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April

1 Easter Sunday
 24 GFWC Federation Day
 27-28 GFWC-MFWC State Convention
 Gulfport, MS

June

23 GFWC Annual Convention
 St. Louis, MO

October

18-21 Southern Region Annual
 Conference
 Ridgeland, MS

GFWC Mission Statement

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

MFWC Mission Statement

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

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Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Tinker Forrester

Dear Federation Friends,

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was writing my first article to you as your President and here I am penning my final one.

The past 22 months have flown by. They have been filled with innumerable phone calls, emails, texts, scripts and miles traveled – by car and air. My life has revolved around which Federation-related event was next on my calendar.

There have been many long nights checking and double-checking my wide array of lists to be sure that I have everything necessary to accomplish the tasks on the other lists. To some it might sound as if I am complaining but to those who know me well know that is how I am 'wired'.



My greatest desires have been to have those who have gone before me to be able to say 'job well done', and to be able to accomplish the things that 2 ½ years ago were the goals that I aspired to attain as President of MFWC. There has been a 'hiccup' or two along the way but for the most part I can honestly say that I can look back and know that I have given my very best.

I could not have accomplished anything without the support of all of my Federation Friends and to each of you I owe a huge Thank You!

One group of those friends that bears mentioning are my fellow Executive Officers. President-elect Becky C. Wright who, with her warm smile and genuine Southern style and grace, has been by my side through it all, always eager to help and encourage me. Vice President Sherri E. Reid who, with her crazy sense of humor and Wonder Woman attitude, has always come through with a 'We've Got This' and gets us to the finish line. Recording Secretary Theresa Buntyn who, though she is the tiniest of us all – the rest of us wear size 10 shoes – can crack the whip when it comes to keeping us on task in those meetings where words can abound! And then there's Treasurer Diane Rouse who, since she is the 'keeper of the purse' has us all looking to her to be sure that we are on track financial as an organization. To all of you, I owe a huge debt of gratitude that I will never be able to repay. Thank you for working with me these past 22 months and for embracing this President with open and loving arms.

I want to commend each and every one of the clubs that took the time to fill out the Reporting Forms. Even if you only turned in statistics, it was a HUGE help!

You reported:

| | |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 4480 | Programs and Projects |
| 189,654 | Volunteer Hours |
| \$251,728.5 | Dollars Donated |
| \$476,981.5 | In-Kind Donated |
| \$111,175 | Dollars Raised |
| \$96,516 | Dollars Spent |
| 1,240 | Books Read |

THANK YOU for EVERYTHING you do for MFWC!!!

Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Tinker Forrester (continued)

This past fall afforded me the opportunity to visit with many different clubs around the state. This included regular club meetings as well as events that clubs have held. My travels to and fro these past several months have taken me, literally, from one end of the state to the other – more specifically Gulfport to Booneville – and those 2 trips happened within the same week!

Since the last issue of the Mississippi Clubwoman, I have attended the 2016-2018 GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Quincy, Massachusetts in August; the St. Jude Walk/Run in Memphis in September; the Southern Region Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in October and the 2018-2020 GFWC Board Orientation in November in Arlington, Virginia. I presided at the Winter Board meeting and Judging Day at Headquarters on February 10th followed by a Leadership Workshop at Headquarters on February 17th. In addition, I have represented you on the HOBY Board at three meetings.

The final meetings of the five districts in MFWC are underway and as I am preparing to send this to the editor, I am also getting things ready to go to Picayune for the second of those five.

Even with all the traveling and meetings that I have done and been to, some of my fondest memories – besides my times with my ‘Sistas’ – have been when I have been able to spend time with the artists who have been my greatest inspiration of all to be the best President I can be. Without them there would be no Express YOURSELF! and my motivation to Inform Minds and Inspire Hearts would be lacking.

Thank you all so much for loving and supporting me and my crazy self and inspiring my heart. May we continue to...

Inform Minds and Inspire Hearts Together!

With much love,

Tinker



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



It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President-elect for this administration. Traveling from the highest point in Mississippi to all the way down to the coast, I have gained valuable insights to all the wonderful happenings around our great state, and I sit here with a full heart as I am reminded of the great works that come from this amazing group of ladies that make up our Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. What a great organization this is to belong to as we all are "Living the Volunteer Spirit"! What a joy it is to visit clubs, be a guest at club events, and attend District Conventions, strengthening friendships as well as meeting new federated friends.

Serving as the Advisor to the District Presidents has been a joy thanks to the following ladies: Jana Jarrell, Susan Shurden, Frances Brown, Deana Pittman, and Lisa Harris; consequently, from this diverse group of leaders, I have learned so much, as we have paddled through uncharted waters with our restructuring. With you, along with many of our members, we have laughed, cried, feared, grown, prayed, rejoiced, loved, and celebrated.

I have been blessed to serve under our State President Tinker Forrester. Tinker's creativity has inspired me and leaves me with big shoes to fill. Along with other federated friends who have traveled this journey, Tinker has guided me and answered my never-ending questions concerning everything from carrying the Mississippi flag at GFWC and SRC opening ceremonies to what to expect when you are expected! Thank you Tinker!

As I am preparing for our 2018-2020 Administration, my circle of friends continues to grow. The support from GFWC at Incoming Leaders Training in Palm Desert, California, meeting with Incoming GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock at SRC in Atlanta, Georgia, and Orientation in Washington, D.C. proved invaluable as I joined other Incoming State Presidents, all eager to learn and excited about our federation future. Nevertheless, the best support is right here at home! Your guidance, encouragement, wisdom, and willingness to serve continues to make a world of difference in my life. The bridge that I am crossing has been built by amazing past presidents and I am in awe of the difference these ladies have made through the years. As I surround myself with an outstanding MFWC Board, it is my hope and prayer to continue that momentum building on the foundation started in 1898 in Kosciusko. Thank you ladies for all the ways you change lives daily and may we all continue to empower others to make a difference.



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



Thank you ,ladies, for letting me be your Vice President. I love our state federation and I love my club. Thank you to everyone who encourages and supports this club woman. I appreciate all the knowledge shared with me as I learn and grow as a leader. We have a lot of leadership in our state and I am so proud to grow among all of you.

Thank you for your time, effort and reports this year. As I am attending all the District Conventions this year, I get to hear the jubilation from winning reports as District winners are recited. It makes me very happy to hear that. But ,can I share with you from the other side...

After the reports are judged on judging day, I take each tally sheet and get to see the accumulation of the numbers from each District and then tally those together, as each Vice President has. And do you know...the numbers are so very close! I want to call Presidents in each of the clubs and say, "Hey!" Do you know how close you were to first? To second? To third? Or, do you know how close you were to placing?

We all work so hard and I know it's not all about winning, but it sure does make it fun! For the rest of the year, I just ask that each one of you make a point to sit down and write down your activities, your hours ,and your money. Turn it in ,and let's work on getting more turned in to your reporting guru. We have many clubs who do not report and do so much. It does not have to be a burden but something exciting that we do to show what we do.

*Thank you for two years of questions, re-
porting and jubilation. I hope to see you
at State Convention to share the great
works that you, our club women have ac-
complished.*

What a great federation we belong to!



*GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary,
Theresa Buntyn*

Happy Spring Everyone! I want to send all of our GFWC-MFWC Recording and Corresponding Secretaries a BIG THANK YOU for all that you do for your club. Two years have passed quickly during this administration. I appreciate the confidence and support our MFWC club members have given me. In the last articles for Club Woman I focused on the duties of the Recording Secretary. But the corresponding secretaries should not be forgotten as their duties are important for club members' motivation, engagement, and remembering as we add to our club histories.

Here are a few tasks I found in other GFWC states that make an outstanding Corresponding Secretary:

The Corresponding Secretary is the club's link to the community, and her correspondence is a reflection of the organization. She prepares correspondence as directed by the President and Executive Board and performs such duties as listed in the bylaws. If there is no club procedure for the office, it is important to establish one.

Outgoing correspondence:

All correspondence is important and demands prompt attention.

Type any correspondence using official letterhead, if available, and always make sure to use the club name and "Member of (name) District, GFWC, MFWC and GFWC".

When writing to government officials, use the proper address, salutation and closing.

Informal notes may be typed or hand written. This includes thank you notes and invitations. Content needs to be clear, concise and effective.

Use spellcheck or dictionary. Review punctuation rules and capitalization rules.

Incoming correspondence:

Date correspondence received. A copy is needed for the President and the Recording Secretary.

When reading correspondence at a meeting, summarize when possible.

Confer with the President regarding the correspondence that is to be read.

Remove letters from envelopes and underline or highlight the portions to be read.

Tell the name of the sender and to whom the correspondence was sent before reading the letter.

Always keep a record of all correspondence in the clubs designated location. Etc. (Scrapbooks, files) The Secretary should always check with the President before discarding. Keep materials organized in case someone takes over the position. Make sure copies are clean and readable.

Resources:

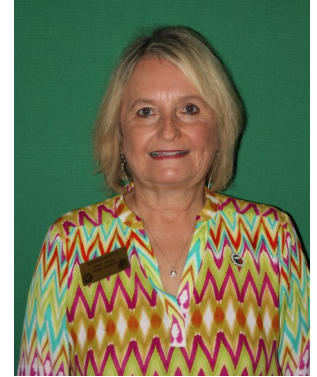
GFWC/MFWC District Club Manual and Yearbook

Copies of Club Bylaws and Articles

Current dictionary and thesaurus

Current edition of English or Business writing

Thank you once again for allowing me to be your Recording Secretary. See you in Gulfport!



District President Reports:

Jana Jarrell, District I President



Greetings my lovely ladies of District I! I hope this magazine issue finds you in good health.

Well, our very last District I Convention has come and gone. GFWC-MFWC Woman's Club of Picayune graciously welcomed us and provided a very nice day. Thank you, Picayune!

Congratulations to our District I Club of the Year, Cosmopolitan Club and our District I Clubwoman of the Year, Meri Newell of Cosmopolitan Club. Both are well deserved awards for all they do for their community. Thank you to all clubs for reporting your work and congratulations to all our award winners. Even though all our clubs do not report their activities, the work you do has a positive effect in your communities.

Next on our agenda, District I will be hosting our GFWC-MFWC State Convention in Gulfport on April 26-28, 2018. The convention will be held partially at Holiday Inn and partially at Gulf Coast Events Center. They are located next door to each other on Highway 49. I have already reached out to all club presidents asking for their club's participation in this event. I am making every effort to include all District I Clubs in the planning and presentation of this convention. I think the majority of our ladies work outside the home, so the sharing of responsibilities makes life less stressful and less burdensome financially for our clubs. Should there be any particular thing a club or individual would like to take on, please let me know. We still have some responsibilities that have not been spoken for. I appreciate all of you that have already offered your help and those that have accepted the responsibilities I have asked of you. I will be reaching out to more of you in the coming days. This will be the last convention we host as District I. It is my wish to have all our clubs represented. As we come away from this convention, we will be known as the "Southern District".

As a reminder, all five districts will be meeting Friday, April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to nominate, elect and install officers and then adopt bylaws for the new Southern, Central and Northern Districts.

My administration as your District I President is quickly coming to a close. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me, the tremendous support you have given me and the outpouring of love and respect I have received the past two years. It has truly been my honor to serve as your District I President. Thank you.

Susan Shurden, District II President

It has been an honor serving as District II President throughout this administration as we were "*Informing Minds and Inspiring Hearts*". The list of clubwomen who have stepped up and shown out this administration has been incredible! Most notably, Decatur Progressive Women's Club as 2017 District II Club of the Year and 2017 District II Clubwoman of the Year Ginny Lucas, Ackerman Twentieth Century. Their hard work and accomplishments inspire us all.



As we look forward into the new administration and the final phase of restructuring, I am confident that all of members are anticipating forming new friendships within our new districts. Our members have worked together making this transition seamless and understand the struggle the MFWC Board has gone through to keep up with the evolving needs of our organization. As a member of the long-range planning committee, the District Presidents appreciate your confidence and understanding of this necessary step.

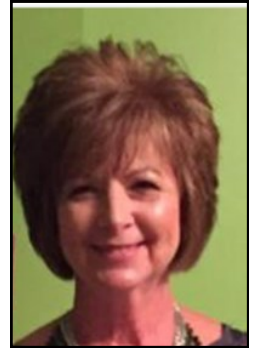
Thank you again for the opportunity to serve my Federation Sisters and District II President. I am humbled by your many acts of selflessness and kindness.

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world!

District President Reports (cont'd):

Frances Brown, District III President

It has indeed been an honor and a privilege to serve as your District III President. Serving as District III President has broadened my horizons and allowed me to acquire many new friends within the district, across the state and the Southern Region Conference. You have welcomed me into your clubs and supported me in all endeavors. When I suggested we initiate a District III Scholarship, you said, "Yes, we can do that"! When I said let's sell raffle tickets to raise funds for the scholarship, you went over and beyond my wildest expectations. When we presented the inevitable restructuring plan, you accepted and embraced the change with grace and dignity. Special thanks to President Elect Becky C. Wright, Long Range Planning Chairman Celia Fisher, and Parliamentarian Judy Martin for guiding us through this transition. It has been a pleasure to serve with other district presidents, district III elected and appointed officers, club presidents, and members. Thank you for "informing minds and inspiring hearts" all across District III as you lived the volunteer spirit. I am confident that you will continue the tradition of volunteer service as we merge into the new Northern District.



Congratulations goes to Woman's Club of Booneville- 90 years, Pontotoc Woman's Club- 80 years, and Twentieth Century Club of Bruce- 70 years of volunteer service!

I am looking forward to seeing you at GFWC-MFWC State Convention in Gulfport where our new district officers will be installed. Until then I am only a call or text away if you need me. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your district president.



Frances H. Brown
Jennie Award Winner
Southern Region

Frances' passion for volunteerism doesn't end with her membership with the Twentieth Century Club, MFWC, or even GFWC. That's only the beginning...

—Ann-Claire Westmoreland



District President Reports (cont'd):

Deana Pittman, District IV President

2018?? Wow! I cannot believe that two years have passed since I was installed as the District IV President! This time has certainly flown! As I write this, we are preparing for our final District IV convention. As we say "Adios, District IV....Hola, Northern District," we anticipate the changes that this new restructuring will bring. The ladies of District IV look forward to working with new clubs in the Northern part of Mississippi to achieve the goals of GFWC-MFWC!



As this is my final article as district president, I want to say a heartfelt *Thank you!!!!* to the 2016-2018 administration...especially to Tinker, as she has been the inspiration for so many activities and community service projects across our state; to Becky, as she has been such an encourager and a great mentor for the district presidents; and to all of my fellow district presidents, thank you for the laughs and support! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and to get to know each and every one of you and the passion that you have for your volunteer service. Lastly, but certainly not least, to my ladies of District IV and to my Batesville Clubs, thank you so much for the constant encouragement and support that you have given to me, to our MFWC administration, and to each of our communities. Each and every volunteer and club has made drops to help fill my bucket! Our little, but mighty, district has served countless hours to benefit education, conservation, home life, public issues, international, domestic violence, President's Special Project, and children's community service projects across the state. What you do, matters! It changes lives, communities, and affects the future of the world that our children will inherit. THANK YOU!



Lisa Harris, District V President

It has been such a pleasure for me to have served as District V President for the 2016-2018 administration. I am honored to represent such an outstanding group of volunteers who love serving their communities. I want to thank all of District V clubwomen for your commitment and for a job well done. I have enjoyed visiting with each of club and listening to your accomplishments. You are the shining star in our Federation cap.

Thank you, GFWC-MFWC Purvis Woman's Clubs for the "Last Dance" District V Convention. We all had a wonderful time and the T-shirts were just perfect for our last District V Convention. Ladies, you did a wonderful job!

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege of serving as your District V President. This has been a wonderful two years that I will always treasure. I am proud to be a part of District V where clubwomen work together to make great things happen in our communities and state.

From Susan Shurden, PSP Chairman:

When President Forrester rolled out her art bandwagon in 2016, Mississippi's clubwomen jumped on!

Some of you have:

- Purchased Art as well as prints and note cards from Express Yourself! Art Toured T.K. Martin Center
- Invited Judy Duncan and Tinker Forrester to your meetings
- Established the Youth Art Challenge Contest and Photography Contests
- Painted the prettiest trashcans I've ever seen
- Prepared tablescape, decorations, and decorated the streets of your towns for holidays
- Cooked more food than you can imagine
- Passed around Piggy Banks, held yard sales, sold t-shirts, held silent auctions
- Created art for Nursing Homes, held book signings, a luau
- Raffled food, craft supplies, paintings
- Donated Art Supplies, sewn quilts, designed greeting cards, painted canvases
- Hosted "Girls Night Out Painting Parties", Color Runs, and Art receptions
- Attended plays, musicals, concerts, festivals, museums, pottery kilns, art shows

We are well on our way to honoring our commitment to endow the EXPRESS Yourself! Art Program for future generations! This is due entirely to your dedication and willingness to embrace this project. Thank you from me, Tinker, the staff at EXPRESS Yourself! Art, and most of all, from the clients who have the opportunity to create the uniqueness that could have remained trapped inside them.

President's Special Project

While on Facebook, really just stalking, there was a post about a family at Disney watching a child marching in a parade. It was our Johnathan. Goodness, he still tugs at our heartstrings. This brought on a conversation about GFWC-MFWC presidents' special projects and ways and means.

Let's reminisce for a few minutes... a cabinet or drawer overloaded with mugs, cookbooks, aprons, umbrellas, t-shirts, pottery, Christmas ornaments and did I mention... t-shirts.

Why?

Because of Jonathan going for a doctor's visit leaving with a bag of goodies (Carolyn Huey).

Because of that mammogram to detect that evil cancer (Celia Fisher).

That home setting, the Hope Lodge that the family can stay while she receives treatments to continue to her life (Darlene Adams).

For that family that gets their next meal from the neighborhood food pantry (Tammie McCoy).

Working on the Habitat home so a family could lay their head down in a house to call their own (Judy Martin) and learning that princesses are great water girls.

To our great American hero who fought to give us the privilege to do what we do (Suzanne Poyner)

Inform Minds, Inspire Hearts, Live the Volunteer Spirit.

Please continue to do what you do best, always supporting your President's Special Project.

Express yourself by painting the path to the T.K. Martin Center endowment with

Coffee, Coke and Cocktail.

Create Opportunity Consider Kindness for the president's special project T.k. martin center expressing an Attitude to Inform minds, inspire hearts and Live the volunteer spirit.

Amy and Abby
Ways and Means

Contests! Contests! Contests!



**Youth Art
Chair: Libby Everett**

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your MFWC Youth Art Chairman for 2016-2018. Thanks to all of the clubs who presented artwork to be judged in the newly minted Youth Art Challenge category. It was so inspiring to see the artists who would not have such an opportunity for self-expression. Please continue to be aware of these youngsters and make every effort to include them in forays into art and encourage them, even if you do not submit their work for judging.

Please check the website and handbook for guidelines for Youth Art and Youth Art Challenge submissions and follow them before submitting artwork to your district conventions. Youth Art is a state competition only so there is no need for a GFWC

consent form signed by the parents. The club may choose to send a letter to the parent notifying them that their child's artwork has been chosen to be submitted, particularly in the case of Youth Art Challenge students.

The selection process to determine submissions is decided by your club. 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 first place winners are displayed at the state convention. MFWC provides a cash prize (\$10.00) to 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.

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 to the state chairman. Two pieces of poster board taped together on three sides makes an excellent container.

**A winners list from district convention is required.
Please be sure this list is included with the artwork.**

Thank you for your support for these two years. I have really enjoyed seeing the artwork that was presented for judging. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Libby Everett

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Batesville Club members attend art exhibition at the Friends of the Library's Chocolate Fantasy



GFWC Media Campaign Contest *Information provided by Sharon Hudson,* *Communication and Public Relation Chair*

GFWC Mississippi, you do a phenomenal job promoting the great work in your communities. So this is your friendly reminder-GFWC Federation Day is April 24th. So what will your club do to increase awareness of MFWC and GFWC? Will you receive a proclamation from your mayor, or hit the airwaves and make appearances on your local television and radio stations? Maybe you will highlight accomplishments of past members on social media or consider distributing your “stats” to business supporters, former members and the news media. Have a special project or program for that day. What unique ideas will your clubwomen use this April?

Well, whatever you do, **share** with me. I can share with Lisa on our Facebook page, post them on the GFWC Southern Region Facebook page or to the GFWC App. The strength of this organization comes from the support we receive from our members. So send us me photos and a caption, tweet about Federation Day, upload a video to YouTube.

Just do it!

GFWC Photography Contest *Chairman: Carolyn Long*

Thanks clubwomen for following directions on mounting and labeling your entries last spring . Remember each first place winner must have a waiver.

Kathryn Sowers, GFWC 2016-2018 Photography Chairman sent the following change to the YEAR IN PICTURES section:

The winners will be placed in the form of a desk calendar instead of the Nov.-Dec. Clubwoman. This change was based on cost. The contest winners will receive a complimentary copy of the desk calendar. The calendar can be purchased through the Marketplace.

Remember YOU send your entry directly to GFWC along with your waiver. This was the only change in the photography rules. I look forward to getting the district winners.

Congratulations to Celia Fisher- Lanier Club District III. She received first place in GFWC World of Pictures Living Things category – “The Weaver”.



GFWC Award-winning Photograph
 Taken by Celia Fisher, Vietnam, 2016

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

It is hard to believe two years have come and gone so quickly! I admit that it is with a bit of sadness that I write this final article as your Advocates for Children Chairman. You have been amazing! You have definitely kept my mind informed and inspired my heart with your many programs and projects to enhance the lives of so many Mississippi children. What a joy it has been to read your reports. You have informed our children of the dangers of alcohol, drugs, bullying, teen suicide, texting and driving. You donated stuffed animals, sponsored a community Easter Egg Hunt, made puppets for sick children, made bunnies to donate with books, packed backpacks for children who would have otherwise gone hungry,



purchased car seats, diaper, wipes and other items for Child protective Services to meet the needs of foster children.



You have supported children's homes and provided Christmas for the underprivileged. You have raised funds for children's hospitals and donated over a hundred hand crocheted caps for newborns. You have taught the next generation the importance of giving back by involving the children in your fundraising to find a cure for children cancer. The Daddy Daughter Dance was magical! You have supported both our partners. You donated a total of \$1,211 to March of Dimes and \$16,976 to St. Jude Children Research Hospital! You donated your "change" to "change" the premature birth rate in Mississippi, walked a 5K and ran in a 10K to end childhood cancer.

I am reminded of 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another...". You have truly used your gifts of time, talents and creativity to serve and advocate for Mississippi children. Thank you President Forrester for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Advocates for Children Chairman. I am looking forward to many more years of volunteer service with the next administration.



Amy and Abby participating in the annual St. Jude walk with friend Emma, President elect Becky Wright's granddaughter and a thousand other friends.



Volunteers in Action Across the State



GFWC-MFWC leaders
President Tinker Forrester
and President-elect Becky
Wright in action...
volunteering at the St.
Jude walk!

Legislation and Public Policy
Chairperson Dorothy L. Thomas

SECRET BALLOT?? Mississippi - and many other States – has enacted law to protect the privacy of voters in all elections. That means you have no obligation to tell anyone how you voted. If someone does ask, one answer could be: “That’s none of your business.” Another could be: “I have a legal right to a secret ballot and I don’t have to answer your question.” There is one group of voters who may choose a way of conveying their absentee ballot to the Circuit Clerk that waives the protection of a secret ballot. Keep reading.

In Mississippi our Election Commissioners, assisted by the Circuit Clerks, have the responsibility for organizing General Elections, which are often referred to as November elections. Election Commissioners and Circuit Clerks are NOT responsible for political party primary elections. In a party primary election voters choose who will be their nominee in the General Election. The legal Secret Ballot protection applies to all elections, whether party primary or the general election.

“Okay, how is my secret ballot protected in an Election?” Mississippi has 82 counties. I didn’t survey all of the Circuit Clerks. In my home county our Circuit Clerk explained how it is done here. In elections when the polling places close the workers take the absentee ballots out of a sealed bag where they have been all day. The envelopes are examined and if all the criteria are in order: the person is a duly registered voter in that precinct, the signature is in the correct place and properly witnessed (or notarized) – then the poll workers would mark the ballot envelope ACCEPTED. If, however, all is not correct the ballot envelope would be marked REJECTED.

The absentee ballot remains sealed in the ballot envelope to be opened only by the proper election officials -- not precinct poll workers. The ballots are not numbered, so they cannot be matched to any voter. The ballot boxes are delivered to the General Voting Counting Center with the absentee ballots remaining properly sealed. Ballot boxes are opened and the ACCEPTED absentee ballots are distributed to trained teams of the Resolution Committee which then prepares them to be counted by the counting equipment employed by the county.

“Right. What if I vote by absentee ballot? I have to mark the ballot, fold it, put it in the absentee ballot envelope, see and write my name on the outside.” This step is to protect the integrity of your ballot. You place the ballot in the envelope, seal it and then place your signature on the envelope flap. If voting in the Clerk’s office, the Clerk or a deputy would be sure that the instructions have been correctly followed including the proper place of the voter’s signature. The absentee ballots are kept secured in the Clerk’s office until they are placed in the proper precinct box. Under Mississippi election laws only the poll worker can determine if an absentee ballot envelope can be ACCEPTED or REJECTED.

If you re voting absentee be SURE that you follow the directions for closing and signing the envelope. In a recent election the international news media reported that a famous person, not a Mississippian, known to have a very strong interest in the election result voted absentee, put the folded ballot in the envelope, signed the envelope in the WRONG place. The ballot could not be counted.

“Is every voter protected by the Secret Ballot law?” Yes and no. There is one group who is and has always been essential to the freedom of our United States. They are members of our military and their families. They have two options for voting by absentee. They can vote like any other absentee voter, via the postal service. However, unique to these voters is the opportunity to vote by email. If they choose to vote by email included in the instructions they receive is the warning that their ballot would be viewed by the Clerk (or the person responsible in the Clerk’s office for receiving the same.) Upon receipt of the ballot by email the ballot is sealed in the absentee ballot envelope to be legally handled the same as any other ballot. In my home county the Clerk signs across the back of the email voter’s absentee ballot envelope and attaches a label indicating that this is a military voter.

In Mississippi the 2018 political party primary elections will occur in June.

!!! REMEMBER !!!

Keep taking action in the General Federation of Women’s Clubs project
- TAKE ACTION -
to send messages to our U. S. Representatives and U. S. Senators on matters
of interest and concern to Clubwomen.

Arts Community Service Program

Creatively Speaking.....Meri Ford Newell, Arts Community Service Projects Chair

Since this will be my last time writing this article as Arts CSP Chair, let me express how honored I have been to serve in this capacity. I have had the opportunity to see all of the great work being done throughout our great state to foster interest in all of the fine arts, and to support the endeavors of artists, artisans, arts educators and students in their respective areas.

I have just finished judging the reports from 2017, and again, I am amazed at your diligence and creativity. We had more clubs overall reporting in the arts this year; I sincerely hope that this trend will continue in subsequent years. Thank you for your emails and questions in preparing this year's reports; it has helped me see what needs to be clarified in the future. I would request that you include more pictures and articles with your narrative when possible; we would love to *see* what you are doing to boost the arts in your community. Finally, when you are reporting, make sure that you are following the guidelines that GFWC publishes for Arts CSP reports. If in doubt about whether a project or activity is appropriate for this area, contact me through April of this year, or contact the incoming CSP chair. If we don't know the answer to your question, we will contact GFWC for a more definitive answer.

Thank you for continuing to support the arts programs at Mississippi State Hospital, and South Mississippi State Hospital. Their budgets have been seriously affected by cuts this year, and need all of the help we can supply. Attend their fundraisers, share information with your friends on social media, and consider having your club visit a facility for your Arts CSP program to see what amazing work is being done to heal and support through the arts.

Please continue to promote Youth Writing and Youth Art in your schools. More clubs reported their participation this year. You have sponsored young writers and have held book signings for local authors. You have sponsored art shows and festivals, and have continued to build relationships through the Youth Art Challenge. We need to keep encouraging young people to write, draw, paint, and work in various mediums; positive creativity can help heal our fractured world.

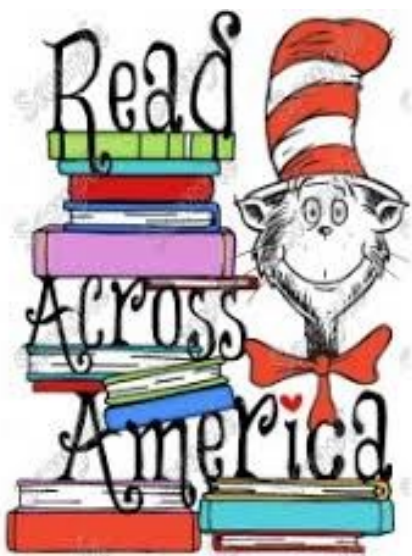
All of you have done so much to attend, promote, and volunteer for arts events in your community and your state. You have volunteered food, time, and effort with music programs in your local schools, and have supported instrument drives and fundraisers. You have held photography shows, and have created beautiful works of art. Celia Fisher's beautiful photograph was a GFWC award winner, but was just one of many wonderful photographs taken by MFWC clubwomen. Your club members have made quilts, written poems and short stories, and have painted trashcans to beautify a public park. You have sponsored events for children to create crafts, and have made crafts to brighten a senior citizen's day.

Finally, keep doing the good work you are doing, but look for even more ways to grow and support the arts in your community. Keep finding creative ways to fundraise for the EXPRESS Yourself! Art Program to make it to the finish line with time and money to spare. We are, at this time, only \$5000 away from President Forrester's goal of \$25,000. Remember that everyone has a means of self-expression. You may still be looking for yours, but you most definitely have one. Feed it, grow it, and let it bloom for the world to see and enjoy.



Star Woman's Club presented checks for much needed art supplies to local art teachers!

Volunteers in Education



Volunteers in Education



Cosmopolitan Club members serve at the superintendent's breakfast at a local school.



Members of Poplarville Woman's Club joined with representatives of the Poplarville Rotary Club to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. The group read to classes at the Poplarville Lower Elementary School. Other members read at several day care centers and play schools around town. Woman's Club members are, from left, Janet Kennedy, Betina Dodd, Rotarian Steve Reid, Dawn Vosbein, Rotary member Karla Lee, Deborah Warren, Rhonda Byrd, Rotarian Clyde Dease, Jo Laurin Davis, Linda Hawkins, and Mary Ann McIntyre.

Volunteers in Education



Anna Head, right, Poplarville Woman's Club's chairman for the School Underwear and Hygiene Project, present collected items to school nurses Melissa Darden, from Poplarville Elementary Lower Elementary, and Michelle Recatto, Middle School of Poplarville.

Home Life Community Service Program

Congratulations MFWC Clubwomen! You have gotten a lot of exercise during the 2017 club year. Your heart should be in good shape! There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. You have worked for a cause, not for applause. You have lived life to express and not to impress. You have cared about others, dared for others, and shared with others.

As I read your remarkable Home Life reports, my heart filled with pride and thanksgiving for each of you and your commitment to improving the lives of others, as well as your own. Thanks to 2016-2018 GFWC Home Life Chair Tammie McCoy for her newsletters that provided excellent information and encouragement to pass along to our members related to volunteer service in this area.



It will be my pleasure to recognize, applaud, and honor you amazing clubwomen at State Convention for your outstanding Home Life volunteer efforts. These efforts have made a huge impact throughout your communities, our state, and our nation. Those creative juices have been flowing as you embraced some outstanding “new to you” projects in addition to continuing your passion for those “this is how we have always done it” successful projects. Thank you for your emphasis on and involvement with our Home Life partners: Easter-seals and Canine Companions for Independence.

Please continue your dedication and commitment to the Home Life initiatives and areas of service through the remainder of this administration and into the future. Demonstrations of love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver. Above all, your actions shape and mold the present into a future we can all be proud of.

~June Vaughn, Home Life CSP Chairman



Spreading the Word: Home Life



What is Go Red For Women?

In 2004, the American Heart Association (AHA) faced a challenge. Cardiovascular disease claimed the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year, yet women were not paying attention. In fact, many even dismissed it as an older man's disease. To dispel the myths and raise awareness of heart disease & stroke as the number one killer of women, the American Heart Association created Go Red For Women, a passionate, emotional, social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their heart health....and, **Boy, did the ladies of the Lanier Club GO RED!** to help spread awareness about this devastating disease among women!

Leadership Across the State

Cosmopolitan Club president and GFWC-MFWC Vice-President Sherri Reid administered the oath to new club members.



Cosmopolitan Club members attending GFWC-MFWC state convention

Becky C. Wright, GFWC-MFWC President, 2018-2020



Becky has been an active member of the GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce since 1995, serving in most all offices and chairmanships. As 2002-2004 President, she led the club in earning recognition as MFWC Club of the Year. She was chosen as her club's first LEADS Candidate in 2003 to attend MFWC's first LEADS Seminar and represented 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*, a member of the Challenge Grant Scholarship Committee, Vice-President and Dean of Chairman, and served as GFWC-MFWC President-elect and Membership Chairman. Additionally, she completed a successful term as District III President 2006-2008 having served as Vice President and President-elect.

Becky is noted for her initiation of the club's annual Spring Salad luncheon, a very popular and highly successful fundraiser now in its 21st year. In 2015, she led her club in holding its first annual Daddy Daughter Dance that benefited St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as well as led in MFWC's participation in the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer.

Her extensive community service has included four 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. Dedicating much of her volunteer time to being an advocate for children, Becky served as Girl Scout Leader, summer league softball coach, band booster, and cheerleader mom, and now as weekly reader to the K4 classes. Her continued dedication to community events sparked the July 4th All American Celebration on the town square proudly providing musical entertainment, old-fashioned games, and an extensive firework show.

Becky was a chartering committee member of the Calhoun County Relay for Life where she continues to serve on the committee. Becky currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce, the Calhoun County Endowment Foundation Board, and is Vice-President of the Bruce Elementary School P-16 Council. Her unsurpassed community volunteerism has garnered her many awards including Chamber Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Parent of the Year, March of Dimes Northern District Volunteer of the Year, Who's Who Among Young American Women and Mayor's Award.

Becky and her husband James have two sons, two daughters, three granddaughters, and three grandsons. She and James are co-owners/operators of Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Bruce where Becky has worked alongside James since 1994. All four of their children have grown up working in the family business as well. An active member of Bruce United Methodist Church, she has served as Chairman of the Children's Ministry, VBS Director, Chairman of the Worship Committee, the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and on the Board of Trustees. Becky currently serves as the church's Leadership Chairman, is actively involved in Bruce United Methodist Women and is a member of the hand bell choir.

Although the opportunity to attend college was not an option when she was younger, she credits our Federation for giving her the courage and initiative to never give up. After much encouragement from her friend and MFWC Leadership Chairman Betty King, and her daughter Bethany who was a high school freshman at the time, Becky enrolled in Northwest Mississippi Community College where she was later inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

In her spare time, Becky enjoys road trips with friends, reading, playing Scrabble, music, traveling, and learning about different cultures through food and cooking. However, family is the core of everything for Becky, and even with a full schedule, finds the time to gather regularly around the family table for family meals. Apart from playing with her grandchildren, Becky's greatest joy comes from empowering others to serve and watching them grow while Living the Volunteer Spirit.

Spotlight on Leadership for the Future...

Sherri Reid, GFWC-MFWC President-elect, 2018-2020



It is with great pride that Cosmopolitan Club of Petal supports the nomination of Sherri Reid for the office of President-elect for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our club has a long history (73 years) of serving at the district and state level. Sherri Reid follows that long tradition with her commitment to service. She has been an energetic supporter of club activities and an interested recipient of knowledge from MFWC and GFWC. Soon after becoming a Cosmopolitan Club member in 2004, she served on the local board as Club Historian and Club Reporter. In 2005 and 2006, her second and third year as a club member, she chaired the Relay for Life project that raised over \$5,000.00 for the American Cancer Society just from our club. In 2007 and 2008, she chaired the Holiday Tasting Tea, our largest fund-raiser, which raises over \$1,000.00 for club projects. She has also been selected as Clubwoman of the Year for our club. She has served our club as Public Issues PSP chairman (more than once), vice-president, president-elect, and president. She has attended every district and state convention since becoming a member. She has also attended GFWC conventions.

On the district level, she has served as secretary, vice-president, president-elect, and is currently serving as president of District 1. For MFWC, she has been a LEADS candidate, International Outreach PSP chairman for two state presidents, and corresponding secretary. In each of these positions, she has shown herself to be organized, responsible, and enthusiastic. We believe she is an excellent candidate for MFWC Vice-President and shows all the characteristics of someone who would be committed to serving in a leadership role for our organization in the years to come. Sherry currently serves as GFWC-MFWC Vice-president.

Sherri and her husband, Lance, have two sons, Blake, soon to be graduate in May, and Carlton, a junior at William Carey University, employed with Ted Cannon, State Farm. Lance is the Chief Deputy of the Chancery Court and Sherri is employed with Appliance, Etc. in Hattiesburg. They are active members of Asbury United Methodist Church. Sherri loves USM sports, community involvement, reading, and is an avid lover of antiques, with an extensive Fostoria collection.

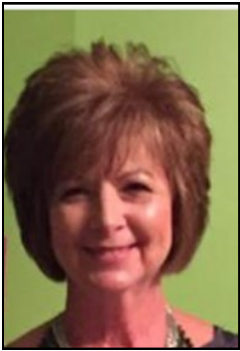
Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFWC Vice President, 2018-2020

The GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club takes great pleasure in recommending Theresa Buntyn for the office of GFWC-MFWC Vice-president for the 2018-2020 administration. Theresa has been an active member of Decatur Woman's Progressive Club since 1989. She has served her club as Reporter, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Vice President, and President. She currently chairs two committees and participates in all activities and projects. Her enthusiasm and willingness to undertake any assigned task and to follow it to completion are immeasurable assets to her club. Theresa has served as 2014-2016 District II President and currently holds the office of GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary.



Her prior experiences and administrative roles in Home Health Care and Club President have prepared her to successfully guide its membership for the last two years. She is currently serving on the GFWC-MFWC Executive Board as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee and as Chairman of International Outreach Partnership Program. Other previous Board positions have included Home Life Chairman for four years with her reports receiving international awards at annual GFWC conventions. Nominated by her club as a 2012 GFWC-MFWC LEADS Participant, she was selected as the 2012 MFWC LEADS delegate to represent MFWC at the LEADS Workshop at the 2012 GFWC Convention. Chosen by her club as 2013 Clubwoman of the Year, Theresa was named 2013 GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year. Currently the Director for Sta Home Health & Hospice, she holds a BSN in Nursing from University Medical Center and advanced certifications in gerontology. She is the recipient of the Sta Home Agency Joyce P. Carraci Award for Excellence in Nursing. Married for 35 years, she and her husband Mark have two special sons, Eric and Wesley. She and her family make their home in Decatur, MS. Theresa is a Member of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce and was chosen "Citizen of the Year" in 2013. Theresa enjoys walking, traveling, photography, antique shopping, and lining up the Christmas Parade each year. Her motto is "Bloom Where You Are Planted." No matter where God places us on our journey in life, we are always to serve and do our best.

Spotlight on Leadership for the Future...



Frances Brown, GFWC-MFWC Secretary, 2018-2020

The GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce is honored to endorse the nomination of Frances Brown for GFWC-MFWC Secretary. She has been an active member of the Twentieth Club of Bruce since 2004. She has served her club as treasurer, corresponding secretary, vice president, president, and chairman of various CSP programs, club projects and committees. She currently serves as club secretary. She has served as district treasurer two terms and currently is serving as District III president.

She has served on the MFWC board as Home Life chairman, Media Campaign chairman, Advocates for Children chairman, and PSP committee member. She has served as team captain of Mississippi Federated Clubwoman and Friends and participated in the Walk to End Childhood Cancer for the past three years.

She attended the Mississippi Leads seminar in 2008, was named 2009 GFWC-MFWC Clubwoman of the Year, and was selected 2017 MFWC Jennie nominee and Southern Region finalist.

She retired from Mississippi State Department of Health after 33 years of service as a public health nurse and is currently employed at Communicare as a mental health nurse.

She has served on the Sawmill Festival Committee for past several years and currently serves as Sawmill Committee Treasurer. She is an active member of Bruce First Baptist Church and proud mother of two grown children, Christi and Aaron, and extremely proud grandmother of six grandchildren. Her hobbies include spending time with her family, taking care of her horses, reading, shopping, and eating out with friends. With her proven history of dedication to her community and to the federation, GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century club of Bruce proudly supports Frances Brown for the office of secretary.



Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer, 2018-2020

The GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence wholeheartedly recommends 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 has served as the GFWC-MFWC Treasurer since the 2014-16 administration, as well as previously in the 2012-14 administration. Diane has served on the MFWC Board since 2006 having served as MFWC Meetings Coordinator and MFWC Ways & Means Chairman. 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 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, Personnel Director at the Schools for Deaf and Blind. Since 2005, Diane has enjoyed working as a freelance designer, partner in a catering business, marketing director of a food service management company and owner/partner of “Judith Anne’s” children’s designs.

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, two grandsons, Brody and Levi, and one granddaughter, Paislee. Recognizing her strong commitment to GFWC and MFWC and her drive for excellence, the GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club of Florence proudly endorses Diane Rouse for the office of GFWC-MFWC Treasurer.

International Outreach Community Service Program

It is amazing how quickly two years passes when one has the opportunity to work with such a worthwhile Community Service Program. I was aware of the needs, certainly, but through the last many months I will learned just how great the need is and just how much one organization can do to foster support for world-wide needs.



I am still taken aback by the generosity and compassion of those who have supported and continue to support the humanitarian needs through the “Red Nose Project”, “A Shot @ Life”, UNICEF, Read to Feed, Heifer International and all the countless other opportunities that we have available for us to SHARE with those who live daily on the edge of death.

Our clubwomen have truly “adopted” the people of the world to help those in such dire need gain the simple necessities of life. We, as a group, have financed and in some cases actually helped to dig water wells. We have provided countless numbers of mosquito nets to protect against malaria and other insect born diseases. We have purchased tarps to help provide shelter from the elements after devastating weather assaults.

We have purchased and packaged flood buckets with cleaning supplies and other items to help citizens make their homes livable once more.

Through all the countless hours of volunteer service and monies provided to finance rebuilding efforts the need is still almost beyond comprehension. Through our organizations efforts there is a glimmer of light and shades of hope ahead.

I urge all of us to continue our work, our prayers and our efforts to share the overwhelming need of our world neighbors. Let’s continue the “Volunteer Spirit” and perhaps one day everyone will experience the life that we live daily.

Peace Be With You,
Melba Watkins
International Outreach CSP Chair

Presentation of a check for a mission trip Love Without Bounds...a mission to end human trafficking (Above)

Members of Batesville Junior Woman’s League prepare materials for Operation Smile, a GFWC International Partner (Right)



MEMBERSHIP- "IT'S THE REAL DEAL"

By Becky Wright, MFWC President-elect

What fun it has been to use the GFWC Membership Recruitment Theme with our MFWC Membership Recruitment Contest! The Membership Chairman put the money on the table and clubs across Mississippi joined the card game competing for the jackpot. Consequently, membership is on the rise, proving that the volunteer spirit is alive in MFWC. Joy filled my heart each time I received names of new members. Forty-five new members have been submitted to GFWC with seven more having been added by the time you are reading this. Furthermore, five Mississippi clubs have been listed in *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* for their recruitment efforts with one receiving a call from GFWC Membership Services for an interview.



Again, happiness continued as I received your MFWC Membership reports and read how you used GFWC's Membership Recruitment Campaign! Creative members embraced the theme as they gathered around the table and played with a full house to recruit new members. The Florentine Club hosted a Membership Recruitment Tea in a serene outdoor setting with beautiful goldfish ponds on the grounds subtly reminding us to Go Fish for members. As a result, three new members joined. Hosting a Wine and Cheese Recruitment, The Women's Club of Gulfport knew they had played their cards right when fourteen members joined as a result.



The Florentine Evening Club designated their September meeting to membership emphasis with the "Bridge the Gap" theme inviting the MFWC Membership Chairman and seventeen young ladies with hopes of bridging the gap between current members and their Junioresse club resulting in two new members. Quitman Woman's Club put all their cards on the table---and it was a tasty table--- as they hosted a Community Taste Tea--- with a focus on recruiting new members. Sending out 180 invitations with a focus on two specific age groups, ---age groups that had proven to be the most active and supportive of volunteer efforts within their community---this club received 16 inquiries for membership from this event.

Focusing on retention, Fine Arts Club of Bruce held a New Member Orientation Brunch to acclimate seven new members, leaving them informed and inspired. The club's Vice President and Membership Chair organized and facilitated this event, educating new members on GFWC, GFWC's Legislative Action Center, GFWC News and Notes, and the GFWC App. Iuka Twentieth Century Club used their scrapbook to recruit new members, proving that a picture truly is worth 1,000 words as potential recruits could see the difference federated volunteers were making. Across Mississippi, clubwomen showed up and showed out wearing emblematic apparel as they used their elevator speech and touted the benefits of belonging.

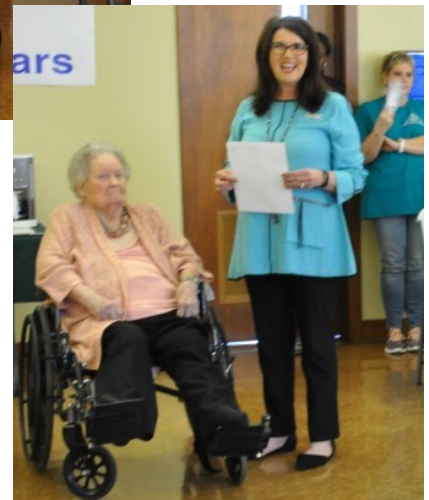
Of the 52 MFWC clubs, 26 reported in the Advancement Area: Membership, reporting 239 projects, 1,540 hours, with \$11,091 donated to Membership areas. The current Membership in MFWC, based on the number of clubs who had paid their dues by January 1, 2018, stands at 1,095. However, the MFWC Recruitment Contest is still going strong. Five new members were added this week, bringing that total to 1,100! You may notice that is an increase from last year!

Nonetheless, ladies the Membership Recruitment Contest is nearing the midnight hour. This banker is ready to pay out winnings to four very clever card shark club membership chairmen. Our Contest is in the 52 Pick-up quarter, so please continue to send those recruits to me as the contest ends April 17, 2018, and the winners will receive their share of the jackpot on April 27th.

Membership is the HEART of GFWC, and within our Mississippi Federation, may we continue to empower the heart to make a difference as we continue to build that bridge as we share the benefits of belonging.



Membership at its Finest



On Sunday, February 18, 2018, family, friends and the GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club gathered to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Vivien Corley, a 77-year member of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Mrs. Vivien joined the MFWC in 1941 in Decatur, Mississippi.

Mrs. Corley held the following offices and served on the following Committees during her 75 years of service:

- Club President 1953-1955
- Treasurer
- Dean of Chairmen
- Home Life – Family Living and Child Development
- Goodwill Standing Committee
- International Affairs – International Policy
- Home Life – Gerontology
- Home Life – Health. Mental Health Welfare (Drug Abuse)
- Chairman, Finance Standing Committee
- Education – Chairman
- Arts – Visual Arts
- Finance Standing Committee

Mrs. Vivien was given her 75-year pin and a letter of best wishes and congratulation from Sheila Shea, GFWC International President by GFWC-MFWC President-elect Becky C. Wright.

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club made and shipped 43 fleece blankets for Operation Smile.



Volunteers in Action Across the State



GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce visited the MS State Hospital in December to deliver items purchased for children in the adolescent group and hosted their Christmas party that included refreshments and games.

More Volunteers in Action



Sheryle Coaker, Penny Barr, Nadine Coleman, Jodie Brickson, Charlene Cannon and Aaryn Purvis. Decorating for Annual Fundraiser.

Cosmopolitan Club at Tasting Luncheon



More Volunteers in Action



GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club, Okolona members (along with GFWC-MFWC President-elect Becky Wright) helped with placing and removing wreaths in Oddfellows Cemetery in Okolona as part of the National Wreaths Across America program.



Public Issues & Community-building



Volunteers showed up and showed out for the reception for local law enforcement that was held at the MFWC Headquarters. These ladies prepared and served lunch, along with lots of goodies, and sweet Southern hospitality to our men and women in blue.

OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

120th State Convention

Holiday Inn Gulfport

9515 Highway 49

Gulfport, MS

April 26 – 28, 2018

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Gulfport, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 26th – 28th, 2018.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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

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| Registration Schedule: | Thursday, 4/26 | 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. |
| | Friday, 4/27 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| | Saturday, 4/28 | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. |

Registration Table will be located in the Holiday Inn Lobby.

All members attending must be registered.

Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 7, 2018.

Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.

The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is March 30, 2018.

The group-block room rate is **\$109.99** per night (*not including tax*).

You may make your own room reservations by calling **1.228.679.1700**.

You must identify yourself with the group-block **"MS Federation of Women's Clubs"**

Check-in is **3:00 p.m.**; Checkout is **12:00 p.m.**

EXHIBITS

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 27th. **ALL** Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Year-book entries **MUST be picked up** between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. 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, Special Committees and Community Service Programs; District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State; and, regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear a 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 of the GFWC-MFWC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate action, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

Registration and Meal Reservation Form

Mail to:

Judy Martin
P.O. Box 472
Raleigh, MS 39153
601-540-1856 – cell phone

Club member: _____
 District: _____ Club: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

| | <u>Member</u> | | <u>Booster</u> |
|---|---------------|---------|----------------|
| Registration (1 day only) | _____ | \$15.00 | _____ |
| Registration (more than 1 day) | _____ | \$20.00 | _____ |
| Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/26 | _____ | \$39.00 | _____ |
| Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/27 (Gavel Club Members Only) | _____ | \$16.00 | _____ |
| Luncheon, Friday, 4/27 | _____ | \$26.00 | _____ |
| Banquet, Friday, 4/27 | _____ | \$38.00 | _____ |
| Breakfast, Saturday, 4/28 | _____ | \$21.00 | _____ |
| Post Convention Board Luncheon, 4/28 | _____ | \$26.00 | _____ |
| *Registration Late Fee | _____ | \$10.00 | _____ |
| TOTALS: | _____ | | _____ |

PLEASE indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

*Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.

CREDENTIALS CARD

GFWC-MFWC 120th Annual Convention

Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____

_____ 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, Special Committee, or CSP.

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

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

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

_____, Club President

Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to:

**GFWC-MFWC 2018 State Convention,
 to Judy Martin at the address above.**

The registration form is also available for download from www.gfwc-mfwc.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 7, 2018.

120th State Convention

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| 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Registration - <i>Hotel Lobby</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | Finance and Executive Committee Meetings – <i>President’s Suite</i> |
| 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting |
| | <i>All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.</i> |

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| 7:30 a.m. | Gavel Club Breakfast – <i>President’s Suite</i> |
| 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Registration - <i>Hotel Lobby</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Districts Meet Reports by 2016-2018 District Presidents Election of 2018-2020 District Officers Adoption of District Bylaws Installation of 2018-2020 District Officers – <i>Becky C. Wright, MFWC President-elect</i> <i>Sheila E. Shea, GFWC International President</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | Opening Ceremonies/Convention Convenes Business Session Reports from: <i>Officers and Executive Board</i> <i>Headquarters Committee</i> Election of 2018-2020 State Officers |
| Noon - 2:15 p.m. | Luncheon Awards: <i>GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness</i> <i>GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children; Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy and Membership</i> |
| 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. | Business Session Awards: <i>Fundraising & Development, WHRC, ESO, Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues</i> <i>State Institutions, MPB, Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks & Yearbooks</i> |
| 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Pick up All Exhibits - <i>Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks, and Yearbooks</i> |
| 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Social Gathering – <i>honoring GFWC International President Sheila Shea – Location TBA</i> |
| 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. | Photo Opportunities <i>will be available</i> |
| 7:15 p.m. | Processional Assemblies <i>(District Presidents, District Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Clubs of the Year, Past State Presidents, GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers, & GFWC Guest)</i> |
| 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. | Banquet – <i>featuring GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea</i> Awards: <i>LEADS, Challenge Grant, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship</i> <i>Installation of 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC Executive and Appointed Officers</i> |
| 9:30 p.m. | Reception honoring <i>Becky C. Wright, 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC President</i> |

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| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service |
| 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Business Session Juniorette Awards Awards: Presidents' Award of Excellence, <i>PSP, Juniorette of the Year, Juniorette Club of the Year, Clubwoman of the Year, Club of the Year</i> Address of Tinker Forrester, 2016-2018 GFWC-MFWC President Address of Becky C. Wright, 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC President Pin and Gavel Ceremony Adjournment |
| Noon | Post-Convention Meeting for 2018-2020 Board of Directors |

Dress for day functions: Business. Dress for evening functions: Thursday – cocktail; Friday - formal or semi-formal.

BYLAWS FOR THE _____ DISTRICT
OF THE
GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This association of clubs shall be known as the _____ District of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE II – NAME

The object of this association shall be to bring the clubs located in the District together for mutual helpfulness and cooperation in effectively carrying out the work and mission of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. All federated clubs in good standing with the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., located within the District are members of this association. The geographic boundaries of the District are determined by the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., in accordance with its bylaws.

Section 2. Each member club shall pay per capita dues of \$1.00 per member, due and payable to the District Treasurer by January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Members-at-large of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., who reside in the District shall pay \$1.00 dues to the District Treasurer by January 1 of each year. At Convention, members-at-large may have a voice but not a vote, unless elected or appointed to a position with a vote.

Section 4. Clubs and members-at-large whose dues have not been paid before District Convention shall not be entitled to representation at the District Convention.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers shall be the President, President-elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The appointed officers shall be the Parliamentarian, Historian, and Chaplain. They shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. Vacancies in office shall be filled as follows:

A. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-elect. If the President-elect declines to fill the vacancy, the Executive Board shall select a President.

B. A vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled by the Vice President. If the Vice-President declines to fill the vacancy, the Executive Board shall select a President-elect.

C. A vacancy in the office of Vice President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term.

D. Any officer serving less than a year in a position shall be eligible to serve a full term in that position.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. The President shall have general supervision of the work of the District and shall perform the duties usually associated with that office. She shall preside at all District meetings and serve as Chairman of the Executive Board. She shall appoint a Parliamentarian, Historian, and Chaplain; the members and chairmen of Standing and Special Committees; Community Service Program Chairmen and Advancement Area Chairmen, if deemed necessary; and such other Chairmen as may be necessary to efficiently conduct the work of the District during her term of office. She shall represent the District at meetings of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.; submit reports and cooperate with the state federation as required; and assume the duties of General Convention Chair of the State Convention in years when the State Convention is to be hosted by the District. She shall serve as an ex-officio member of all District committees, except the Nominating Committee. She shall be responsible for overseeing the District Convention and issuing the Call to the District Convention 30 days in advance of the District Convention. In the even-numbered years, she shall transfer to the successor President any items in her possession belonging to the District and any relevant records (in electronic format, if possible) at or before the State Convention.

B. The President-elect shall serve as an active aide to the President and shall perform the duties usually associated with that office. In the absence of the President, she shall preside at all meetings and perform the duties of the President. She shall have supervision of the District work related to membership and, when requested, shall coordinate with the President and President-elect of the GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., on issues involving membership.

C. The Vice President shall assist in the work of the District and perform all duties associated with that office. She shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the President- elect.

D. The Recording Secretary shall perform the duties usually associated with that office and shall keep in permanent form the minutes of the District Convention and the Executive Board. Minutes shall be typed and placed in chronological order. In the even-numbered years, she shall transfer all compiled minutes and the District Convention programs to the successor Recording Secretary at or before the State Convention and provide a courtesy copy to the incoming District President.

E. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all monies, including dues, belonging to the District. She shall sign, with the President, checks for authorized expenditures within budgetary limitations. She shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures and be prepared when called upon by the President or the Executive Board to render a statement showing the receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand. She shall prepare and present a written Treasurer's Report at each District Convention. She shall inform the President of any delinquencies in the payment of District dues and send notifications of delinquency to clubs when requested by the President. In the even-numbered years, she shall complete all financial matters associated with the District Convention and then transfer all pertinent records to the successor Treasurer at or before the State Convention.

F. The Parliamentarian shall serve in an advisory capacity, advising on doubtful questions of procedure when called upon. She shall assist officers and chairmen in making reports and shall advise on the proper arrangement of printed programs and minutes. When requested, she shall instruct on parliamentary procedure according to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

G. The Historian shall compile a brief history of the District during her term of office and submit it in the format requested to the Historian of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. In the even-numbered years, she shall provide a copy of this history to the successor Historian at or before the State Convention.

H. The Chaplain shall give inspirational presentations and promote the good will of the members as requested by the President. Upon request of the President, she shall compile a list of deceased members since the last Memorial Service and conduct a Memorial Service at the District Convention.

Section 5. In addition to these duties, the elected officers shall establish and the Recording Secretary shall maintain a list of the order in which clubs will rotate in hosting the annual District Convention. In compiling this list, the Board shall take into account club locations and membership to determine a logical and reasonable division of the hosting duties. This list may be updated as necessary, with proper notice being given to the clubs. Each club in the District shall participate in hosting the annual District Convention. Unless a club volunteers otherwise, a club may not be asked to serve as a hostess club twice before all other clubs in the District have been asked.

Section 6. No officer shall receive a salary, but an expense allowance may be approved by the Executive Board. All expenses must be documented with vouchers and receipts.

ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. To be eligible for office, a person must be (a) a member in good standing of a club in good standing that is located within the District, or (b) a member- at-large in good standing residing within the District. To be considered in good standing, all applicable dues must be paid.

Section 2. The District President shall not serve as a local club President during her term of office.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee of three to five members shall be appointed by the President (typically at the District Convention in the odd-numbered years). The term of the Nominating Committee shall begin upon appointment and conclude at the Convention at which it makes its report. No two members of the Nominating Committee may be from the same club.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of candidates for each office to be filled, after having secured their consent to serve if elected. Members shall then be given the privilege of making nominations from the floor, after which the voting shall proceed by secret ballot. However, in cases where there is only one candidate for an office, the President may dispense with balloting and conduct a voice vote. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

Section 5. The election of officers shall take place at the District Convention in the even-numbered years. In 2018, the newly elected officers shall assume their duties and be installed immediately upon being elected. In 2020 and thereafter, newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the District Convention in which they are elected and shall serve until the close of the District Convention at which their successors are elected. In 2020 and thereafter, an installation ceremony shall be conducted for the Elected Officers at the District Convention at which they are elected. At the request of the incoming President, the Appointed Officers may be included in the installation ceremony. The wishes of the incoming President shall be considered in the selection of the person to conduct the installation ceremony (typically the President-elect of the State federation), so long as it can be done at no additional cost to the District.

Section 6. The President shall appoint tellers to assist with the election, including the collection and tabulation of ballots.

Section 7. The term of office shall be two years. No officer, whether elected or appointed, shall be eligible to succeed herself, except the Treasurer. However, in cases where an officer, due to a vacancy, has served in her current office for less than a year, that officer shall be eligible to serve a full term in that same office.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Elected and Appointed Officers; the District Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Areas; and such other Chairmen as the District President may deem necessary to appoint in order to efficiently conduct the work of the District. This Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the District during the interim of the Conventions. The Executive Board does not have authority to amend the District Bylaws.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet annually prior to the District Convention. At the call of the President or two other elected officers, special meetings may be held. The Executive Board may transact business by mail or any other means of communication when necessary. A report of any action taken in this manner shall be verified and made a part of the minutes of the next minutes of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Five members, including three elected officers, shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Section 4. A District Chairman of a Community Service Program shall not serve her club as Chairman of that Community Service Program. A District Chairman of a Community Service Program shall not enter a contest in that Community Service Program, unless she can do so under a non de plume.

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTION AND REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The District Convention shall be held annually in the spring. The date shall be determined by the District President, after consulting with the State President. The location shall be determined by the District President, in consultation with the hostess club(s), according to the rotation of hostess club(s) established by the Elected Officers.

Section 2. Special Committees and Chairmen shall be appointed for the District Convention as deemed necessary by the District President. Appointment as a Convention Chairman is not an appointment to the Executive Board.

Section 3. The voting body of the District Convention shall be composed of the following voting delegates: members of the Executive Board and duly accredited club delegates. Each club in good standing of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by its President or her designee and one additional delegate. For each additional 15 members or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed one additional delegate. Two-thirds of the registered voting delegates at a District Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only voting delegates may introduce a motion or vote. Other members in good standing may be extended the courtesy of the floor.

Section 4. In the District Conventions in the odd-numbered years, a District Representative to the State Nominating Committee shall be elected.

Section 5. Lodging and meals for the State President and the State President-elect in attending the District Convention shall be provided by the District.

Section 6. No candidate for political office shall occupy time on Convention programs, nor shall the District endorse any political candidate.

Section 7. No appeal for funds may be made from the floor of the Convention for any purpose other than those directly connected with maintaining and promoting the objectives of GFWC, the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., or the District.

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees shall conform as nearly as practicable with those of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club's Inc.

ARTICLE IX – PRIVILEGES

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of the District to adopt such other Bylaws or Standing Rules as may be needed to carry on the business of the District. Any time changes are made, a current copy of the Bylaws and (if applicable) Standing Rules shall be submitted to the State President as a courtesy.

Section 2. In any circumstances not covered by these Bylaws (or Standing Rules, if applicable), the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs shall apply where they can reasonably be read to do so.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of the District.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any District Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment (or amendments) have been approved by the Executive Board and appended to the Call to Convention, or by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, without prior notice and without prior approval by the Executive Board. If amended, a revised copy of the new Bylaws shall be submitted to the State President as a courtesy.

Adopted: April 27, 2018.

2018 GFWC-MFWC State Convention Program Ad Form

The 2018 State Convention will be held April 26-28, 2018 in Gulfport, Mississippi.

When selling or buying an ad in the Convention Program, please complete the following information for each ad submitted.

| Ad Size (check one) | Cost |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full page (9.4" h x 6.9" w) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ½ page (4.5" h x 6.8" w) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ page (4.5" h x 3.6" w) | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ page (2.28" h x 3.6" w) | \$20 |

Name of Company/Person purchasing the ad:

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Name of Clubwoman selling the ad:

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

City: _____

Ordering Instructions:

- All ad information and payment should be submitted with this form.
- Ad (including GRAPHICS and PICTURES) should be *CAMERA READY in digital file format if at all possible.
- Make check(s) payable to: GFWC-MFWC 2018 State Convention and make note on the check(s) that it is for a convention ad.
- Mail check(s) and completed form to:
Lisa A. Harris, 822
SCR 115 S, Raleigh, MS 39153. Email ad to lisaharris@outlook.com.
- **Deadline – (postmarked) April 14, 2018**



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GFWC-MFWC BUDGET INFORMATION, 2017-2018

RECEIPTS:

GFWC Dues

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| 879 General members @ \$15 | 13,185.00 |
| 201 Juniorette members @ \$10 | 2,010.00 |
| TOTAL GFWC Dues | \$15,195.00 |

MFWC Dues

\$15 per member distributed as follows:

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| State Federation Fund | \$7.53 | 8,100.00 |
| Headquarters Fund | \$5.75 | 6,210.00 |
| MS Clubwoman Magazine | \$1.72 | 1,890.00 |
| | | \$16,200.00 |

Other:

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| Occupant reimbursement for HQ utilities expenses | 12 @x \$500 | \$6,000.00 |
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TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$37,395.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

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State Federation Fund:

Officer Expenses:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

General Operating Expenses:

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| Southern Region Dues | 30.00 |
| Southern Region Fundraising Item | 100.00 |
| Binding of Histories & Magazines | 100.00 |
| Office Supplies | 0.00 |
| State President's Pin | 50.00 |
| Income Tax Preparation | 125.00 |
| Website Service | 480.00 |
| Juniorette Retreat | 100.00 |
| GFWC Gift | 100.00 |

State Federation Fund

Disbursements \$8,135.00

Headquarters Fund:

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| Phone/Alarm monitoring | 1,300.00 |
| Atmos Energy (Gas) | 2,000.00 |
| Entergy (Electricity) | 2,500.00 |
| City of Jackson (Water/Sewer) | 250.00 |
| HQ Insurance | 6,100.00 |
| Filters, pest control, lawn maintenance, building repairs | 60.00 |

HQ Fund Disbursements \$12,210.00

Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine:

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| (1 issue mailed/1 issue emailed) | |
| Printing & Postage | 1,755.00 |
| Editor Desk Allowance | 100.00 |

MS Clubwoman Disbursements

(1141 members @ \$1.84) **\$1,855.00**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 37,395.00



You are invited to a

Dessert reception

honoring

Becky C. Wright

GFWC - MFWC Resident 2018-2020

and

Sheila E. Shea

GFWC International Resident 2016-2018

immediately following the

Friday night banquet and

Installation of Officers

at the

GFWC - MFWC 2018 State Convention

Hosted by GF WC - MFWC

Fine Arts Club of Bruce



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