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Dear Central District Clubwomen,

Welcome to 2023 and the Grand Central District 2023 Convention. For my administration, I have elected to support our GFWC-MFWC President in her President Special Project of "Getting Back to our Roots". I am looking forward to visiting with each of you during our District Convention on March 25th in Decatur, MS. Our convention plans are progressing at a fast pace, and I wanted to let you know of three items of interest.

First, the 2023 District Convention theme is about Dr. Seuss and Reading. In the theme of Dr. Seuss, we are asking that each attendee wear a Dr. Seuss costume or t-shirt or wear a Summer Reading Program t-shirt from your local library. This dress code is not mandatory, so if you don't wish to wear a Dr. Seuss costume or Summer Reading Program t-shirt, please consider wearing something in pastel colors with relaxed slacks/jeans and shoes.

Second, in support of our GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, I am asking you to bring books for the children at Children's of Mississippi at University of Mississippi Medical Center (formally Batson Children Hospital). Any books will be greatly appreciated, however, they have a higher need for infant and toddler board books. They will be appreciative of any books that you want to donate!

In accordance with Infection Control policies and the University of Mississippi Medical Center guidelines, they can't accept any of the following items:

- Used books (even gently used)
- Religious books or items that include religious references
- Books with reference to violence

Please do not wrap or make a goodie bag of assorted books. These books will be placed in the family waiting rooms and/or children's activity rooms.

Third, there will be a pre-convention dinner on Friday, March 24th. At this time, the location of our dinner has not been determined. We are looking at Zack Garvin's Original Steak House in Newton or Foothills in Forest. In the coming days, you should receive more information on this with an RSVP number.

Again, I can't wait to visit with each and every one of you at our upcoming District Convention on March 25th.

In Federation Love,
Theresa Berryhill
Central District President

"Getting Back to Our GFWC Roots" by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy!

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