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IMPORTANT DATES

November 1, 2024	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year to receive Honor Club status.
January 1, 2025	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year for club reports to be judged and to be eligible for awards.
January 1, 2025	MFWC District Club Dues. Please note: District Dues must be sent to your District Treasurer.
February 1, 2025	Must be electronic submitted by this date each year for: MFWC Club Reports, Hebron Memorial Scholarship applications, Challenge Grant applications and GFWC Writing Contest entries.
February 10, 2025	Must be electronic submitted by this date each year: MFWC Clubwoman of the Year Award applications, Juniette of the Year Award application and MFWC LEADS applications.
February 15, 2025	Must be postmarked by this date each year: MFWC Scrapbooks and Yearbooks.
February 22, 2025	Executive Winter Board and MS LEADS Meeting.
March 1, 2025	Must be electronic submitted by this date each year: Jennie Award nominations, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship application and Club History Form.

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Messages from Your State President

Can you believe that Fall is here? It has been a busy summer, but I am so excited about what fall has in store. All the Chairman and presenters did an amazing job-sharing information at Summer Institute. Clubs are meeting and incorporating new ideas in various projects that we will read about in their reports in February. This is the time to begin thinking about preparing for reporting. Michelle or other members of the Executive Committee and Board will be glad to come and speak to your club about Reporting, Membership, and any other areas that you need for us to address. I will be working with Michelle to offer Zoom meeting opportunities to answer questions and address any concerns regarding reporting. Frances has been challenging us each week with Membership Monday Knowledge post on the MFWC Members Group.



**Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford,
President 2022-2024**

Your Mississippi Federation was well represented with fifteen members at the GFWC International Convention in Chicago this past June. Madam President, Suellen Brazel and the GFWC officers were installed as were all the GFWC State Presidents and the GFWC State Junior Directors. It was a beautiful installation. The biggest highlight of all was the awards given throughout the convention. It is a great source of pride to hear our state called out. The 2025 GFWC International Convention will be held in Atlanta.

I had the tremendous opportunity in August to travel to Washington for the GFWC Board meeting. A phenomenal panel from the White House Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, addressing safe housing, protecting children online, Human Trafficking, and advocacy.

Despite Hurricane Helene, thirteen members of the Mississippi Federation attended the GFWC Southern Region in Greenville South Carolina. Our Southern Carolina Sisters triumphed in hosting the Southern Region this year with grace, strength and generosity. We are very proud of our very own Dr. Tammie McCoy who serves as Vice President of GFWC Southern Region.

Mississippi has set a course to focus on the GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children for the next two years. I encourage each club to participate in the statewide youth art calendar competition. Information and details were emailed to the GFWC Mississippi Board and Club Presidents, shared on the GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Club, Inc., and the MFWC Members Group Facebook pages, as well as included in this magazine.

I want to encourage each Club President to share information about the upcoming GFWC Mississippi Winter Board and Leads meeting on February 22, 2025, with their members and encourage attendance when the Official Call is sent out. Dr. Susan Gettys, the GFWC Secretary will be our guest and will be sharing a wealth of knowledge regarding Leadership. Theresa Buntyn the LEADS Chairman will be sending out information regarding the LEADS workshop.

One of the most treasured things about serving as the GFWC Mississippi President is the time that I spend visiting clubs. If I don't have a date on my calendar yet to visit your club, I will be contacting you to get a date scheduled. My goal is to visit every General Club and Juniorette Club before the 2026 State Convention.

I appreciate each of you for the difference you make in the lives of others through your service.

In Federation Love,
Carolyn♥

Messages from the Elected Executive Board

Frances H. Brown

President-elect and State
Membership Chairman



What an honor to serve as your GFWC-MFWC President-elect. It is a privilege to serve under the leadership of President Carolyn Tedford and learn from her wealth of knowledge. One of my roles is to serve as membership chairman. The membership committee consists of district president-elects: Ashley Williams, Northern District; Becky Watkins, Central District; Lorri Stockstill, Southern District; and MFWC Juniorette Director Darlene C Adams.

We want to help you develop a world class membership retention and recruitment program by participating in GFWC'S EDUCATE, ENGAGE, & EMPOWER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. The focus for October, November, and December is: "Member Value and Benefits of Belonging". Educate your members about the value of being a member of your club and GFWC. To learn more about the campaign, log on to gfwc-mfwc.org.

My second role as president-elect is to serve as advisor to the district presidents: Janae Winter, Northern District; Diane Rouse, Central District; and Shirley Wilshire, Southern District. Our goal is to be available to you and provide you with the tools you need to "educate", "engage", and "empower" your members. Check out the fall newsletter and the MFWC Members Group on Facebook for the latest information. Also, check out the GFWC and MFWC monetary awards for recruitment and retention as well as the opportunity for individual cash by participating in the weekly membership scavenger hunt questions. Let's work together to grow the number of "Big Hearts" to better serve the "Little Feet".

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Michelle Sutton

Vice President and Dean of
Chairmen



After reviewing suggestions from club members across the state, I am excited to share with you some exciting changes to club reporting.

1. MFWC is implementing 100% electronic reporting this year. All reports will be submitted using the fillable reporting forms on our website. Your executive board and committee chairs are here to help the clubs that have not yet transitioned to electronic reporting. Since the option of mailing reports has now ridden off into history with the Pony Express, we are here to help make this journey smooth for all.
2. Clubs will be divided into two classifications at the district and state levels, similar to how we judge yearbooks and scrapbooks. Each classification will have 1st—5th place awards.
 - Classification A - 20 members or less
 - Classification B - 21 members or more.

With this new classification, more clubs will receive deserved recognition for their work. We are excited to spotlight more of you with this new system. The creativity awards and the Top 10 projects will continue to be awarded to the top clubs overall, including Junioresettes. These two areas will not be divided into classifications.

3. Juniorette awards will now be judged at the district level. With this change, we look forward to seeing more Juniorette clubs report. Juniorette clubs will also be divided into classifications A and B.

As the new club years begin, ramp up your reporting mindset and prepare your club members to begin recording all those volunteer projects and volunteer hours.

Why do we report? I'm glad that you asked.

1. Reporting helps clubwomen keep records of the work completed each year.
2. Reporting is a valuable tool in preserving the history of your club and becomes a part of the history of MFWC and beyond.

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3. Reporting is how your club receives the deserved recognition for the services your clubwomen provide to your communities.
4. Reporting adds a little spice to the end of your club year by participating in friendly competition as rewards are presented on the district and state levels. While not all clubs are interested in this area, your reports will help MFWC be well-represented at the National/International level.

We aim to have 100% of Women's and Juniorette clubs report this year. Even if your club only focuses on one of the 17 areas, please submit that one report. Your volunteer hours will be added to the Mississippi totals for GFWC. You matter!

A wealth of information can be found on social media, in the newsletters, and on the MFWC and GFWC websites.

I'm so excited about these changes, and I hope you are, too. If you need help, please reach out. We would love to visit with your clubs- in person or possibly via Zoom- to help answer questions.

In MFWC service

Becky Watkins

Secretary

What does the GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary do? That was my question when approached about serving.....the Recording Secretary of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs (MFWC) plays a crucial role in ensuring smooth operations by maintaining accurate records of all proceedings. This officer is responsible for documenting minutes during meetings, tracking motions and decisions, and organizing these records for future reference. By meticulously recording all discussions, actions, and important communications, the Recording Secretary supports continuity and accountability within the organization.



As the new Recording Secretary for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs (MFWC), I'm excited to dive into the thrilling world of *minutes* and *motions*!

While it may not sound like the most glamorous job, I can assure you that keeping track of all our meetings and activities is like being the official historian of our awesomeness. I'm fortunate to have a reading committee that reviews my work prior to approval and presentation to the GFWC-MFWC Executive Board.

One of my early focuses has been updating and streamlining the record-keeping process, making it easier to access previous minutes and key documents when needed. This has included digital organization to ensure efficient retrieval of information. Additionally, I've been assisting in the preparation of official documents and reports, ensuring they are accurately archived for historical preservation.

It's been an exciting start, and I look forward to continuing to serve MFWC in this capacity.

Diane Rouse

Treasurer



It's Fall again! So that means it's time for football, apple cider, and a new MFWC club year. That means collecting membership dues on the club level and sending them in to your MFWC Treasurer. The 2024-26 Dues Form is available in this edition of Clubwoman or on the MFWC website. PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND NOT ONE FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR.

Dues are \$30 per clubwoman and \$25 per Juniorette member. Please attach one (1) copy of your club roster to the dues form including names, addresses, phone numbers and email address. Dues forms must be postmarked by November 1 in order that your club can 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 or District Conventions.

As your club adds new members during the year, please send in an additional dues form along with the names, addresses, and dues.

Editor's Note: 2024-2026Dues form can be download by clicking this [link](#) or you can scan the attached QR Code.



Messages from the MFWC District Presidents

Janae Winter

Northern District President

Greetings from MFWC Northern District!

As the seasons begin to change, I can't help but think of all the fun activities fall weather brings! From football to pumpkin patches, it seems to be the beginning of the busiest time of the year. We will blink and it will be Christmas! I wanted to list a few reminders for clubs of the Northern District as this busy season approaches.



1. Please send in your state and district dues by the deadline of November 1st.
2. District dues will remain \$1 per the Northern District bylaws.
3. Consider making a donation to the Northern District scholarship when sending in your district dues. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.
4. Begin preparing now to submit reports by the February 1st deadline.

Northern District Convention will be March 22nd, hosted by GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce, Bruce Civic League, and the Lanier Club of Okolona. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

I am here to help your clubs in any way possible. Please reach out if I can be of assistance in any way!

Happy Volunteering!

Shirley Wiltshire

Southern District President

Whirlwind since MFWC State Convention at Eagle Ridge. Several members in Southern District attended GFWC in Chicago and brought lots of ideas for programs and projects for the upcoming year.

Then some have bags packed for GFWC Southern Region in Greenville SC the first weekend of October. . Looking forward to hearing about Southern Region and of course the side trips some are making .Something to do with Arts and Culture. Looking forward their social media posts.



Dates have been set for District Meeting with Gulfport Woman's Club hosting on March 15.

We are excited that everyone will be coming to the MS Gulf Coast for State Convention next April 24-26, 2025 at the Marriott in Gulfport. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FYI BUY YOUR CONVENTION PJ's** (required attire for one of the meetings) Be looking to support Southern District fundraising to help offset State Convention costs.

Congratulations to the Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro celebrating their 90th Anniversary in September.

Southern District Juniores had a fun Saturday Retreat on September 7. Leadership and networking skills were intertwined with a community service project and afternoon swimming. And of course a great Taco Bar to keep their strength for all the activities. Welcomed a new Juniores Club of Poplarville to our District.

Diane Rouse

Central District President

The calendar says it's Autumn but I'm STILL waiting for the weather and leaves to change. One thing that HAS changed is that it is a new club year and I, for one, am excited for it to begin. I'm looking forward to some new volunteer opportunities, some continued volunteer partnerships renewed and just working hard with new friends and old doing this clubwork I love as we open our "Big Hearts to Little Feet".



As your Central District President, please let me know if I can be of service to your club. I look forward to seeing you in the Spring at our annual District Convention where we will continue to celebrate our President's Special Project, "Big Hearts...Little Feet". The host clubs and I are already making plans for a fun and productive day, but more about that later.

In the meantime...
Have a GREAT YEAR!
Diane

Messages from the Executive Board

Darlene C. Adams

Juniorette Director



I am excited to serve as your Juniorette Director! Here are some goals for this administration:

Increase our Juniorette Clubs. Together we can build our federation's future as we start or reinstate Juniorette Clubs across our state. Currently, we have eight clubs – four in the Northern District and four in the Southern District. We have no Juniorette Clubs in the Central District. I know our amazing clubs in the Central District can do better. I would love to get with you and set up a plan of action, as well as work with the other two districts to increase their numbers. The rewards of working with these girls are priceless!

Juniorette State-Wide Events. Just as our women's clubs enjoy seeing our federation sisters across the state at meetings and events, we want to do the same for our Juniorettes. What a great opportunity for them to network with each other, learn from each other and build friendships. However, we need our advisors to encourage participation in these special events.

"Our first event was our State Juniorette Retreat. We were also trying something new – holding a Northern Retreat and a Southern Retreat. Unfortunately, there has not been a good date yet for the northern clubs to participate. On September 7, 2024, the Southern Retreat was held in Poplarville with three Juniorette Clubs participating: The Juniorette Diamonds, the Les Aimes Juniorettes, and the brand new Poplarville Juniorettes. We want to thank the Poplarville Women's Club and the Civic Woman's Club of Picayune for their generous donations for lunch/dessert, as well as our speakers and volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help. Special thank you to our Madam President, Carolyn Tedford for generously supplying the beautiful venue."

Our second event is our State Juniorette Capital Trip. This will be held in 2025 during the legislative session. It will be an educational experience with workshops and speakers, not just a tour. Find out now what your Juniorettes need to do to be excused from school to attend.

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All attendees for the Southern 2024 Juniorette Retreat held in Poplarville, MS on September 7, 2024.



Juniorette Diamonds receive certificate for most attendees at Southern 2024 Juniorette Retreat.

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Clubs Participate in the GFWC Junior/Juniorette Leadership Certification Program. We are encouraging all Mississippi Juniorette Clubs to participate in the leadership program exclusively for Junior and Juniorette Clubs. It is a six-month program, where you can do these activities at your meetings. Juniorette Clubs completing this program will be recognized at our state convention, as well as nationally. The benefit for each Juniorette participating is invaluable.

Network Among Advisors. We will have quarterly Zoom meetings with all Juniorette Advisors. This will be a time to go over upcoming events, share ideas, and have a question-and-answer time to address any concerns. We can support and gain so much from each other.

I would LOVE to come to one of your Juniorette meetings and look forward to an invitation!



**Juniorettes
making blankets
for NICU Unit.**



Juniorettes learning CPR.

Janae Winters

PSP Committee Member

“How Can Your Club Support the MFWC President’s Special Project?”

ADVOCATE for Children in Your Community!



- A**ssist at your local elementary school in their intervention/tutoring program.
- D**onate luggage to your local DHS to give to children transitioning between foster homes.
- V**isit St. Jude, set up a campus tour, and donate to the research hospital.
- O**rganize a kid-friendly food drive for your local food pantry, including foods children really like.
- C**reate first aid kits for classrooms in your local schools.
- A**ttend children’s programs at your local elementary, middle, and high schools in support of children in the community.
- T**eam up with your city park and recreation department to host a kid’s art camp during the summer.
- E**stablish a scholarship for students in your community that have financial need.

From 2024-2026 PSP Child Advocacy Monthly Emphasis Calendar

OCTOBER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH - Purple ribbon

Project Ideas:

- ♥ Donate to a local shelter. (DV affects children too when they are displaced from their homes). Contact shelter for specific needs.
- ♥ Have a Club Pajama Party and bring sleepers and pajamas for children in shelters.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVES

Green or red ribbons

Project Ideas:

- ♥ Find local organizations or families that need assistance providing food for thanksgiving and/or Christmas meals
- ♥ Toy drive for Christmas gifts

Dr. Tammie M. McCoy

MFWC Parliamentarian

Bylaws: Why Needed!

Bylaws serve as a foundational framework for the oversight of your club. They outline the rules and procedures for decision-making, member rights, and responsibilities. Bylaws usually note leadership structure, meeting protocols, and voting processes, providing clarity and guidance for members. By establishing clear guidelines, bylaws help prevent conflicts, promote accountability, and ensure that the organization adheres to its mission and values. Ultimately, they are essential for maintaining order and fostering a collaborative environment.



Think of these questions:

- ♥ What is your quorum to conduct business? Is that information is outdated? Consider revising!
- ♥ How do you vote on new members and officers? Is the process unclear or not followed? Consider revising!
- ♥ When do you meet? Do you follow that requirement? If not, consider revising!
- ♥ Are your standing committees still relevant? If not, consider revising!
- ♥ Are there other outdated practices included in your bylaws? If so, consider revising!

Your club bylaws should have an article that spells out how they can be amended. Follow that requirement. Typically, the membership must be provided notice of the proposed changes prior to the vote. Most bylaws require a 2/3 vote to make amendments.

Please note that the GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women’s Club Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules along with Northern, Central, and Southern District Bylaws are posted on the website at https://gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html

Feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance in revising your bylaws. I am always happy to assist.

Living the volunteer spirit
Tammie



Sue F. Freeman

MFWC Special Emphasis: Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman



2024 has been a remarkable and transformative year at Mississippi Public Broadcasting. With the storytelling of documentaries like Ken Burns' upcoming **Leonardo da Vinci** (will air in November); innovative science and insights on **NOVA's Decoding the Universe: Cosmos**; and new **MASTERPIECE** programs like *Alice and Jack*, MPB has been your companion. From world-class reporting on **Morning Edition** to inspiring local finds on **Mississippi Antiques Showcase**, MPB enriches your days with information, exploration, intrigue and laughter when you need it most.

The educational department of MPB has been reorganized this year under the leadership of Dr. Marvin Jeter, and it is now called **MPB Learning** and provides resources to teachers, librarians, students, and community leaders. There is a Digital Education Network available (DEN) that school educators are encouraged to sign up for. There are many new programs available for Early Childhood including free lesson plans.

MPB Classroom TV has resources available in the following categories: ♥ Early Childhood ♥ Literature ♥ Math ♥ Science ♥ Health & Welfare ♥ Music & Art ♥ English & Language ♥ Social Studies

MPB is working with Workforce Development in the state through Exploring Clubs in which professionals detail their professional careers to high school students. Through Accelerate Mississippi – career coaches are working with the local high schools as well as “middle colleges” in high schools where students receive college credit for advanced courses taken during their high school years. The basic values taught by Mr. Rogers in “The Neighborhood” are once again being emphasized. Once a quarter MPB will go to a community for a “Family Fun Day”.

Don't forget that our clubs can partner with MPB on **Read for the Record** on Thursday, October 24th. The featured book this year is “**Piper Chen Sings**” by Phillipa Soo. Please contact Leslie Hebert, MPB Literary Specialist, at leslie.hebert@mpbonline.org to order your club's books.

Your club might consider having a speaker from either a MPB department or the MPB Foundation speak to your club. My club in Crystal Springs had Dr. Marvin Jeter and Leslie Hebert speak at our April meeting. Our club invited teachers and librarians from CS Elementary and Copiah Academy to learn about the resources available from MPB for their classrooms and libraries. Our club members took up extra monetary donations and presented to Dr. Jeter for the MPB Foundation to help with its educational programming needs. You can contact Dr. Jeter at: marvin.jeter@mpbonline.org. **Please remember to include a generous contribution from your club to MPB on your MFWC dues form.**

Programs and projects are reported on a separate MFWC reporting form that records Individual contributions to MPB, MPB club memberships, local MPB membership drives, publicizing MPB programs in local media, legislative contact, and other support. This can be cross-reported in the Education and Libraries CSP.

For more information on MPB, visit the website, www.mpbonline.org.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact me via email at: Suefreeman5254@gmail.com or by calling or text me at 601-946-9297.

Lorri Stockstill

Hebron Memorial Scholarship Chairman



A scholarship, known as the Hebron Memorial Scholarship, shall be maintained by the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Only female residents of Mississippi shall be eligible to apply. This scholarship shall be a grant, and only one may be granted during one year, except with the approval of the Executive Committee. A holder of the scholarship is eligible for consideration by the Scholarship Committee to receive the grant for an additional year or years.

The following rules shall govern this scholarship:

- ♥ The maximum amount of this grant shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

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- ♥The applicant must meet the following requirements:
 1. Application must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Hebron Memorial Scholarship Committee before February 1 for use within that year.
 2. The applicant must be a resident of Mississippi, having graduated from an accredited high school with a good scholastic average; or in the case of an applicant for graduate school, she must have graduated from an accredited college and must be attending an accredited graduate school.
 3. The applicant must be endorsed by three (3) members of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.
 4. The application must be accompanied by recommendations from three (3) other persons relative to scholarship, character, and qualities of leadership.
 5. The applicant must signify her intention of completing her degree within a four-year period.
- ♥Preference will be given to areas of service where it is felt there is the need in the state.
- ♥This scholarship shall not be limited to any particular year in college, but is limited to Mississippi Institution of Higher learning. The scholarship must be sent directly to the Institution the grantee plans to attend. The Scholarship Grantee should attend the State Convention or State Board Meeting to receive recognition.

To Apply: Complete the GFWC-MFWC Hebron Memorial Scholarship Application Form. You can download this form by clicking this link. The submission email must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 1 in the year in which entries will be judged.

Be sure to email completed application to Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford (carolyntedford@outlook.com), GFWC-MFWC President, and Lorri Stockstill (tlstock77@att.net), Hebron Memorial Scholarship Chairman.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at tlstock77@att.net.



Cherry Moon

Challenge Grant Chairman



The GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs have established Challenge Grants to be awarded each year to one teacher in the State of Mississippi. This grant must benefit students with Learning Disabilities.

The primary criterion for this grant is need, and the funds must be used in the classroom such as the purchase of supplies, implementing new programs or advanced technology.

In 2024 we received 3 applications and 2023 we received 5 applications. I would love to see us double the number of applicants for 2025! So I encourage each club to reach out to your neighborhood schools and sponsor one of these extra special teachers from your area. The application along with additional information can be found on the MFWC website or feel free to contact one of the committee members: Lynn Harris, Ada McGrevey, Phyllis Whittington or Cherry Moon. The deadline is not until February 1st so you have plenty of time.

What better way to promote our Madam President's Special Project than to spread a little joy to a teacher in your area that has such a "Big Heart" by spending every day in the classroom helping these extra special "Little Feet".

We are looking forward to reading all Challenge Grant entries.



promote child WELL-BEING

All children have the right to be happy, thriving, self-actualized, educated, healthy and content. To have the opportunity to reach their full potential as individuals capable of healthy relationships and productive lives, and to have a fair chance in life with opportunities for healthy, balanced and well-rounded development.



Dr. Lisa Lucius

GFWC Community Impact Program Chairman



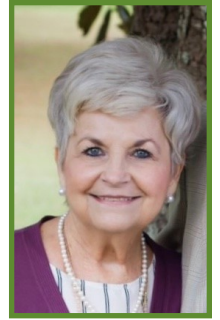
An outstanding environmental project is completed yearly by one group in northern Mississippi. This yearly summer project expresses thanks to those individuals who keep our roadsides clean in the summer. The northern Mississippi club partners with a community church in the area.

The highway workers (inmates) are sent to an area in the county with law enforcement personnel. They work to collect trash on the roads. This work continues daily until all roads have been cleared from trash. An incentive in the form of payment is also given to the inmates from law enforcement. Not all inmates are given the chance to serve the county. Only those who are serious about the project and show good behavior are included.

Partners, the club and the church, host a meal for this group. The church gives the use of their facility for the meal to be served. There are clergy/counselors who welcome and interact with this group of inmates. Also, in attendance are club members who provide and serve the food. Club members try to include food items that are not served regularly to the inmates. This is a way for the church and club to show that we all make mistakes, but we still can work productively to keep our environment clean and appealing.

Melba Watkins

GFWC-MFWC Jennie Award Chairman



The Jennie Award, named in honor of Jane Cunningham Croly a national newspaper writer, is the only personal recognition awarded by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The award recognizes club members who have shown outstanding leadership in their clubs, their professions, their communities and in their family lives. Nominees for the award must be members with a minimum of five consecutive years of service.

Local clubs may submit a Jennie Award Nomination Form following the specific guidelines and information which are available for downloading from the GFWC Member Portal. I encourage all our local clubs to begin the process of selecting a member who has served in the club leadership area but also who is an outstanding member of the community and whose volunteer service is exemplary.

The submission email deadline is March 1, 2025 and are to be sent to Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President and Melba Watkins, Chairman.

Please refer to our GFWC-Mississippi 2024-2026 Awards, Contests, Grants and Scholarships Guidelines & Rules for more information. Information may also be found on the GFWC Members Portal by search Jennie Award.

**"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden."
— ANONYMOUS —**



Lisa McGee

GFWC CSP Education and Libraries Chairman

Education is something no one can take away from you. Elin Nordegren

School is back in session. I know that statement is obvious, but in that statement, also obvious opportunities to volunteer become readily available. Reading to a classroom, doing a coat drive with winter being near, promoting use of libraries, volunteering at school festivals or other special events, and the list goes on....

October 5th is World Teachers Day. Volunteer opportunities abound with this. Any support in any direction I am sure would be appreciated! Opportunities galore!!

October is TeenTober. It is a nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October. The goal is to celebrate teens, promote year round services geared towards teens and the innovative ways teen services help teens learn new skills, and fuel passions in and outside of the library environment. The opportunity to work with a local library to create an event to highlight this interesting and important celebration.

October 20-26 is National Friends of Libraries Week. This is a great opportunity to grow the local library's Friends of Library group. This would create a great volunteer base for those who enjoy a great local library and help the library to grow and be a better community service.

American Education Week is the third full week of November. In 2024, it is November 18th through 24th. This week provides a designated time for schools, families and communities to come together and support education. A great volunteer opportunity is writing a note to express gratitude to a teacher, school staff and education professional who made an impact on your life, your child's life or the community as a whole. Another opportunity is to support educational initiatives. These opportunities could be school improvement projects like a cleanup day for school grounds and facilities or promoting a literacy program or STEM program.

November 20th is Future Teachers of America Day. Great volunteer opportunities abound with this day of recognition. Supporting local teacher academies at high school career and technical centers with some sort of recognition. Simple things like providing treat bags or a drawing for a gift card for the student group can really enhance their experience.



December 2nd is Special Education Day. Contacting local special education teachers for ideas and opportunities with this day is a great option for things that can be done for service projects. Once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.... This one is paraphrased from Laura Bush

And don't forget ESO.... I consider it an adult version of continuing education. Reading when one has the opportunity broadens our knowledge and as the old adage goes, Knowledge is power!

The opportunities to support and celebrate our libraries and school systems abound! The investment in education is some of the best return on investment!! It goes without saying, volunteerism is the best investment we can make in our communities.

Thank you clubwomen for all you do!

If you have any questions concerning Education and Libraries, please contact at lm.barefield@gmail.com.

Belinda Peacher

Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Chairman

Hi all! It is my pleasure to chair the Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship committee. We are so proud of all the wonderful volunteer projects that our Juniores perform for their communities. This \$1,000 scholarship is open to all 2025 graduating members of our MFWC Juniores clubs. This will be the first year that all applicants will apply electronically by emailing their application by March 1, 2025 to our MFWC President, Carolyn Tedford.

The link for guidelines and the application is: https://gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Const_Butterfly_Scholarship.html

Thank you to all the Juniores members and sponsors for all you do!

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Sarah Butterfly Scholarship, please contact me 601-291-6937 or bbpeacher@gmail.com.



Jodie Brickson

GFWC CSP Arts and Culture Co-Chairman



Greetings to our Federated Sisters! Terrie Whitehurst and I are excited to be your MFWC Arts and Culture Co-Chairs for the 2024 – 2026 term. We hope to be able to offer ideas and encouragement that will help you in furthering the Arts in your own communities.

Promoting the Arts is something we are both passionate about. In this, and future articles, we will share projects we have worked on in our own areas that might inspire you. My local club helped sponsor the establishment of an Arts Council in our town. Through the Arts Council, we have been able to recognize local artists and provide opportunities for them through events like art classes, markets, monthly gatherings, group outings, and places to display their artwork. Several of our club members participated in a glass blowing group outing at a local studio with Arts Council members. We started an Arts Trail with the goal of showcasing existing public art and engaging with local businesses to become participating locations for rotating featured artist displays as part of the trail. This not only helps bring attention to the artists but increases traffic to our local businesses as well. Different artists display their work for three months at the participating locations. The openings of new displays are promoted on Facebook and on the Arts Council's website. Meet the artist events are scheduled, and plans are in the works for community activities like scavenger hunts and contests. We were able to receive funding from our county Board of

Supervisors to help pay for signage, advertising, and the events. The Arts Trail has been an excellent way to make a difference in beautifying our community, supporting local artists and businesses, and engaging its citizens. A simple way you could do something like this in your area is to create a brochure that gives the public information about murals and other forms of art that already is present in your community with details about the artist, title of the work, and location.

Here are a few other ways your club can make a big impact for the Arts.

- ♥ Encourage your fellow club members to attend local Arts events by providing a list of upcoming events at local schools, universities, theaters, and museums.
- ♥ Plan group outings to a music performance or an art class. Inviting others is also a great way to build interest in membership.
- ♥ Submit entries for the MFWC member arts, photography, and Youth Art and Writing Contests.
- ♥ Contact a local artist to talk at one of your meetings or conduct a class.
- ♥ Work with local artists to host an art festival or market.
- ♥ Volunteer at a local school's art show or music event.

We would love to hear about the exciting ways you have found to bring the Arts alive in your clubs. Please let us know if you are interested in group outings or have any questions about reporting that we can help you with.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Shirley Wiltshire

GFWC AP Communication and Public Relations Chairman

This summer GFWC released the newly designed Logo to be used on your Social Media, websites and/or public relations. The logo is available to download on the GFWC member portal. Also guidelines on protocol for using logo. GFWC-MFWC clubs make an impact in our respective communities.

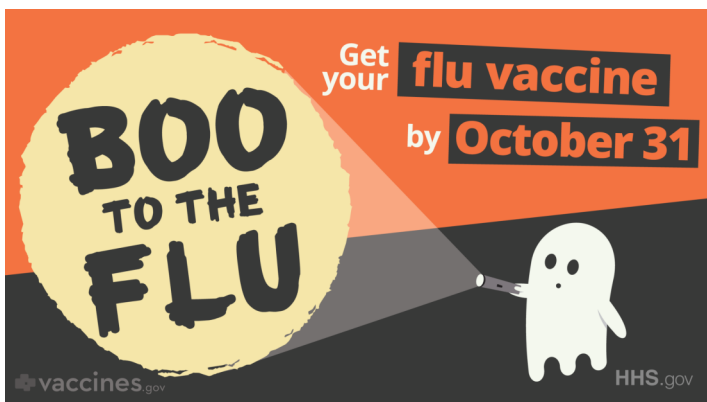


I am always impressed with the programs and projects that clubs report each year. You are making a difference with your #VolunteerSpirit. How are you marketing your clubs' projects and programs with the public and with club members? Do you wear a club shirt when doing your community service projects? Contact Carolyn for her PSP shirts!

Does your club have a Social Media presence? One for the public and another just for members. A website? If you have a local newspaper that publishes your activities, do something special for them.

This year President Carolyn Tedford's PSP is #BigHeartsLittleFeet. The main focus is children. What has your club planned for this PSP. When you promote these projects on your Social Media use hashtags: #BigHeartsLittleFeet #VolunteerSpirit #GFWC #GFWC-MFWC. Share your projects /programs on our GFWC Mississippi Federated Woman's Club member page. Use this [link](#) to access and join the MFWC Members Group.

Your #VolunteerSpirit makes a difference. Tell your club's story.



Theresa T. Berryhill

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Chairman

Do you enjoy reading or being a part of a book club. Then consider joining the GFWC-MFWC ESO Chapter.



Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC federated clubs. More than 70 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of the GFWC Education Community Service Program. Through ESO, clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. Over the years, many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program, seen as vital by the members it directly benefits. The purpose of ESO is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement.

Interested GFWC members must first pass through the ESO pledge stage before they can become ESO members. The completion of an ESO pledge application is needed before a pledge can begin working towards membership status. The pledge application must be sent GFWC-MFWC ESO C chairman Theresa Berryhill, who will begin tracking the pledge's progress. A pledge qualifies for membership at her own pace, finishing in a few weeks or working slowly throughout a longer period of time. After proper completion of 16 books, the pledge receives a certificate verifying her ESO membership from her club and/or state.

Reading is, of course, the main responsibility of an ESO member. Once books are completed, the member is required to complete a brief form, giving the title and brief opinion of the book read. The form is submitted to the State ESO chairwoman to keep track of each member's ESO levels, which are based on the number of books read. State ESO chairmen will issue certificates and awards based on report forms received.

For more information on the GFWC-MFWC ESO program, click this [link](#).



Susan Shurden

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman



SIGNATURE PROGRAM

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Susan Shurden, Chairman

The goal of the GFWC Signature Program is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic and sexual violence abuse in communities across the nation by working with domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

With your help, GFWC can become a powerful voice for victims and survivors!

2025 MFWC CONVENTION

BINGO

FRIDAY NIGHT - ADMISSION:
WOMENS OR CHILDRENS PAJAMAS
TO BE DONATED TO LOCAL
WOMENS SHELTERS



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THE GFWC SIGNATURE
PROGRAM HAS EIGHT AREAS
OF FOCUS:

- Campus Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Elder Abuse
- Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Military Sexual Assault
- Teen Dating Violence
- Violence Against Native American Women

CONNECT WITH GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Hope for Justice and the General Federation of Women's Clubs share a common mission and vision: to live in a world free from trafficking. We see a world where every human is free and equal. We believe every person can be a force for good. Human trafficking is a global problem, and Hope for Justice brings a global solution. We target our resources where they will have the most impact and help the most people. We want to create nations and societies that are hostile to trafficking – because what you tolerate, you will never change.

Find Hope For Justice Contact information in the Affiliate Organization Contacts section of the Club Manual.

Ashley Williams

GFWC-MFWC AP Leadership Chairman



Leadership

A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

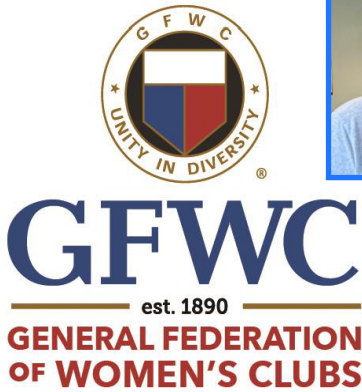
Acts of EVERYDAY Leaders

1.	Commit. Passion is a strong desire that can get you to do amazing things. Passion is an emotion to be acted upon. Without action, passion yields no worthwhile results. Passion is the fuel for the fire of action. When you have passion for something, you love it even when you hate it. What are you passionate about? Gardening, exercising, helping animals, teaching, reading, writing, politicking, volunteering, shopping, organizing, art?
2.	Listen. It is rare for someone to say, “I am a lousy listener.” Almost everyone says, “I am a great listener.” The fact of the matter is that we are terrible at listening. Everyday leaders engage their power of listening; listen more than you speak. Listen to experts and fellow enthusiasts, including those you disagree with. Absorb their perspectives, insights, and experiences.
3.	Communicate. You have feelings, experiences, opinions, and a voice. All have value, so share them often. You become an everyday leader by expressing your thoughts and ideas. Unconventional, way-out-there input from you is better than silence.
4.	Be humble. We all know so-called leaders who are described as arrogant, entitled, and controlling. Do not be that leader! See yourself as an everyday person whose experiences and voice matter as much as the next person’s, no more and no less than others. Think of it as coming from a place of community and in the spirit of making life happier for everyone.
5.	Innovate. There are formulas for everything, and they are copied and followed. This shows in predictable books and movies, architectural blueprints and housing developments with no originality, meeting agendas that leave little room for innovation, and how about the unspoken rules! You do not have to shock and awe every chance you get but think about offering something fresh to further the conversation or something original to move the ball.

"Serve with a good attitude as to the Lord and not to men."
Ephesians 6:7

Katie Huffman

GFWC-MFMC AP Legislative Chairman



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Legislation Action Center (LAC)
registration site



September 2024

INTRODUCING THE GFWC LEGISLATIVE LADDER



It is exciting to introduce the 2024-2026 GFWC Legislative Action Plan for clubs. Clubs are challenged annually to “step up” to EDUCATE, ENGAGE, EMPOWER by tackling the varied concrete steps of the Legislative Ladder. Steps do not need to be completed sequentially. Individual steps may be reported only once each reporting year but may be engaged in multiple times during the club year with the more steps achieved, the more points to report. The point value identified for each step is the total that may be accumulated annually. Certificates will be awarded for clubs reporting activities with point values totaling 35 points or more. Individual club recognition will take place during the 2025 and 2026 GFWC Annual Conventions.

The first step on the ladder is to increase individual member registration in the Legislative Action Center (LAC). Keep in mind that simply by registering, members receive notification of legislative action supported by GFWC Resolutions. Although immediate action is not required, the LAC does supply timely information and education. When a member chooses to “take action” after reading the proposed message and/or writing specific individualized language, a response may be received from the Congressional representative(s), as listed in the introduction to each alert; and may help that representative decide to support the legislation. Sign up today <https://www.gfwc.org/get-involved> or use the QR code in the sidebar.

The ladder’s second step is to request a proclamation from a “decision-maker” (i.e., town council, mayor, state or U.S. Congressman, governor) recognizing, for example, a “week” promoted by one of the program areas, a club anniversary, etc., for a value of 5 points. To enable clubs to begin use of the Ladder, consider using the following Proclamation recognizing the significant legislative milestones in the quest to support abused women and children, legislative milestones long supported by GFWC clubwomen. Find the fillable report form on the home page of the GFWC Digital Library in the Member Portal.

Questions asked; Questions answered

Q: Is the Legislative Ladder replacing the Scavenger Hunt?

A: The Legislative Ladder was built based on the successes of the previous administration’s Scavenger Hunt; so yes, the Legislative Ladder will be the only Club Connection Initiative.

State and District Dues

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc



Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, 2024-2026 President

Date: Friday, September 20, 2024

To: Club Presidents and Juniorette Advisors

RE: District and State Dues

As a friendly reminder, your **MFWC Dues** must be **postmarked** by November 1, 2024, to receive Honor Club status and by January 1, 2025, to be eligible to have reports judged or to receive awards at District and State Conventions.

Please note that all checks for **State Dues** should be made payable to GFWC-MFWC. A copy of the GFWC-MFWC Dues form can be found on our website by clicking this [link](#). Please do not staple your check and roster to the Dues Form. Mail your club's check and the GFWC-MFWC Dues Form with one copy of your club roster with members' names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers to GFWC-MFWC Treasurer Diane Rouse at

Diane Rouse
GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
2323 Tiffany Circle
Florence, MS 39073

District Dues should be sent to your District Treasurer. Dues are \$1.00 per club member. Please include a copy of your club roster with your club dues. Please do not send your District Dues to State Treasurer Diane Rouse. Listed below is the contact information for District Treasurers.

Northern District
Pamela R. Maxwell
31 Caroline Cove
Cleveland, MS 38732
(662) 497-2575
prmaxwell@yahoo.com

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Lisa A. Harris
822 SCR 115 S
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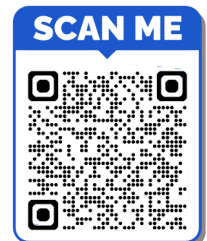
Southern District
Jana Jarrell Owen
1 Pine Hill Circle
Gulfport, MS 39057
(228) 697-0086
jarrellj@bellsouth.net

I appreciate your attention to this matter.
Carolyn

Big Hearts ... Little Feet

The littlest feet leave the biggest footprints in our hearts.

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



2024-2026 Dues Form

Club Information:

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

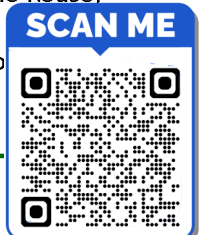
Club Dues: \$30 x number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____ 0
 \$25 x number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____ 0
(No District dues, please. District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer)

Contributions:

- GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project: "Big Hearts ... Little Feet" \$ _____
 - Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) \$ _____
 - Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual Juniorette Scholarship) \$ _____
 - Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
 - State Institutions: MS School for the Blind \$ _____ MS School for the Deaf \$ _____ .. \$ _____ 0
Name of State Institute sponsored by club: _____ \$ _____
 - Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
 - Youth Art: **\$10 per club suggested minimum** \$ _____
 - HOBY: \$200.00 per sponsored student or other donation (suggested minimum \$100) \$ _____
Name of school sponsored by club: _____
 - Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
 - "Dollars for Delegates" for officers' expenses to attend MFWC meetings \$ _____
 - GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention \$ _____
 - Other Contributions not listed \$ _____
 - _____ \$ _____
 - _____ \$ _____
- (Additional pages may be attached, if necessary)
- Total Of All Above:** \$ _____ 0

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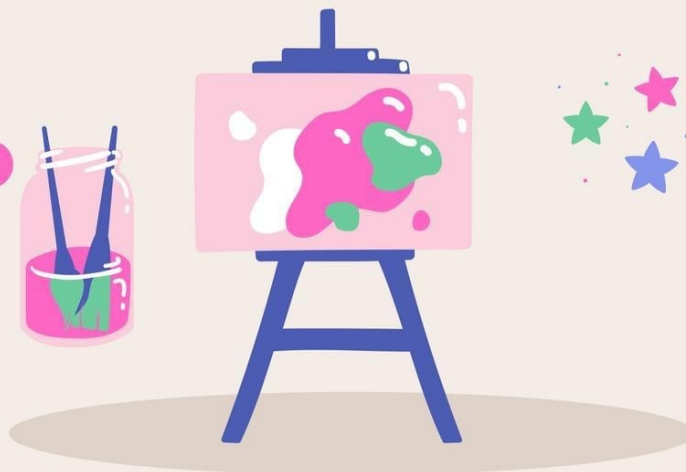
- Please mail this form along with your club's check made payable to MFWC and one copy of club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses & phone numbers postmarked by **November 1** to receive Honor Club Status to:
 Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073,
 C/T: (601) 454-5350, E: crouse99@yahoo.com.
- Please do not staple check to the form.
- Dues must be postmarked by **January 1** in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or to receive awards.
- For members added during the club year, please send name, address, email address & dues to Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer.
- Send **deletions only** to Lisa A. Harris, *Mississippi Clubwoman* Circulation Editor at lisaharris@outlook.com
 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153



President Special Project - PSP Youth Art Calendar

MFWC President
Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Special Project

**CALENDAR
ARTWORK
COMPETITION**



MFWC is creating a
calendar showcasing
artwork by Mississippi
youth aged 18 and under

Deadline to Enter
10/31

See Guidelines Below



SCAN ME

President Special Project - PSP Youth Art Calendar

We are excited to offer this new PSP opportunity for our youth to participate in my PSP Project: Big Hearts...Little Feet Calendar.

We encourage you to invite all children from your community, schools, and family to enter this contest. This contest is open to all youth from pre-K to 18 years of age.

Please share with everyone. Additional order forms can be found on our website at https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_MarketPlace.html.

We look forward to viewing all the wonderful entries for the PSP Youth Art Calendar.



In support of the GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Big Hearts...Little Feet, we are creating a calendar in which the artwork for each month will be created by a Mississippi youth through 18 years of age.

Artwork Guidelines

For your artwork to be considered for the GFWC-MFWC Calendar, it must meet the following requirements.

- ♥ The contest is open to Mississippi residents, Pre-K through 18 years of age.
- ♥ Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- ♥ All entries are to be mailed to: Deborah Warren, 319 N. Hickory Street, Poplarville, MS 39470.
- ♥ Entries must be postmarked by October 31, 2024.
- ♥ Entries must be received in a flat envelope. Folded or bent entries will be considered ineligible.
- ♥ Entries must be original artwork.
- ♥ Entries must be on 8"x10" paper, without matting or framing.
- ♥ Any medium is acceptable but must lie flat. Heavily textured pieces will not reproduce accurately.
- ♥ A heart motif must be included somewhere within the piece.
- ♥ Please attach the following information to the back of each piece submitted: Title of Piece, Artist's name, Artist's age, and City.
- ♥ Please let us know if the entry is from a child with Special Needs, so that the work can be more appropriately judged.

Purchasing Calendars

- ♥ Calendars can be purchased by the GFWC-MFWC members, family, friends, and the public. Use this [link](#) to download a copy of the Calendar Order Form. If you wish to have special dates listed on the calendar (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) please list them in chronological order. Order Forms and payment are to be sent to Diane Rouse at 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073. We also accept VENMO payment at **@Diane-Rouse-10**. When paying by VENMO, be sure to email/mail order form to Diane Rouse at the above address.
- ♥ The \$10.00 payment for your dates will also entitle you to receive one (1) calendar.
- ♥ The postmark/submission deadline to submit special dates for the calendar is October 31, 2024.

Calendar Order Form



2024-2026 President Special Project

DATE OF ORDER

CUSTOMER DETAILS	
Club:	
NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work
EMAIL:	

Item No.	Item Name	No. Need	Price	Total
	Calendar		\$10.00 per calendar	\$ 0
Item No.	Name of Honoree	Occasion of Special Date	Date	
1				
2				
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Instruction:

If members wish to have special dates listed on the calendar (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.), please list them above in chronological order.

The \$10.00 payment for your dates will also entitle you to receive one (1) calendar.

Send the order form and payment to Diane Rouse at 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073 along with a check for \$10.00 per calendar or a VENMO payment to **@Diane-Rouse-10 (friends & family)**. When ordering calendar by VENMO be sure to email the order form to crouse99@yahoo.com.

Grand Total \$ 0

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Check
- Check # _____
- ☐ VENMO



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Thank You

for your support of my President's Special Project.
Big Hearts ... Little Feet

Return this form to Diane Rouse, PSP Co-Chairman by October 31, 2024

President Special Project - T-Shirts

We are proud to offer Big Hearts...Little Feet T-Shirt for sale as part of the 2024-2026 President's Special Project.

T-shirt is an unisex jersey that fits like a well-loved favorite, featuring a classic V-neck, with short sleeves, and superior combed and ring-spun cotton. Red T-Shirt is 100% cotton while green and blue shirts are 52% Airlume combed and ring spun cotton, 48% poly. Shirts are manufactured by Bella+Canvas.



Colors:

T-shirt are available in Heather Red, Heather Blue and Heather Grass Green.

Size/Price:



S to XL - \$25.00

2XL to 5XL - \$30.00

Order form can be found on our website at this [link](#). Return order form to Amy Jacobs, Ways & Means Co-Chairman at amyjacobs1@yahoo.com. For T-shirt information contact Amy Jacobs or Abby May.

T-Shirt Order Form

2024-2026 Administration PSP T-Shirt



DATE OF ORDER

CUSTOMER DETAILS

CLUB:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
EMAIL:

☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COLOR	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
				\$ 0
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 0

Blue

Green

T-Shirt is a unisex jersey that fits like a well-loved favorite, featuring a classic V-neck, with short sleeves, and superior combed and ring-spun cotton. T-Shirt is 100% cotton and supplied by Bella Canvas.

UNISEX SIZES

XS Extra Small

S Small

M Medium

L Large

XL Extra Large

2XL Double Extra Large

3XL Triple Extra Large

4XL Quadruple Extra Large

5XL Quintuple Extra Large

CHEST TO FIT

31" - 34"

34" - 37"

38" - 41"

42" - 45"

46" - 49"

50" - 53"

54" - 57"

58" - 61"


62" - 65"

PAYMENT METHOD

CASH ☐

CHECK ☐ # _____

VENMO ☐



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SIZES AND PRICES

SXL - XL - \$25 EACH

2XL - 5XL - \$30 EACH

Thank You

For your support of my President's Special Project.

Big Hearts... Little Feet

Order form can be found on our website at this [link](#).



*To GFWC-MFWC Clubs,
If your club has an upcoming event
that you wish to have posted on the
GFWC-MFWC Facebook pages or
website, please email any flyers,
signs and/or banners with a
description of the event to Lisa A.
Harris*

UPcoming EVENTS



State Convention 2025

Gulfport, MS

April 24-26, 2025

CONVENTIONS



Southern District - March 15, 2025

Northern District - March 22, 2025

Central District - March 29, 2025

Club Resources

2024-2026 Directory

Contact Lisa A. Harris at lisaharris@outlook.com for an electronic copy of our directory. For verification purposes you will need to provide your name and your club name in the requesting email. We are doing this to protect against identity theft of your contact information and photograph. Please do not share the information in this directory with anyone outside our organization.



2024-2026 Manual & Governance

Visit our website at https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html to download a copy of our 2024-2026 manual.

New for this administration is the Northern, Central and Southern District Governance. All governance can be downloaded, saved or printed from this link on our website (https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html) or use the QR Code below.

2024-2026 Logos

GFWC Logos - GFWC Emblem, Logo Files and 2024-2026 Administration Logo have been moved to the GFWC Member Portal.

MFWC Logos and MFWC President's Logos - for a high quality image file, contact Lisa A. Harris at lisaharris@outlook.com.



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

2024-2026 DIRECTORY



2024-2026 Administration

Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President

GFWC-MFWC Executive Committee and Executive Board

"A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health and deserves the same quality of support."

Kate Middleton



**GLOBAL
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GFWC-MFWC 2024-2026 Directory

GFWC-MFWC

Executive Committee

- Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

Elected Officers

- Frances H. Brown, President-elect, Advisor to District Presidents and State Membership Chairman, Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club
- Michelle Sutton, Vice President and Dean of Chairman, Northern District, Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Rebecca "Becky" W. Watkins, Secretary, Central District, Quitman Woman's Club
- Diane Rouse, Treasurer, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club

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Executive Board

District Presidents

- Janae Winter, District President, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Diane Rouse, District President, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club
- Shirley Wiltshire, District President, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

Appointed Officers

- Theresa Buntyn, Immediate Past President, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

- Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Parliamentarian, Northern District, Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Libby D. Everett, Historian, Southern District, Cosmopolitan Club
- Darlene C. Adams, Chaplain, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Renee Keith, Junior Club Advisor, Southern District, *Purvis Woman's Club
- Lisa A. Harris, Media/ Communications & Technology (MCT) Coordinator and Mississippi Clubwoman Editor and Circulation Editor, Central District, *Raleigh Woman's Club

Special Appointments

- Betina Dodd, President's Special Assistant, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Linda Hawkins, President's Special Assistant, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Aimeliea R. Dulaney, President's Special Assistant, Northern District, Tunica Woman's Club
- Marie Davis, Meetings Coordinator, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Theresa Buntyn, MS LEADS Chairman, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

- Sue S. Freeman, MS Public Broadcasting Chairman, Central District, Crystal Springs Floral Club
- Theresa Buntyn, MS Library Commission Member, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, HOBY Board Member, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

President Special Project

- Diane Rouse, District President, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club
- Janae Winter, District President, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Shirley Wiltshire, District President, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

Standing Committees

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- Tinker Forrester, Committee Chairman, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League
- Melissa Carleton, Committee Member, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Meri F. Newell, Committee Member, Southern District, Cosmopolitan Club
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President
 - Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Parliamentarian

FINANCE

- Sherri E. Reid, Committee Chairman, Southern District, Cosmopolitan Club
- Carolyn C. Huey, Committee Member, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Judy T. Martin, Committee Member, Central District, *Raleigh Woman's Club
- Frances H. Brown, Committee Member, Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President
 - Michelle Sutton, Vice President
 - Becky Watkins, Secretary
 - Diane Rouse, Treasurer

HEBRON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Lorri Stockstill, Committee Chairman, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Betty Harpe, Committee Member, Central District, *Florentine Club
- Belinda Vowell, Committee Member, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Becky C. Wright, Committee Chairman, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Janae Winter, Committee Member, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Renee Keith, Committee Member - Club Member, Southern District, *Purvis Woman's Club
- Kara Dulaney, Committee Member - Club President, Northern District, Tunica Woman's Club
- Diane Rouse, Committee Member - State Executive Board Member- Treasurer, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President
 - Frances H. Brown, President-elect

MEMBERSHIP

- Frances H. Brown, Committee Chairman, Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club
- Ashley Williams, Committee Member, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League
- Becky Watkins, Committee Member, Central District, Quitman Woman's Club
- Lorri Stockstill, Committee Member, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Darlene C. Adams, Committee Chairman, Southern District, *Civic

Woman's Club of Picayune

- Lisa A. Harris, Committee Member, Central District, *Raleigh Woman's Club
- Sandra Pope, Committee Member, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President

STATE INSTITUTIONS

- Diane Rouse, Committee Chairman, Central District, *Florentine Club
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President

WAYS AND MEANS

- Amy A. Jacobs, Committee Co- Chairman, Northern District, *Lanier Club
- Abby May, Committee Co-Chairman, Northern District, *Lanier Club

Special Committees

MALONE-SISK EDUCATION/ LEADERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST

- Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Trustee - Chairman, Northern District, *Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Diane Rouse, Trustee - Treasurer, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club
- Committee Members, Ex-Officio
 - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President

MALONE-SISK TRUSTEES & GAVEL CLUB MEMBERS

- Martha Fisher, Committee Member, Past President 1994-1996, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Jo Anne Reid, Committee Member, Past President 1998-2000, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Celia C. Fisher, Committee Member, Past President 2002-2004, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Deborah Dickens, Committee Member, Past President 2004-2006, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Judy Thomas Martin, Committee Member, Past President 2006-2008, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Carolyn C. Huey, Committee Member, Past President 2008-2010, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Committee Member, Past President 2010-2012, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Suzanne Byrd Poynor, Committee Member, Past President 2012-2014, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Darlene C. Adams, Committee Member, Past President 2014-2016, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Tinker Forrester, Committee Member, Past President 2016-2018, Central District, *Gavel Club

- Becky C. Wright, Committee Member, Past President 2018-2020, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Sherri E. Reid, Committee Member, Past President 2020-2022, Central District, *Gavel Club
- Theresa Buntyn, Committee Member, Past President 2022-2024, Central District, *Gavel Club

CHALLENGE GRANT

- Cherry Moon, Committee Chairman, Southern District, *Purvis Woman's Club
- Theresa Lynn Harris, Committee Member, Central District, *Raleigh Woman's Club
- Ada McGrevey, Committee Member, Central District, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Phyllis Whittington, Committee Member, Southern District, *Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.

SARAH PEUGH "BUTTERFLY" SCHOLARSHIP

- Belinda Peacher, Committee Chairman, Central District, *Florentine Evening Club
- Annajeral Knight, Committee Member, Central District, *Star Woman's Club
- Tiffany Terrell, Committee Member, Southern District, *Purvis Woman's Club

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GFWC-MFWC Signature Programs

GFWC SIGNATURE - DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

- Susan Shurden, Committee Chairman, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League

GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM - ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

- Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Committee Co-Chairman, Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club
- Tina Hall, Committee Co-Chairman, Southern District, *Purvis Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC Community Service Programs

ARTS & CULTURE

- Jody Brickson, Co-Chairman, Southern District, Cosmopolitan Club
- Terrie Whitehurst, Co-Chairman, Central District, *Leading Ladies

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- Janis Sita, Chairman, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

- Lisa McGee, Chairman,

Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club

ESO

- Theresa T. Berryhill, Chairman, Central District, *Raleigh Woman's Club

ENVIRONMENT

- Makayla Shelton, Chairman, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Becky C. Wright, Chairman, Northern District, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce

GFWC-MFWC Advancement Plan Programs

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Shirley Wiltshire, Chairman, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

LEADERSHIP

- Ashley Williams, Chairman, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Kara Dulaney, Chairman, Northern District, Tunica Woman's Club

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

- Katie Huffman, Chairman, Northern District, **Ackerman Civic League

WOMAN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

- Meri F. Newell, Chairman, Southern District, Cosmopolitan Club

MEMBERSHIP

- Frances H. Brown, Chairman, Northern District, *Bruce Civic Club

GFWC Contest Appointments

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

- Dr. Lisa B. Lucius, Chairman, Northern District, Pontotoc Woman's Club

JENNIE AWARD

- Melba Watkins, Chairman, Central District, *Star Woman's Club

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

- Gail Mitchell, Chairman, Southern District, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

GFWC WRITING CONTEST

- Eleanor J. Bayless, Chairman, Southern District, *Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.

GFWC-MFWC Contest Appointments

GFWC-MFWC YOUTH ART & YOUTH CHALLENGE ART CONTESTS

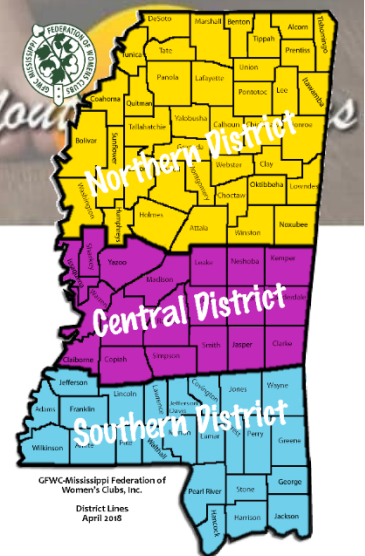
- Deborah Warren, Chairman, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC SCRAPBOOKS & YEARBOOK CONTEST

- Dawn Vosbein, Chairman, Southern District, Poplarville Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC Districts

Beneath every behavior there is a feeling, and beneath each feeling there is a need. When we meet that need rather than focusing on the behavior, we begin to deal with the cause not the symptom.



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Officers

- Janae Winter, President, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Ashley Williams, President-elect, **Ackerman Civic League
- Abby May, Vice President, *Lanier Club
- Dr. Lisa B. Lucius, Secretary, Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Pamela R. Maxwell, Treasurer, EPHFIC Women's Club of Cleveland

Chairman

Appointments

- Becky C. Wright, Parliamentarian, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce

- Vacant, Historian,
- Leah Agnew, Chaplain, **Ackerman Civic League
- Rose Mary Shelton, MS Craft Chairman, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Kara Dulaney, Photography Chairman, Tunica Woman's Club
- Susan Shurden, Ways & Means, **Ackerman Civic League
- Youth Art Co-Chairman, Tracey Williams
- Youth Art Co-Chairman, Bridget Smith, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce

General Clubs Presidents

- Lauren Shurden, EPHFIC Women's Club of

Cleveland

- Katie Huffman, **Ackerman Civic League
- Dr. Bethany LaValley, *Bruce Civic Clue
- Jackie Sergi, *Batesville Woman's Club
- Mindy Dixon, *Eupora New Century Club
- Debbi Harrelson, *Fine Arts Club of Bruce
- Brenda Whitfield, *Iuka Twentieth Century Club
- Susan Schultz, *Lanier Club
- Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Pontotoc Woman's Club
- Jackie H. Cariker, Woman's Club of Tunica
- Angela Thomas, Twenty-First Century Club of Kosciusko
- Jerry Harlow, Woman's

Club of Aberdeen,

- LuAnne Ford, Woman's Club of Booneville

Junior Clubs

- Katie Broadway, GFWC Magnolia Junior Woman's Club

Juniorette Clubs Advisors

- Ashley Williams, Ackerman Juniores
- Emily Morris Pace, Bruce Fine Arts Juniores
- Lauren Smith, Eupora Juniores
- Samantha Baldwin, Pontotoc Juniorette

GFWC-MFWC 2024-2026 Central Directory

Officers

- Diane Rouse, President, *Florentine Evening Club
- Becky Watkins, President-elect, Quitman Woman's Club
- Cindy Thompson, Vice President, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
- Carole Loper, Secretary, Quitman Woman's Club
- Lisa A. Harris, Treasurer, *Raleigh Woman's Club

Chairman

Appointments

- Suzanne Byrd Poynor, Parliamentarian, *Florentine Evening Club

- Annajeral Knight, Historian, *Star Woman's Club
- Melba Watkins, Chaplain, *Star Woman's Club
- Theresa T. Berryhill, MS Crafts Chairman, *Raleigh Woman's Club
- Jeannie Pittman, Books Co-Chairman, *Florentine Club
- Betty Harpe, Books Co-Chairman, *Florentine Club
- Dee Payne, Youth Art Chairman, *Florentine Club
- Ada McGrevey, Photography Chairman, *Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

General Clubs Presidents

- Nixi Davis, Crystal Spring Floral Club
- Stacy Evans, Fortnightly Club of Meridian
- Valorie Westbrook, *Decatur Woman Progressive Club
- Betty Harpe and Jeannie Pittman, *Florentine Club
- Janet Berch, *Florentine Evening Club
- Darlene C. Adams, *Gavel Club
- Susan Shurden, *Leading Ladies
- Judy Thomas Martin, *Raleigh Woman's Club

- Annajeral Knight, *Star Woman's Club
- Rebecca "Becky" W. Watkins, Quitman Woman's Club

GFWC-MFWC 2024-2026 Southern Directory

Officers

- Shirley Wiltshire, President, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Lorri Stockstill, President-elect, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Shannon Collins, Vice President, Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro
- Dawn Vosbein, Secretary, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Jana Jarrell Owen, Treasurer, Women's Club of Gulfport

Chairman Appointments

- Meri F. Newell, Parliamentarian, Cosmopolitan Club
- Cindy Holcomb, Historian,

*Purvis Woman's Club

- Jo Laurin Davis, Chaplain, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Janis Sita, MS Craft Chairman, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune,
- Vacant, Photography Chairman
- Elanor J. Bayless, Books Chairman, *Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.
- Lillie Lofton, Youth Art Chairman, Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro
- Pollyanna Robelen, Ways and Means Chairman, Women's Club of Gulfport

General Clubs

Presidents

- Sheryle Coaker, Cosmopolitan Club
- Blair Richardson, Ellisville Fidelity Club
- Susan Hutto, Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro
- Stephanie Morris, *Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
- Stephenie Sullivan, *Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.
- Tina Hall, *Purvis Woman's Club
- Marlana Broadhead, Lucedale Fine Arts Club
- Deborah Warren, Poplarville Woman's Club
- Jana J. Owen, Women's Club of Gulfport

Juniorette Clubs

Advisors

- Terri Mitchell, Fidelity Juniores
- Caroline Fairley & Kelsey Morgan, *Dixie Daisy Juniores
- Lorri Stockstill, *Juniorette Diamonds
- Adrienne Pylant & Tiffany Terrell, *Les Amies Juniores

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"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."
- Mr. Rogers



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GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Clubs by District

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Name of Club

Ackerman Juniorette
Bruce Fine Arts Juniorette
Eupora Juniorette
Pontotoc Juniorette Club

Town

Ackerman
Bruce
Eupora
Pontotoc

Founded By General Club

GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
GFWC-MFWC Eupora New Century Club
Pontotoc Woman's Club

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Name of Club

Fidelia Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Dixie Daisy Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Diamond
GFWC-MFWC Les Amies Juniorettes

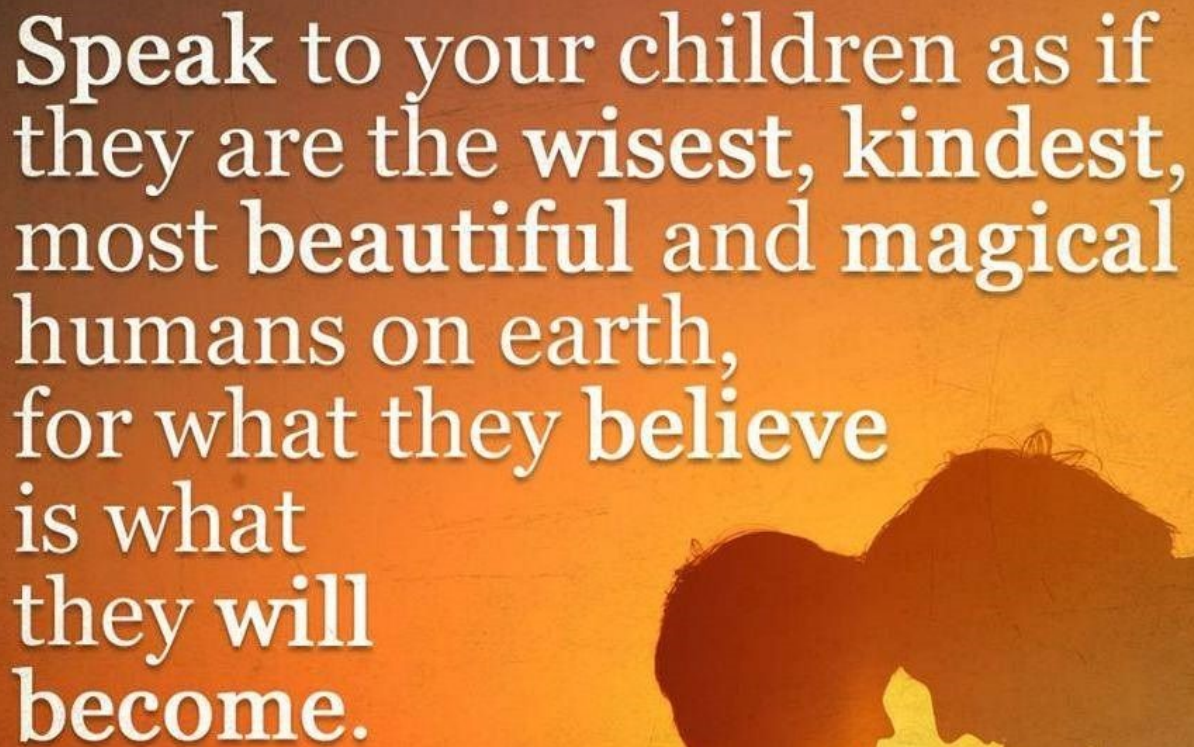
Town

Ellisville
Meadville
Picayune
Purvis

Founded By General Club

Ellisville Fidelia Club
GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune
GFWC-MFWC Purvis Woman's Club

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Speak to your children as if
they are the wisest, kindest,
most beautiful and magical
humans on earth,
for what they believe
is what
they will
become.

Brooke Hampton

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