

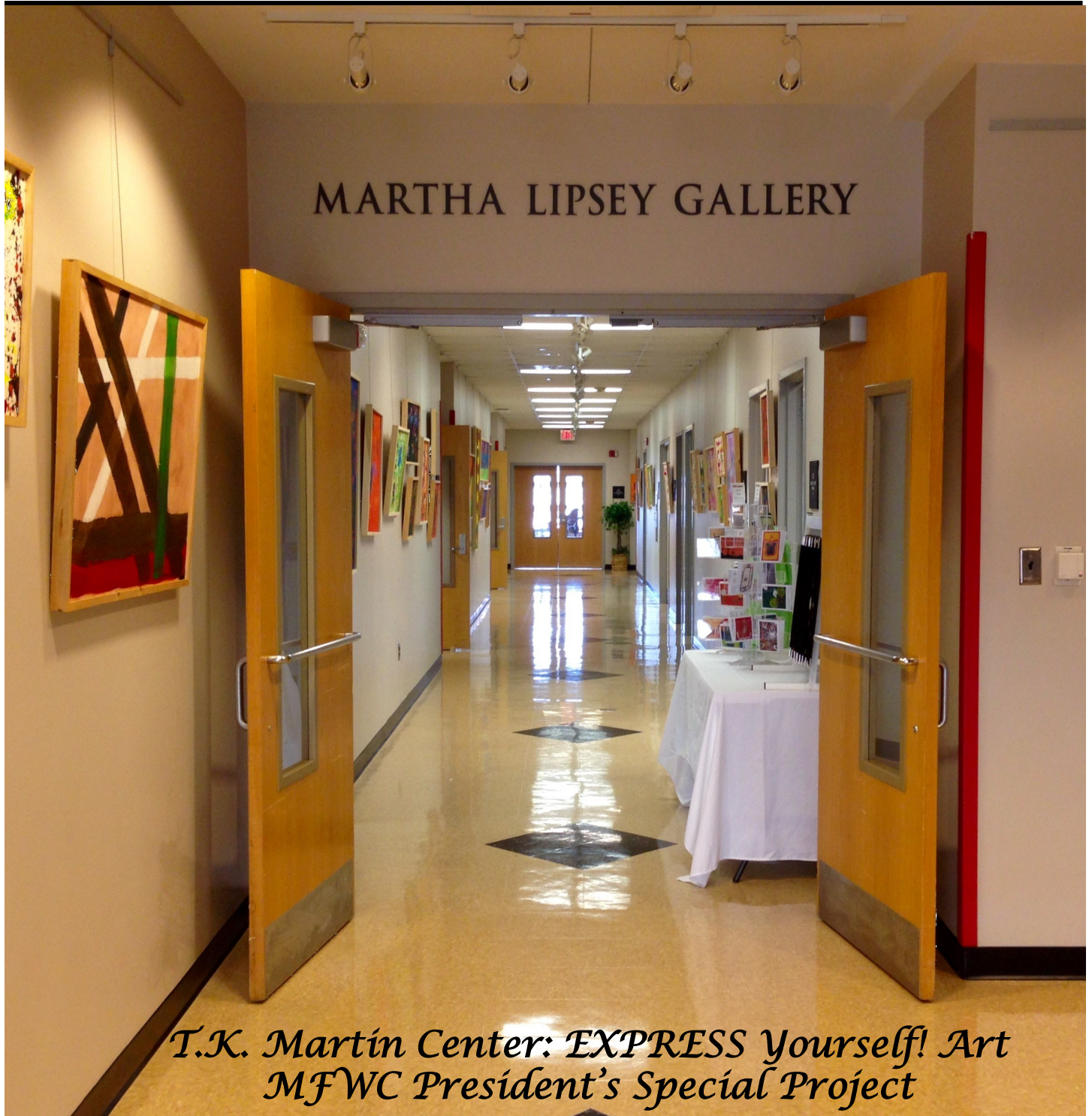
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MFWC President's Special Project*

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October 20 – 23	Southern Region Conference Jacksonville, FL
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January 1, 2017	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 Writing Contest entries  Deadline to postmark Challenge Grant Applications
February 10	Deadline to postmark MS LEADS Appli- cations  Deadline to postmark Clubwoman of the Year and Juniorette of the Year Nomina- tions
February 10	Finance / Executive Committee Meeting, Jackson, MS area
February 11	Executive Board Meeting and Judging Day, Jackson, MS area
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opportunities that strengthen the role of women.”*

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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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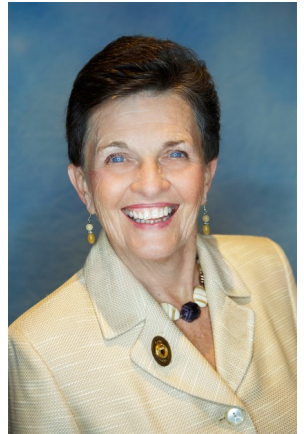
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## *Greetings from GFWC International President, Sheila E. Shea*

*July 1, 2016*

*Dear GFWC Sisters:*

*It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2016-2018 GFWC Administration. I am truly honored, privileged, and extremely humbled by the reality that I am serving as your 51st GFWC International President. In this great country and organization, we have much to be grateful for. We have a rich and storied history of success and achievement which our talented members, leaders, and staff can build upon. And as I have previously stated, "If We Build It, They Will Come." From this statement, you can see Membership Recruitment and Retention (both members and clubs) will be a major focus of this administration as well as our commitment and passion for Legislative Issues and Advocacy.*



*We must be committed to increasing advocacy in all facets of our GFWC programming as we try to return to our roots and our strength of advocating for legislative initiatives—this was the call to action and unifying force for our members in the past and we need to revisit what our organization was founded on—our resolutions and our passion for positive change in our communities through our members' support for passage of timely and critical legislation.*

*I believe the strength of this organization is in its members and clubs and the incredible work they accomplish in their individual communities every day. For over 126 years, the belief in our mission and our dedication to community improvement has never wavered or changed. We know there is strength in belonging to a national organization, where accomplishments can be shared with and duplicated by others, and the good work that we do can be multiplied by the number of clubs and members throughout our great country. Our accomplishments have received far too little recognition in recent times. But we are working on it! And it is beginning to change!*

*Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2016-2018 GFWC International President. We are indeed all unified by our diversity and whether you are a Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette, or International Affiliate Club member, we are all GFWC. Together, we are an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. We are GFWC, Living the Volunteer Spirit each and every day in our communities throughout the world. Together, we can build the organization so others will want to join us. We have a story to tell and we should shout it from every rooftop. We should be extremely proud of our membership in this organization, which has made such a significant impact in the global community over so many years. We have celebrated 126 years of service and yet, We Have Only Just Begun! Together we can accomplish great things as members of this great and strong women's organization GFWC. Please join me in making this vision a reality for all our members, clubs, state federations, regions, and GFWC!*

*Forever Living the Volunteer Spirit Through GFWC,*

*SHEILA E. SHEA*

*2016-2018 GFWC International President*



## Welcome Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Tinker Forrester



Dear Federation Friends,

I am thrilled beyond measure to have been installed as the 60<sup>th</sup> President of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs! Never in a million years would I have ever believed that I would be sitting here at my desk penning this letter to a vast group of friends that have grown so dear to me in my 23 years of being a member of our wonderful organization. I truly believe that the things you go through in life are always preparing you, in some way, to 'step up to the plate' when the opportunity presents itself. There have been many of you that have always believed in and encouraged me even when I didn't believe this path was in my future. And now, here we are!

The theme for this administration is '**Informing Minds...Inspiring Hearts**'.

When I was studying my Sunday school lesson a couple of years ago, right about the time I was asked to take a position on the MFWC Board as President-elect, the introduction spoke about people needing to be informed before they could truly be inspired to tell others about Jesus. It is that way with our organization. For people to be inspired to volunteer, they need to be informed about the many ways they can make a difference in their communities.

The symbol that I have chosen to use is a Daisy. To me, the simplicity of this little flower makes its' beauty shine even brighter. When cared for properly, it can have a relatively long vase life. Caring is a very important aspect of our organization. It is why we do what we do.

Sometimes the simplest things in life make the greatest impact. There is a line in our Collect that says 'Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.' The full impact of this line has really struck a chord in my heart as I have been making preparations to serve as your President. Our GFWC motto 'Unity in Diversity' speaks to this line. Even though we are all unique with gifts specific to our individual personalities, when we come together - united in heart, mind, soul and body - we can and will accomplish great things.

The **EXPRESS Yourself! Art** program that is a part of the T. K. Martin Center for Technology and Disabilities will be the emphasis for the **President's Special Project** for the next two years. I became aware of this program a number of years ago when the Director, Judy Duncan, of the program gave a presentation at a meeting of my local club. A seed was planted all those years ago that lay dormant for a time and began to bud during my term as President-elect and now it is time for that bud to bloom and shine! My goal for this administration is to raise \$25,000 to provide this program with their first ever endowment, enabling them to continue the work of the program. Raising money to fund the endowment is not the only thing I would like to do. Not only am I striving to make this funding a reality, I would like to encourage all of our clubs to seek and find programs in their individual areas that have a similar goal. A goal to enable all people, especially those with physical and/or mental challenges, to be able to express themselves through some type of creative outlet. If a program can't be found, why not be the ones to develop one?! Taking on a project such as this is not for the faint of heart but, honestly, I have NEVER met a Federated Clubwoman who is that!

Another goal for this administration — not just mine but ALL of the members of the Board — is to do our very best to **In-form** our members so that they, too, will be **Inspired!**

I am greatly humbled by the outpouring of encouragement and support that I have received from so many of you as we begin this journey together.

Thank you for the privilege and honor that you have bestowed on me. My promise to each and every one of you is that I will do my very best to make you proud to be a part of GFWC-MFWC as I represent you, my sisters, in everything I do as your President. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can ever be of assistance to you in any way!

Living the Volunteer Spirit through Federated Service,

Tinker

## MFWC President's Special Project: EXPRESS Yourself! Art

Chair: Susan Shurden



Not knowing where to begin, I simply googled “art”. And this is what I found: something that is created with imagination and skill and that is beautiful or that expresses important ideas or feelings. Isn't that what we do as club women? We create things ... with great imaginations and skills... that are beautiful and express important ideas or feelings.

There are many types of art – creative arts, performing arts, culinary arts, visual arts, writing and poetry. Art varies. Art knows no limits. So for this administration, let's not set limits! Let's use our imagination and skills and express important ideas!

I'm excited about the EXPRESS Yourself! Art program. Hopefully by now you have become familiar with the amazing work that is being done for these talented artists. We are helping to break down barriers and allowing people the opportunities to express their important ideas and feelings in a way that was not possible before. But let's not stop there. Let's not set limits.

- Host a talent show and donate the proceeds to your local schools band program. That can be reported in Education... and PSP! Because that's performing arts!
- Have a bake sale and donate the proceeds to Heifer International. That's International Affairs and PSP! Because that's culinary arts!
- Place a small sign on your tables at events that say, “Centerpieces may be purchased. Please take \$20 to Susan”.

I can't wait to see what you come up with! Never has cross reporting been so exciting!

While you are dreaming, let me tell you about a dream of Tinker's. She is bringing Arts and Crafts back to the MFWC Convention this year....so, get busy spending some of your personal time doing crafts again. Not only is it productive, but good for your soul. We are expecting a huge turnout this year at the District Conventions to see your beautiful creations.

Finally, plans are being made to host a Color Fun Walk/Run – that means it's going to be short – at MFWC Convention this year! And by the way, that's Women's Health and PSP reportable!

Don't hesitate to call me to speak at your clubs or get more information to you regarding EXPRESS Yourself! Art. And get busy using your imagination and skills and expressing important ideas. Remember, no limits!



The T. K. Martin Center's EXPRESS Yourself! Art (EXperiencing Painting as Recreation & Express the Spirit within Yourself) uses the techniques of Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.) to provide a means for Mississippians with the most severe disabilities to feel the power of self expression through art. Trained individuals, called trackers, "act as neutral arms, executing the vision of the physically challenged through laser-guided tracking and other exacting technologies" (Lefens, 2005). Trackers use precise techniques to "allow a person with the most minimal ability to move to create subtle, exacting works of art" (Lefens, 2005).

~Taken from [www.eyart.org](http://www.eyart.org)

**Message from**  
**GFWC-MFWC President-elect, Becky C. Wright**



What an honor and pleasure it is for me to serve as your GFWC-MFWC President-elect! It is a joy to serve under Tinker Forrester, our “Queen of Hearts” and learn from her expertise! Witty, entertaining, and artistic, Tinker is quite a card! With her leadership, Team MFWC is sure to hold a winning hand. Speaking of winning hands,

GFWC’s Membership Recruitment Theme is GFWC “It’s The Real Deal” and doesn’t that just speak volumes? Our Federation was founded on and continues to be made up of real women striving to build a better hand for our game of life.

As Membership Chairman, I’ve been dealt a perfect hand! My Membership Committee consists of District President-elects: Nelda Mills, District I, Sue Lucas, District II, Lyn Blaylock, District III, June Griffin, District IV, and Belinda Peacher, District V, as well as MFWC Juniorette Director Brook McCarty. We will be sharing card tricks on how to “Go Fish for Members”, “Bridge the Gap” in membership, enjoy a “Game of Hearts”, and the use the “52 Pick-up-a-Membership Tool” as we encourage each club to “pick-up” a new member! Please see Membership, also included in this *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine for ideas on membership recruitment and retention.

As Advisor to the District Presidents, I will be playing with a full house! My advice and goal for these leaders is to be a game changer, and that will be our goal for the next two years. Having been in their position before, I have an understanding of their needs. But with these aces, we are ahead of the game. Your District Presidents are: Jana Jarrell, District I, Susan Shurden, District II, Frances Brown, District III, Deana Pittman, District IV, and Lisa Harris, District V. Your District Presidents have their game face on and their chips are on the table as they have already begun working to see that no club is stuck playing solitaire, by continuing to bridge the gap of better communication with their respective clubs, finding out their needs, and determining how GFWC and MFWC can assist them. Success is not measured by how high we climb or which member has the royal flush, but by how many others we take with us along the way. GFWC is empowering and we should share that empowerment by being a game changer.

Please do not hesitate to email me [becky-wright1964@gmail.com](mailto:becky-wright1964@gmail.com) or call me 662-983-8836 with any questions. I am looking forward to serving you these next two years as we inform minds and inspire hearts.

**Message from**  
**GFWC-MFWC Vice President, Sherri Reid**



I am Excited about being your MFWC Vice- President this year. I hope everyone here is turning in hours to their club for all the projects you are doing or have completed for 2016. If there are any clubs who need help getting hours together, maybe looking for a new way to report those hours this year. Text me, email me or call me. I would love to

make time to talk to you. I know the my own club has tried many different ways over the years. There are two clubs that I am working with to report this year. I don’t think it’s their first time to report. It just stopped being a priority. So they are being conscious of reporting this year. I’m sure there are other clubs in the same boat. So, if you know of a club that needs help or maybe just some encouragement, please let me know! It is my privilege to serve our clubs in this capacity!

There are a few slight changes that were discussed at International Convention in Baltimore:

1. We have no additional Partners at this time.
2. Top Projects from the 2015 Award Entries is Paper GOLD!! Members and club committee chairs PLEASE use this resource. It list the programs and projects that were selected as the Top Projects submitted by state chairmen.
  1. Please make sure to visit GFWC.org
  2. Click on Resources
  3. Click on GFWC Top Projects (bottom)
  4. Check out these Top Projects!
3. Human Trafficking which was located in International Outreach has been moved to Public Issues. By moving it to Public Issues members will see it as OUR Public Issue—it happens here too, not just in other countries.
4. Our Signature Projects are: Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children, Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention will now be called Programs.  
\*\*\*Juniors Special Project: Advocates for Children and Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention will now be called Programs: Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children & Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. A Project sounds like something we work on for a period of time and something is accomplished and we are through. But that is not the case here...Program is something we will continually feel strongly about and GFWC- MFWC members will work to eradicate.

Thank you! I look forward to working with all our Mississippi Clubs this year. Call or email anytime! 601-270-4464 or [reidshe@comcast.net](mailto:reidshe@comcast.net).



**GFWC-MFWC Treasurer,  
Diane Rouse**



A new administration and club year has begun and it is once again time to submit club dues and rosters. The 2016-2018 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 and contributions.

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 members during the year, please send their names, addresses or a revised club roster and dues of \$30 for general members/\$25 for juniorettes to my attention: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073. If you have questions at any time, feel free to call at 601-845-3059 and leave a message or email at [crouse99@yahoo.com](mailto:crouse99@yahoo.com)

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

**IMPORTANT:** If you district, club or an individual wishes to designate donations to a specific organization, i.e. Operation Smile, UNICEF, St. Jude, American Cancer Society, etc., you may do so, but ALL checks sent to the MFWC Treasurer MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO MFWC, not the organization. I can neither deposit or disburse funds made payable to another organization.

**GFWC-MFWC Parliamentarian,  
Judy Martin**



My thoughts of encouragement are with each of you, as you plan for an exciting, successful, and organized club year. I want to remind you that many changes to the GFWC-MFWC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules were voted this past year.

By the time you receive this magazine, an updated version of our governing documents should be available on the website. Please be sure and download this information, so that you will have the current rules at your fingertips. As always, if you have any questions, or if I can assist you and your club in any way, please feel free to contact me.

**GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary,  
Theresa Buntyn**



Greetings Ladies of MFWC. This poem appeared in a GFWC Club woman magazine:  
"Federation gives its members a broader vision, the inspiration of united effort, and greater strength to accomplish goals through volunteer service. You are a member of the largest volunteer women's organization in the world...be proud."

I am honored to be serving as your GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary for 2016-2018. I am learning the role of Recording Secretary is to serve as the eyes and the ears of GFWC-MFWC. It is my job to accurately record our meetings and to ensure that they are preserved in an organized and readable format.

To enhance our record keeping, if you are a Club President please present a copy of your report to the District Recording Secretary at District convention. If you are giving a report at State Convention I will need a copy of your report too. I look forward to sharing what our organization does on a daily basis in volunteer service. These projects help make our communities stronger and bring an awareness of the variety of needs across our great State. If I can be of any assistance feel free to contact me at [tbuntyn81@yahoo.com](mailto:tbuntyn81@yahoo.com) or 601-5626547.

**GFWC-MFWC Historian,  
Jane McArthur**

Dear MFWC Clubs,

Please help us to preserve our federation history. Club histories are our records of what clubs have accomplished each year. Club histories should be postmarked by March 1 of each calendar year. The form has been updated on the MFWC website. Mail your club histories to:

Jane McArthur  
GFWC-MFWC Historian  
300 Mason Street #221  
Laurel, MS 39440



***GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director,  
Brook McCarty***

What an exciting time for GFWC-Mississippi! The enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment of Mississippi Junioresettes is spreading to General clubs. We are honored to have three clubs—Eupora Twentieth Century Club, Raleigh Women's Club, and Civic Woman's Club of Picayune--“step up” and decide to either sponsor or renew their Juniorette clubs. Sensing that the Junioresettes of our Federation are tomorrow's General club members and community volunteers, these General clubs have decided to encourage wonderful young women to share their gifts through volunteerism. Hopefully these young women will also want to transition from Juniorette membership to General club membership in the future.



This year's Hawaiian themed retreat was Le'ale'a! Attendees were blessed to be able to make friends with some of our members from around the state! Junioresettes from Waynesboro, Raleigh, Meadville, Picayune, and Bruce attended along with advisors. Special guests included GFWC-MFWC President Tinker Forrester; President-elect Becky Wright; and Media/Communication & Technology Coordinator Lisa Harris. A huge thank you to Carolyn and Max Huey for hosting this retreat and letting us use their barn and pool. Also, special thanks to Beulah Baptist Church, Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, Present Day Club of Union, The Present Day Club of Waynesboro, Homochitto Heritage Club, Fine Arts Club of Bruce, Raleigh Women's Club, and Civic Woman's Club of Picayune for providing delicious meals and snacks.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to advance young women through Mississippi Junioresettes. Let's join forces to inform minds and inspire hearts and promote future membership by investing in Mississippi youth! I am looking forward to visiting with our Juniorette and General 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.







***Jennie Award Contest  
Chair: Darlene C. Adams***

**WHO** is a Jennie Award nominee? Every club has at least one person who has contributed a large part of her life to volunteer service. She serves in several community organizations and may even reach in areas of needs not adopted by club projects. She's one who has given her life to service while committed to her family. It is the highest award given to an individual. GFWC calls her "one who epitomizes her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through her volunteer role."

**WHAT** is the GFWC Jennie Award Contest? GFWC has a special award for someone such as this. It's called the "Jennie Award," named after founder Jane Cunningham Croly. The GFWC evaluation criteria are: commitment to club, commitment to community and commitment to family. This award is the only national honor given to an individual member.

**HOW** can you nominate someone from your club? Complete the official Jennie Award form provided through GFWC.org or linked through our GFWC-MFWC state website. Include all required documents along with form and send to Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFWC State President, 5257 MS Highway 15, Ackerman, MS, 39735 by March 15, 2017. In order to not be disqualified, please adhere to official award rules.

**WHERE** does the process go from here? After the state committee chooses the MFWC nominee, the nominee goes on to the regional, and finally, on to GFWC for the national competition.

I know we have many within our clubs that are deserving of this award and encourage clubs to take the time to nominate these precious women that make up our federation.

Please visit the website for the forms to nominate your club's deserving member for the Jennie Award!



***LEADS  
Chair: Debbie Benoit***

In our busy schedules it is hard to set aside time for day to day planning. However, it has been proven that about 95% of successful people begin each year with a plan for success. They use monthly goals to measure achievement and/or advancement. On a weekly basis they fine tune that schedule of goals and accomplishment desires. Conscience business owners know the importance of planning!

LEADS was developed to implement this process into club building and equip leaders with the knowledge and resources to take the lead with-in their respective club and be ready to advance to district and state level leadership. Areas of the state workshop include discovering the leadership qualities currently possessed and learn what it takes to develop deeper strengths through studying communication skills, speech, and time management. In the state workshop we promote exercises in team building. I have discovered many types of teams in various leadership programs in which I have participated. In LEADS we communicate ideas of the effectiveness of performance impact and how a high performing team can build a better club and offer members encouragement to accept the challenges of leadership. We look at designing a board agenda, board officer duties, Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure, motivating yourself, then your club, and discuss conflict resolution. When we complete the workshop each lady is inspired to take the lead and chart the course.

It's time to PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP SUCCESS! Encourage your club to send a member to advance their organization by advancing their personal, indispensable qualities of leadership!



Our new leaders,  
your GFWC-MFWC  
2016-2018 Administration...  
Tinker Forrester  
(President), Becky Wright  
(President-elect), Sherri  
Reid (Vice-President),  
Theresa Buntyn  
(Recording Secretary),  
and Diane Rouse  
(Treasurer)

## *News from our District Presidents around the state:*

### ***Jana Jarrell, District I President***

As we begin this 2016-2018 Administration of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs I first want to let you know how honored I am to be serving as your District I President. I am excited about working with our new State President, Tinker Forrester and her President's Special Project "Informing minds...Inspiring hearts" focusing on the EXPRESS Yourself! Art program at the T. K. Martin Center. Tinker, I know, will serve us well. I also look forward to working with all the dedicated and talented women in our district. Together I know we can make a difference in the lives of others.



I encourage all of our clubwomen in District I to continue to be the best we can be! Your dedication, hard work and selfless giving make Mississippi great. Please continue to "think outside the box" to create new and exciting ways to grow our membership and to reach out to those that need our help.

I want to thank Sherri Reid for her excellent leadership over the past two years. Sherri has left me some big shoes to fill. I am here to serve. Please do not hesitate to call on me anytime. I look forward to seeing all of you at our many events over the next two years.

### ***Susan Shurden, District II President***

Take a trip with me... we'll pack our bags and talk about how much fun we'll have when we get there; with the car gassed up and loaded and the radio blaring, we'll take off on our grand adventure. Even if we leave on time and take the turns we think we are supposed to make, without a map there is a good possibility that we won't make it to our destination. And if we do finally get there we'll be late and grumpy because of the stress those last minute corrections and detours have caused. Of course, there is a good possibility that we will get sidetracked and forget where we'd wanted to go in the first place.



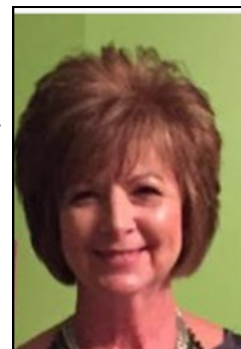
As you begin this new administration, I challenge you to draw yourself a map. Literally? No... but without goals how will you know where you are going, how to get there, and even what the heck to do when you arrive! Take a few quiet moments and tuck yourself away with a notepad and dream. Then put it on paper. Make goals as members, officers, chairmen and committee members. With a plan in place your year will flow smoothly and your focus will be clear. And you will arrive at your destination. While setting goals, we need to look back at what we've accomplished in order to build on that foundation.

District II has a strong history of leadership and service. Theresa Buntyn will continue to be a great representative for DII as MFWC Secretary; Tinker Forrester is adding creativity and fun to our world as our GFWC-MFWC President; and JoAnne Reid leads with grace and style as the GFWC Southern Region President. I look forward to our Grand Adventure! Please contact me for your traveling needs!

### ***Frances Brown, District III President***

What a wonderful year in volunteer service it has been thus far! Congratulations to Julia Aron "District III Clubwoman of the Year" and GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce for "District III Club of the Year". I am so proud of all of our district III clubs for their many projects and hours of volunteer service to enhance the lives of others and to make their community a better place to live, work and play. A big applause goes to District IV for hosting a great convention. District III was well represented and our own Becky Wright was installed as State President Elect.

In May I had the honor of installing new officers for GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce, Lanier Club of Okolona and Bruce Fine Arts Juniores. I also had the opportunity to attend a very special and unique reception sponsored by Eupora Twentieth Century Club to recognize and honor their Juniores. I am in awe of all these young ladies have accomplished. They truly deserved to be honored.



I am looking forward to serving as your district president. Together we will "Inform Minds and Inspire Hearts" as we reach out to meet the needs in our communities. Let's paint a rainbow with our actions for all the world to see and then let's be the pot of gold at the end of someone's rainbow.



## *News from our District Presidents around the state (continued):*

### *Deana Pittman, District IV President*



Greetings Fellow Clubwomen,

It is such an honor to be serving as District IV President. I know that I have some impressive shoes to fill as I begin this journey. I cannot say what an inspiration, Ms. Ella Cronin has been to me over the past two years. Her strength and determination is a testimony to us all. I appreciate her leadership and patience as I learn the ropes. It was a privilege to be able to recognize Ms. Marguerite Williams as District IV Clubwoman of the Year, and Batesville Junior Woman's League as District IV Club of the Year! Congratulations on all of your hard work, ladies!

I am looking forward to working with all of the clubs in District IV, as well as with the other clubs and board members across the state to make not only our organization, but our communities, and our state a better place to live. With that being said, I am willing to advise, assist, and encourage in any way that I can for our clubs in District IV. I know that every club is doing great things and I want to help everyone share those volunteer stories! Please let me know if you have questions, needs, or ideas for reporting and publicizing those volunteer projects. I know we do not do it for the praise, but by sharing your success stories, you will encourage others to get out there and volunteer!

I am thrilled to be a part of the 2016-2018 MFWC Board and to support our President's Special Project: EXPRESS Yourself! Art at the T.K. Martin Center. I know that MFWC will bring great focus and support to this program.

Please call, text, or email and let me know how I can help you! Call me at 662-560-3847 (or text) or email me at [dtpittman@hotmail.com](mailto:dtpittman@hotmail.com). I will be glad to meet with you or help you find the resources that you need to grow your clubs!

### *Lisa Harris, District V President*

As we begin the 2016-2018 administration, it is my pleasure to serve as your District V President. Since assuming this position, it has been a pleasure to visit with clubwomen in the district that I usually don't get to see at other meetings. I have enjoyed installing the new officers for Homochitto Heritage Club, Raleigh Woman's Club, Florentine Club and the Florentine Evening Club. If I have not visited your club, please invite me! I would love to make a trip to visit each club in the district. Also, if you ever need me, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am just a phone call, text, or email away.



Congratulations to the District V club winners at the GFWC-MFWC State Convention in April. Our district was awarded seven first place, nine second place and eight third place awards. Other awards were won in the areas of Scrapbook, Yearbook, Photography, Volunteers in Action, Youth Arts and President's Award of Excellence. The Florence Juniores received second place award for Jun-iorette Club of the Year and Star Woman's Club won GFWC-MFWC Club of the Year. Way to go District V.

The 2017 District Convention will be hosted by the Twentieth Century Club of Prentiss and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Speaking of conventions, it is our turn to host the State Convention in 2017 and I will be calling on each club to contribute in some way.

Thank you District V for your hard work and dedication to our Federation and to the citizens of Mississippi.

**2015  
GFWC-MFWC  
Club of the Year**



**GFWC-MFWC  
Star Woman's Club,  
District V**

# Contests! Contests! Contests!

## Youth Art

**Chair: Libby Everett**

It is my great pleasure to serve as your MFWC Youth Art Chairman again for the next two years. This competition parallels our MFWC President's mission, "Inform Minds and Inspire Hearts." Learning to create and appreciate visual art may be more important than ever to the development of the next generation of children as they grow up.

Plans are in the works for participation in Youth Art for special education students. Stay tuned. You will learn more about this at Summer Institute.

Youth Art is a state competition only. Winners are not sent to GFWC for judging so there is no need for a GFWC consent form signed by the parents, however, the club may choose to send a letter to the parent notifying them that their child's artwork has been chosen to be submitted. The selection process to determine submissions is decided by your club. The guidelines are displayed in the MFWC handbook and online. Please follow them before submitting artwork to your district convention.

\* First place district winners in each class and division are sent from the district conventions to the state chairman. Districts provide cash prizes if that is in their bylaws.

\* All district submissions are displayed at the state convention. MFWC provides a cash prize (\$10.00) to the 15 first place state winners. Second and third place receive a ribbon. Districts/clubs are responsible for picking up their artwork at the conclusion of state convention.

New this year is Youth Art Challenge. This competition is for students receiving on art instruction from private teachers or certified art teachers; teachers giving art instruction in the self-contained classroom would fall in this category. This competition focuses on low-incidence disability students who are considered "self-contained." District first place entries will go directly to state level competition. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each division. Please see the MFWC website for complete details on this competition!

When submitting artwork, please be respectful of the artist's work-no matter how young. Take care to treat delicate artwork with care and cover with a transparent material or fixative – NO GLASS. Please do not submit art work on copy paper unless it is on backer board, poster board, card stock, or something to keep it tidy-NO FRAMES. I receive many pieces of youth art each year and I take special care that they are returned to the clubs in much the same way they were given to me.

At district conventions, a receptacle should be provided for the artwork to be transported by the state president or her designee. Two pieces of poster board taped together on three sides makes an excellent container. I look forward to working with all clubs. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Libby Everett  
Libby\_everett@hotmail.com  
601-466-9418





## ***Books Contest***

***Chairman: Lisa McGee***

### **YEARBOOKS:**

It is pretty basic for Yearbooks. Remember to include the necessary information as stated on the MFWC guidelines for yearbooks. Attractive to the eye is important, but please remember to refer to the guidelines for information regarding GFWC officers, MFWC officers and your respective district officers. With Yearbooks, this is a tool for your membership to be able to function as highly as possible as a Federation member on the local, district, state and international levels. Including opportunities to serve, important dates, a calendar of deadlines and events on the local, district, state and international level, and membership information are key to creating a useful tool for your membership. A yearbook is an utilitarian item, but can be attractive and useful.

### **SCRAPBOOKS:**

Scrapbooks are a monthly pictorial history of what your club is doing. Pretty is good. Neat is good. Please do not forget to refer to the MFWC guidelines. Also, please do not forget to include a group picture or labeled, individual pictures of your membership. Scrapbooks can be used as a recruiting tool to show a prospective member what your club is about and what your club does from the local level all the way to the international level. This is an opportunity to show activities and show off how much and what your club does for the community and Federation.

Ladies, I am looking forward to seeing the winners from each district!

## ***GFWC Photography Contest***

***Chairman: Carolyn Long***

Mississippi has some great photographers. Each year judges have a difficult time choosing the state winner in each category. Only the first place entry in each category goes on to GFWC for judging.

Below are items that can count against even the best photograph:

- Mounting is very important (refer to guidelines). Edges MUST be smooth.
- All the required information as listed in the GFWC guidelines should be printed on the back of the entry.
- Neatness is extremely important.
- EACH entry must have signed waiver. DO NOT tape the waiver to the entry.

Contest categories are the same as last year:

- Living Things—adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife
- Scenes—city, landscapes, rural areas, skies, sunrises, sunsets, waterscapes, weather
- Still Life—abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments
- GFWC Volunteers in Action—snap a picture of your club's favorite service project! Get those members in action!

Read the guidelines carefully. I do not know of any changes for the next two years. If I do get any changes, I will notify each district president. Keep your camera handy. You never know when the perfect shot will appear!

## ***GFWC Media Campaign Contest***

***Information provided by Sharon Hudson,  
Communication and Public Relation Chair***

Did you know that your club can win awards for their media campaign? You can choose to enter one (or all!), but be sure to submit each entry separately.

- Advocacy
- Fundraising
- Membership Recruitment
- Special events

All entries much take place during the calendar year and all materials must reference GFWC and the sponsoring club. You should send entries to PR@GFWC.org and include GFWC Media Campaign Contest in the subject line. Also needed:

- ⇒ Medium: Facebook, website, Twitter, etc.
- ⇒ Club president's name and contact information
- ⇒ Number of club members
- ⇒ Campaign Category
- ⇒ 500 word essay

A \$50 award is given annually at the GFWC Annual Convention to one club in the nation to recognize outstanding achievement in an effective media campaign in each area. Please check out the information on GFWC's website or email Sharon Hudson for her wonderful handout from Summer Institute!

[mhshudson@hotmail.com](mailto:mhshudson@hotmail.com)

## ***GFWC -MFWC Writing Contests***

***Chairman: Misty Wright***

### **Member Contests:**

GFWC encourages members to "express yourself creatively" through multiple writing contests. All GFWC members are eligible to participate in writing contests, as long as their earnings from writing do not exceed \$500 annually. There are writing contests for short stories and for poetry! Please see the GFWC or the MFWC websites for complete guidelines on submitting your original writing!

### **Youth Contests:**

Young people from kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to submit their original writing as well! There are short story and poetry categories as well for students. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author. Please see the GFWC or the MFWC websites for complete guidelines on submitting youth writing entries.

All entries for the Writing Contests must be postmarked by  
**FEBRUARY 1**

**Questions? Need more information?  
Contact Writing Chairman:**

**Misty Wright**

329 Winners Circle  
Oxford, MS 38655  
662-291-5034

**Email: [Misty\\_Merie@yahoo.com](mailto:Misty_Merie@yahoo.com)**

***GFWC Juniors' Special Program:  
Advocates for Children  
Chairman, Frances Brown***

Congratulations for earning the "St Jude Thank You Award" at GFWC convention!

The GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children was adopted to give us an opportunity to be advocates for children of all ages. Program and project ideas are endless; some suggestions include addressing issues such as: bullying, feeding hungry children, foster care, child passenger safety, teen violence, low self-esteem, volunteering at schools or day care centers, and planning events to celebrate important dates such as GFWC Advocates for Children Week in October.

Our partners are St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and March of Dimes. In observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, please join us in Memphis September 24, 2016 for the "Walk/Run to End Children Cancer. To join the team or to donate to GFWC "Mississippi Federated Clubwomen and Friends"

click [http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=team&fr\\_id=57370&team\\_id=181084](http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=team&fr_id=57370&team_id=181084). If you are unable to attend, you may participate by having a fundraiser and donating proceeds to the team or by making a tax deductible contribution online to the team or to any team member.



Every year in the United States, more than half a million babies are born premature: 8,106 of them in Mississippi. March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies and support families. Team youth is an opportunity for students from elementary through college to make a difference! Encourage your youth to educate themselves on the importance of healthy lifestyles and lead them in raising awareness and funds for MOD. Visit [marchofdimes.org](http://marchofdimes.org) for more information.

Please mark your calendar for the **Signature Chefs Auction** Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the MS Gulfport. MS Gulfport - Coast MS Thad Cochran Center in Hattiesburg. Enjoy a tasting prepared by the area's finest culinary talent and an opportunity to bid on unique items during the live auction to support March of Dimes.

I am delighted to serve as your state chairman. Contact me if I can help.

frannabrown@hotmail.com



***GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence  
Awareness and Prevention***

***Chair: Lynda Love***

Dear GFWC -MFWC Friends,

I am excited about serving as your state chairman Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Project. There is so much your club can do to bring awareness to your community! Visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) for all of the details and ideas of projects your club can do to support this program. I will also keep you updated on materials from GFWC as I get them pertaining thru this administration.

The most common form of abuse that people recognize is physical; however, abuse takes many forms: sexual, emotional, economic, and psychological. It happens to men and to women. I want to encourage each of the clubs to take information to schools, libraries, and other community places such as senior activity centers. Help bring awareness to this cause! October is the most common month for Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness. Show your support by wearing purple. There are other months too where we can hold events



like: May (Older Americans Day, Mother's Day), June (World Caregivers Day), April (National Financial Literacy Day, Na-

tional Sexual Violence Awareness Day), September (National Grandparents Day), November (National Family Crime Victims Rights Day). You can help keep this cause front and center throughout the year.

Each month at your meetings have someone give a fact about ways to prevent this type of abuse. Have parties such as Birthday, Pajama, Makeup, and Food Drives. Be creative in getting victims involved. Have an event in March where you can pass out information about Teen Dating Violence. The list could go on and on. These are just a FEW of the ideas of ways your club can support this program.

I am glad to help plan events and brainstorm ideas. Please let me know how I can help you! Together as GFWC- MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION WOMAN CLUBS we can make a difference on the prevention and awareness on Domestic Violence.

Thank you,  
Lynda Love



**Prevent Child Abuse  
America®**



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**GFWC Advancement Area: Leadership**

**Sandra Pope, Chairman**

I recently sat down and reviewed the club reports turned in for Leadership this year. I thought I would share with you some of the things reported this past year and perhaps give some ideas of things your club could be reporting on if you are not.

- One Club led a member's challenge to all club members to memorize the Collect in honor of two of their members. They began in August with memorizing two lines and added two lines each month until the end of the club year. The Collect was used to close the meeting each month. A GFWC window decal was the "prize" for the members completing the challenge. What a neat way to learn our Collect!!
- Another Club used a mentoring program where the member who recommended a new member for membership was responsible for guiding and assisting the new member throughout the year by making them aware of duties, opportunities, and responsibilities as a GFWC member. This was an opportunity for more experienced club members to offer guidance and assistance and provide materials to less experienced members. A win-win situation!!
- A Youth Mayor's Council was chartered by another club. Club members solicited students and supported new members in this council where the students were given the opportunity to participate in service projects within their city. Twenty five students attended the first council meeting. Club members helped organize and disseminate information for the students about the town meetings. Club members helped plan the events for the students and helped the group to be a presence in their city.
- Some Clubs reported on their Junioresettes. If your club does not have a Junioresette Club, think about venturing out and doing this. These Junioresettes are the future leaders in our Clubs and in our Towns. They are full of energy and ready to volunteer.
- Help your members that wish to get involved in higher levels of leadership. Do you have a club member that desires to learn more about the state organization? How about sending a representative to LEADS? (Check out the article by Debbie Benoit for more information on this!)
- GFWC's guide on Leadership is an excellent resource. It can be found on the GFWC and the MFWC websites!

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**GFWC Advancement Area: WHRC**

**Glenda Tarver, Chairman**

The Women's History and Resource Center of the GFWC opened in 1984 in Washington, DC. and contains a treasure trove of information for use by our clubs. The objective of the WHRC is to collect and preserve the history and work done by the GFWC and its many volunteers.. Although, not opened until 1984, the histories of the clubs, records of projects and community service are documented from 1890.

Be sure your club is preserving and reporting. The documenting of projects, fund raisers, programs, etc. contributes to the archives and becomes a valuable resource for other clubs in planning activities. "*WHRC Guidelines for Preserving and Writing Club History*"

The GFWC headquarters is located at

1734 N. Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036-2990

Contact the WHRC:

www.GFWC.org/WHRC, by calling 800-443-4392, or writing WHRC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990.

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**GFWC Advancement Area: Fundraising & Development**

**Nelda Mills, Chairman**

FUNdraising can be FUN!!!! As you are busily planning your new GFWC-MFWC club year with your new group of club officers do not overlook fundraising!!! Because fundraising requires so much time and effort, within many clubs it has become the hated "F" word. However, fundraising is so important in every club and can actually be fun! Here are some ideas to get you started:

First you have to find a need/project. People are much more willing to support a fundraiser if they know exactly where their money will be used. Secondly, find an energetic, enthusiastic person who knows lots of people and make her committee chairman (woman). From that point the committee chairperson takes over and chooses her committee members. As a group they decide the type fundraiser they will do. By having a committee, this helps to "share the burden" that is sometimes carried by one person.

While there are some fundraisers that are more successful when handled totally within the club, don't forget to look outside your club to partner with other organizations. By partnering, both groups win and the workload is much less. For example, if the city chamber is doing a city wide garage sale, your club may choose to partner with them. If your city is doing a Christmas parade, a partnership might be arranged and the proceeds split. Another example is partnering with the local high school's culinary arts class to do the cooking for a club event and splitting the profits with them. There are many ways to partner with other groups or organizations outside your club to raise money for your projects as well as theirs.

Finally, as you begin your fundraising don't forget social media as a form of advertising. Advertising is such an important part of any successful event and with all the technology available today the sky is the limit!!!



Thank you for all of your support throughout the years. MFWC is a very important part of making Mississippi HOBY a success each year.

Each year there is some confusion about what a MFWC sponsorship entails, and I would like to help clarify what it means as far as covering the cost of a HOBY student attending the seminar. There are two fees that have to be paid for a student to attend HOBY. The first is a \$195.00 national registration fee that the schools send directly to the HOBY national office in California. This is the equivalent of paying tuition before you attend college and is paid by the school or the student's family. Mississippi HOBY does not handle this fee.

The second fee is a \$175.00 sponsorship fee that comes directly to Mississippi HOBY through the MFWC dues forms and covers the student's expenses (boarding, food, t-shirts, etc.) while attending the seminar. This is the equivalent of paying room and board at college. This sponsorship is what we as MFWC clubs provide in order for Mississippi HOBY to be able put on the seminar. This is paid on our MFWC dues forms each year on the HOBY line item. We encourage you to take the opportunity on the dues form to designate which school you would like to sponsor. While we cannot guarantee a student from your chosen school will attend, we will try our best to honor your choice. If you have had problems in the past with the school not sending a student, you can help by contacting the school counselor and encouraging participation. The emphasis is on "encouragement" to participate. It is not our place to take over the student selection process or to dictate which student should attend.

It's important in communication to the schools that you sponsor that the difference in these two fees is made clear. When a school hears the word "sponsor", they often times assume that everything is paid and this is not the case. Someone still needs to pay the national registration fee of \$195. Schools handle this differently. Some schools can afford to pay this themselves, some ask the student to do so, and others reach out to the community. This is strictly left up to each individual school.

An MFWC club can certainly cover all the cost if they so wish. Just make sure to communicate and work with your school counselor and provide them with the \$195.00 to send in to HOBY's national office. Mississippi HOBY does not make these payments, so it is not paid on our dues forms and must be sent through the school using the registration and invoice system provided to the schools at [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org). Just be sure to include this in your reporting.

Once again, Mississippi HOBY cannot say, "Thank You", enough for the ongoing support GFWC-MFWC have provided over the years.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at [bbpeacher@gmail.com](mailto:bbpeacher@gmail.com) or 601-291-6937.

Belinda Peacher  
HOBY Consultant

## GFWC Community Improvement Program

**Chair: Jeanette Thrash**

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award has been the Heart and Soul of GFWC since the 1950's and is its longest standing project.

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award aims to enhance the lives of our neighbors around the world by meeting community specific needs and by elevating the status of clubs within the communities we serve. This biennium CIP will run from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2017.

Club projects that make your community a better place to live are "community improvement" projects and are eligible for state and national recognition and awards.

GFWC awards a total of \$19,360.00 to state and national winners of the CIP Award. The GFWC State Awards range from \$50.00 to \$25.00. The GFWC National Awards range from \$5000.00 to \$500.00. There is also \$500.00 for an affiliate award and \$250.00 for a Juniorette award.

Now is the time to begin your project, if you have not already begun. Remember to tailor your project to a specific need of your community. Solicit input and involvement from other organizations, local officials and community members. Roll up your sleeves, get involved and good luck!

If you need help in obtaining forms for this contest, you may contact me or you may download all forms and information from: [www.GFWC.org/Membership/Club-Manual](http://www.GFWC.org/Membership/Club-Manual) and go to Community Improvement Program.

## Hebron Memorial Scholarship

**Chair: Lyn Blaylock**

The Top FIVE reasons YOU should Promote The GFWC-MFWC Hebron Memorial Scholarship:

5—This is a great opportunity to talk with young women who might be interested in YOUR club work! When you promote the scholarship, you can promote your club and all the wonderful things GFWC-MFWC does!

4—You are able to promote YOUR favorite university! Students may use the scholarship for a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning.

3-- The scholarship is only available for residents of Mississippi! Go Mississippi! The applicant must be a resident and have graduated from an accredited high school!

2-- It's EASY to apply. An application form is on the GFWC-MFWC website. Print it out; fill it out; send it out!

1-- It's FREE money! The scholarship is for \$1000, and I don't know anyone going to college who couldn't use an extra \$1000!

\*All rules and more information may be found on the website. The deadline for the application is February 1, 2017.



## GFWC Advancement Area:

### Communication and Public Relations

**Chair: Sharon Hudson**

**GFWC-Unity in Diversity** was not meant to describe our communication and public relations efforts, but it does to a tea! Unity-clubs are striving to communicate what we are doing to promote our clubs, MFWC, and GFWC. Diversity—we do this in many different ways. For 2016-2018 what will be the ways to communicate our events to the public?

Here are ten ideas:

Place a **banner** with your event information at your city's welcome sign or a prominent location in town.

Distribute **brochures** to local offices, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.

Get in touch with the person who develops your Chamber of Commerce **newsletters**. See what you can do to get your information placed in their newsletters.

**Social media**-Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest

Post in your local **newspaper's** calendar of events.



Take a cue from politicians. Ask boosters and friends to show their support through **yard signs**.

Ask a local bank if you can use their **marquee** sign for the week to advertise the event.

Ask local businesses if you can use washable paint to write an event message in their **store window**. Using an empty storefront is a great option too.

Advertise on your local **radio** station, too.

And the old-fashioned way, **word of mouth**. Talk to your friends on the street, in the grocery store, at church.

Be sure to check the Communications and Public Relations Advancement Guide in the 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual if your club is interested in entering the media contest or if using the **GFWC brand**. There are restrictions and specific guidelines for word and emblem use, publications and advertising design, Web design, merchandising and more.



# Arts Community Service Program



Creatively speaking...

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 schoolchildren 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 I start my third year as Arts CSP chair, I want to encourage you to look for ways in your community that you can help foster creativity in all of its forms. Find ways to include everyone in art contests and exhibits. As many of our clubs have done, include your senior communities when you are considering arts projects for the coming year. Promote your local music groups; contact directors and instructors to find out how you can help with promoting events, concerts, and programs.

Our President’s Special Project for the coming administration is helping to raise awareness and financial support of the “Express Yourself! Arts Program”, which is part of the T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disabilities on the campus of Mississippi State University. Encourage your clubwomen to think of creative ways to raise money for this worthy program. There will be more ideas coming in our winter newsletter.

Finally, although I know that many of you work with your schools to support the GFWC Writing Contest and the Mississippi Youth Art Contest, I would like to make it a goal for the next two years to have every participating club sponsor Youth Art and the GFWC Writing Contest. This is the only way that many of our children and young people are able to find their creative voice. If you have any questions about these two terrific ways to showcase our student arts abilities, please contact me at [meri.newell@jcc.edu](mailto:meri.newell@jcc.edu) or go to the GFWC website and take a look at the contest materials. You will need to begin contacting your schools in October so that you can have the best representation of students.

~Meri Ford Newell, Arts CSP Chair

# Education Community Service Program

Books open windows to the world. Have you read any good books lately? Have you had the pleasure of sharing a book with a child in your lap? I hope so; please do not forget to keep track of your hours spent reading. Yes, you can report it! Other GFWC-MFWC Education project possibilities are endless. Consider projects that help promote literacy: supporting your public library, tutoring, providing books and school supplies to children in need, and reading to groups of young children. Other projects to consider are those that help people overcome learning disabilities, mentor young people, such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and projects that promote lifelong learning such as awarding scholarships to high school seniors, and asking members to join Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an honorary educational society that provides a structured book reading program. A comprehensive list of projects and activities can be found by visiting the Education Community Service Program manual pages at [www.GFWC.org/membership/club-manual/](http://www.GFWC.org/membership/club-manual/).



Also available on the GFWC website is a link to Top Projects for 2015. Take a look at Education CSP to review some of these. It just may spark some new ideas for your club.

Did you know that Focus on Literacy Grants of \$200 are available to GFWC clubs and funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children and/or a variety of other literacy needs? Please consider checking out the application to find a number of other suggestions, available at [www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/](http://www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/).

I am looking forward to collaborating with you and living the volunteer spirit alongside you, to promote and support education projects that will enhance and improve the lives of many.

~ Penny Barr, Education CSP Chair

# Public Issues Community Service Program



As we come together during this administration to better our community, I would like to inspire you to take to heart your civic and social responsibilities. There are many way to do this; looking at public issues can engage us in several areas of our community:

- Citizenship
- Military personnel and heir families
- Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
- Safety and Crime Prevention

I encourage you to look at the many ideas that our GFWC has given in our manual. Our Federation has also partnered with several organizations that empower us to better the community that we live in by offering assistance. These would include the Kettering Foundation, Sew Much Comfort and the USO.

I challenge each club to choose an area of interest and make their community an even better place to live. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to your club.

~Pat Lee, Public Issues CSP Chairman

# Home Life Community Service Program

What an awesome volunteer opportunity we as MFWC clubs and club leaders have through the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program to creatively inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families and communities and to carry out related projects. Home is indeed where the heart is...be it an individual, family or community setting. Join clubwomen throughout the state and put your heart into promoting issues such as a healthy lifestyle; awareness, prevention, research, and treatment of diseases; personal development; hunger and adequate housing; and preventing or correcting financial difficulties.

The sky's the limit on choosing and implementing projects in this program! Continue successful projects from past years and seek out new opportunities. Consider projects that address issues such as women's health, theft prevention, service dog programs, people with disabilities, healthy lifestyles, and childcare. Go into your communities and touch and know the great common human hearts of individuals and families while forgetting not to be kind!

Please be aware that **National Heart, Lung and Blood's The Heart Truth®** is not considered specifically as a partner for the 2016-2018 administration. However, clubs are encouraged to use it as an important resource for educating women and raising awareness about heart disease and its risk factors as well as motivating women to take action to prevent the disease. **Likewise, Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer Campaign will be considered as an educational resource and not a partner.** Inside Knowledge educates women and health care providers about the five most common types of gynecologic cancer: cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. Inside Knowledge offers information and resources to women and health care providers about risk factors, symptoms, and prevention strategies associated with each of the cancers.

A vital part of the Home Life CSP is GFWC's formal partnership with like-minded organizations that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Please take advantage of the offerings from these partners of unique and customized services: materials, speakers, kits, and additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. Clubs are encouraged to include donations to the Home Life partners in their budgets and fundraising efforts. Club and individual donations to partners, appropriately noted, should be submitted to MFWC Treasurer Diane Rouse for processing.

As of this writing, **there are two Home Life Partnerships for the 2016-2018 Administration Please visit the partnership websites or email the contact person for information and for ways clubs can assist these organizations.**

**Canine Companions for Independence** (the oldest and largest assistance dog program providing trained dogs for children, adults and veterans with physical disabilities)

**Easter Seals** (provides services to help individuals with disabilities and special needs address life's challenges, achieve personal goals and live better lives)

All programs and projects that relate to Home Life should be reported in Home Life CSP, whether they are club initiated, involve other members of the community, other organizations, or work with any GFWC partners.

Please refer to the GFWC online 2016-2018 club manual that can be accessed through the GFWC or MFWC Website for additional information. Feel free to contact me at [junevaughn@brucetelephone.com](mailto:junevaughn@brucetelephone.com) if I can assist in any way. Thank you, MFWC Clubwomen, for your ever present kindness and compassion that makes a "world" of difference.

~June Vaughn, Home Life CSP Chair-

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# International Outreach Community Service Program

A new administration has begun and things are off to a good start. As International Outreach Chairman my duty is to keep our membership informed of volunteer service in the global community. We do excellent work locally and statewide, of course, but as good world citizens we need to try to help meet the needs of half the world's population who live in poverty. As club women we know that even in our own communities there are families who live below the U. S. standard of poverty but consider this....over three billion people living on this beautiful earth "live" (using the term very loosely) on less than \$2.50 per day. That, my friends, is poverty.



It is my goal to provide our membership with materials to educate them on the overwhelming needs of our brothers and sisters who suffer daily from disease, malnourishment, lack of shelter, lack of clean water, education....just the basic necessities of life.

Let's learn from the wonderful partnerships that we have through GFWC, Heifer International, Operation Smile, Shot@Life and UNICEF. Let's further educate ourselves on helping those three billion people to have better lives, to help them care and provide for their children and at the very least lower the mortality rate. It is truly hard for me to fathom 21,000 children dying daily from the results of poverty.

This administration will follow the lead of GFWC and incorporate International Outreach and its Partnerships under one chairman. It will be my pleasure to have Carolyn Tedford of the Poplarville Woman's Club as a "floater" to help in this new format. We are looking forward to working with all of you in helping GFWC-Mississippi to make a global impact. Our state has long been ranked #1 in giving and hospitality so let's extend that compassionate, loving, kind-hearted and humble reputation to the world. In the words of Brandon Baker, Heifer International Donor Services Director, "we have POWER OVER POVERTY AND HUNGER".

~Melba Watkins, International Outreach CSP Chairman

## Clubwomen in the News...



*Clubwoman of the Year, 2015  
Jo Anne Reid*



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# Membership—“Be a Game Changer”

Just as one smile can start a friendship, one invitation can change a life. Membership changes lives! It did mine. The invitation to join something so much bigger than myself, has not only changed my life, but has also changed the lives of those around me. Why keep our organization a secret when you could be changing someone's life? Studies show that the personal satisfaction that comes from making a positive difference in their communities helps volunteers to live longer, function better, and have lower rates of depression. How's that for changing the game in someone's life?

GFWC's "IT'S THE REAL DEAL" Recruitment Campaign will give you plenty of incentive to "be a game changer" in your community. MFWC will join GFWC clubs nationwide in a popular membership recruitment campaign.

Summer: "GO FISH FOR MEMBERS" June, July, and August

Fall: "BRIDGE THE GAP" September, October, and November

Winter: "GAME OF HEARTS" December, January, and February

Spring: "52 PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP TOOL" March, April, and May

Communities across the country and around the globe benefit from the work of GFWC club members every day. One of the most vital goals we have is to ensure that this noble tradition continues into the future. Neighbors, friends, co-workers and family all deserve the chance to be a part of GFWC, because GFWC has, does, and will continue to be a game changer as we change for the better. It is important that we learn how to invite and encourage women to become part of our clubs so that our communities can continue to improve through the work of GFWC volunteers and programs.

Identify prospective members and be a game changer by inviting ladies from the office, at social gatherings, at community meetings, and at local schools to attend a meeting or better yet invite them to volunteer at one of your club's community service projects! When they see how much fun is involved and the difference they can make, you will have them hooked! Go fish!



Set goals for growth, but remember that **retention** is also important. Bridge the gap with members of all ages by being a unifier. To keep members, a club must find out who its members are, understand their expectations, and make every effort to serve them well. Members will decide to stay with their clubs only if they feel that their time and dues are being used effectively to improve communities, and if they feel a sense of ownership, pride, and belonging. Members need to feel that they play a role in club decisions and that their opinions count. **Engage your members.** A stable core of experienced members is the backbone of your club. New members can lean on and learn from seasoned members who have an institutional memory and history of involvement. Working together, experienced members and new members can function like one healthy body, standing tall, moving forward, and making strides toward accomplishing your club's goals. Members who actively participate in their club are more likely to want to continue their membership, in order to engage your members, your club should ensure an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship, and provide varied opportunities for them to exercise their talents and abilities. Encouraging involvement not only capitalizes on members' creativity and skills, but also increases their commitment and allegiance. Members need to feel at home and have a continuing reason to belong. Consider subsidizing a trip to a convention through a "dollars for delegates" program using raffles or fundraisers that would produce the revenue to offset the cost. Find ways to use the talents of ALL members and engage every member in club projects to avoid conflict.

Ask for and try to implement member suggestions to help keep your club happy, strong, and growing.

Guidelines and suggestions for themes and recruitment campaigns can be found in the

Membership Advancement Guide at [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers) and I may be reached at [becky-wright1964@gmail.com](mailto:becky-wright1964@gmail.com) or by phone at 662-983-8836.

Becky Wright, Membership Chairman





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**(No District dues, please. District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer)**

Magazine subscription for Associate or Honorary Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$5.00** each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(Additional pages may be attached, if necessary)

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## GFWC-MFWC BUDGET INFORMATION, 2016-2017

### RECEIPTS:

#### GFWC Dues

960 General members @ \$15	14,400.00
181 Juniorette members @ \$10	1,810.00
<b>TOTAL GFWC Dues</b>	<b>\$16,210.00</b>

#### MFWC Dues

\$15 per member distributed as follows:

State Federation Fund	\$6.70	7,655.00
Headquarters Fund	\$6.46	7,382.00
MS Clubwoman Magazine	\$1.84	2,100.00
		<b>\$17,137.00</b>

#### Other:

Occupant reimbursement for HQ utilities expenses	12 @x \$500	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
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**TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$39,347.00**

### DISBURSEMENTS:

#### GFWC Dues:

960 General members @ \$15	14,400.00
181 Juniorette members @ \$10	1,810.00
<b>TOTAL GFWC Dues</b>	<b>\$16,210.00</b>

#### State Federation Fund:

##### Officer Expenses:

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	50.00
Treasurer	Desk Allowance	50.00
Recording Sec.	Desk Allowance	50.00
Correspond. Sec.	Desk Allowance	50.00

##### 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 (1141 @ \$6.70) \$7,655.00**

#### Headquarters Fund:

Phone/Alarm monitoring	1,300.00
Atmos Energy (Gas)	2,000.00
Entergy (Electricity)	3,300.00
City of Jackson (Water/Sewer)	400.00
HQ Insurance	6,000.00
Filters, pest control, lawn maintenance, building repairs	382.00

#### HQ Fund Disbursements

(1141 @ 6.46 + \$6,000 apt. occupant) **\$13,382.00**

#### Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine:

(1 issue mailed/1 issue emailed)	
Printing & Postage	2,000.00
Editor Desk Allowance	100.00

#### MS Clubwoman Disbursements

(1141 members @ \$1.84) **\$2,100.00**

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 39,347.00**



## Money! Money! Money!

⇒ Your club can help a teacher in need to get money for her classroom...the Challenge Grant offers \$50—\$300!

⇒ Is there a Juniorette Club in your area? Encourage any of those girls that are graduating from high school to apply for the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship! She can earn up to \$1,000 for college!

⇒ Focus on Literacy Grants up to \$200 are available for clubs to purchase books to use for tutoring and other activities! More information is available on the website!

⇒ Did you know that your club can earn money to help you recruit new members? Check out the membership grants offered by GFWC!

⇒ The Hebron Memorial Scholarship is available for some deserving lady to attend college...it is available for up to \$1,000....and the recipient can even get it for additional years!

⇒ GFWC offers grants to help replenish libraries that have lost books due to disasters!

⇒ Trying to figure out a way for your club to get in that partnership project? Did you know that Shot@Life offers grants to help plan a fundraiser for stopping childhood diseases?

⇒ If your club has an amazing idea to improve its community, consider applying for the GFWC Community Improvement Grant. This award goes all the way up to \$5,000 at the national level!

Please read more about these and other opportunities for your club on the GFWC or MFWC websites!



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