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**Inside: Call to 2019 GFWC-MFWC Annual Convention**



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Check out the President's Picks for the GFWC-MFWC ESO Challenge

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### April

21-27	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
24	GFWC Federation Day
25-27	GFWC-MFWC State Convention—Starkville, MS

### June

29	GFWC Annual Convention Austin, TX begins
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### October

17-20	Southern Region Annual Conference—South Carolina
20-26	GFWC Advocates for Children Week

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### **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.”*

Please send **ALL ADDITIONS (with DUES)** to your Club Roster directly to the **State Treasurer**, Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073. She will, in turn, forward to the **Circulation Editor**, Lisa A. Harris.

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

"It's impossible," said pride. "It's risky," said experience. "It's pointless," said reason. "Give it a try," whispered the HEART. It seems like only yesterday that—encouraged by, nurtured by, and surrounded by family and Federation friends—that I listened to my HEART and accepted the role of serving as your state president. Time goes by in a HEARTBEAT, but memories last forever; oh, the places serving in this amazing capacity have taken me. Taking photos of the return ticket otherwise lost, I have memories of people and places that



I will treasure forever. A grateful HEART truly is a magnet for miracles and I am very grateful for all the invitations to either speak, volunteer, or be your honored guest at your club events. Having visited with twenty-one of our Federated clubs, I am on target to reach my goal of 100%!

Believing that hustle and HEART will set us apart, we have incorporated an act of service at each state meeting and we all have HEARTFELT memories of how collectively, we Empowered the HEART to Make a Difference. Statewide, in addition to your outpouring support of the PSP, you have graciously supported these service projects beginning at the Post Board Meeting with HEART Healthy Food Bags for two local food pantries, Military Care Packages and bras and feminine hygiene items for I Support The Girls at Summer Board, packing items for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking at SRC to be donated to the Tower, Smile Bags for Veterans at the November reporting Workshop/MSLEADS, and toiletries and Sock Cupcakes for Chemo for the guests staying at newly opened Gertrude Ford Hope Lodge at Winter Board—you have made my HEART smile!

"A happy HEART makes the face cheerful," (Proverbs 15:13) and your volunteer efforts have made this MFWC President a happy girl! I commend local clubs for putting their HEARTS into volunteering and then taking the time to put their all into reporting those volunteer efforts. You ladies rock! The volunteer efforts in those reports beat passionately within the HEART of local communities and I have enjoyed reading them. I would be remiss not to thank Sherri Reid for her efforts during her time as Vice President and Theresa Buntyn for her efforts this past year as Vice President and Dean of Chairmen toward assisting clubs in reporting. I believe we had more report this year that I can remember reporting for several years. Thank you ladies for being exceptional leaders.

## *Message from GFWC-MFWC President, Becky C. Wright (continued)*

I hope that you are enjoying participating in the President's ESO Reading Challenge—an effort to reconnect in a small way to our initial purpose and breathe new life into our Federation uniting and empowering our members through books. Lifelong learning is so important, and study clubs were the foundation for our MFWC. I had the honor of spending time with learning about one club that continues to exist as a study club, as members shared their history with me over the course of a weekend in our founding city. What a joy it was to have the first District Convention, following redistricting, in Kosciusko—hosted by our mother club—a club filled with kindhearted, personable, and hospitable women. And while their focus is study, their HEARTS have veins of service.

Distinctively, for many of our clubwomen, April 26, 2019, will be their one moment in time—their time to shine! May we always remember that as long as we have a HEARTBEAT, our dreams are still possible and that no beauty shines brighter than that of a good HEART. I am looking forward to seeing your beautiful smiles at our annual convention when MFWC Clubwomen will gather April 25-27, 2019, at The Mill in Starkville, Mississippi. This will be a time of celebration of volunteer programs and projects of 2018 as well as a time of resuscitation. Past State Presidents, District Clubs of the Year, District Clubwomen of the Year, LEADS Applicants, and Jennie Nominees will be honored. Our MFWC Club of the Year, our MFWC Clubwoman of the Year, MS LEADS Delegate and our MFWC Jennie, as well as Juniorette Club of the Year and Juniorette of the Year will be revealed. State award winners will be named and congratulated, Scholarship recipients will be announced. Informative speakers, including Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President, great entertainment, and yes, shopping with vendors and our MFWC Ways and Means. By overwhelming request, the successful “New to You” Sale will return this year. As part of one of GFWC President Brock's Grand Initiatives, at her request, we will take our HEARTS for a walk to the nearby park and plant a tree for our future. Later that night, we will honor President Brock with a Grand Dessert Reception. By doing what we love, we are empowering the HEARTS of others!

Just a reminder of things to pack for State Convention: your club's *Life is Why* Brag Board, items for New to You, Mason jars full of “Quarters for Headquarters” and a grateful HEART for our Federation! With a HEARTFELT thank you for your continued support, above all else, may you continue to guard your HEART. In the meantime, I hope to see you at the Southern District Convention March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Central District Convention March 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Mississippi Federation Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception on March 26<sup>th</sup> and in Cleveland for the Cleveland Woman's Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 6, 2019.





**Message from  
GFWC-MFWC President-elect Sherri Reid**

GFWC's "United by our Diversity" Recruitment Campaign is in full swing!

- Retain Members
- Recruit Members
- Mentor Members
- Recognize Members

During the months of March, April and May, Clubs are asked to focus on Recognition. Members are more likely to remain in a club that has a positive and fun atmosphere.

Recognize your club! Recognize your members!

Celebrate after State Convention! Our clubs work hard, and based on the reports I read on judging day, we have fun working together and volunteering in our communities. Celebrate all that your club has achieved!!

If your club has recruited new members after March 1, send me an email and make sure your club gets credit in our Recruitment Campaign.

Plan a Membership Event! Invite your President-Elect to visit! I want to visit your club!!

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Cosmopolitan Club of Petal RECOGNIZES the hard work of member Libby Everett!  
Shown here is President Meri Newell honoring her as the club's nominee for the  
GFWC prestigious Jennie Award.

*GFWC-MFWC Dean of Chairman,  
Theresa Buntyn*

Greetings MFWC Club Ladies:

I know this last couple of months have been busy for many of our clubs. We have been counting our hours, projects, and monies to complete our reports. Your MFWC chairmen began the initial step in applying a rubric/scorecard to review 2018 reports for judging. This process was our first step in beginning a new type reporting and judging for MFWC. After experiencing the challenges and strengths, we now can successfully implement new reporting guidelines/forms for 2019. Thanks to each of you for all of your valuable feedback! All clubs will receive the needed education prior to 2019 club meetings.



GFWC-MFWC had the following General Clubs meeting the dues deadline and postmark date for reporting.

**General Northern District Clubs 10**  
**Northern Juniorette Club 1**  
**General Central District clubs 9**  
**General Southern District Clubs 8**  
**Southern District Juniorette Club 1**

Here is a summary of reporting clubs:

- MFWC Northern District Clubs reported 16,979 hours of volunteer work in 1,431 projects. \$89,534 was given in club donations, \$531,681 in-kind donations, and \$21,089 was spent on advancement areas. Books read for ESO were 151. The clubs did a great job raising \$47,980 to support these programs and projects.
- MFWC Central District Clubs reported 24032.75 hours of volunteer work in 1435 projects. \$126,479 was given in club donations, \$177,807 made up in-kind donations and \$142,104 was spent on advancement areas. The clubs did a great job raising \$24,376 in funds to support these programs and projects.
- MFWC Southern District Clubs reported 40,458.98 hours of volunteer work in 965 projects. \$66,080 was given in club donations, \$72,926 in-kind donations, and \$23,632 was spent on advancement areas. The clubs did a great job raising \$42,189 in funds to support these programs and projects

Two General clubs and three Juniorette clubs reported but did not meet the criteria for their reports to be judged.

All total numbers that will be reported to GFWC will include 29 General Clubs and 5 Juniorette Clubs. The total volunteer hours will be reported to our MS Legislature for the lease on our beloved headquarters. Great Job, Mississippi Ladies! Not only do you live the Volunteer Spirit, but you are willing to share your projects and numbers with clubs in our states and GFWC.

## *GFWC-MFWC Dean of Chairman, Theresa Buntyn (continued)*

Our clubs should really be proud of the impact they make on our communities. Thank you for the great job that you do. A special "Thank You" to all who judged. I could not do my job without you.

After my first experience this year as your Dean of Chairmen, I plan to do a better job next year. Let me encourage you to keep good records of the projects you do. Many clubs collect hours, dollars, and projects on forms each month throughout the year.

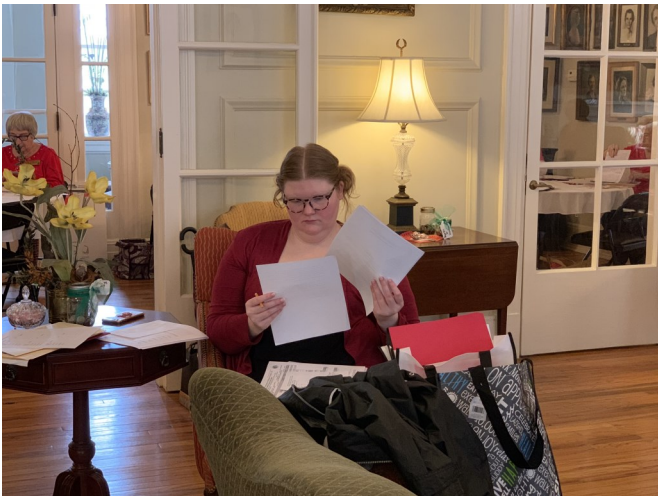
Review the GFWC guidelines at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). and look in the GFWC Club manual. Check out the top ten projects at GFWC to find new ideas. Look up the websites, make a donation, or promote the project in a segment of your club meeting.

Remember for reporting always include, WHO, WHAT, WHEN, or WHERE. Most of all, as our MFWC State President Becky Wright reminds us: always know and share the intent of the club project.

Theresa Buntyn  
MFWC Vice President, Dean of Chairmen



Judging Day at MFWC Headquarters is a lot of work, but a lot of fun too!





## ***District President Reports:***

### **Amy Jacobs, Northern District President**



Good morning to all! It is morning as I write this on the deadline day. See, I have been rather busy, and this article was next on my to do list for today. Northern District, we are almost ready! The venue is ready, the food is on order, the program is being tweaked for printing, the podium book is in the works, and the day is drawing nigh.

We all made it through judging day, and I cannot wait to see your face when the winners are announced. All my reporting clubs did outstanding works! I just gleamed knowing that I am surrounded by giving and caring clubwomen. (Even though I already knew this). I am so excited to see each of you and I hope you feel the same. I just know that our founding city, Kosciusko, will not be the same after the North has been in town.

State Convention is fast approaching! Make your plans now to attend. You do not want to miss this weekend, April 25-27, in Starkville at The Mill/Marriot. Becky, Frances, and I have been working to make this a great weekend for you celebrating all that you do for your communities, your districts, your great state, and your great America. We are far more than we realize. We Are GFWC-MFWC! Let's come together and celebrate each other.

### **Belinda Peacher, Central District President**

All Aboard!

The MFWC "Grand" Central District will be coming into the station on Saturday, March 23, in Florence, Mississippi for its 2019 District Convention! State President, Becky Wright, will be making our depot her last "whistle" stop before heading to State Convention, so get your hearts pumping and ready to "toot your horn" about your club's accomplishments, view great works of art & photography, display your craftiness, and enjoy getting acquainted with old & new district club members!

When you come, remember to bring your Walmart or Sam's Club gift cards for HOBY. Also, these next two years my emphasis is Mississippi State Hospital, and I would love for you to bring items they can use—such as, men's & women's toiletries, socks, caps, t-shirts, art supplies, etc. This would be greatly appreciated!

We will take a vote to determine whether, or not the district will provide a scholarship in the future. So, get your registration form mailed by March 16, before the train leaves the station! I have had the pleasure of meeting with several clubs and have more on my calendar. If I haven't been to your club, I would love to meet with you!



# President's Special Project

**From Bethany Flint, PSP Co-Chairman:**

We all have someone in our life that we like to brag on. We all have a WHY. Who is your WHY?

Many of you will recall a few years back—in 2015—the GFWC Convention was in Memphis and MFWC wanted to take a nice donation to St. Jude. —The beginning of the “Brag Board”. —A time to reflect —and be thankful, you printed off those pictures from your phones. —You glued them to a display board. —You decorated your board. And you took them to State Convention!

Once again it is time to brag! Because ladies, that was four years ago— I don't know about you, but I know one clubwoman who has a lot more to brag on now than she did in 2019! Take a moment to think about all the reasons that you must take care of yourself. Think about the ones who smile when they see you and those who make you smile. That baby, that significant other, that fur-baby—the ones who depend on you—that's your WHY! Now ladies, self-love is also important—you may be your own why! And that's OK! After all, Madame President did ask us to Empower the Heart to Make a Difference!

So, what we are asking you to do, ask your club members to print off those photos, open their purses, and do some bragging! You can set your price—maybe \$5 a photo—or per grandbaby, splash a little RED on your “LIFE IS WHY” brag board, raise funds, and at State Convention, we will display your WHY and there will be a fun photo op for you to get that DOCUMENTATION when you present your funds!





# President's Special Project

**Message from  
GFWC-MFWC PSP Co-Chairman France Brown**

Greetings! What an honor it is to serve as PSP co-chairman along with Bethany Flint! What a treat it was to read your PSP reports, and a privilege to serve with such an amazing group of ladies. You have definitely empowered my heart to make a difference. You indeed did “**GO RED**” in 2018. You Got your numbers, Owned Your lifestyle, Raised your voice, Educated yourselves and others, and Donated to the PSP and the American Heart Association.

Not only did you DETECT your numbers, you CORRECTED your numbers, hosted blood drives, donated blood, participated in health fairs, charity walks/ runs, and supported the PSP fundraisers. You PROTECTED your heart by making healthy lifestyle changes. Let's keep it up for 2019!

Thank you all for supporting the PSP fundraisers. As you know, American Heart Association does not get their part until ALL the items for fundraising bills are paid. Some Clubs have paid for the cookbooks up front and recovered their money as they sold them. That seems to be the best way to pay our bills timely and get the donations into the PSP account. Please let me know if you need more cookbooks or if you have extra and need assistance in helping beautiful *Dixie Dining III* find a forever home. We want to “empower” President Becky C. Wright to make a Heart Healthy donation to AHA at State Convention.

Again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for putting your heart into supporting this very special and important President's Special Project! I am looking forward to another year of empowering the heart to make a difference.

Frances Brown  
PSP Co-chair

# President's Special Project

A very special initiative for our GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project during Heart Month (February), was to provide hats for the Metro Jackson American Heart Association. MFWC women across the state grabbed those knitting needs and crochet hooks (or implored friends that had these talents) to make red hats for babies! The Metro Jackson American Heart Association donates the hats to local hospitals, where they're given to newborns to keep tiny heads warm upon departure, and help raise awareness about congenital heart defects. Just look at all of these little hats....imagine those sweet little heads that will be warm and cozy!



## Communications & Public Relations

### Sharon Hudson

First of all, I would like to say *thank you* to all of the clubs that sent me photos and captions for 2018. These were posted on our MFWC Facebook page, the GFWC Volunteer Network page, the GFWC Southern Region page, or the GFWC app. A big thanks to our MFWC President, Becky Wright, for posting on our new MFWC Instagram page. Keep up the good work so that everyone sees the wonderful MFWC projects and programs. Your PR chairman or any club member can email or text photos and captions to me at [mhshudson@hotmail.com](mailto:mhshudson@hotmail.com) or 662-609-0973. Be sure to include your club name.



#### Dr. Seuss.

As your club gathers Dr. Seuss books to donate to local schools, be sure to use the MFWC bookplate that was emailed to your club president in November 2018. The bookplate just needs to be tweaked with your club name (copy and paste to each label) and it will be ready to print. If you need another copy of those labels, email me, and I will resend.

### Volunteers in Action Week/Federation Day

Start planning now for Volunteers in Action Week (April 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>) and Federation Day (April 24<sup>th</sup>). Select a project, like planting a tree for Arbor Day or an activity focused on publicizing GFWC and MFWC. Use social media and local papers to let everyone know about our organization. Raise awareness about the benefits of volunteering, collaborate with other organizations, and see GFWC's mission to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service come to fruition. Your president will receive labels for Volunteers in Action Week sometime in March. Use those labels to spread our name throughout your community during the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### #hashtag

A hashtag is simply a word or phrase preceded by a hash or pound sign (#). Putting a pound sign before a phrase turns it into a link. Using the hashtag #MLKDayofService will group all posts using this hashtag together, so if you search #MLKDayofService on Facebook or Twitter or click on the link created by the hashtag, you will see all of the posts that have used that hashtag. What a powerful tool the hashtag has become! Here are some of the hashtags commonly used by GFWC and MFWC: **#onemomentintime**, **#WonderfulWednesday**, **#ThrowbackThursday**, **#GFWC**, **#MFWC**, and **#empoweringthehearttomakeadifference**.



So, share your club's activities on social media and don't forget the #hashtag.



## GFWC Advancement Area:

### Fundraising & Development—Karan Hardin-Nestor, Chairman

Wow! Mississippi club members really know how to fundraise! There have been some very busy Mississippi women during the past year. Collectively, we reported \$126,914.44 monies raised using all manner of inventive and fun events! When we get right down to it, fundraising is the most important thing that we do through our clubs for our programs, partners, and communities. Through our efforts, communities and people are changed – what we do matters!

Reading the narratives of reporting clubs was so much fun and enlightening. Ladies across our state played Bunco, held high tea, opened their homes for Christmas Tours, served pancakes with Santa and held highly successful Daddy Daughter Dances. They walked and ran for miles, and some even rode horses. Basically, it seems that we are willing to do just about anything to raise a dollar for the programs that we are so passionate about.

Breaking news: Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs is now registered with **smile. Amazon!** Members are encouraged to shop **smile.Amazon** - add this website to your favorites so that each time we purchase MFWC will benefit 0.5 %! How exciting is that! All we need to do is redirect our spending to Amazon. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com> to register for your account.

Also, this is the perfect time to remind members to sign up for Kroger rewards to benefit MFWC community projects—like our upcoming Police Officer Appreciation Lunch at Headquarters. It is so easy, simply visit <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards> to register for an account. What's easier than grocery shopping to raise funds! Do your part today.

The GFWC Fundraising and Development Area Top Ten projects for 2018 were as follows:

- Music Bingo Night GFWC Junior Women's Club of Walpole (MA) held a "Music Bingo Night," with music dedicated to vocal artists of the 70's and 80's during games. The net profits totaled \$3,500.
- Put your Hiney Here GFWC Plantation Woman's Club (FL) raised funds with "Put your Hiney Here," a bus bench advertising program that proved to be extremely successful, with a profit of \$65,400.
- Polar Plunge GFWC Seneca Junior Women's Club (SC) "Polar Plunge" was an event where freezing for a reason comes into play, with club members and community leaders jumping from a dock into a mountain lake to raise funds through pledges. The club netted \$5,500
- Stock your Cellar GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC) held a "Stock your Cellar" wine raffle, with bottles of wine valued at \$20 bundled into lots of three and raffled off to the highest bidder. Gala Against Human Trafficking GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart (FL) held a "Gala Against Human Trafficking." The event netted \$65,400.
- Boo Ya'all GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club (GA) fundraised with "Boo Y'all! Tour of Southern Ghosts." A fun night of scaring participants as ghosts in the park and selling boo boxes netted the club \$27,413.
- Juleps and Jazz Event GFWC South Brunswick Islands (NC) held a "Juleps and Jazz Event" with a Kentucky Derby theme. Auction items and a chance to dance the night away created a profit of \$17,162. Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk The Porch Club of Riverton (NJ) raised funds with a "Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk." The route of the walk featured several well decorated porches and the net profit was \$23,134.63.
- Barbecue & More GFWC Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club (CA) held at a fundraiser at a member's home where guests enjoyed barbecue, a live band, dancing, and an auction. This project proved successful with a \$10,339 profit to donate to the Interface Children and Families Services.
- Dancing with the Needham Stars GFWC Needham Women's Club (MA) held "Dancing with the Needham Stars." The event with 500 attendees featured raffles, wine pulls, dancing celebrities, and an auction, raising an amazing total of \$48,765.66.
- Witches Night Out GFWC Naperville Junior Woman's Club (IL) offered a "Witches Night Out." Billed as a ladies' night out the event was a sellout with 700 female attendees—all dressed as witches. This fun evening of food, drink, games, dancing, psychic readings, and raffle items created a net profit of \$21,000.

Today, I challenge you to think differently about fundraising. Let's make 2019 our most successful year yet!

# Volunteers in Fundraising





## **GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Chairman, Rebecca King**

How can you become an advocate for children? Clubwomen can become advocates by working to ensure that children are protected from harmful situations; encourage healthy physical and emotional lifestyles; and impact policy to improve children's lives. GFWC-MFWC clubs have been doing just that! I have enjoyed reading about all the projects and contributions you ladies have made to insure the safety and quality of life for all Mississippi children.

I would like to congratulate the many clubwomen, family members, and friends that worked together to raise money and support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Marathon in Memphis, TN. The Mississippi Federated Club Women & Friends team was represented by more than 15 members and raised \$9337.00.

In other partner news, the March of Dimes has several events in and near Mississippi coming up in April. To learn how you can be a part, visit [Marchforbabies.org](http://Marchforbabies.org) and search for upcoming events. A great option to consider is a virtual walk that can be completed at any date and anywhere. Please continue to think of ways to support our partners as they advocate for the health and wellness of children. Thank you for all of the volunteer efforts and contributions reported for 2018!

If you and your club are looking for more ways to promote and advocate for the health and wellbeing of children, consider planning an activity or educating members on these upcoming events. The month of March is National Nutrition Month. In April you can bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month. May is designated as National Physical Fitness Month and National Foster Parent Month. I know you will find new and creative way to improve a child's life.



TCC member Paula Maddox received Calhoun County Administrator of the Month and Rebecca King TCC Education Chair presented her with a \$30 gift card.



## **Legislation and Public Policy**

**Dorothy L. Thomas**  
**Chairman**

**Cindy Holcomb**  
**Assistant Chairman**

In Mississippi, 2019 is the second of three consecutive years of elections. Voters will choose state public officials for four year terms. This could be the most important vote in 10 years.

**Remember -- ALL VOTES COUNT!!!!**

Under state law candidates were required to identify themselves by March 1, so now you can begin to study the candidates you want to support. Primary elections are set for Tuesday, August 6, so you can vote for your choice for the November General Election. If there is going to be a runoff election for any office on the ballot, that is set for Tuesday, August 27. Be sure to vote. The Mississippi General Election is set for Tuesday, November 5. This is your final chance support the candidate you chose. Put these dates on your calendars.

National changes resulting from the 2018 elections are already demonstrating how important voting is. For Mississippi, these 2019 elections are going to be especially vital to our future. In 2020, the national census will be made. This Census occurs every 10 years. If, as some experts are projecting, the number of residents in our State is decreasing below a specific level we could lose one Member from the U. S. House of Representatives. That would mean that Mississippi's representation in the House would fall from four to three.

Such a change in the number of Mississippians would require major rearranging of the Congressional District borders. Even if enough people still live in Mississippi for us to retain four U. S. House members we almost certainly will have some changes in the our State's Congressional district borders and in legislative districts now held by at least some of the Representatives and Senators currently in the State Legislature.

Members of the Mississippi Legislature who are sworn in after the November 5 election are going to be powerful in establishing the legislative and the Congressional districts drawn as a result of the 2020 census. They are the lawmakers.

**Don't vote in just one of our 2019 elections.**

**VOTE IN ALL OF THEM!! HELP SECURE MISSISSIPPI'S FUTURE.**

**Getting ready to vote:**

(1) Be sure that your residential address is correct at the Primary Election Commission and the Circuit Clerk's office if you have moved or – for some reason – your address has been changed even if you haven't moved.

(2) When you go to vote be sure you take with you to your voting place a legal identification with a photo.



# GFWC Signature Project

AS A PART OF OUR GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT AREA,  
MFWC WOMEN ACROSS THE STATE ARE "SUPPORTING THE GIRLS"

**I SUPPORT THE GIRLS** is an organization that works to provide bras and feminine hygiene products to women in need. Areas of need could be homeless shelters, schools, domestic abuse shelters, or any other service or agency that helps to meet the needs of women in their communities. GFWC-MFWC was fortunate to be a part of establishing the Mississippi affiliate for this organization in July, 2018. Since then, clubwomen across the state have donated more than 900 products, and transported thousands more from corporate donors to shelters and services all over the great state of Mississippi!





# Junioresses in Action Across the State

In November, GFWC-MFWC Junioress Diamonds planned and hosted a Legislative Summit. The public was invited through personal contacts and social media. We were very interested in several topics and wanted it to seem authentic. We procured the Youth Court Judge's chambers on Saturday, November 11, 2018, and invited Senator Angela Hill to facilitate the workshop. She taught us about writing a resolution and the progress of it once it is presented. We divided into teams and discuss the most pertinent topics that would have an effect on youth. Once we chose the one that we were willing to write, we elected a "senator" to present the bill on the floor. They presented and then opened the floor for discussion. We quickly learned that one of our chosen topics was a federal issue and would have to be introduced by a U.S. Senator. Everyone was engaged and eager to learn more. This may become an event that we host annually.

Alexis Benoit



# Junioresses in Action Across the State



Bruce Fine Arts Junioresses Mary Alon James and Breana Massey ushered for the Calhoun County production of Beauty and the Beast.

Bruce Fine Arts Junioresses Mary Alon James accepts the membership award from President-elect Sherri Reid at our first Northern District Convention!



Dixie Daisy Junioresses are showing off their red for Heart Month!



# Arts Community Service Program

Shirley Stough, Chairman

Judging Day was February 23, at MFWC Headquarters. On this day our results for 2018 were finalized. We had a great year! Many clubs reported and your reports revealed some very active and innovative clubs!

In the Northern District, ten of sixteen clubs reported on 97 projects. Members volunteered 8,183 hours, donated \$17,225 and spent \$11,316 in-kind. In the Central District, nine of thirteen clubs reported on 219 projects. Members volunteered 10,519 hours, donated \$5,385, and spent \$33,310 in-kind. In the Southern District, eight out of ten clubs reported on 81 projects. Members donated 7,424 hours, donated \$7,742, and spent \$22,737 in-kind.

Now it's time to focus on 2019. The year is young with many hours of opportunity stretched out in front of you. Plan some fun projects for the summer. You might volunteer to help with arts and crafts at Bible school, organize an arts workshop for children, take children to museums, plays or other arts events. Why not take some time for yourself by participating in an art project or a new craft project or maybe completing a craft project you set aside. If you haven't hosted a Youth Art Contest, plan one for the fall.

Plan to come to Summer Institute to discover some new project ideas. Thanks for all you do to make our communities better!



Batesville Junior Woman's League members created an art project for their kids! These members along with their kids made and delivered 50 American flag door hangers to a local assisted living facility!

Twentieth Century Club of Bruce club members worked as ushers for Calhoun County production of Beauty and the Beast—Paula Maddox, Michelle Ruth, Sunshine McGregor, Cassie Ferguson and Lisa McGee.



# Education Community Service Program

## Meri Ford Newell, Chair

First, let me congratulate you on a job well done with your club Education CSP agendas through 2018. This chair enjoyed reading about the interesting and substantive projects that you have done to make your schools and communities a place that education matters and is a priority. Many of you have begun work on the seven grand initiatives presented by GFWC administration.

We still have time to implement projects for our Education initiative: "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. Consider doing a donation of Dr. Seuss books for your local summer reading program, or to a kindergarten classroom. We have collected 158 books since July 2018; let's keep the ball rolling. 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/](http://www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/).

We are introducing a new project for Education CSP at Summer Institute this summer called "Laundry and Literacy". We will be kicking the project off by asking board members and attendees to donate Dr. Seuss books and materials for creating a reading nook at the local laundromat nearest MFWC Headquarters; we will then carry the project to our own communities and set up reading nooks in our communities. New or gently used books and materials can be used for these reading nooks. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage parents to read to their children, and for providing materials in other languages (depending on population).

It is obvious that you support your public libraries! It was exciting to see the level of commitment through Friends of the Library groups and club volunteerism to the libraries, their fundraising efforts, and their programs. 12 clubs reported work with the summer reading programs. This is so important so that students do not have a drop-off in reading level between May and August. Public libraries need our help in these times of tightening budgets. Please write your legislators this month and sign in **RED** to remind them how important our libraries are in the life of our communities. Attend Library Day at the Capitol on March 12<sup>th</sup>, if you are able. Ask how your club can help with library projects, and participate in and spread the word about the programs that they offer.

Please continue your work in your 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.

This Chair does have one final request for your future 2019 reports: please provide DOCUMENTATION! Pardon the screaming capital letters, but several excellent reports were written that had no pictorial evidence or documentation to back up the narrative, and it created a significant problem for judging purposes. Have someone snap a picture, attach a brochure, or check copy so that you can be recognized for your hard work.

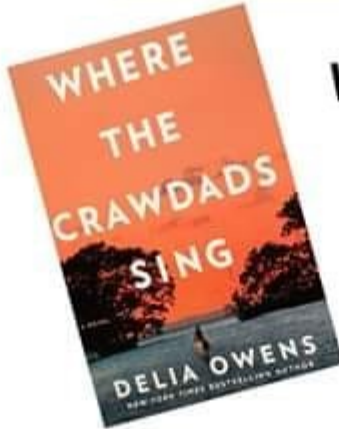
Please refer to the 2018-2020 GFWC Education CSP guidelines for additional ideas, organizations, and information to help you put together your programs and projects. Finally, please feel free to contact me at any time regarding Education CSP questions. My email address is [newellmf57@gmail.com](mailto:newellmf57@gmail.com).



# ESO Reading with the President Challenge

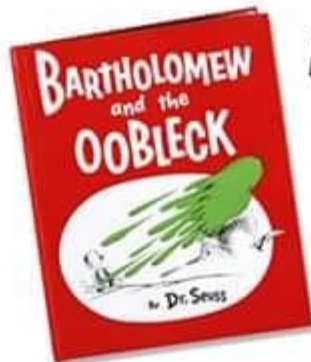
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## Selections of the Month



**Where the Crawdads Sing**  
by Delia Owens

**Category:**  
**Fiction, Genre Historical**



**Bartholomew and the Oobleck**  
By Dr. Seuss

**Category:**  
**Reading to Children**



Reading with children is such an important way to instill a life-long love of reading. Who recognizes this great-grandmother reading with her great-grandson?



# Home Life Community Service Program

## **2018-2020 HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**June Vaughn, Chairman/Pat Lee, Assistant Chairman**

WOW! What amazing examples of “Forgetting Not to be Kind” our outstanding MFWC Clubwomen continued to be in 2018. The Home Life CSP had the most reports and most projects submitted for judging. Diversity in projects and kindness and creativity were indeed prevalent throughout the reporting process results. 707 clubmembers reported 456 Projects, 21,189 Volunteer Hours, \$20,684 Dollars Donated, and \$45,566, and \$35,272 Inkind donations.

Your Home Life CSP Chair and Co-chair beamed with pride as we read your outstanding accounts of your volunteer service and the many ways you improved your communities. It will be our honor to recognize your dedicated efforts as top winners are announced at the State Convention in April. In pouring your heart into service to others, all clubwomen are winners!

Special thanks to MFWC Clubwomen for your outstanding involvement in Canine Companions for Independence. If you have not gotten on board with this remarkable project, please plan in 2019 to participate in the Pennies for Puppies project and the Monthly Miracle Maker program as well as seek ways to assist the CCI Regional Centers monetarily or with item donations. Information is available at [cci.org](http://cci.org)

A HUGE Thank you to all MFWC Clubs who held or participated in projects related to the Home Life CSP on Martin Luther King Day in January. If your club did not, make plans now to participate in January 2020. This project on this special day can be any project in any CSP area. In Home Life CSP we call it our “wild card” as Home Life does not have a specific Grand Initiative.

An acrostic lover, I ran across this one (author unknown) composed by a third grader. Our world would indeed be a better place if we saw love and kindness through the eyes of a child more often. These thoughts would certainly create an atmosphere that fosters volunteerism.

K – Kindness creates happiness.

I – If someone has fallen, help them up.

N – Never give up being nice.

D – Do something for someone else every day.

N – New ways to be kind are always allowed.

E – Everyone can help in some way.

S – Sharing is a perfect way to show kindness.

S – Say nice things to cheer others up.

P.S. Be on the lookout for your Spring Home Life CSP Newsletter! Some new ideas and emphases are forthcoming!



# Going Red for Women's Heart Health Awareness



## What is Go Red For Women?

In 2004, the American Heart Association (AHA) created Go Red For Women, a passionate, emotional, social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their heart health.

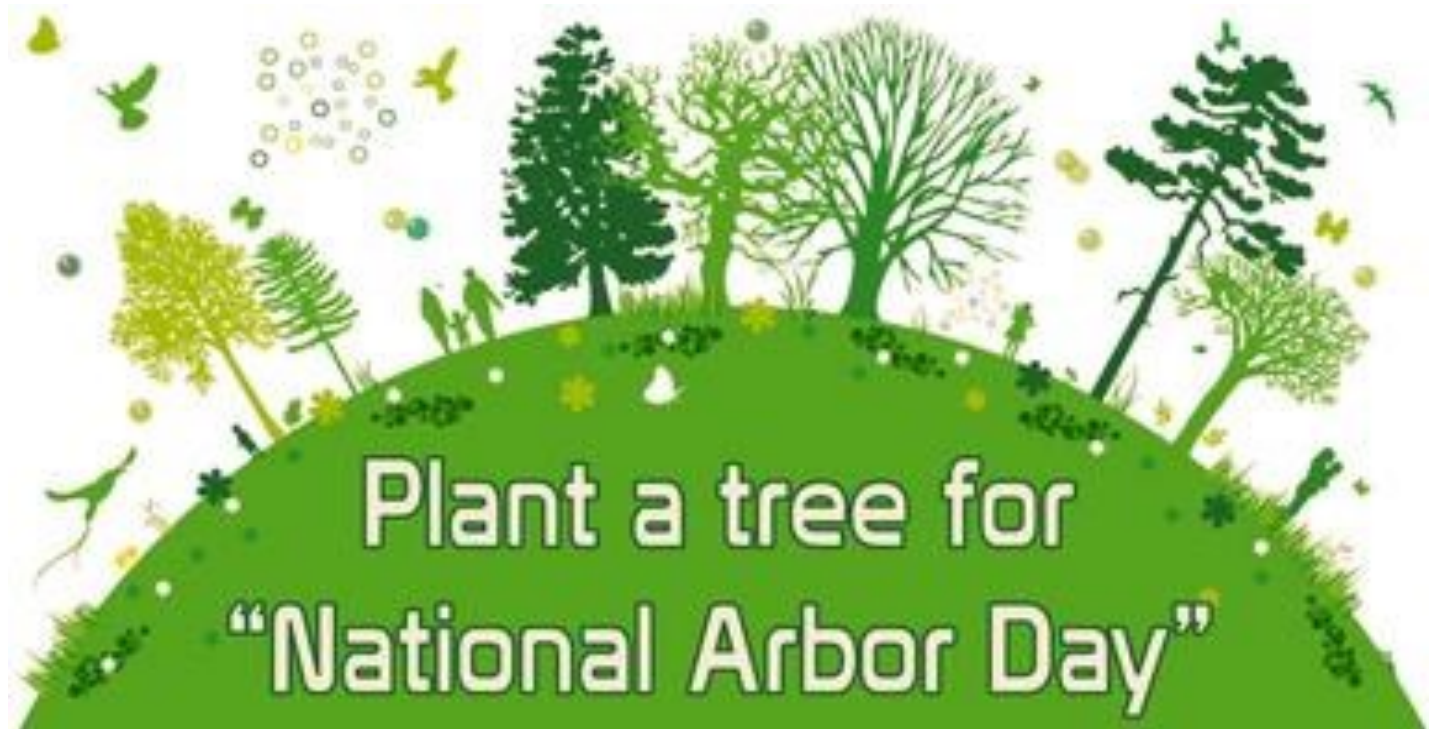




# Conservation Community Service Program







**THINK BIG – BE A PART OF GFWC’S SEVEN GRAND INITIATIVES!**

**BE PART OF GFWC CLUBS PLANTING 1,000 TREES ON ARBOR DAY  
APRIL 26, 2019**

**CONSIDER THESE PROJECT IDEAS AND BECOME INSPIRED!**

- Obtain free trees by joining the National Arbor Day Foundation and plant them with your Federation Sisters on Arbor Day as we work toward a goal of planting 1,000 trees.
- Sponsor an Arbor Day or Earth Day poster contest with a certain theme. Display the posters at your town library or town hall. Award blue ribbons. Give each child a tree seedling along with stickers and flyers about trees and recycling.
- Purchase tree saplings and distribute them to community scout groups to plant on Arbor Day.

Please report your trees! Look for our GFWC-MFWC Grand Tree Thermometer posting on our facebook page soon. Please post your pictures of your event on our comment section.

Remember in the words of Dr. Seuss:

Trees! Trees! Trees!

1000 Please!

~Theresa Berryhill, Conservation CSP Chairman

# SOLES4SOULS

## WEARING OUT POVERTY®

### **Mission Statement**

*Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.*

### **Boilerplate**

#### **About Soles4Souls:**

*Soles4Souls disrupts the cycle of poverty by creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, the organization repurposes product to supply its micro-enterprise, disaster relief and direct assistance programs. Since 2006, we have distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and generated over \$250 million in economic impact. A non-profit social enterprise, Soles4Souls earns more than 70% of its income and commits 100% of donations to programs. Visit [soles4souls.org](http://soles4souls.org) for more information.*

### **Short-Term Relief (NEW shoes and clothes)**

**Free distribution:** *Soles4Souls works with over 1,200 non-profit partners to distribute new shoes and clothing, donated by retailers and manufacturers, to people in need and in times of disaster. We receive shoe and clothing donations from corporate partners, and then work with non-profit partners including homeless shelters, after school programs, international relief and disaster relief organizations to get shoes and clothes to those who need them most, all around the world.*

### **Long-term Solutions (GENTLY-WORN and new shoes and clothes)**

**Job Creation/Micro-enterprise:** *In places like Haiti, Honduras and parts of Africa, a steady job with a sustainable income is extremely hard to find. Many live in extreme poverty, meaning families live on less than \$1.90 per day.*

*Soles4Souls' micro-enterprise model is designed to create real economic change in developing nations. We utilize new and gently-worn shoes as a resource to help people with an opportunity to start and sustain a small business (a micro-enterprise) of their own. The income earned allows entrepreneurs the ability to purchase necessities like food, shelter and education for their families. This is a powerful and sustainable way for people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.*



# Soles 4 Souls--MFWC-Style



# Community Improvement Program Award

*Submitted by Penny Barr*

*Who knows what GFWC's longest standing project is? Introduced in 1949 as the "Build a Better Community Contest", this program has supplied clubs with a platform for developing and implementing projects that meet the changing needs of their communities. Today it is known as the Community Improvement Program and I would like to encourage every MFWC club to participate in this award program. Some of you may already be doing so, and some of you are probably already involved in a project that can be turned into a Community Improvement Project that addresses a specific, unique need within the community. Projects can be large or small, as long as you demonstrate how your project improves your community. The project essentials, award rules, and award entry form can be found in the GFWC manual <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-20-Community-Improvement-Project.pdf>.*

*The program period runs between January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019. It is not too late to start a project or adapt a project you are already involved with. The basics are to identify and define a need in the community, describe how you engaged community support, how you overcame obstacles, your club's continuing role in the project, identify results and successes, and explain the project's long term effect on the community. All club entries are to be submitted to me and must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2020.*

*The advantages of club participation include increasing membership opportunities, developing leadership skills, and creating public awareness of club activities, MFWC and GFWC. The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award provides a platform for enhancing relationships between clubs and their communities. What a great way to collaborate!*



# International Outreach Community Service Program

2018 officially came to a close yesterday as we met for Winter Board/Judging Day at our beautiful headquarters in Jackson. The weather was dicey but it didn't keep us from our appointed duties of the day, you know, like the mail carriers' motto. All kidding aside, the gathering went well and the business of the day was accomplished.

Becky Rhinehart, Assistant Chairman, and I enjoyed reading the reports and learning of the wonderful and creative projects that our fellow club members are doing to advance awareness of international issues, and the many outreach missions that we can easily be a part and actually make a difference in the lives of countless persons in need.

I want to thank everyone who submitted reports for their desire to help others and to further our "Volunteer Spirit" —whether it be by making smile dolls, hygiene packets, packing Christmas boxes, or those young entrepreneurs who baked cookies, purchased milk and set up a booth outside a grocery store and had a sale....milk and cookies for \$1. They went the "extra mile", and I know they had fun, too!

2019 is off to a good start and I want to encourage every club to find a project that you can feel a passion for. Use your creativity and that passion to raise awareness for the causes that are so abundant.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all at the 2019 GFWC-MFWC Convention in Starkville, in April!

~Melba Watkins,  
International Outreach Chairman

MFWC Clubwomen learned more about Heifer International's efforts and collected "milk money" at our fall leadership workshop! Only \$72 provides milk for a school child for an entire year in Tanzania!





## A Little MFWC History

*Taken from Presentation at Northern District Convention by Mary Bess Bryant*

According to the Kosciusko-Attala History printed in 1976, "Women of Kosciusko and Attala County began to emerge from the home and take an active part in community activities along the turn of the century. Probably the oldest organization was known as 'The Literary Circle', later called, 'The Nineteenth Century Club', 'The Twentieth Century Club', and currently 'The Twenty-First Century Club'." According to club records and old newspapers, it was organized by Mrs. G.G. Boyd on January 22, 1895, at the home of Mrs. Wade Harvey. Mrs. Boyd was the first president and officers were changed twice a year. There were 24 charter members whose average age was under 35. The club met twice a month, September to May. The club's purpose was to encourage higher education, broaden the vision, and develop in the life of every member all that is bright and beautiful in her nature. The topic for the first meeting of the club was "Popular Women Writers of Today".



Three years after the organization of this pioneer club, Mrs. E.C. Coleman, one of the charter members, became interested in federated clubs after reading in *Harper's Magazine* of successful federations in other states. According to the history in the *Mississippi Clubwoman*, "she knew that in union there was strength and even then, visualized a future for women in which the scope of their activities would be greatly enlarged." Through her efforts and the cooperation of other clubs, a meeting was called by Mrs. W.P. Mills, then president, in Kosciusko on November 11, 1897, for the purpose of a club federation in Mississippi. This meeting was postponed until May 25, 1898, due to the yellow fever epidemic in the state. In response to a call to state clubs to attend, delegates came from Vicksburg, Jackson, Okolona, Verona, Clarksdale, and Sallis. The Fortnightly Club of Meridian did not have a representative at the meeting, but upon request was granted the privilege of becoming a charter member of the Federation.

The organization of the federation was accomplished at the Attala County Court House with the adoption of the constitution and bylaws and it was named Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. First officers were Mrs. D.N. Hebron, president from Vicksburg; Mrs. R.J. Harding, vice-president from Jackson; Mrs. W.P. Mills, secretary from Kosciusko; and Mrs. Alice Brown, treasurer from Sallis. A reception was given for the visitors at the home of Judge and Mrs. Henry C. Niles.

Among early work of the Federation was the establishment of traveling libraries — this interest in public libraries eventually resulted in The State Library Commission. The club was also influential in the establishment of a Department of Home Economics at the Industrial Institute and College, presently known as Mississippi University for Women in Columbus.

The object of the club, stated in different ways over the years, always included the concept of continuing development of its members by bringing "its members together for mutual helpfulness, for the promotion of higher intellectual, social, moral, and civic conditions."

*Important information from your Parliamentarian,  
Tammie C. McCoy*

Did you ever wonder why we have bylaws? Well, bylaws are our guide to operate our federation. This spring at our state convention, we will vote on a possible revision to one of our bylaws. The revision is proposed to clarify the composition of our State Headquarters Committee which is noted in Article IX. Section 10 A.



**We can revise this section in accordance with Article XIII which states:**

**ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any State Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment (or amendments) has been approved by the Executive Board and has been appended to the Call to Convention, or by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, without prior notice.

The proposed revision has been approved by the executive board. The information has also been appended to the call to convention and published within this Clubwoman **Magazine**.

Please review the revision carefully and be prepared to vote in April. Let me know if you have any questions about this process.

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*Newsorthy notes from your Ways and Means Committee*

Your Ways and Means, the Twins with the Vowell, is gearing up to show you what we got...left. You all have done outstanding, we mean, outstanding with your buying frenzy. WE LOVE IT!

Becky and Frances are continuing to please us with their pop-up items. This has been fun keeping us on our toes. Be sure to check your emails, phones, or whatever means to see what's coming next.

We will be at your District Convention with notecards, cookbooks, membership pins, diffuser bottles, history books, opportunities to own and no telling what else.

State convention in Starkville on April 25-27 will feature your favorite, NEW TO YOU Sale. So, here's a heads up. Start cleaning your closets. It will be Springtime so get busy. And what's better than bringing your items for your friends at convention! Someone will finally get that blouse she loved of yours and you get that pair of earrings you spotted last convention. Let's make it happen. Bring it ALL!

Show us what you got! And that does include your \$\$\$\$\$. Can't wait to take it all..oh, and, of course to see all of you wonderful faces!

**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**  
**121<sup>st</sup> State Convention**  
**The Mill at Starkville**  
**600 Russell Street**  
**Starkville, MS**  
**April 25 – 27, 2019**  
**Becky C. Wright, GFWC-MFWC President 2018-2020**  
***"Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference"***

The One Hundred Twenty-First Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Starkville, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

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

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| <b>Registration Schedule:</b> | Thursday, 4/25 | 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.      |
|                               | Friday, 4/26   | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
|                               | Saturday, 4/27 | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.     |

Registration Table will be located at The Mill in the Grand Foyer

**All members attending must be registered.**

Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets.

Prices and the meal reservation form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following page.

**Please bring for President's Special Project:** Your club's Life is Why Brag Boards

**Please bring items for New to You** to benefit the President's Special Project.

**DEADLINES:**

**The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 15, 2019.**

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

**The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is April 5, 2019.**

The group-block room rate is \$119.00 per night (not including tax). You may make your own room reservations by calling 662.338.3116 and request rate for the "MS Federation of Women's Clubs" room block. You can use this link to book your room online - [Book your group rate for MS Fed of Women Club](#). 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 26<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook 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:

**Diane Rouse**  
**2323 Tiffany Circle**  
**Florence, MS 39073**  
**601-454-5350 – cell phone**

Club member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Event</u>                                                 | <u>Member</u> | <u>Booster</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Registration (1 day only)                                    | \$15.00       |                |
| Registration (more than 1 day)                               | \$20.00       |                |
| Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/25                       | \$42.00       |                |
| Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/26 (Gavel Club Members Only) | \$16.00       |                |
| Luncheon, Friday, 4/26                                       | \$25.00       |                |
| Banquet, Friday, 4/26                                        | \$39.00       |                |
| Breakfast, Saturday, 4/27                                    | \$25.00       |                |
| *Registration Late Fee                                       | \$10.00       |                |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>                                               |               |                |

If you wish to pay by credit card with 4% up charge contact Becky C. Wright at (662) 983-8836.

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.

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## CREDENTIALS CARD

### GFWC-MFWC 121<sup>st</sup> 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 2019 State Convention,**  
**to Diane Rouse at the address above.**

The registration form is also available for download from [www.gfwc-mfwc.org](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org).

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 5, 2019.**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TENTATIVE Schedule of Events*</b><br/> <b>121<sup>st</sup> State Convention</b><br/> <b><i>“Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference”</i></b></p> |
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**Thursday, April 25:**

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| 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Registration – The Mill Grand Foyer                                                                                                                                     |
| 2:00 p.m.        | Finance and Executive Committee Meetings – President's Suite                                                                                                            |
| 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | <b>GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting –Shorty's at The Mill</b><br><i>All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.</i> |

**Friday, April 26:**

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| 7:30 a.m.             | Gavel Club Breakfast – Rivers Conference Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration - The Mill Grand Foyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9:00 a.m.             | <b>Convention Convenes –The Mississippi Salon C</b><br><b>Business Session</b><br><b>Reports from: Officers and Executive Board, Headquarters Committee</b>                                                                                                                     |
| Noon – 2:15 p.m.      | <b>ESO Luncheon featuring Mississippi Author Laurie Parker</b><br><b>Awards: Education, ESO, Youth Art, Art, WHRC, GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children; Communications &amp; Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation &amp; Public Policy and Membership</b> |
| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.      | <b>Business Session</b><br><b>Awards: GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Prevention &amp; Awareness, Fundraising &amp; Development, Conservation, International Outreach, Public Issues, State Institutions, MPB, Photography, and Books</b>                            |
| 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.      | Pick up All Exhibits - Youth Art, Photography, Books                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.      | Photo Opportunities will be available —Location TBD                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7:15 p.m.             | <b>Processional Assembles</b><br><i>(MS LEADS Participants, Jennie Nominees, District Presidents, District Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Clubs of the Year, Past State Presidents, GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers, &amp; GFWC Guest)</i>                            |
| 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.      | <b>“7 Grand” Desserts Banquet – featuring GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock—</b><br><b>The Mississippi Salon A</b><br><b>Awards: LEADS, Challenge Grant, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship and Home Life</b>                           |
| 9:30 p.m.             | <b>Reception— honoring Mary Ellen Brock, 2018-2020 GFWC International President—location TBD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Saturday, April 27:**

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| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  | Prayer Breakfast featuring Leilani Salter and Memorial Service – The Mississippi Salon C                                                                                                                    |
| 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. | <b>Business Session</b><br><b>Juniorette Awards</b><br><b>Awards: Presidents' Award of Excellence, PSP, Juniorette of the Year, Juniorette Club of the Year, Clubwoman of the Year and Club of the Year</b> |

- If a report is moved to another day/time slot, the chairman will be notified.
- Chairmen are requested to always have your report with you at all meetings. If possible, we will continue with reports as time permits, in order to expedite the program.

*\*Dress for day functions: Business.*

*Dress for evening functions: Thursday – cocktail, flapper theme.*

*Dress for Friday evening: Sunday attire or Semi-formal*

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed Amendment</b><br/><b>121<sup>st</sup> State Convention</b><br/><i><b>"Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference"</b></i></p> |
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The proposed amendment has been approved by the GFWC-MFWC Executive Board and will be voted on at the 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention.

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

**ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section 10. State Headquarters Committee**

The bylaws committee recommends that Section 10. State Headquarters Committee A. be revised: To insert **at least** after the word **and** before the word **one** in the third sentence of this section.

**Current Verbiage:**

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**If adopted would read:**

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**Rationale:**

To clarify membership after redistricting in 2018.

**According to:**

GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Bylaws  
**ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any State Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment (or amendments) has been approved by the Executive Board and has been appended to the Call to Convention, or by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, without prior notice



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President Becky Wright, President-elect Sherri Reid, Northern District President Amy Jacobs, and Ways and Means Chairman Abby May met with Representative Preston Sullivan and Senator Russell Jolly to advocate for a healthier Mississippi during the American Heart Association Wear Red Day at the Capitol.