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October 18 – 21	Southern Region Conference Ridgeland, Mississippi
November 1	Dues Deadline for Honor Club
November 3	LEADS Workshop
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, Clubwoman of the Year, and Jun- iorette of the Year Nominations
February 15	Scrapbooks and Yearbooks due to District Books Chairman
February 22	Finance / Executive Committee Meeting, Headquarters, Jackson, MS
February 23	Executive Board Meeting and Judging Day, Headquarters, Jackson, MS
April 25,-27	MFWC Annual Convention Starkville, MS

GFWC Mission Statement

*“The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is an inter-
national organization dedicated to community im-
provement 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 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

MARY ELLEN BROCK



Dear GFWC Sisters,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2018-2020 GFWC Administration. I am truly honored to be serving as your 52nd GFWC International President. GFWC has over 128 years of history rich in timely challenges and major accomplishments. This administration will draw upon the past work of GFWC to direct its two major emphasis areas for the future.

GFWC was founded on the principle of “Unity in Diversity.” Our founders could have chosen any word, but they chose “Diversity” because it reflected their belief that the organization should exist embracing “Diversity” in its members and programs. During this administration diversity will be one of the emphasis areas. We will seek diversity in who we are and what we do. Welcome into membership in your club people of all ages, religions, creeds, races, genders and lifestyles. Work on projects with and for organizations that are diverse. Widen the scope of club programs to educate members on the traditions and lifestyles of different religions and countries. Embrace Diversity.

Legislation is the second emphasis area. GFWC’s passion for positive change in communities through legislation is part of our history. In 1906, thousands of members of GFWC, who without a vote, only a persistent voice, passed the Pure Food and Drug Act. We will go back to our roots, raise our voices, and reclaim our role as the unified organization that can make things happen. Members will understand the process of how a bill becomes a law and their part in the process. We will select two bills and work actively for them to become laws. We will work to establish the GFWC brand with the members of the United States and State Legislatures by the “RECOGNIZE THE RED” campaign. We will select one bill and on one day all members of GFWC will be asked to call their legislator and urge action on the bill.

During this administration there will also be “7 Grand Initiatives.” They are called “7 Grand Initiatives” as each of them has 1,000 as a goal. The “7 Grand Initiatives” are : 1) That 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019; 2) That members will plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day; 3) That members will donate 1,000 pairs of used shoes to Soles 4 Souls or Nike “reuse-a-shoe”; 4) that members donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books by March of 2020; 5) That 1,000 members join the Legislative Action Center; 6) That members do 1,000 projects devoted to women in the military; and 7) That 1,000 members donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign. The “7 Grand Initiatives” are very attainable. Plan your projects now.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2018–2020 International President. I am excited about what we can accomplish during the next two years, and I hope these projects that I mentioned have stirred excitement in you.

Mary Ellen Brock

2018-2020 GFWC International President



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT

BECKY C. WRIGHT

Dear Federation Friends,

I am truly honored, privileged, and extremely humbled by the reality that I am serving as your 61st GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs President and it is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC Administration with this administration's theme: "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect." For over 120 years MFWC has been making a difference by addressing the diverse needs of our communities, improving the lives of others, and with great enthusiasm that will continue! During this administration MFWC will put special emphasis on continuity in empowering the difference, focusing on healthy living, membership, and lifelong learning.

MFWC embraces the advantage of collective action as we empower our heart in a way that we may continue to make a difference—focusing on women's health—starting with our heart! To empower the difference and enhance the lives of others, we must care for ourselves. With heart disease being the number one killer of women, I have chosen the American Heart Association as the beneficiary of our PSP. Our "plan of care" will be to detect, correct, and protect. We will start the conversation by detecting: Getting our numbers. To correct, we will Own our lifestyle through smart decisions and healthy habits. To protect, we will Raise our voice being an advocate for women's health. We will Educate our federation, friends, and family using the resources from Life is Why, Life's Simple 7 and Go Red. We will Donate through MFWC to the American Heart Association. Collectively, we will empower the difference.

United, we will continue to make membership a priority in Mississippi. MFWC empowers the difference through membership with our Community Service Programs and Partners, our GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and our GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. We will share that empowerment by participating in Thankful Tuesday. Specifically, each Tuesday, we will write in our journal or post on social media something that we are thankful for that is due to our MFWC membership, giving encouragement to our current members, building retention, and creating interest with our potential members. Collectively, we will empower the difference.

Furthermore, we will continue to empower our minds through Epsilon Sigma Omicron, our honorary educational society exclusive to GFWC members. Remembering that knowledge is power, we will empower the difference with lifelong learning through ESO as we continue to participate in this self-improvement reading program, while encouraging others to join us. Through structural and planned reading, we will participate in reading groups, enabling us to experience intellectual discussions on a variety of books, create new friendships, recruit new members in our communities, and gain knowledge about life, love, family, politics, cultures, technology, and the world around us. Focusing on literacy, beginning within, collectively, we will empower the difference.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT

BECKY C. WRIGHT (CONTINUED)

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In addition to the three areas of emphasis, with input from the Executive Officers, we have set a few goals for this 2018-2020 Administration because we should always have a "plan of care". They are:

- *Implementing a service project at each state meeting, we will rise by lifting others.*
- *Maintaining relevancy, and to engage and connect with more members, we will grow our social media presence with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pinterest.*
- *Allowing electronic payments, we will work toward online payments for an alternative to registration and use for Ways and Means.*
- *To enhance our communication, we will attempt to visit every club in our state within the next two years. Through this effort, we will build relationships, share knowledge and encourage leadership.*
- *Encouraging all members to embrace the history within, we will graciously put out the welcome mat at our beautiful Headquarters.*
- *Utilizing the wealth of knowledge and wisdom from within, we will grow our leadership base by encouraging clubs to recognize and train up leaders through our Leadership Education and Development Seminar.*
- *With open hearts, we will embrace the Seven Grand Initiatives of GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock, as we remind GFWC and the world that Mississippi is the most charitable of all states.*

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2018–2020 GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs President. Always remember that enthusiasm moves the world, so go forth enthusiastically, and have fun Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference! And "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Proverbs 4:23

Much love,

Becky

MFWC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Chair: Frances Brown

President Wright's Special Project is “**Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect.**” benefitting the American Heart Association.

Detect: Know your numbers, get your blood pressure, blood sugar, **cholesterol and triglycerides** checked.

Correct your numbers by following the AHA's Life's Simple 7: not smoking, being active, maintaining a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, controlling blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar.

Protect your heart by following the doctor's orders and making healthy lifestyle changes. Make healthy food choices, limit alcohol to one drink a day, and find healthy ways to cope with stress. Collect as much information as you can about your family history, risk factors and heart disease.

We cannot change our genes, but we can change our lifestyle.

Suggestions for Empowering Your Heart to Make a Difference:

- Visit the American Heart Association website. There is a wealth of information there as well as suggestions for opportunities to volunteer.
- Watch the one-minute Hands-Only CPR video, learn to save a life, and share it with your club, family and friends.
- Join Health eHeart and improve your understanding of heart disease.
- Join the “Support Network” and give encouragement to heart and stroke patients or start your own support group.
- Be a Social Media Volunteer and share life-saving messages.
- Host a Heart Health program at a club meeting.
- Start or participate in a heart health exercise program and record your hours.
- Sponsor a health fair.

(Report all the above under PSP and Home Life)

- Advocate for changes in government that promote healthier lives.
(Report under PSP and Legislation and Public Policy)
- Shop at smile.amazon.com and choose "American Heart Association" as your charity; a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the AHA.
- Host a Fundraiser to benefit the PSP.
- Shop Ways and Means with the Twins
- Purchase a Dixie Dining III Cookbook. Please contact frannabrown@hotmail.com or 662-414-1048 and I will be happy to arrange delivery of cookbooks.

Funds raised will benefit the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Watch for the next issue of *Today in Mississippi*, a newsletter published by your Electric Power Association. Our very own state president might be featured in it!

MFWC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Our GFWC-MFWC 2018-2020 President Becky C. Wright kicked off her new administration at her post-convention board meeting with a service project benefitting the American Heart Association. With service being the heart of any service organization, this project allowed members a chance to give back...and have a little fun along the way!

First, we were all encouraged to get up and move! Exercise is one of the fundamental practices for a healthy heart!



After we were all warmed up, we made a mad dash to compile bags of heart healthy food for a local food pantry!



Special Message from the Ways & Means Committee

Amy Jacobs, Abby May, Belinda Vowell



We're back...But not as two but as three.

The two consonants (in harmony, compatible, in tune) have added a vowel, that is Belinda Vowell. We are now a syllable.



We ask for your support of President Becky Wright's Special Project - American Heart Association - in purchasing items from us. We have T-shirts, notecards, pillows, infusion bottles, the Dixie Dining III cookbook, measuring cups, whisks and wine bottle stoppers. In addition, we have your opportunity to own a beautiful heart pendant with mother of pearl inlay. And to tease you just a little... Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming items.

All you have to do is get in touch with one of us of what you want and we will arrange to get the items to you.

With your continued support of Ways and Means,
MFWC is "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference".



Amy, Belinda and Abby



As we embark on so many new beginnings: a new GFWC administration, a new MFWC administration, and new district organization, as well as new district administrations, let's embrace the "Seven Grand Initiatives" set forth by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock.

"Seven Grand Initiatives"

grand

(grănd)

adj. grand·er, grand·est

1. Large and impressive in size or extent
2. Sweeping in ambition or conception
3. 1,000

in·i·tia·tive

(ĩ-nĩsh'ə-tĩv)

n.

1. The power or ability to begin or to follow through energetically with a plan or task; enterprise and determination.
2. A beginning or introductory step; an opening move

Believing that small gestures through our membership can add up to grand results, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has set **seven** goals to accomplish over the next two years. Each **initiative** should be reported in its respective area. Ideas for Service Projects for Martin Luther King Day will be given each week in **GFWC News and Notes** and could be worked in to most any reporting area. Trees and shoes will be reported under Conservation Community Service Programs; Dr. Seuss books will be reported under Education Community Service Programs; Legislative Action Center will be reported under Legislation and Public Policy; projects devoted to women in the military will be reported under Public Issues Community Service Programs; and the Capital Campaign will be reported on a Special Fundraising Campaign Form. Here are the initiatives:



1. One thousand clubs would do a service project on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 2019.
2. Members would plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day.
3. Members would donate 1,000 pairs of shoes to "Soles 4 Souls" or to Nike "reuse a shoe".
4. Members would donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books by March 2020.
5. One thousand members would join the GFWC Legislative Action Center.
6. Members would do 1,000 projects aimed at women in the military.
7. One thousand members would donate \$1,000 to the capital campaign.

These goals are for our 80,000 GFWC members across our great nation and internationally; however, GFWC Mississippi wants to make the most of these opening moves and be grand in empowering the difference! While we can contribute in all **7 Grand Initiatives** and make our small gestures that become **GRAND** through collective action, I believe that **WE** can be **GRAND** within Mississippi collecting 1,000 shoes and planting 1,000 trees!

**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT, SHERRI REID**



I couldn't be more excited to come to you in this issue of our Club Woman Magazine with my first article as President-elect. As President-elect I will serve as your membership guru!! We are 80,000 club women strong, volunteering locally, in our state and nationally. By our

numbers we have : strength in unity, strength in support and encouragement, strength in leadership and leadership training and development, and strength in our volunteer menu in our six community programs. These strengthen our core group of members.

And it can only get better by asking diverse friends, co-workers and community ladies to join with us in our clubs to strengthen these bonds and increase our strength.

Please invite me to your clubs to honor those club ladies that have met Milestones in our GFWC-MFWC clubs.

GFWC offers 75 year pin, 50 year pin, 25 year pin, and 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 40 year Member Pins.

Invite this officer to install your new members. Do not forget to send names of new members to Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer and also Lisa Harris. We want all members to be able to receive correspondence from our State and International Federations.

Our GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has challenged our committed members to help increase our GFWC sisters.

Our goal is to INCREASE your Clubs Membership by 20% by 2020!

Please use me to help us reach our goal!!

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Membership—“United by our Diversity”

“United by our Diversity!!”

Membership Theme for this Membership campaign 2018-2019

Retention – June, July, and August 2018 Applications due September 1

Recruitment – September, October, and November Applications due December 1

Mentoring – December, January, and February Application due March 1

Recognition – March, April, and May Application due June 1

Don't forget!

- Print and Turn in Membership Grant Application Form located on both GFWC and MFWC website. Send applications to Sherri Reid for chance at Grants offered by GFWC and contest from MFWC.
- The grants from GFWC will be distributed four times annually. MFWC contest will be awarded each year at MFWC State Convention.
- Review the **GFWC Guidelines** on the GFWC website for inspiration and guidance.

Membership has so much to be excited about. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has challenged clubs to increase club membership by 20% by 2020!! Check out the 7 Grand Initiatives!

The month of August clubs will focus on Retention. And then September, October, and November ... Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!!!

GFWC is a membership based organization and membership is our primary goal for our clubs success. Diverse women help make GFWC-MFWC strong!! Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can help you in any way!





**MESSAGE FROM
GFWC-MFWC VICE PRESIDENT, THERESA BUNTYN**

Greetings MFWC Federated Club Ladies,

I am honored to represent GFWC-MFWC as your 2018-2020 Vice President. This esteemed position also includes Dean of Chairmen. I am especially humbled by the support from all levels of membership shown since the beginning of our new administration. My goal is to ensure that your volunteer commitment not only gives back but also has an element of fun for your members.

Thank you for your leadership, willingness, insight and wisdom as we transition to our new administration with new ideas for reporting and serving our communities.

In previous years, many of our chairmen and members have voiced a desire for change in our reporting system and have voiced ideas to our State President. During the International Convention in June, I had the opportunity to discuss with many other state leaders the challenges of reporting. Several states use a rubric type scorecard for the chairmen to follow in judging the reports. As I briefly shared with all members at Summer Institute, our chairmen are going to use a new scorecard for judging our reports. I had the opportunity to discuss our new ideas with our MFWC Chairmen and they are excited about the new judging procedure. At GFWC International Convention, we learned that our partners again have declined in number. To simplify our reporting we will include our partners in the designated Community Service Program Reports. For example: HOBY is a partner under Education. Clubs will write one report for Education and included HOBY activities in this report. The number of programs will decrease to approximately 18 on our new GFWC-MFWC coversheet that still will be submitted with each report.

Suggestions for determining the impact of the projects or programs your clubs select.

WHOM did you help? WHY did you help them?

WHAT did YOU do? What was the OUTCOME/ IMPACT on your community

Project Hours (Number of active participating members x hours each)

Monetary donations from Club

In-Kind Donations by members

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

These reporting tips can add more value to the scorecard on club reporting: if the majority of members got involved with the project, if the report reflects diversity of projects in all GFWC guidelines, if the involvement or collaboration with other community organizations is evident, if the money raised by club for special project, taken from club funds, or solicited donations to help pay for larger projects. presence of documentation (newspaper clips, pictures, certificates, etc.), your club's participation in YOUTH ART, GFWC Partners, LEADS, 7 Grand Initiatives, and Legislative Action Centers. You can also get BONUS points: TOP ten report , if chosen, to GFWC or Creativity Award, if chosen, to GFWC

As Dean of Chairman, I would like to remind all clubs of why we need to report.

1. Reports are a diary of club activities during the year, giving members a picture of achievements and accomplishments.
2. Reports are the heart and soul of the club representing the concerns and interests of clubs at that time.
3. Reports are the basis of a publicity campaign, illustrating what the club is doing now.
4. Reports assist club in planning for the club's future including success and failure.
5. Reports assist in recruitment efforts, allowing potential members to gain a realistic picture of the clubs' activities and community involvement.
6. Clubs can compete for recognition and awards at the district, state and international level.
7. Reports provide critical statistical data to help GFWC represent the membership to policy makers.
8. Reports assist club with writing grants as they provide the history of club activities.

Reports are used to keep our Headquarters, our legacy for future members! Member's volunteer hours are reported to the State Of Mississippi as in-kind payment for the lease of the property.

Thank you for electing me as your GFWC-MFWC Vice President. I know I have big shoes to fill with our prior leadership. I live in the Central District of the State but do have the opportunity to travel in my full time job. I am willing to participate in local club or district meetings if invited. You may contact me at 601-562-6547 or tbuntyn81@yahoo.com.

**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 2018-2019 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.

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 your district, club or an individual wishes to designate donations to a specific organization, i.e. Operation Smile, UNICEF, St. Jude, Heifer International, 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.

Please make sure that members' email addresses are correct and up-to-date since this is one of the means of receiving MS Clubwoman magazine.

**GFWC-MFWC RECORDING SECRETARY,
FRANCES BROWN**



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your GFWC-MFWC Secretary for 2018-2020. I have always heard that you never get too old to learn. I certainly hope this is true as this is a new role for me.

This role includes recording the roll call at each meeting and taking minutes of the finance committee meetings, executive committee meetings, board meetings, and state convention.

Minutes are a record of "what was done at a meeting, not what was said". I will do my best to keep a concise and factual record and leave behind a well-defined legacy for future clubwomen.

My goal is to DETECT each action taken, record CORRECT minutes, and PROTECT the minutes for our administration and future clubwomen while ***Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference.***

Reminder to all officers, chairmen and district presidents: When giving a report at conventions or board meetings, please give two copies of your report to the secretary. This is necessary to ensure that complete and accurate records are available to be included in the Minutes Manuals for the state president and a copy to be donated to headquarters.

Thank you for empowering me with this opportunity to serve.

**GFWC-MFWC HISTORIAN,
SUZANNE BYRD POYNOR**



As the GFWC-MFWC Historian, I am to collect a Club History from each General Club and Juniette Club in Mississippi and have them bound annually to place in our MFWC Headquarters. The Club History Form has been updated on the MFWC Website.

Clubs may email or mail one Club History Form to me, Suzanne Poynor, and mail or email a second Club History Form to GFWC-MFWC President Becky Wright. The Club History Form on the MFWC Website can be completed on-line and submitted to me and President Wright by email with one click of the submit button. We will accept your Club History either way by mail or email.

The deadline to submit your Club History is March 1, 2019. I am looking forward to reading your Club Histories.

**MESSAGE FROM GFWC-MFWC PARLIAMENTARIAN,
TAMMIE C. MCCOY**

Fellow GFWC Mississippi Clubwomen,

It is my pleasure to serve as your parliamentarian for the next two years. My goal is to provide you with some basic information regarding meetings and parliamentary procedures over the next two years. So to get this adventure started, I want to share “10 Tips on How to be an Effective President” from the National Association of Parliamentarians (as presented to the GFWC International Convention, 2018).



1. Provide strong leadership
2. Become thoroughly familiar with the organization's governing documents (bylaws and standing rules) and the correct use of parliamentary procedure
3. Maintain control over the progress of the meeting
4. Prohibit members from speaking without a motion being made and seconded
5. Keep the membership informed
6. State the exact motion or amendment so the assembly always knows what they're considering
7. Hand over the chair to the vice-president to participate in debate
8. Make decisions based on what he/she believe is correct, even if the parliamentarian disagrees
9. Remain impartial
10. Be fair and exercise good judgment

I know that your meeting goals are aimed at being sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate and to be heard. With those numerous voices, I am sure that your volunteer work will continue to flourish and meet the needs of your community.

I ask that you consider these basic tips. Please know that I am available if you have any questions.



Greetings from the new district presidents:

Northern District President, Amy Jacobs

Well for starters, I believe the committee may have grabbed the wrong name from the bag. Me, Amy A. Jacobs, member of GFWC-MFWC Lanier, a longtime Okolonian, now elected as the newly formed GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women Clubs Northern District President. What in the world? But we have no time to dwell on that. We are moving on with full steam. (And coffee, coke and cocktails) Since being installed as the Northern District President, I have been in a full run with installations of new officers within two clubs, the organization of the new district, plans for SRC in Ridgeland, and the 2019 State Convention hosted by the Northern District, and not to forget our own district convention to be held on March 2, 2019 somewhere, opening a new restaurant, maintaining peace and comfort of two college age girls and not to mention the arrival of my first grandchild, Hal Carver. WHEW!!!! I



Last year about this time, I attended the wedding of a friend in Michigan. Not an ordinary friend or wedding, she is of the Mennonite religion. This trip consisted of my "Mennoniting" meaning that I stayed with a family that offered out of town guest lodging and meals. I was asked at the breakfast table to recite my favorite Bible verse and state why it is. Y'all, I could not think of one verse. (I know ... Me ? lost for words.) I was completely out of my element with ALL those eyes upon me. In true Southern fashion I gained somewhat of my composure and stated that all verses were THE words to live by, that not just one held SUCH a place...until now. I have been lead to Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Believe me, these words found me when this world gave me chaos, circus monkeys, and such adult titles.

Really, I look forward to serving the District. I will be contacting YOU in the near future concerning responsibilities for Southern Region Conference, the 2019 State Convention, and, I didn't forget District Convention in March. If you need anything from me, just let me know. I would be honored to visit or speak at your club meeting to share my District PSP. "Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." Psalm 9:10



Central District President, Belinda Peacher

Welcome aboard the new "Grand" Central District locomotive! It's a new term with new MFWC districts! What an exciting time as we get to know more of our fellow MFWC members as well as continue strong established bonds. During the next two years, as my train pulls out of the station, I hope it will make a stop at each and every depot in our district. Please contact me to schedule a whistle stop at your club's depot. In addition to supporting our State President, Becky Wright's PSP, "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect, Correct, Protect", my "platform" will be supporting Mississippi State Hospital. As you know, state government is having to cut funding to many areas, and unfortunately,

State Hospital has felt these cuts. So, let's see what we can do for those suffering with mental illness and the people that treat them. We can explore ways that we can support them through funding and other services throughout the year. I challenge each club to conduct a project for Mississippi State Hospital during the next two years. They are always in need of toiletries, socks, under garments, and other supplies. You can also join Friends of Mississippi State Hospital to show on going support and learn ways to serve. I look forward to serving as your Central District President. Thank you for this honor! All aboard!

Southern District President, Debbie Benoit

As we begin this 2018 fall season in our clubs I hope every club in our NEW Southern District is preparing their meetings with excitement and anticipation. We have so much to be excited about!

Each District President was given the opportunity to choose a District President's Special Project this year. I have chosen Public Issues. I am passionate about our voice in the government and as a strong group of women I know that we can make a difference. I will be sharing more about our district project !soon I look forward to any and all invitations to visit District I club meetings throughout the year and talk to you about my project.

All of our Districts will be asked to assist with our Southern Region Conference this October. We will host our Southern Region sisters from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Aruba. We want everyone to plan to attend this Region Conference in Ridgeland, October 18-21. The ladies from our Southern Region do know how to have fun!!



Contests! Contests! Contests!

“Put your heART into it!”

For very young children, making art, or just talking about it, provides opportunities to learn words for colors, shapes, and actions. By elementary school, students can use descriptive words to discuss their own creations. Art education strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Drawing, sculpting, and threading beads on a string develop visual-spatial skills. When kids are encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art, they develop a sense of innovation that will be important in their adult lives and studies show that there is a correlation between art and other achievement.

The MFWC Youth Art contest encourages club members to recognize the youthful talent in their communities and give an outlet for that recognition. All club presidents and district presidents should make members aware of this opportunity and emphasize the importance of submitting student art to your district contest that is held during district conventions. Value will be added for participation in the youth art contest for reporting. The guidelines for submission of art can be found on the GFWC-MFWC.org website and in the handbook.



PLEASE READ THE DIRECTIONS!

Those of us who participated and submitted student art in the Challenge category observed the therapeutic benefits of art. Past President Tinker Forrester’s special project, Express Yourself!, showed us what is possible. So the Youth Art Challenge will continue for the next two years. For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, this innovative contest is for self-contained special education students in your school district. Value will be added for participation in the youth art challenge contest for reporting. The guidelines can be found on the GFWC-MFWC.org website and in the handbook.



PLEASE READ THE DIRECTIONS!

Also, think about ways you can support your school district art teachers or classroom teachers who provide art education. Help them with art supplies if your district cannot find ways to finance art classes. We have art teachers in our school district who utilize “found” objects to create art. Talk with your school to see how your club can help. This can be reported in Art CSP. Put your heART into it!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.



GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS TINKER FORRESTER

I am truly excited to be able to continue to actively serve our Federation during the 2018-2020 Administration as the GFWC Photography Contests Chairman for MFWC. I look forward to seeing all of the beautiful, unique moments that our members capture through your photographs!

Please be sure to take special note of and adhere to the Rules and Deadlines mentioned below.

Express Yourself with Photographs

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage artistic expression, while recognizing achievement in photography.

There are **3 Contests** that can be entered:

- **The World in Pictures Contest** – These photographs and images capture the beauty of the world and people around us in three different areas: living things, scenes, and still life. **(submit at district)**
- **GFWC Volunteers in Action** – Your opportunity to show your volunteer activities through photography as you capture GFWC members in action as they engage in volunteer activities. **(submit at district)**
- **A Year in Pictures*** - *also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest* – features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year, providing members the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising** calendar. **(these photographs are submitted directly to GFWC)**

*Please visit <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-2020-Photography-Contests.pdf> for a complete copy of the rules, regulations, information needed, and submission guidelines.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

SHARON HUDSON

Communication & Public Relations is not just the article you write for the paper or the photo and caption on social media. It's your smile when passing out balloons, water, or snacks: it's your attitude when picking up trash on the side of the road or participating in something that is out of your comfort zone. You are not just the face of your club; you are the face of MFWC and GFWC. What can you do to promote your club, MFWC, and GFWC?



Here are a few ideas:

- Be sure to use the GFWC-MFWC in all communications.
- Be an active member of your local chamber of commerce.
- Use social media to promote your club projects and programs.
- Share a video of a club program or event. **Text me photos of your event and I will make a short iMovie for you to share.**
- Start a newsletter or build a website to promote your club.
- Don't forget the #hashtag!
2018-2020 GFWC Administration:
#onemomentintime

2018-2020 MFWC Administration:
#empoweringthehearttomakeadifference

Please don't forget to report the CPR you use for a program or a project that your club sponsors.



**GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS & PREVENTION CHAIRMAN,
DEANA PITTMAN**



I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your GFWC Domestic Violence and Prevention Chairman. In my opinion, this is an area of awareness that can never receive enough attention! One project that I really want to encourage every club to be a part of is I SUPPORT THE GIRLS. We have

just become a part of the national organization, establishing a Mississippi affiliate. I SUPPORT THE GIRLS is an organization that organizes drives for new and gently used bras, as well as feminine products for domestic violence shelters, homeless outreach, or for any organization that helps women in need. I would love to help your club organize a drive to collect the products. If you work with a shelter or know a shelter that is in need, please let me know so that we can help supply these women with items that they need.

GFWC is a national leader in the fight to end domestic violence. You, your club, and your community can be a part of this voice:

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—help spread the word! Provide materials for easy, public access!
- Make contact with local shelters to see what their needs are. Hold a drive or a fundraiser, or have members collect/bring supplies to a meeting!
- Encourage local schools and youth programs to educate their mentors and teachers on how to recognize children and teens that may be victims of child abuse or teen dating violence.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is recognized in June. Take time to spend time and be an advocate for those that may be susceptible to abuse or neglect.
- Answer the challenge to help GFWC's Success for Survivors Scholarship by making a donation to this cause to pay it forward for those coming out of these terrible situations.
- Contact me if you need any help, supplies, ideas, or just some encouragement!

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**GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES
FOR CHILDREN CHAIRMAN,
REBECCA KING**



I am very excited to serve as the Chair for Advocates for Children. My goal as chair is to focus on issues facing the children in our communities and share and inspire one another on how we can get involved and help meet their needs. I would love to share ideas and encourage all clubs to find projects that allow you to make a positive impact in a

child's life. GFWC-MFWC has established a great partnership with both St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and March of Dimes to help serve the children in our state.

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. No child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. It will cost approximately \$1 billion to operate St. Jude this year. Because more than 75% comes from generous donors, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most — saving kids regardless of their financial situation.

For 80 years, March of Dimes has helped millions of babies survive and thrive. Now they are building on that legacy to level the playing field for all moms and babies, no matter their age, socio-economic background or demographics. They provide support to moms throughout their pregnancy, and advocate for policies that prioritize their health. They also pioneer research to find solutions to the biggest health threats to moms and babies.

There are so many issues facing our children today. Ladies, you, did a lot this past year to serve the children in your communities and I thank you for your efforts. In addition, to supporting our partners clubs around the state promoted literacy, provided for the needs of children in Foster Care, helped families suffering from food insufficiencies, and brought awareness to the harmful effects of bullying and texting and driving.

Thank you for all you continue to do, please let me know if I can be of help!

Arts Community Service Program

ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Shirley Stough, Chairman



Art is a major avenue for developing and practicing our creativity. Our originality, expressiveness, and imagination surface through creative ventures. GFWC ARTS CSP offers many opportunities for members to practice, support and encourage arts activities throughout your community. Please work diligently within your club to create unique art-related projects that include music, literature, painting, dance, drama and other arts-related areas.

GFWC is encouraging every club to do a service project on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is a National Day of Service. Please plan a special art project for that day. A very unique project could result in a \$50 reward for most creative project.

Education Community Service Program

This chairperson is so pleased to be your Education CSP chair this year. As a retired music education teacher and band director, this chair understands the value of education in all of its forms. She is excited that our incoming GFWC President, Mary Ellen Brock, as well as our MFWC President, Becky Wright, will be putting much emphasis on education.

One of the seven grand initiatives presented by our new GFWC administration is “1000 Dr. Seuss Books by 2020”. All clubs across the nation are being asked to contribute Dr. Seuss books (in English and different languages) throughout the next two years so that by Dr. Seuss’ birthday in March 2020, 500 books will have been collected to be distributed to Washington D.C. schools, hospitals and shelters, and 500 books will be distributed to clubs’ local schools, hospitals and shelters on March 2, 2020.

Take a look at the GFWC Focus on Literacy Club Grant. These grants of \$200.00 may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children, and a variety of other literacy needs. The application and other suggestions may be found at www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/.

GFWC gives an excellent step-by-step plan in the guidelines if your club is establishing a new scholarship. Any amount is helpful to a student in need, so consider this when determining new education projects with lasting impact.

Please support your public libraries! MFWC was instrumental in setting up over 75% of the public libraries in Mississippi. Libraries need our help in these times of tightening budgets. Write your legislators to remind them how important our libraries are in the life of our communities. Ask how your club can help with library projects, and participate in and spread the word about the programs that they offer. Consider establishing a “Little Free Library” in an easy-to-access place in your town. For information, go to <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>.

Please continue your work in your local schools. Mississippi clubwomen have always been generous with their time, donations, and materials in their local schools. Volunteer to tutor, chaperone field trips, and provide support for school events. Donate supplies, hands-on materials for preschools, and small recess and playground materials such as balls and jump ropes. Help establish an anti-bullying campaign if one has not already been established in your schools. Ask your school librarians if you can help with their needs. Consider assisting with the establishment of classroom gardens in the spring. These can be springboards for a variety of lessons.

Literacy is a primary focus of our GFWC administration. Consider sponsoring a “Take a Break and READ” program in your community where everyone stops to read for 30 minutes /day. Volunteer in an adult literacy program or create a reading nook at a local laundromat. Consider setting up a “reading corner” at a local fast-food location. Veterans’ Centers and assisted living facilities are always in need of books for their libraries. If they don’t have a library, set one up through donations of gently used books.

Please refer to the new 2018-2020 GFWC Education CSP guidelines for additional ideas, organizations, and information to help you put together your programs and projects. Finally, please feel free to contact me at any time regarding Education CSP questions.

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Home Life Community Service Program

2018-2020 HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

June Vaughn, Chairman/Pat Lee, Assistant Chairman

Put on those volunteer eyeglasses and let's **SEE** the difference we can make in the lives of many as we empower hearts to serve. For your first view, gather information from the Home Life Community Service Program Guidelines in the 2018-2020 GFWC Club Manual. Of the many project suggestions, plan to include at least seven in your year of service.

Moving on to the second view, determine projects of interest to your club. New ideas might include "Vial of Life," "Dining with Diabetes," creating and distributing bookmarks on safe disposal of medications, and organizing financial workshops for single parents or college students. Reaching the third view, put plans into action with love, kindness, and compassion. The fourth view brings reflection on a job well done that has enhanced lives and improved our communities.

It is exciting that GFWC-MFWC President Becky C. Wright's President's Special Project, "**Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect.**" will be encouragement in our Home Life CSP heart health endeavors.

Make support of the Home Life Partner Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) a top priority and **SEE** the many ways CCI dogs change lives! Although we are limited on hands on involvement due to proximity of the Southeast Regional Training Center in Atlanta, we can provide crucial monetary and other support. Become a CCI "Miracle Maker" with your monthly donations via credit card or checking account to provide ongoing vital support. Start a Pennies for Puppies project and collect pennies at your monthly meetings to raise funds to help place a dog with a Veteran. Donate bolts of fabric for CCI to sew vests for dogs or make donations for dorm rooms.



Although **Easterseals** is no longer a GFWC partner, please continue to place emphases on its programs with awareness and monetary support. Additionally, embrace projects utilizing resources of **The Heart Truth, Inside Knowledge, Feeding America, American Cancer Society, Diabetes Foundation, and Alzheimer's Foundation.**

Begin planning now to be a part of GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's goal of 1,000 clubs participating in a Special Day of Service on January 21, 2019. Many opportunities are available through the Home Life CSP.

As always, if you have any questions or need any help at all, please do not hesitate to contact me!

~June Vaughn

International Outreach Community Service Program

International Outreach Clubwoman Magazine

Submitted by Melba Watkins

At Summer Institute on July 21 at the MS Library Commission I began my report with a little demonstration. I had in a small container \$2.50 in change representing the daily family income of one-third the world's population which is about 300 billion people. I also had a Sonic Route 44 unsweet tea which is my daily beverage of choice for which I paid \$2.50. I simply asked those in attendance to ponder the survival \$2.50 and the luxury \$2.50. Through this article I would like to encourage each club member in Mississippi to pledge \$2.50 each



month toward International Outreach. If each club IO chairman would provide a decorated container so that the donations can be collected at each meeting we can make a big impact in helping to lift those 300 billion people from dire poverty. Pledging the cost of one Diet Coke, one cup of coffee, one sports drink.....whatever your daily fix might be we can perhaps reach that lofty goal. A little from each of us can go a long way.

Our organization has teamed up with outstanding partners, Heifer International, UNICEF, Shot@ Life and Operation Smile all whom have made it their mission to help secure a better life for the world's population but they need our help. Go to www.GFWC.org for the manual and check out the wonderful, fun and ingenious projects which are spotlighted by our partners and other clubs. The Tanzania milk program for school children, LifeStraws and Read to Feed are all wonderful ways to help eradicate food insecurity and the crucial need for clean water until water wells can be built.

Becky Reinhart and I are partners for the 2018-2020 administration and we make a promise to you members to do whatever we can to make these two years successful for International Outreach.

ADVANCEMENT AREA -- LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

Dorothy Thomas, Chairman

Cindy Holcomb, Assistant Chairman

TAKE ACTION

For more than a century Clubwomen have been encouraged to communicate with Congress members and Presidents. The more than 80,000 current Clubwomen are asked to contact Legislators. National and State. GFWC members have acted to pass laws on highway safety, juvenile justice, women's suffrage, rights of the disabled, equal pay for women and resources for victims of domestic violence and penalties for domestic abusers.

General Federation of Women's Clubs' International President Mary Ellen Brock is putting special emphasis on Legislation during the 2018-2020 period. Each Club needs to appoint a Legislative and Public Policy chair to regularly update members on GFWC issues. GFWC President Brock has a goal of adding 1,000 GFWC Clubwomen to the *Legislation Action Center*. If you have not already signed up – on your computer internet link go to **GFWC.org**. When the home page comes up click on the *What We Do* section, move your cursor to *Public Policy* and click.; this will take you to the *Legislation Action Center* where you can join the center and receive updates. You can also find your elected officials there as well!

On the *Legislation Action Center*, you can find a list of issues that GFWC is currently acting on. You can click on these - one at a time - to send letters to Members of Congress. A copy of the letter GFWC wants you to send will appear. You can read the text.

The GFWC President also is asking that Clubwomen join the **Recognize the Red** project to help raise the recognition of the GFWC as an organization. Our Federation President Becky Wright supports this project.

These are things you are asked to do with written correspondence with legislators. In the case of traditional letters Clubwomen are requested to sign our names in **red** and the name of our Club and GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women's Club, Inc. in **red**. And, if we are mailing the letter by USPS we are to write the return address in **red** and to put a large **red** check mark on the on the front of the envelope.

THREE YEARS OF ELECTIONS

Still on this year's calendar are the November general elections of U.S. House of Representative and the U.S. Senate members. The 2019 Mississippi primary and November general elections will be of state officials. In 2020 Mississippi primary and November general elections will be for Presidential and U. S. House of Representative.

GFWC and our Federation leaders will be reminding Clubwomen to prepared to *and* to vote.

Be sure you are correctly registered. Be sure you go to the polls and vote. And, if you can, participate in campaigns to get other people to vote.

But, if you participate in a specific candidate's campaign or a political party activity, **DO NOT** identify yourself as acting on behalf of your Club, our Federation and/or the GFWC. Don't do it because we want to continue to be a (501) (c) (3) nonprofit, tax exempt organization. If you want to promote a specific political party **DO NOT** identify yourself as acting for your Club, our state Federation or GFWC. Our nonprofit organization status would be jeopardized.

If your club wants to sponsor a candidate forum be sure that *ALL* candidates receive a formal invitation to participate. Do not use club funds, facilities, in-kind donations or events to promote a specific candidate or political party. You can hold a bipartisan forum to educate the public on one or more specific issues.

The GFWC Club Manual includes an information filled Legislation & Public Policy section that is filled with helpful information. A hardcopy can be printed for your use.



SUPPORT THE GIRLS

Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs held their first drive to support the "I SUPPORT THE GIRLS" initiative for our campaign against domestic violence, homelessness, and neglect.

Ladies from all over the state flocked to Summer Institute with their new and gently-used bras and feminine products! The 234 bras, 37 large boxes of feminine products and 19 small boxes of feminine products went to three organizations in three different regions in the state! As a result of this drive and our desire to be a continued supporter of this movement, we have now established the Mississippi affiliate for I SUPPORT THE GIRLS! Please follow us on Facebook and let us know if you want to serve or if you know of an organization that we can serve!



On Facebook:
I Support the Girls—
Mississippi



Check out the
website:
ISupporttheGirls.org



Tin Lids and Legacies

Every Mississippi girl has a case of them stored in her pantry—we drink sweet tea out of them., save our change in them. Our grandfathers probably store their secret stash of moonshine in them. What magical, versatile object am I talking about? Why, the Mason jar, of course!

John Landis Mason was born on a farm in New Jersey in 1832. Like any seasoned farmer's kid, he had no doubt been exposed to the trials and tribulations of growing and preserving food. By the time Mason was born, the French had developed heating techniques that helped preserve food for longer periods of time than ever before. Unfortunately, the containers in which these preserved foods were housed were usually dark glass with cork-and-wax lids. They did not seal properly, and they did not allow the consumer to see the state of the contents inside. As an adult, Mason trained to be a tinsmith. Using his childhood experiences on the farm, along with his professional training, Mason began to experiment with the various preservation techniques. The result: a clear glass jar with a flat, tin lid and screw-on neck that seals as the hot liquids inside cooled. He named his creation the Mason jar.

While Mason did patent his original jar, he could not keep up with the rapid expansion of patents on revised version of his original invention. Mason eventually sold the rights to his jar and, sadly, died impoverished in 1902. Little did he know that 150 years after his original jar patent, we would still be using his simple, but innovative creation. We have even seen a sort of rebirth of the Mason jar after research has shown the unhealthy effects of preservatives in tinned foods. It seems the Mason jar has what it takes to stand the test of time.

What does the Mason jar have to do with Mississippi Clubwomen? The Mason jar was designed for the sole purpose of preserving the contents inside. As clubwomen, it is our duty to preserve our history for future generations. The work we do in our state, in our towns, in our neighborhoods is important. From the bake sales to the raffles to the 5ks to the elegant hospital galas; every volunteer hour makes up days and months and years of positive change. Like the Mason jar, our work is meant to stand the test of time. In order to ensure that it does, we must be proactive in helping it along. How do we do that? By recording club activities and submitting those records to the WHRC to be preserved and protected; by volunteering to transcribe materials for the WHRC; by volunteering your time to help maintain headquarters; by saving your change for our new project, Quarters for Headquarters, or contributing a monthly individual donation. The WHRC Headquarters is the clear glass jar through which current and future clubwomen can view our vast history. Let's work together to keep our legacy of volunteerism alive.

Miranda Vaughn

Woman's History and Resource Center Assistant Chair



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



2018 - 2019 Dues Form

Club Information:

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

Club Dues: \$30 x number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____
\$25 x number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____
(No District dues, please. District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer)

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

Contributions:

- MFWC President's Special Project: MS Chapter American Heart Association, "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference" \$ _____
- 1935 Society (MFWC State Headquarters upkeep) \$5 per member suggested \$ _____
- Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) \$ _____
- Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual Jrette Scholarship) \$ _____
- Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
- State Institutions:
Deaf School \$ _____ Blind School \$ _____ State Hospital \$ _____ \$ _____
- Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
- Youth Art: \$10 per club suggested minimum \$ _____
- HOBY: \$200.00 per student or other contribution (\$20 minimum donation) \$ _____
Name of school sponsored by your club: _____ \$ _____
- Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
- Other Contributions Not Listed: \$ _____
..... \$ _____

(Additional pages may be attached, if necessary)

Total Of All Above: \$ _____

- Please mail this form along with your club's check payable to MFWC and one copy of club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses & phone nos. postmarked by November 1 to:

Diane Rouse, MFWC Treasurer
2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073
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- ALL checks sent to MFWC Treasurer MUST be made payable to MFWC. (DO NOT STAPLE CHECK TO FORM).
- Dues must be POSTMARKED by January 1 in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or receive awards
- For members added during the club year, please send name, address, email address & dues to MFWC Treasurer
- Please send deletions to Lisa A. Harris, *Mississippi Clubwoman* Circulation Editor at lisaharris@outlook.com or 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153

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GFWC Dues

915 General members @ \$15	13,725.00
195 Juniorette members @ \$10	1,950.00
TOTAL GFWC Dues	\$15,675.00

MFWC Dues

\$15 per member distributed as follows:

State Federation Fund	\$6.88	8,358.00
Headquarters Fund	\$6.42	6,383.00
MS Clubwoman Magazine	\$1.70	1,909.00
		\$16,650.00

Other:

Occupant reimbursement for HQ utilities expenses	12 @x \$500	\$6,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$38,325.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

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TOTAL GFWC Dues	\$15,675.00

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

General Operating Expenses:

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 (1141 @ \$6.70) \$7,635.00

Headquarters Fund:

Phone/Alarm monitoring	1,478.00
Atmos Energy (Gas)	1,866.00
Entergy (Electricity)	3,500.00
City of Jackson (Water/Sewer)	180.00
HQ Insurance	6,070.00
Filters, pest control, lawn maintenance, building repairs	32.00

HQ Fund Disbursements

(11410 @ 6.42 + \$6,000 apt. occupant) \$13,126.00

Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine:

(1 issue mailed/1 issue emailed)	
Printing & Postage	2,787.00
Editor Desk Allowance	100.00

MS Clubwoman Disbursements

(1110 members @ \$1.70) \$1,889.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$38,325.00

Invitation to 2019 State Convention

GFWC-MFWC Northern District invites you all to our 2019 State Convention to be held April 25-27, 2019. A Google map locates the destination at 33 degrees 27 feet 45 inches N 88 degrees 49 feet 12 inches W. It sits at an elevation of 335 feet. Its given name was Boardtown, named for clapboards produced. It is the site of one of Mississippi's finest universities stated by some. Others tend to disagree. As the county seat, it was renamed in 1835 as Starkville, in honor of Revolutionary War hero General John Stark. We will gather at The Courtyard by Marriott Starkville MSU at The Mill Conference Center to conduct all the business of our great organization.

I, along with President Becky Wright with a number of others, am busy meeting and making list and compiling and signing to make this an eventful weekend. I am doing my best as the Northern District President to incorporate other colors besides maroon and white, such as red and blue and gold and black and yellow and purple. Mark your calendars. Make your plans. It's going to be GREAT!

"Praise the Lord and go Dawgs."

~Amy Jacobs, Northern District President

A Message from Your Communications Coordinator

We are bringing back the "The Heartbeat" and Juniorette Jazz" and we would like to spotlight club events and projects. Please submit pictures and news from your club to me by email or snail mail. We would also love to have each CSP or AA Chairman write an article for our newsletter highlighting points of interest in their area during the next two years. All Board Members chairman, if you like to write an article, please feel free to do so and send to me for inclusion in future publications.

One other thing, please add my email address, lisaharris@outlook.com, to your address book, so our the MFWC's very important emails will not end up in your spam or junk mail folder. Thank you for helping me to keep everyone informed of the wonderful things that the Mississippi Federation is doing to help our communities and the people who live in them.

~Lisa Harris, MCT Coordinator, PCN

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