difference in so many lives. In reading your reports and seeing what you have done, I am overwhelmed by your giving spirit. The

hours donated, the socks, pajamas, and pillowcases filled with items children need when they are pulled away from their homes, and the toiletry items, household items, cleaning supplies, and clothes that were given to shelters across the state showed the kindness, caring, and compassion you have for others.

As your Chairperson, I have enjoyed working for such a cause, and one day I would like to see that we no longer need a Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Special Project. Congratulations to the District winners and the State winners for this Signature Project. Please keep up the hard work! I enjoyed seeing many of you at your District Conventions and look forward to seeing you at State Convention. Each of you are truly "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

## GFWC ADVANCEMENT

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

GFWC-MFWC Judging Day is always an interesting experience and a challenge. Finding out how many clubs submitted reports and learning about the projects Clubwomen have conducted may trigger new ideas.

Most Clubs have completed at least one project – a yearbook – worthy of reporting. These tend to be filled with information about the activities of women in volunteer service to their communities. Another project a number of Clubs put together is a scrapbook. These records are valuable to the preservation of the history of community-involved Clubwomen especially when they are archived in a local public library or museum and made available to researchers.

Entering these into District yearbook and scrapbook competitions and reporting them in the annual WHRC Judging Day activity are excellent ways to compete for District and State awards. It is helpful to historic preservation efforts for clubs to include information about the production of these books and their archived location in the annual Club History submitted to MFWC for inclusion with other Club histories in the volume of histories the Federation has bound in a single book and added to the MFWC collection each year.

This year, 21 general and Juniorette clubs submitted annual reports in the Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) category. They identified 152 projects involving 3,099 and one-half hours of volunteer service and investments totaling \$8,987.

The collection of projects reported to MFWC in the WHRC category was diverse.

A Club held a public celebration of the anniversary of the Club's founding. This focused on publicizing the long-term commitment to volunteer community service of the Club and Clubwomen. To communicate their message the Club used a display of yearbooks and scrapbooks, a Power Point presentation and remarks by the Club's longest serving Clubwoman and its oldest living past President.

Others raised funds to be used in aiding in the restoration and/or preservation of historic sites and museums.

One Club participated in the planning, coordination and staging of a live-reenactment of a historic event in the Civil War focusing on the Battle for Texas Hospital.

Clubs reported on special events honoring the community service of local women.

Clubs reported on Club and Clubwoman participation in the "Become A Friend Of The WHRC." A copy of the WHRC "Become A Friend Of The WHRC" application is included on the following page in this edition of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine. Please print and copy the page as needed. Contributions support the work of WHRC.

A number of Clubs reported contributions to the GFWC 1734 Society and the MFWC 1935 Society. Both are historic preservation activities.

Another project that the General Federation of Women's Clubs encourages Clubs to undertake is the gathering of information and preparation of their club history – from founding to present day – and submitting it to the WHRC to be archived and made available to qualified researchers probing into the history of women volunteers and their achievements. The best way to get top notch guidance on these projects is to get copies of both *A Guide to Recording Oral History* and *A Guide for Preserving and Writing Club History*. These are available via internet at [WHRC@GFWC.org](mailto:WHRC@GFWC.org). These also are available by writing to WHRC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990 or calling 1-800-443-4392.

It is my privilege to provide our readers the names of all District Club award winners based on their reports submitted to the MFWC WHRC competition. All, except those in District III. Not District III because their 2014 convention will not have been held before this edition of *Mississippi Clubwoman* is scheduled to go active on the internet.

**DISTRICT I:** GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune, First; Poplarville Woman's Club, Second and Woman's Club of Gulfport, Third.

**DISTRICT II:** Quitman Women's Club, First; GFWC Twentieth Century Club of Ackerman, Second and GFWC-MFWC Futura Club of Philadelphia, Third.

**DISTRICT IV:** GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club, First.

**DISTRICT V:** GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club, First; GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club, Second and Star Woman's Club of Star, Third.

Statewide winners in the WHRC category will be announced during the 2014 GFWC-MFWC convention which is scheduled to be held in Jackson April 24-26.

## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE WHRC

Donate to the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center in support of our activities and you will become a Friend of the WHRC. By joining the Friends of the WHRC, you will help the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center:

- Preserve and maintain GFWC collections
- Increase research library acquisitions
- Provide student field study opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidential	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	\$25

Please visit [www.GFWC.org/WHRC](http://www.GFWC.org/WHRC) for membership benefits.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For club memberships, please provide contact information for the club president.

Club president \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email edition of WHRC News:  Yes  No

Check donation status:  Individual  Club

Checks should be made payable and sent to:

GFWC-WHRC  
1734 N Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036-29990

## FRIEND LEVELS

### PRESIDENTIAL—\$1,000 per year

- Engraved crystal paperweight
- Name of individual or club added to large plaque outside the WHRC Research Library

### BENEFATOR—\$500 per year

- Contribution acknowledged in *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*
- Full-day archives training workshop for individual or club representative using the collections at the WHRC (Small group format; certificate provided upon completion)

### SPONSOR—\$250 per year

- 20 percent discount on library research services, including photocopying
- Feature story on WHRC-related topic on GFWC website

### PATRON—\$100 per year

- 15 percent discount on library research services, including photocopying
- Current GFWC Holiday Ornament

### SUPPORTER—\$50 per year

- 10 percent discount on library research services, including photocopying
- WHRC-related story featured in WHRC News

### FRIEND—\$25 per year

- Exclusive *Friends of the WHRC* pin
- Subscription to *WHRC News* (name listed)
- Identification as Friends member with convention name badge ribbon

**PLEASE COPY THIS FORM**

## **GFWC Jennie Award 2012-2014**

MFWC is pleased to recognize June Vaughn as its 2012-2014 recipient of the GFWC Jennie Award. The only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

Volunteerism has been a way of life for June, a Bruce native. Introduced as a child to community service by her Mom who was a charter member of the GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce, June counts it all joy to continue that legacy as she serves her family and community through God's gift of life itself.

A federated clubmember since 1982 with membership in Woman's Progressive Club of Decatur 1982-1990 and GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce 1996-present, June has overcome major health related obstacles to serve these groups in many offices and chairmanships. From a wheelchair for over 20 years, she has "given her all to the cause" as she has devoted her time, talents, abilities, and resources to a vast array of successful projects including the \$80,000 Kids Korner Playground in Bruce, Bruce Museum Renovation, and Relay for Life with club's ten year team donation totaling over \$25,000.

Dean of Chairmen for many years, June has played a major role in the Fine Arts Club being named MFWC Club of the Year for five of the last ten years. She supports fellow clubmembers in their volunteerism with genuine kindness and compassion. She has worked to build membership through her leadership in organizing a Bruce Juniores group, serving as its first advisor, and was instrumental in organizing two other general clubs.

She has served in numerous club, district, and state officer and chair positions culminating in her current position as *Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine* Editor.



**June Vaughn**

Notably, she served as Co-Chairman of the 2008 MFWC Cookbook project that donated over \$20,000 to a Jackson Children's Hospital.

June is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in accounting. Her 16 year professional career, while living in the towns of Vicksburg, Greenwood, and Decatur before returning to Bruce, included financial positions in health care and post-secondary education. Last employed as Accountant with East Central Community College in Decatur, she was forced to give up her accounting career in 1991 due to debilitating strokes.

Currently a member of First Baptist Church of Bruce, June has dedicated a lifetime of service to church music, missions, children, youth, and outreach ministries and served on numerous church leadership committees.

Married for 42 years, June and her husband Rickie, a retired high school principal, have two daughters and two grandsons. Due to the premature births of their two daughters, June took breaks from her early accounting career to care for them. Even during periods of personal health challenges, June helped to care for her mother during her battle with cancer and her mother-in-law during her battle with Alzheimer's before their deaths.

Indicative of her volunteer spirit, June was chosen as GFWC-MFWC District III 2000 Clubwoman of the Year, nominated for GFWC-MFWC 2000 Woman of Achievement Award, and named as GFWC-MFWC Empowering Woman in 2006. The Bruce Chamber of Commerce named her 2005 Citizen of the Year, and she received the American Cancer Society's Mid South Division 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award.

### **OTHER 2012-2014 JENNIE AWARD NOMINEES**



**Sherry Hazelwood**  
**GFWC-MFWC Futura Club**  
**Philadelphia, MS**



**Inez Laird**  
**GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club**  
**Florence, MS**

**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**  
**116<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION**  
**Jackson Hilton**  
**1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi**  
**April 24-26, 2014**  
**Suzanne Byrd Poynor**  
**GFWC-MFWC President 2012-2014**

The one hundred sixteenth annual convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will convene at the Jackson Hilton, Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday – Saturday, April 24-26, 2014.

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

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

**Registration** will be at the Jackson Hilton on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**The deadline for hotel reservations is April 1, 2014. The block of hotel rooms will be released after this date. Convention registration for meals must be postmarked by April 10, 2014. Meal reservations will not be guaranteed after this date.**

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

You may make your own **room reservations** by calling (601-957-2800). Please identify yourself as a member of the group – Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. The room rate is \$112 per night (not including tax and fees). Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 noon. **Room Reservation deadline is April 1, 2014.**

**EXHIBITS**

The Exhibit Room will close at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and all Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries MUST be picked up on Friday evening between 5:30 and 5:45. **Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.**

**REPRESENTATION**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**116<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION**  
**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**  
**Suzanne Byrd Poynor**  
**GFWC-MFWC President 2012-2014**  
**Registration and Meal Reservation Form**

**Club Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration Fees and Meal Reservations:</b>		<b>Member</b>	<b>Booster</b>
Registration (1 day only)	\$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registration (2 days)	\$20.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Board Dinner, 4/24 (The Cotton Kitchen, 870 Avery Blvd, Ridgeland)	\$40.00	_____	_____
Gavel Club Breakfast, 4/25 (Gavel Club Members Only)	\$20.00	_____	_____
Friday Luncheon, 4/25	\$35.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Banquet, 4/25	\$40.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prayer Breakfast, 4/26	\$20.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday Board Luncheon, 4/26	\$27.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Late Fee	\$10.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

*\*Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule Number 8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for attendees whose registration is not postmarked by **April 10, 2014** and mailed to Diane Rouse.*

### **CREDENTIAL CARD**

#### GFWC-MFWC 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

**Club Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Non-Voting Delegate

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

An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFWC.

A Past State President of GFWC-MFWC.

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

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

A regularly accredited delegate for my club.

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

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

Club President

Mail this form along with a check made payable to: GFWC-MFWC 2014 State Convention postmarked by **April 10, 2014** to: Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer crouse99@yahoo.com 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073

**116<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION**  
**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**  
**Suzanne Byrd Poynor**  
**GFWC-MFWC President 2012-2014**  
**Schedule of Events**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24:**

2:00 p.m.	Audit Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Finance and Executive Committee Meetings (Jackson Hilton, GFWC-MFWC President's Suite)
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour in Honor of the 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board, The Cotton Kitchen, 870 Avery Blvd, Ridgeland, <b>All GFWC-MFWC Members are invited.</b>
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<b>GFWC-MFWC Celebrates GFWC Federation Day</b> , GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting. (Sunday dress or party attire) The Cotton Kitchen, 870 Avery Blvd., Ridgeland <b>All GFWC-MFWC members are invited</b> , with only Board Members being allowed to vote.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25:**

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Shop Ways and Means and Vendors
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	View Art, Photography, and Books
Time TBA	<b>Gavel Club Breakfast</b> , (Gavel Club Members Only)
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Opening Ceremonies and Business Session</b> (Business Attire) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Officer Reports</li><li>• Community Service Program Awards: Arts</li><li>• Conservation</li><li>• Education</li><li>• District President Reports</li><li>• Public Issues</li><li>• International Outreach</li><li>• Home Life</li></ul>
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>GFWC-MFWC Celebrates <i>Living the Volunteer Spirit</i> Luncheon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GFWC Signature Project Award</li><li>• GFWC Juniors Signature Project Award</li><li>• Advancement Awards: Membership</li><li>• Leadership</li><li>• WHRC</li><li>• MFWC Special Emphasis Award: State Institutions</li><li>• MFWC Special Emphasis Award: MPB</li></ul>
TBA	<b>MS LEADS Seminar</b>
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Business Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awards: Communication</li><li>• Fundraising</li><li>• Legislation and Public Policy</li><li>• MFWC Youth Art Awards</li></ul>

- GFWC Writing Contest Awards
- GFWC Photography Awards
- MFWC Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards

### **Pick Up All Exhibits**

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

6:10 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

District Pictures with GFWC-MFWC Officers

Processional Assembles

### **GFWC-MFWC Celebration Banquet (Formal Attire)**

- Entertainment
- Featuring, Jackie Boland 2012-2014 GFWC Southern Region President-elect
- Recognition of Jennie Nominees
- Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year
- Recognition of District Clubs of the Year
- Recognition of District Presidents
- Recognition of Past State Presidents
- Recognition of LEADS Participants
- Presentation of Challenge Grant Recipient
- Presentation Hebron Memorial Scholarship Recipient
- Presentation of Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Recipient
- Presentation of Juniorette Awards

### **Installation of 2014-2016 Officers**

Immediately followed by a Dessert Reception honoring Darlene Adams, 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President and 2012-2014 GFWC Southern Region President-elect Jackie Boland

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26:**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Registration

### **GFWC-MFWC Celebrates PEACE, Prayer Breakfast**

- Guest Speaker
- Memorial Service

Business Session

- MFWC President's Special Project Awards
- Presentation of the GFWC LEADS Delegate
- Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year Award
- Presentation of Juniorette of the Year Award
- Presentation of GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year
- Presentation of GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year
- Recognition of 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC Officers
- Address of 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor
- Address of 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC President Darlene Adams
- Pin and Gavel Ceremony

Noon

Adjournment

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

Registration for Post-Convention Board Meeting

Post-Convention Board Meeting for 2014-2016 GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Members

## ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AT GFWC-MFWC 116<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION

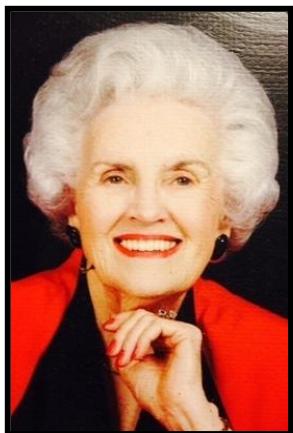
*Article XIII of the GFWC-MFWC Bylaws provides that the Bylaws "may be amended at any State Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment (or amendments) has been approved by the Executive Board and has been appended to the call to Convention, or by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting without notice and without prior approval by the executive Board."*

The Executive Board has voted to recommend one item for action at the 2014 State Convention in Jackson. The item involves a proposed statewide dues increase.

The Executive Board recommends an increase in State dues of \$5 per year for all members. This increase shall take effect beginning with the 2014-2016 administration.

**RATIONALE:** Address the financial strain caused by the decline in membership and the increased costs of budgeted items.

### **\*\*\*\*\**In Memoriam*\*\*\*\*\***



A dedicated MFWC clubwoman for over 20 years, Molly Freeny Morris, was a true friend to many in federation. Born January 26, 1924, to Katie Jones Freeny and Charles Clifton Freeny of Philadelphia, MS, she departed this life on her 90th birthday, January 26, 2014. She grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Philadelphia High School and East Central Junior College. A long-time member of Maids and Matron's Club of Clinton, she served ably as MFWC Treasurer for four consecutive terms 1994-2002. She shared her sweet smile and vibrant personality with many in her role as Headquarters' Receptionist for three years after that.

"Miss Molly" spent many years working in the insurance industry and later at Central Savings and Loan Association when she moved to Forest, MS. A true people person, she loved her customers and was in turn loved and respected by them. She was widowed and retired in 1989, moving to Clinton, MS, to live closer to her son and his family. There she embarked on what she fondly called the happiest years of her life, the years she was actively involved in her local and state Women's Federated Clubs, First Baptist Church Clinton, Clinton Friends of the Library, and volunteering weekly at Clinton Community Christian Corporation (4Cs) and Clinton Community Nature Center. She loved her life in Clinton and put her heart and soul into serving her community.

Family and friends all understood that her proudest accomplishment in life was her children and her grandchildren, all of whom "rise up and call her blessed" because of the excellent example she set for them. Her favorite saying was "when life hands you a lemon, make lemonade," and she made gallons and gallons of it in her lifetime and shared it liberally with those around her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Katie Jones and Charles Clifton Freeny, and husbands James Clark and Lovelle Morris. Left to cherish her memory include her son and daughter-in-law Mike and Janis Clark of Jackson, daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Jim Smith of Brandon, sister Sue Mulholland of Jackson, and eight grandchildren.

Services were Friday, January 31, 2014. Memorials may be made to Clinton Community Christian Corporation (4C's), P. O. Box 21, Clinton, MS, 39060, or Clinton Community Nature Center, P. O. Box 93, Clinton, MS 39060.

## **2014 GFWC-MFWC State Convention Program Ads**

The 2014 State Convention will be held April 24-26, 2014 at the Hilton, County Line Road in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Name of Company/Person purchasing the ad:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Clubwoman selling the ad:

Phone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ordering Instructions:**

- All ad information should be submitted with this form.
- Ads should be camera ready if at all possible.
- Any GRAPHICS or PICTURES **must** be CAMERA READY. Photographs are allowed.
- Make checks payable to: GFWC-MFWC 2014 State Convention.
- Mail check, ad and completed form to:  
Anne McKee, 5891 Windsor Circle,  
Meridian, MS 39305



**Deadline (postmarked): April 3, 2014**

**\$**  
**Come shop MFWC Ways and Means Table at State Convention where you will find MFWC ITEMS and many "OPPORTUNITIES TO OWN."**  
**We will be looking for you!**

**Thanks for your support!**  
**\$**



**Hotel Reservations**  
Special GFWC Rate : \$119/night  
Call the hotel directly at 602-225-0100 or visit [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention) for online reservations. When calling, mention GFWC to receive the GFWC group rate. All reservations must be made by May 26, 2014.

**Registration**  
Registration opens March 3, 2014. Attendees may register at [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention). Registration closes on May 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Registrations received after May 30, 2014 may not be accepted.

## \*\*\*\*\***BENEFITS OF BELONGING**\*\*\*\*\*

*"Membership in the GFWC-MFWC Cosmopolitan Club is very special to me. I have met some wonderful friends during my years of being involved with club work. Our local club is very involved in improving our community through many projects—from the youngest child to the most mature adult. Our outreach extends beyond our own community through Federation. How rewarding to realize that our individual local efforts positively impact so many individuals outside of our own community. And just think about it—we all have fun doing what we do!"*

*~Ione Bond  
GFWC-MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal  
District I*

*"I believe there are as many reasons for joining MFWC as there are members...to have fun, to meet new people, to serve your community, because Mama and/or Aunt Sis are members, or because somebody asked you. I joined because someone asked me 36 years ago. I have met people I never would have met, gone to places I never might have gone, and learned so many interesting things about myself, my city, state, country, and world. It has been a great pleasure to know all the ladies that have come and gone from our organization..Mary Arndt, Jean Brett, Miriam Clearman. All I can say is, I am a better person because I joined a federated woman's club so many years ago."*

*~ Libby Everett  
GFWC-MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal  
District I*

*"While I was preparing for life after retiring from decades working in Washington, DC as a Legislative Director for a Congressman and an associate staffer for the Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. Effie Perry asked my Mom what I planned to do when I came home to Philadelphia. Mom said volunteer service, preferably with an organization involved in a variety of activities. Mrs. Perry, a founder of GFWC-MFWC Futura Club, mentioning some of the areas in which the Club worked, invited me to join them. I did. Twenty years later volunteering with Club work continues to be stimulating."*

*~ Dorothy Thomas  
GFWC-MFWC Futura Club  
District II*

*"I joined Picayune Civic Woman's Club a month after I married—almost 45 ½ years ago. I have never regretted being a member of a wonderful club where I meet new friends every year while keeping all the old friends. They are always helping not only our schools, but providing help to all walks of life. Our club gives of their time and money while most are working a full time job with their own families. Our club provides so much fun in putting on one of the largest Christmas parades in Mississippi. We have many projects which include the Christmas Pilgrimage to be able to give large scholarships to a senior for two high schools. Our club is not only a hard working club, but a fun, loving, and caring one. All of this work carries on to MFWC and GFWC where we all make a difference in the lives of our schools, community, and state."*

*~Gail Mitchell  
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune  
District I*

*"GFWC-MFWC members enjoy the fellowship with each other. We have great times together, and share our bad times. We have experienced such wonderful times when donating our time to serve at functions for different organizations in our community. Our Christmas Parade and Christmas Pilgrimage are two events in our community that are looked forward to by everyone each year. We love to know that the work we do makes a difference in the lives of so many. Our Motto is: "Service in your community is the price you pay for the space you occupy."*

*~Connie Tapley  
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune  
District I*

*"GFWC-MFWC means a lot to me. I love how we all come together to better the cause, helping our community, our state, and our country. The joy of children's smiles when we help at our school brings great satisfaction to me. I love when the club members get together and the fun we have with laughter and encouragement. Yes, we are sisters, GFWC-MFWC club sisters."*

*~ Joan Feliciano  
Present Day Club, Union  
District II*

## \*\*\*\*\*BENEFITS OF BELONGING\*\*\*\*\*

Not a Bruce native, I saw being asked to join the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club of Bruce two years ago as an opportunity to get to know people. In this short time, I've gained wonderful and what I believe will be lasting friendships. It's a heartfelt feeling to know the women I serve with in this club are willing to help in any way to make the community a better place. Knowing their hearts, minds, and souls, God did a wonderful thing when he brought this group of women together. I've learned more about myself, my community, and most of all what is really important, all thanks to these ladies. I'm proud to say I "belong" to the 20th Century Club of Bruce!

~ Bridgett Fulton, GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce, District III

"GFWC and MFWC members are a whole lot of wonderful people rolled into one. We get to laugh, have fun, do new things, go places, and have the best time ever. We also brighten lives, share gifts, offer support, care for others in big and little ways, put others first, give from the heart, make a difference in the lives we touch, and help our communities by doing our part."

~ Jane Gregory  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce  
District III

"GFWC and MFWC provide the ultimate opportunity to work with different women to improve our community! What a great sisterhood!"

~Annette Wicker  
GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.  
District V

I was flattered when I was asked to join my local club right after graduating from college. Most of the clubwomen were ten years older and had families, but that didn't stop me. I jumped right in. It felt great to feel needed, to do my civic duty, and to get to know a group of ladies that I might not cross paths with otherwise. Volunteering has definitely made me a better person. I have gained leadership skills, learned many new things, made many new friends, and have had fun! Yes, it can be difficult juggling family, job, church, and club life, but it's worth it!

~Sharon Hudson  
Batesville Junior Woman's League  
District IV

Several years ago my sister, Melba Watkins, invited me to help serve lunch at the District V Annual Convention which was being hosted by the Star Woman's Club at Wesleyanna United Methodist Church. I gladly accepted the invitation and I enjoyed meeting new people and sharing in the fun and excitement of the day. Later that year she extended me an invitation to volunteer at the Star Woman's Club Candy Cane Lane Bake Sale immediately following the Star Christmas Parade. After the bake sale, she said "Why don't you join our club?" I never realized this decision of becoming a member of Star Woman's Club would be the life changing experience that it has been.

Being a member of MFWC is rewarding in so many different ways. Volunteering for school activities, charity horse shows, bake sales, activities for veterans, and participating in local community functions has added such joy and depth to my life. People are so appreciative of what you do for them especially the veterans. What we do may seem so small to us but so big to them. Seeing people smile from something you've done for them is a wonderful feeling. That feeling is the "Volunteer Spirit" I am certain.

On May 6, 2013, we honored our husbands with a dinner at the MFWC State Headquarters. On our way home that night my husband said, "I had no idea all the things 'you club women' do." "I thought the club meeting was a monthly social meeting to drink coffee or tea." He told me he was excited that I was a member of such a wonderful organization. I am excited too. This club has introduced me to a group of women who enjoy and love doing things for others.

~Lynn Smith  
Star Woman's Club  
District V

To me, being a member of the Juniores is an honor. It is an opportunity; an opportunity to make friendships with other responsible young ladies that are sure to last a lifetime. It is an opportunity to stop and think outside of myself and my own life and be reminded of people in the community who need help. It helps my mindset and helps me remember to think of others – even if it is not a Junorette club project.

~Haley Enlow  
Pontotoc Juniores Club  
District III

*Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

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Round Table of Meridian member Mable Merritt (right) was recently honored for her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club member. At left is member Liz Nix and standing is GFWC-MFWC District II President Anne McKee. Mabel is wearing a crown from the Southern Region Friday evening banquet.

*MFWC members  
are invited to*

*Round Table of Meridian's  
100 Year  
Celebration Reception*

*at Merrehope Mansion  
in Meridian, MS on Wednesday,  
May 7, 2014*



GFWC-MFWC Past President and 2012-2014 WHRC Committee Member Ivous Sisk, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President Elect Darlene Adams, 2012-2014 GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor, and 2012-2014 Southern Region Secretary Jo Anne Reid pose for photo at GFWC Fall Orientation.



Dixie Daisy Juniores participated in Juniorette Summer Retreat "Shiver Me Timbers" in Decatur, MS at the home of Past President Carolyn Huey.



MFWC Program Chairs Theresa Buntyn and Pam Smith judge reports on Judging Day.



Board members play Heads or Tails game at Winter Board Meeting in February.

**GFWC Southern Region Conference ~ October 24-27, 2013**  
**Imperial Palace Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi**



GFWC-MFWC Past Presidents Tammie McCoy, Judy Martin, Jo Anne Reid, Celia Fisher, Ivous Sisk, and Carolyn Huey pose for a photo "unmasked" at the Mississippi Night Banquet.



GFWC Southern Region Presidents and President-elects at Southern Region Breakfast hosted by GFWC-MFWC

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## GFWC Southern Region Conference ~ October 24-27, 2013 Imperial Palace Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi



GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor and GFWC-MFWC Past President, Southern Region Conference Co-Chairman and Jennie Award Chairman Carolyn Huey congratulate June Vaughn of GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce, GFWC-Mississippi Jennie Award Recipient.



GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister and GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor visit at Southern Region Conference.



2012-2014 GFWC Secretary Marian St. Clair, 2012-2014 GFWC President-elect Babs Condon, and GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club Members Abby May and Amy Jacobs visit on Southern Region Tour in Ocean Springs.



GFWC-MFWC 2012-2014 Officers Darlene Adams, President-elect, Sue Addy, Vice President, and Abby May, Recording Secretary, pose for photo after Friday Night Banquet.



2012-2014-GFWC Southern Region Officers Recording Secretary Jo Anne Reid, Treasurer Kay Chadwick and President Ann James



GFWC-MFWC President Suzanne Poynor and GFWC-MFWC Treasurer and Southern Region Convention Chairman Diane Rouse

## \*\*\*\*\*MFWC CLUBS IN ACTION\*\*\*\*\*



Members of GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce celebrated American Heart Month by wearing their red shirts to the February club meeting.



Batesville Junior Woman's League prepared and served a special lunch to local Veterans at VFW.



In conjunction with the Town of Raleigh, members of the GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club cleaned up around the Vera Martin Community Center in Raleigh as a part of their Conservation efforts.



Members of the Batesville Junior Woman's League participated in "Scare on the Square" and distributed Breast Cancer Awareness materials.



Dixie Daisy Juniores held a fundraiser and donated proceeds to assist Veterans' Clinics through the GFWC-MFWC Public Issues Partnership Program.



Decatur Woman's Progressive Club arranged for the renaming, took care of arrangements for the Dedication Ceremony for The Naming of the Jessie Mae Everett Public Library, and hosted a reception afterwards.