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Becky C. Wright GFWC-MFWC President 2018 - 2020



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Official Program One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Convention April 25 – 27, 2019 Starkville, Mississippi

Convention Theme: "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference"

Host Clubs: The GFWC-MFWC Clubs of the Northern District Amy Jacobs, President

Clubwoman Collect

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness; Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding And leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense And meet each other face to face, Without self-pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment And always generous. Let us take time for all things; Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, Straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is The little things that create differences, That in the big things of life we are at one. And may we strive to touch and to know The great, common human heart of us all. And, oh Lord God, let us forget not To be kind.

Mary Stewart, April 1904

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2018-2020 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

With heart disease being the number one killer of women, and the disease that ultimately took her mother's life, GFWC-MFWC President Becky C. Wright has chosen the American Heart Association as her President's Special Project.

The "plan of care" for the 2018-2020 Administration will be *Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference: Detect. Correct. Protect.* Donations through the GFWC-MFWC will be made to the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association to help fund innovative research, advocacy, and patient support until no more loved ones are lost to heart disease and stroke.

Visit www.heart.org for information on Life is Why, Life's Simple 7 and Go Red.



Dear GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Members and Guests,

I am overjoyed to welcome you to Courtyard Starkville-MSU at The Mill Conference Center for our 121st GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention. I am honored, and appreciate the opportunity you have empowered me with, to serve as your State President and look forward to the next three days as we celebrate our accomplishments, conduct the business of the Federation, visit with old friends and make new ones and have a great time together.



Our convention is hosted by the Northern District with Amy Jacobs, Northern District President serving as General Chairman.

And of course, with Amy, her servant's heart is empowered exponentially not only with Abby, but also with the Northern District supporting her all the way! The ladies of the Northern District have volunteered so graciously—in a heartbeat to make this convention a great success.

As with any great effort, it always helps to understand that teamwork makes the dream work and know that life is easier when you are surrounded by friends. In addition to my Northern District friends, I would like to extend my appreciation to Diane Rouse, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer, for her leadership and guidance as she served as Convention Treasurer. Diane has spent many hours keeping my heart rate steady with updates. This Program Booklet is made possible by the expertise of Lisa Harris, Media and Technology Coordinator. Thank you, Lisa, for putting your heart into our Federation! Also, the ads are amazing! Your support of the 121st Convention by sponsoring an ad in the Program Booklet is remarkable. To each of you, my friends, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Furthermore, it is nice to have friends in GFWC Leadership. What an honor it is to have Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President, with us throughout the Convention and especially on National Arbor Day —a time that we will celebrate one of her Grand Initiatives! I know that each of you looks forward to meeting our "grand" leader and showing her why Mississippi is called the hospitality state.

Following our opening ceremonies on Friday, we will hear from our officers, conduct Federation business, begin the awards celebration, make a very special empowering presentation from our hearts, enjoy the talents of Mississippi Author Laurie Parker during our ESO Luncheon, and then embark on a heart healthy walk over to George Evans Park for our Tree Planting Ceremony.

The heart of our convention is always the Friday Night Banquet. Our night with begin with the talented clubwoman Janae Winter accompanied by Linda Ann Ward. GFWC President Brock will be our keynote speaker on Friday night—a night to empower the dream as we award our scholarships and grants and announce our LEADS Delegate and Jennie Award. We will conclude the night with a "7 Grand Dessert Reception" honoring our International President.

Empowering our day with a grateful heart, for the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, we will have the pleasure of listening to another talented clubwoman, Mikayla Shelton, as she shares inspirational music, followed by an inspirational message from Leilani Salter. Afterwards, with our MFWC Memorial Service, we will honor our Federation friends who have passed on. Then we will wrap up our convention with the long-awaited announcement of Juniorette of the Year, Clubwoman of the Year, and Club of the Year for both.

On behalf of the Executive Officers of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, it is my honor to welcome you, thank you for being here and commend you for "Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference."

With all my love, Becky



Empowering the Heart to Make A Difference



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Spring 2019,

Dear GFWC Members,

I welcome you to your State Convention. These next few days will be filled with the excitement of getting together with dear friends from different parts of your State and of making friends with the new members coming to your Convention. It is such a stimulating time as you share ideas and activities and return to your clubs with new projects. It is such a rewarding time as accomplishments and successes are recognized.

Thank you for embracing the Seven Grand Initiatives. I have so enjoyed reading of your projects for the Initiatives. Make plans to be with us at the 2019 GFWC Annual Convention at the JW Marriott Austin, in Austin, Texas, June 28 -July 1, 2019, as we learn how close we are to realizing the goals of the Seven Grand Initiatives. Let the theme of the Convention "Bridging Our Differences, Broadening Our Horizons", inspire you as you plan for the coming club year.

I congratulate on your achievements of the past year and wish you continued success in the year to come!

Love Ya,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Brock GFWC International President

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GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 121st Annual Convention

Courtyard Starkville-MSU at The Mill Conference Center Starkville, Mississippi April 25 - 27, 2019

Convention Theme

"Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference"

Thursday, April 25, 2019 Pre-Convention Activities Audit Committee Meetir

1:30 p.m.	.Audit Committee Meeting	President's Suite
Followed By	.Finance/Executive Committee Meetings	President's Suite
	.Registration	
	Executive Board Dinner and Meeting	

Executive Board Dinner and Meeting

"Empowering the Heart with GFWC-MFWC Leadership"

Hosted By: **GFWC-MFWC** Lanier Club and **GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce**

"By Doing What You Love, You Empower the Hearts of Others"

Executive Board Dinner	
Welcome and Recognitions	Becky C. Wright, President
GFWC Greetings	Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
Grace	Rose Mary Shelton, Chaplain
Din	ner
Announcements	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Door Prizes	June Griffin, Door Prize Chairman
Recess	Becky C. Wright, President
Executive Board Meeting	
Call to Order	Becky C. Wright, President
Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence	
Officer Reports	, U
President	Becky C. Wright, President
President-elect	Sherri E. Reid
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Standing Committee Reports	
Finance Committee	Darlene C. Adams, Chairman
Executive Committee	Frances H. Brown, Recording Secretary
Headquarters Committee	Diane Rouse, Chairman
	Jo Anne Reid, Chairman
Report of Resolutions and Recommendations	Committee Celia C. Fisher, Chairman
MFWC Ways and Means	Amy Jacobs and Abby May, Co-Chairmen
Special Committees and Other	
MFWC President's Special ProjectB	ethany Flint and Frances H. Brown, Co-Chairmen

Unfinished Business

New Business	
	Officer Candidate Carolyn C. Huey, Gavel Club President
Chartering of Leading Ladies	Becky C. Wright, Sherri E. Reid and Mary Ellen Brock
Awards Procedure	Theresa Buntyn, Dean of Chairmen
	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Northern District Ways and Mean	18
Collect	Terrie Whitehurst, GFWC-MFWC Leading Ladies President
Adjournment	Becky C. Wright, President

Friday, April 26, 2019

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Gavel Club Breakfast	Sanders Conference Room
8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Registration	The Mill Grand Foyer
	Visit Ways and Means and Vendors	
3 3 3 I	Shop PSP "New to You"	
	View Exhibits	

<u>ALL</u> Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks and Yearbooks <u>MUST</u> be signed out and picked up <u>by 5:30 p.m.</u>

Official Opening Ceremonies of The 121st Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

9:00 - 11:30 a.m..... Opening Ceremonies and Business Session

The Mississippian Salon C

	Becky C. Wright, President
Invocation	Rose Mary Shelton, Chaplain
	Girl Scout Troop #20320
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United Sta	tes of AmericaGirl Scout Troop #20320
National Anthem	Meri F. Newell, Cosmopolitan Club
MFWC Welcome	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Official Welcome	Lynn Spruill, Mayor of Starkville
Response	Belinda Peacher, Central District President
Recognitions	Becky C. Wright, President
GFWC Greetings	Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
	Becky C. Wright, President
Preliminary Credentials Report	Lisa McGee, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules	
Presentation of Convention Program	Sherri E. Reid, President-elect
Presentation of Convention Committees	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
	Becky C. Wright, President
	Frances H. Brown, Recording Secretary
Report of the Audit Committee	Diane Rouse, Treasurer
Report of Officers (2 minutes each)	Becky C. Wright, President
	Sherri E. Reid President-elect
	Theresa Buntyn, Vice President
	Frances H. Brown, Recording Secretary
	Diane Rouse, Treasurer
Report of Headquarters Committee	Diane Rouse, Headquarters Chairman
Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee	Jo Anne Reid, Chairman
	ommittee Celia C. Fisher, Chairman
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Nomination of Southern Region Officer Candidate	Carolyn C. Huey, Gavel Club President
GFWC Special Program	
GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children	nDelia Roland, Co-Chairman
Introduction	Bethany Flint, PSP Co-Chairman
AddressJennif	•
Special Presentation Becky C. Wright, PSP Co	o-Chairmen, Ways and Means Committee
GFWC Community Service Programs and MFWC Special E	mphasis Program
Home Life	June Vaughn, Chairman
MFWC PSP	Frances H. Brown, Co-Chairman
Conservation	
International Outreach	
Public Issues	Debbie Benoit, Chairman
Announcements	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Recess	

Visit Ways and Means, Vendors and PSP "New To You" View Exhibits

12:00 – 2:15 p.m. Luncheon The Mississippian Salon C

Luncheon

"Empowering the Heart with Lifelong Learning"

Hosted By: Batesville Junior Woman's League Woman's Club of Booneville

"Educating the Mind without Educating the Heart is no education at all." —Aristotle

Presiding Recognitions	
Grace	nire. Poplarville Woman's Club President
Lunch	
Introduction	Jackie Sergi, Education Co-Chairman
Address	
GFWC Community Service Program and Contests	, in the second s
Education Community Service Programs	Meri F. Newell, Chairman
Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Awards	Meri F. Newell, Education Chairman
Arts Community Service Programs	
GFWC Writing Contests	Theresa Buntyn, Dean of Chairmen
Door Prizes	
Announcements	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Recess	Becky C. Wright, President
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2:30 – 4:00 p.mBusiness Session	The Mississippian Salon C
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Membership	Sherri E. Reid, Chairman
Fundraising and Development	Karan Hardin-Nestor, Chairman
Report of the MFWC Historian	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
Women's History and Resource Center	Miranda Vaughn, Co-Chairman
MFWC Special Emphasis Programs	
State Institutions	Betty Harpe, Chairman
Mississippi Public Broadcasting	Jeannie Pittman, Chairman
Announcements	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
Recess	Becky C. Wright, President
Nominating Committee Meeting	Tommio M. McCore Douliomontonion

Visit Ways and Means, Vendors and PSP "New To You" View Exhibits

4:00 – **5:00 p.m.** Tree Planting at George Evans Park and Afternoon of Service **5:00** – **5:30 p.m.**... Pick Up all Exhibits (*Youth Art, Photography and Books*) The Pines Conference Room

All exhibits must be removed from The Pines Conference Room by 5:30 p.m.

6:30 – 7:15 p.m......Photo OpportunitiesLocation TBA 7:15 p.m......The Mill Grand Foyer *Jennie Award Nominees *2019 MS LEADS Candidates *District Clubwomen of the Year *Presidents of District Clubs of the Year *District Presidents *Past State Presidents *GFWC-MFWC Elected and Appointed Officers *GFWC Officer

Banquet

"Empowering the Dream"

Hosted By: GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce Pontotoc Woman's Club

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."—Helen Keller

Presiding Recognition and Introduction of Guests	Sandra Pope, President's Special Assistant Becky C. Wright, President Becky C. Wright, President
Grace	Ada McGrevey, Central District President-elect
	Dinner
	Sandra Pope, President's Special Assistant
	Janae Winter, 2017 MFWC Clubwoman of the Year
accompanied by I	Linda Ann Ward, 2012 MFWC Clubwoman of the Year
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Becky C. Wright, President
Keynote Address	Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
Recognition of 50 Year Members	Sherri E. Reid, Membership Chairman
Recognition of MS LEADS Participants	Judy T. Martin, MS LEADS Chairman
Recognition of District Presidents	Sherri E. Reid, President-elect
	Sherri E. Reid, President-elect
	sBecky C. Wright, President
GFWC-MFWC Challenge Grant Scholarship	Melissa Carlton, Chairman
	Jackie Sergi, Chairman
	hipJanae Winter, Chairman

Door Prizes	June Griffin, Door Prize Chairman
	Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
	Becky C. Wright, President

Following the banquet, you are invited to meet GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and celebrate The Seven Grand Initiatives at the

"7 Grand Desserts Reception"

Hosted By: Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration	The Mill Grand Foyer
		l Service The Mississippian Salon A
9:45 –11:45 a.m.	Business Session	

Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service

"Empowering the Day with a Grateful Heart"

Hosted By: GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Cleveland Woman's Club

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Proverbs 4:23

Presiding	Sherri E. Reid, President-elect
	Sherri E. Reid, President-elect
	Rose Mary Shelton, Chaplain
	. Mary Alon James, Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes, President

Breakfast (Buffet – Please allow Head Table, followed by Reserved Seating to go first.) Inspirational Music......Mikayla Shelton, Fine Arts Club of Bruce Introduction of Speaker.....Celia C. Fisher, GFWC-MFWC President, 2002-2004 Inspirational Speaker....Leilani Salter Announcements.....Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman Door Prizes.....Sherri E. Reid, President-elect

9:45 a.m.Business Session Continues The Mississippian Salon C

Presiding	Becky C. Wright, President
Report of District Presidents	Sherri E. Reid, Advisor
Northern District	
Central District	Belinda Peacher
Southern District	Debbie Benoit
Juniorette Awards	Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director

Juniorette of the YearBecky C. Wright, President
Juniorette Club of the Year Becky C. Wright, President
Recognitions Becky C. Wright, President
GFWC Special Program
GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Theresa Buntyn
Dean of Chairmen
Special Recognition Becky C. Wright, President
Announcement of Clubwoman of the Year Becky C. Wright, President
President's Awards of Excellence Becky C. Wright, President
Announcement of Club of the Year Becky C. Wright, President
Final Credentials Report Lisa McGee, Credentials Chairman
Invitation to 2019 GFWC Convention Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
Invitation to 2019 Southern Region ConferenceSherri E. Reid, President-elect
Invitation to 2020 State Convention Belinda Peacher, Central District President
Closing Remarks Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
Recognition of Host District and Clubs Becky C. Wright, President
Northern District Ways and Means Frances H. Brown, Chairman
PSP Raffle Abby May, Ways and Means Co-Chairman and Bethany Flint, PSP Co-Chairman
Door PrizesJune Griffin, Door Prize Chairman
Announcements Amy Jacobs, Convention Chairman
CollectLisa A. Harris, GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club
AdjournmentBecky C. Wright, President

Official Closing of the 121st Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. Starkville, MS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GFWC-MFWC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

By direction of the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendment to the Bylaws. This proposed amendment will be presented for a vote at the 2019 State Convention.

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:

A. This Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The President, the President-elect and the Vice President shall be ex-officio members of this Committee. The remaining members shall be as follows: one from the State at large, one from the Jackson area, **and one** from each of the Districts.

If adopted would read:

A. This Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The President, the President-elect and the Vice President shall be ex-officio members of this Committee. The remaining members shall be as follows: one from the State at large, one from the Jackson area, and <u>at least</u> one from each of the Districts.

Rationale:

To clarify membership after redistricting in 2018.

According to GFWC-Mississippi Federation Of Women's Clubs, Inc. 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 and without prior approval by the Executive Board.

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Submitted by Juniorette Diamonds

Tobacco and Young People (Convention 1997; Reviewed 2001; Amended 2005; Reviewed 2009; Amended 2013; Amended 2017)

WHEREAS, Cigarette smoking has declined among United States youth in recent years; *however*, *the use of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products such as cigarillos, hookah and smokeless tobacco are becoming more popular with youth; and*

WHEREAS, These products are growing in popularity, particularly among kids and young adults, but their long-term impact on people's health is not well understood; and

WHEREAS, There's also concern and evidence that e-cigarettes may smooth the way for smoking cigarettes or using recreational drugs; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), youth who use multiple tobacco products are at a higher risk for developing nicotine dependencies and might be more likely to continue using tobacco into adulthood; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs supports *advocacy efforts* and education of young people on the addictive qualities and long-term use of tobacco products; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs supports enforcement of legislation prohibiting the marketing and sale of tobacco to young people **and advocacy efforts around comprehensive clean indoor air laws, access to and coverage of evidence-based methods to quit smoking, tobacco excise taxes and raising the tobacco sales age to 21**.





Credentials Report

	Preliminary	Final Report
GFWC Officers		
State Officers and Board Members		
District Officers and Board Members		
Past State Presidents		
Club Presidents and Other Voting Delegates		
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates		
Visitors and Guests		
Total Number of Voting Delegates		
Total Number in Attendance		

Hosting Clubs of GFWC-MFWC Northern District

Batesville Junior Woman's League EPHFICS Women's Club of Cleveland GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club GFWC-MFWC Cleveland Woman's Club GFWC-MFWC Eupora Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Eupora Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club GFWC-MFWC New Century Club of Calhoun City GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce Greenwood Woman's Club Pontotoc Woman's Club Twenty-First Century Club of Kosciusko Woman's Club of Aberdeen Woman's Club of Booneville Ackerman Juniorettes Booneville High School Juniorettes Bruce Fine art Juniorettes Eupora Juniorettes Juniorettes of New Century Club Pontotoc Juniorette Club

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Speakers and Entertainment

Mary Ellen Brock – International President for General Federation of Women's Club. A clubwoman for over 40 years, GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has served as GFWC President-Elect, GFWC New Jersey Legislation/Resolutions Committee member, GFWC New Jersey Past State President's Club President, and North Jersey Women's Club Treasurer. She has previously served as GFWC First Vice-President, GFWC Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Health Program Chairman, Leadership Committee member, Membership Committee member, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee member. She was the Charter President of GFWC Shelby's Stars. She served the GFWC Middle Atlantic Region as Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman, and Conference Chairman.



A founding member of the North Jersey Women's Club, she has held every office and was President for eight terms. She served seven years on the GFWC New Jersey Junior State Board and 19 years on the GFWC New Jersey State Board as State President, President's Special Project Chairman, Parliamentarian to Clubs, Elections Chairman, Resolutions Chairman, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and GFWC New Jersey Legislation/Resolutions Committee member.

A member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, she served eight years as a church youth leader and a Girl Scout leader for 16 years. Mary Ellen's troop was honored by the Governor, when all 14 Scouts received the Gold Award.

Mary Ellen was appointed by three governors to the Governor's Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council, the Governor's Interpersonal Youth Violence Prevention Committee, and the Governor's Drug/Alcohol Prevention Council. The New Jersey Legislature recognized her as a "New Jersey Woman of Achievement."

Mary Ellen is a marketing research analyst. She and her husband Barry have four children.

Laurie Parker – Artist and Writer. A self-taught artist, Laurie Parker has been using the medium of collage since she was a child. This involves cutting and gluing various papers to create her artwork. She has been self-employed since 1992 as an artist. Her career began with her creating a whimsical line of paper and epoxy pins which she sold at arts/crafts festivals and galleries. She was admitted as a member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi in 1995.



That same year, at the age of thirty-two, she combined her art skills with her ability to write in metered rhyme, something she has also

done since she was a child. She wrote and illustrated her first book, Everywhere

in Mississippi, which was released by Quail Ridge Press in September 1996. Over 12,000 copies were sold in the first three months—and this was pre-Internet. Although it is referred to as a "children's book" by most, Parker says she always intended *Everywhere in Mississippi* to be for all ages.

Given the success of her debut book, Parker continued to release "children's" books, first with Quail Ridge Press, and since 2003 by self-publishing. She also continues to produce her pins and other handmade creations such as ornaments and decoupage canvases. Unlike the books, the handmade items are not available in stores. She sells those <u>strictly</u> at art shows, festivals, home shows, and holiday markets such as Handworks Market in Jackson.

Born in Bruce, Mississippi, Parker moved to Starkville before turning one, and is a lifelong resident of the university town. Parker was Valedictorian of the Starkville High School Class of 1981, "Miss Starkville High School," and a 1985 Hall of Fame Graduate of Mississippi State University, where she received an B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. She taught only four years before realizing that field was NOT for her! She attended MSU a second time to study engineering. Although she maintained a 4.0 in that discipline for three years, she again realized she was going down the wrong path for herself. She finally went with her TRUE CALLING—ART! She is very quick to state that her brief teaching career has no connection whatsoever to her writing "children's books." The books are solely a function of her being blessed with two talents—that of writing in rhyme and creating art with scissors, paper and glue!

In 2013, as a way to celebrate turning fifty, Laurie made a major switch—from poetry to prose and released her first "big person book"—*The Matchstick Cross*. Parker states that she wanted to do a novel because writing is something she finds absolutely engaging AND because she wanted to prove to herself she could do it—simply because she had never before considered going in that direction. She felt so in her element writing her first "big person book" that she says she regrets not doing it years earlier. So to make up for lost time, she released three more novels in as many years—*Yonder Breaks the Morning* (2014), *Hush, Swing, Hush* (2015), and *Trespassers Talking* (2016). She says she finds writing stories in prose very satisfying because it allows her, strangely enough, to reconnect with the poet in herself!

In 2014, Parker's work was recognized by the Mississippi State Committee of the National Museum for Women in the Arts. Her fifth novel (and seventeenth book), *Gently Scattered Intentions* was released in October 2018.

Laurie resides in Starkville with her cat Wordsworth. Leilani Salter

Leilani Salter – *Event planner*. Leilani Salter is an event planner in the President's Office at Mississippi State University. She coordinates events and meetings ranging from small dinners to large conferences. Salter designs invitations, programs, plans menus, and works with rental and catering companies.

Before working at MSU, she was employed for 28 years in the newspaper industry as an editor, photographer, and designer. Most recently, Salter was editor of the *Starkville Daily News* and launched *Town & Gown Magazine*. Previously, she was employed with *The Clarion-Ledger* for 10

years and served as director and editor of five community newspapers and the society magazine, *VIP Jackson*. Salter worked for 14 years at *The Scott County Times*, 10 of which were as managing editor. She still enjoys photography and design work.

Salter and her husband Sid are members of First United Methodist Church Starkville. They are parents of four grown children and have seven grandchildren ages 7 months to 15 years.

Standing Rules of The Convention

- 1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them in silent mode during all functions.
- 2. Delegates will please be prompt, being in your seats at the hour for beginning the meeting.
- 3. Pages will be available for sending messages to the platform or other delegates.
- 4. Delegates will please wear their badges to all meetings.
- 5. A delegate wishing to speak, shall rise, address the chair and give her name and the name and the location of her club.
- 6. No delegate shall speak more than twice to a question; the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
- 7. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
- 8. The timekeeper shall give a warning signal to each speaker. Speakers shall adhere to the time limits.
- 9. All motions from the floor shall be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing when so required by the chair.
- 10. Resolutions and recommendations shall be in the hands of the respective committees at the opening of the morning meetings.
- 11. A resolution or recommendation cannot be debated until it has been referred to the proper committee and reported by that committee. No resolution can be voted upon until it has been read twice. A resolution with a minority report can be passed only by a majority of the convention.
- 12. A motion shall be carried by the majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting, except that a motion requiring a two-thirds vote shall be carried by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting.
- 13. The right to the floor may be granted to non-voting delegate members by the chair.
- 14. All questions concerning those entitled to vote shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
- 15. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
- 16. Reports shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.
- 17. No one shall enter the Convention meeting room during a musical number or while a speaker is addressing the meeting.
- 18. The President shall appoint a Reading Committee to approve minutes of the entire Convention.
- 19. These rules shall be adopted or suspended by a majority vote, rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a quorum being necessary.

2019 Convention Chairmen and Committees

General Chairman	Amy Jacobs	
City Chairman	Frances H. Brown	
Convention Treasurer		
Ad Chairman	Lisa A. Harris	
Convention Kit Chairman	Kim Parker	
Door Prize Chairman	June Griffin	
Northern District Ways and Means Chairman	Frances H. Brown	
Exhibits Chairman		
Hospitality Chairman	Abby May	
Hostess Chairman		
Meal Ticket and Name Tag Chairman	Diane Rouse	
Pages Chairman	Ginny Lucas and June Vaughn	
Platform Chairman	Terri Whitehurst	
Protocol Chairman		
Registration and Credentials Chairman		
Timekeeper		
	Carolyn Long	
	Jeanine Gregory	
Program Committee	Becky C. Wright	
	Lisa A. Harris	
Tellers	Belinda Peacher	
Debbie Benoit		
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GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce Northern District Club of the Year

"Heart"ily salutes:

Kristi Shelton Club President

Lindsey Faust TCC MS LEADS & Clubwoman of the Year

Lisa McGee Northern District President-elect and MFWC Board Member

Rebecca King GFWC-MFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children Chairman

Karan Hardin-Nestor GFWC-MFWC Fundraising and Development Chairman

Frances H. Brown GFWC-MFWC Recording Secretary 2018-2020 President's Special Project Co-Chair

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Congratulations





COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF PETAL SOUTHERN DISTRICT CLUB OF THE YEAR (TIE)





Meri Ford Newell Cosmopolitan Club President 2018-2020 Southern District President-Elect 2018-2020

Nadine S. Coleman 1st Recipient of the Elizabeth Clinton Wilson Cosmopolitan Club of Petal Clubwoman of the Year 2019



Sherri E. Reid GFWC-MFWC President-Elect 2018-2020





Libby Donavan Everett Cosmopolitan Club of Petal 2018-2020 Jennie Award Nominee

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You've got this, Nana! Thank you for being an advocate for children! Love, Your Seven Grands!

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Carolyn Mason

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club

Tammy Griffin

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GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club



Salutes their membership for a job well done in 2018!







The GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club HONORS & LOVES



Amy Jacobs Northern District President 2018–2020







Diane Rouse GFWC-MFWC Treasurer



Belinda Peacher GFWC-MFWC Central District President







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Congratulation

Carolyn Mason

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club and **GFWC-MFWC** Central District Clubwoman of the Year

GFWC-MFWC TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF IUKA

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Fredda McCune Pat Nichols Sandy Travis Maxine Wade Brenda Whitfield **Cindy Whitfield** Vicki Yates

In Honor of Jo Russell Our President and Our Clubwoman of the Year Empowering the HEART to MAKE a DIFFERENCE

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Kristina Barnes **GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR**



Mary Elizabeth "Teenie" Boone

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

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Hours of Operation: Thurs - Sat - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sunday Buffett - 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

On you next visit to northeast Mississippi be sure to stop by and have dinner at JAKES RESTAURANT in Okolona, Mississippi.

JAKES serves appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burger, po'boys, beef, pork, chicken, seafood and desserts.

JAKES is located at 655 N. Church Street, Okolona, MS.







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- ♥ GFWC-MFWC New Century Club of Calhoun City

- Kosciusko
- Woman's Club of Aberdeen
- Woman's Club of Booneville
- Ackerman Juniorette
- Booneville High School Juniorettes
- Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- **Eupora** Juniorettes



CONGRATULATIONS

THERESA BUNTYN **MFWC VICE PRESIDENT** δ **DEAN OF CHAIRMEN**

We Love our Teesie! Mark, Eric, Wesley, Christina, Reagan and Grady

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	tion and Bylaws, Chairman	Jo Anne Reid
	Committee Members	
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Committee Members	Phyllis Whittington
	Shirley Hilburn
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Committee Members	Lisa McGee
	Diane Rouse
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, Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Chairman
Committee Members
Meri F. Newell

GFWC-MFWC Community Service Program Chairmen

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness	Deana Pittman and
	Cherry Moon
GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children	Rebecca King and
	Delia Roland
Arts	Shirley Stough and Glenda Bailey
Conservation	Theresa Berryhill and Lyn Blaylock
Education	Meri F. Newell and Jackie Sergi
ESO	Donna Hutchings
HOBY Chairman	Jeanette Thrash
Home Life	June Vaugh and Patricia B. Lee
International Outreach	Melba Watkins and Becky Rhinehart
Public Issues	Debbie Benoit and Lynn Smith

GFWC-MFWC Advancement Area Chairmen

Communications and Public Relations	Sharon Hudson
Leadership	Carolyn Tedford
Fundraising and Development	Karan Hardin-Nester
Legislation and Public Policy	Dorothy Thomas and Cindy Holcomb
Women's History and Resource Center	Tommye Rosenbaum and Miranda Vaughn
Membership	Sherri E. Reid

GFWC-MFWC Contest Chairmen

Community Improvement Contest	Penny Barr
Jennie Award	Nancy Smith Griffin
Photography Contests	Tinker Forrester
Writing Contests	Michelle Sutton
Youth Art	Libby Everett
Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest	Becky Watkins

GFWC-Southern Region Officer/Board/Committee Members

Southern Region Board Member	Becky C. Wright, MS State President
President Special Project Chairman	
Region Vendor Committee	Libby Everett

Southern Region Past President	(1982 – 1984) Peggie Herrington
	(1988 – 1989) Gladys Jackson
	(1996 – 1998) Ivous Sisk
	(2006 – 2008) Rowena Drinkwater

GFWC Board/Committee Members

GFWC Board Member	Becky C. Wright, MS State President
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GFWC Photography Contests	Tammie M. McCoy, Chairman

GFWC-MFWC Past State Presidents 1898 - 2018

Presiden	t	City	Term
* Elizabeth	Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Wee	ems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazo	ee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lo	tt	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth	Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills		McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lam	pkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wri	ght	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Pric	e	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie I	McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saur	nders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine	Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C.	Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche R	alston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. P	owell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine	Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel F	oreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B.	Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Cou	ılter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie W	ilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Na	sh	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	5	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Bec	kett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitar	d	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine M	itts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gau	utier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal		Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie	Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patt	erson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mar	y Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Da	vis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Loi	is Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Bu	rson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou	McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry		Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Si	mmons	Columbia	1968-1970
* Kitty Graft	ton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Rile	ey	New Hebron	1972-1974
* Elizabeth	Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
Peggie He	rrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	:	Laurel	1978-1980
* Rachel Ma	alone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
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Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
* Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
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* Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
* Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
* Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010
Tammie M. McCoy	Pontotoc	2010-2012
Suzanne Byrd Poynor	Florence	2012-2014
Darlene C. Adams	Picayune	2014-2016
Tinker Forrester	Ackerman	2016-2018

*deceased