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**One Hundred Twenty-fourth Annual
Convention**

**April 21-23, 2022
Raymond, MS**

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Host Clubs:
The GFWC-MFWC Clubs of the Southern District
Meri F. Newell, 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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2020 - 2022 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Our theme for the 2020-2022 administration is, *"Do something today that your future self will thank you for... Plant · Recycle · Pick It Up!"*

Growing up I would spend a lot of time in the woods watching nature, reading against a tree, always enjoying the trees, the leaves on the ground, the solace and peace of it all. My Daddy enjoyed being outside too. He taught me to identify the trees by their bark, the fruit, and the shape of the leaves - all about the trees. My first year of college, my biology professor spent the first two weeks of class walking with our class around the campus looking at the bark, the leaves, and the fruit of the trees. I thought everyone knew what a wild cherry tree or a hickory tree looked like. I was amazed that no one knew the name and identification of the trees in the woods. Not everyone was lucky enough to grow up with woodlands to enjoy!




Over the years, this appreciation for the trees and the outside world fostered in me an awareness for the way in which our world is treated. Seeing our creeks, rivers, and beaches littered with trash - trash that is purposefully left by someone is offensive to me. I want to say, "Just pick up your trash!"

Driving around my town and our state, seeing other counties and cities that are littered with trash just makes me so sad. I want to pull over and pick it up.

I hope that over the next two years we can learn about natural habitats and keep them clean by picking up the bottles, plastic, Styrofoam, paper plates, cigarette butts, and food containers. Instead of filling our landfills with more trash, maybe we can make some changes in our lives and make an effort to add less to them. We can learn what will recycle and ask the question for our town, "Is recycling a priority for us?" It may not be, but let's ask the question, because "Yes" may be the answer.

We should plant a plethora of trees to populate our forests. There is not one bad thing about a living tree. Trees use carbon dioxide to reduce global warming, provide firewood, release oxygen, furnish timber, stop erosion, provide food for bees, birds, animals, and humans, provide windbreaks, beautify the landscape, supply shade, and offer habitat for birds and animals. Trees make everything better!!

Do something today that your future self will thank you for! - Plant 🌱 Recycle ♻️ Pick It Up 

Sherri

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

I am very happy to welcome you to the 124th GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention at the Eagle Ridge Convention Center in Raymond, MS. Not only do we have a lot to celebrate and business to conduct, but as Mississippi Clubwomen we will share ideas and enjoy being together as Federation Friends.

Thank you, Southern District, for being our host for the 124th Convention. Our Southern District President Meri Newell and the Clubwomen of our Southern District have worked so hard to plan this awesome Convention. Many thanks to each of you who have volunteered your time to plan and prepare these special three days. We will enjoy our time together.

How special is it to have Cynthia and Gregg Geis with us throughout our convention? Cynthia is our Southern Region President. She and Gregg are traveling from Huntsville, Alabama to be with us. They both are so much a part of our Mississippi Federation; it is like having family coming to town to visit. I am glad that they will be here to enjoy our Federation Family. Cynthia will be installing our Executive Committee at our Friday night Gala; I know that will be a cherished memory for Theresa and her board.

We have so much planned and so little time, please bear with us as we try to include it all and add as much fun and as many memories as possible.

Awesome Volunteer work was reported by MFWC Clubs in their communities, states and country as well as internationally. Awards will be presented throughout the Convention, I am so excited to share in the celebration with each of you.

Thank you for joining this 124th Celebration of GFWC-MFWC!

Love in Volunteer Service,

Sherri



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You For! Plant > Recycle > Pick It Up!***



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**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Dear GFWC Friends,

Our founder, Jane Cunningham Croly (1829-1901), earned her place in history through a lifetime of barrier-breaking work. First employed as a housekeeper by her brother John, a Unitarian minister, Jane launched her journalism career by writing a semi-monthly newspaper that she read to parishioners. By the age of 26, she was in New York writing about anything relating to “women’s sphere in society” for various newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Tribune* and *Sunday Times*.

Known for her interest in women’s welfare, Jane called for the first woman’s congress in 1856 for a dialog on the changing role of women in society. A dozen years later she and 11 other women established Sorosis, a woman’s club to “promote agreeable and useful relations among women of literary and artistic tastes,” and to recognize “women of thought, culture and humanity everywhere, particularly when these qualities have found expression in outward life and work.”

In the 1870s and 1880s, in many parlors large and small across a nation that was growing and changing, women were meeting to work together, learn from each other, and reach towards “higher aims,” not only for themselves but for social improvement. In 1890, with Jane in constant communication with women’s clubs across the country, Sorosis hosted a convention in New York City that culminated with women from 63 clubs acting on April 24 to establish the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Today, with clubs across the U.S. and in several countries, GFWC members honor the spirit and vision of Jane Cunningham Croly each day with works that improve communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

As you gather together at your 2022 state conventions, I hope you will be inspired by Jane’s story to continue to work towards “higher aims,” through serving others and learning and growing from your experiences. And I hope that you will relish the “broader and nobler life” that Jane and her contemporaries often spoke of, as they blazed a new path for women such as you and me.

Congratulations to each of you and your clubs for your many successes in the past year, and good luck as you continue to work towards a better future for individuals and communities, near and far.

Yours in **Living the Volunteer Spirit!**

Marian Simmons-St.Clair
GFWC International President

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 124th Annual Convention

**Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Mississippi
April 21-23, 2022**

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Pre-Convention Activities

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Finance/Executive Committee Meetings..... Zoom

Thursday, April 21, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.....Registration..... Lobby

4:30 p.m.....Audit Committee Meeting President's Suite

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner/Meeting Dining Room

Executive Board Dinner & Meeting

Hosted by GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

Executive Board Dinner

Welcome & Recognitions..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Devotion and Grace Penny J. Barr, Chaplain

Dinner

Art Entertainment..... Jodie Brickson, Artist

Ways and Means Lisa McGee, Ways & Means Chair

Announcements Meri F. Newell, Convention Chair

Door Prizes..... Laura Ann Trigg, Chair

Recess..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Executive Board Meeting

Call to Order..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary

Recognition

 President-elect..... Theresa Buntyn

 Vice President..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford

 Treasurer Belinda Peacher

Standing Committee Reports

 Finance Committee..... Darlene C. Adams, Chairman

 Executive Committee..... Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary

 Headquarters Committee Sherri E. Reid, President

Business Sherri E. Reid, President

Announcements Meri F. Newell, Convention Chair

"Fun"raiser.....Ways & Means
 Collect Tinker Forrester, President 2016-2018
 Adjournment..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Friday, April 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.Gavel Club Breakfast..... Presidential Dining Room
 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.Registration..... Lobby
 (Morning Coffee, Water & Donuts at Gallery, Sponsored by Southern District)
 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.Shop Vendors and New 2 You Sale..... Gallery
 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.View Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks Eagle Room
 and Yearbooks

Official Opening Ceremonies of The 124th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

9:00 Opening Ceremonies and Business Session..... Auditorium

Call to Order.....Sherri E. Reid, Presiding
 Invocation Penny J. Barr, Chaplain
 National Anthem..... Sonya Smith

GFWC-MFWC Decatur Progressive Woman's Club, President

Pledge of Allegiance Annajeral Knight, Legislative & Public Policy Chair

9:30 a.m.....MS LEADS SeminarRoom 2223

(Sponsored by the Malone-Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund)

GFWC-MFWC Welcome..... Meri F. Newell, Southern District President
 Introduction of Dr. Brock Hass Meri F. Newell, Convention Chair
 Official Welcome.....Dr. Brock H. Hass, Director of Eagle Ridge Conference Center
 Response.....Ada McGrevey, Central District President
 Recognitions Sherri E. Reid, President
 GFWC Southern Region Greetings Cynthia Geis, GFWC Southern Region President
 Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC Southern Region Treasurer
 Appointment of Tellers Sherri E. Reid, President
 Preliminary Credentials Report.....Cherry Moon, Credentials Chairman
 Presentation of Convention Standing Rules..... Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Parliamentarian
 Presentation of Convention Program Theresa Buntyn, President-elect
 Presentation of Convention Committees..... Meri F. Newell, Convention Chair
 Appointment of Reading Committee..... Sherri E. Reid, President
 Report of the Executive Board..... Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary
 Report of the Audit Committee Belinda Peacher, Treasurer
 Report of Headquarters Committee Sherri E. Reid, President
 Report of the Historian Suzanne Byrd Poynor, Chair
 Report of MFWC Elected State Officers Sherri E. Reid, President
 Theresa Buntyn, President-elect
 Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
 Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary
 Belinda Peacher, Treasurer
 Report of District Presidents Theresa Buntyn, Advisor
 Meri F. Newell, Southern District President
 Ada McGrevey, Central District President
 Lisa McGee, Northern District President

Election of 2022-2024 Officers

Report of Nominating Committee	Carolyn C. Huey, Chair
Introduction of Theresa Buntyn, Incoming President	Jeanette Thrash
GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club	
Introduction of Nominees of Office	
Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Nominee for President-elect	Shirley Wiltshire
Poplarville Woman's Club	
Meri F. Newell, Nominee for Vice President	Libby Everett
Cosmopolitan Club	
Susan Shurden, Nominee for Recording Secretary	Tinker Forrester
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club	
Rebecca Watkins, Nominee for Treasurer	Ada McGrevey
Quitman Woman's Club	
Election of Officers	Sherri E. Reid, President
GFWC-MFWC Community Service Program Awards	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Arts and Culture	Amy Jacobs & Abby May, Co-Chairs
Environment	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Education and Libraries	Meri F. Newell, Chair
Civic Engagement and Outreach	Theresa T. Berryhill, Chair
Announcements	Sherri E. Reid, President
Grace	Sue Simmons Freeman, Crystal Springs Floral Club President

12:00 p.m. Boxed Lunch

**Shop President's Special Project "New 2 You" and Vendors
View Exhibits**

Lunch

Hosted by Mother Nature "Earth Day 2022"



EARTH DAY SKITS



COURTYARD



1:00 p.m. Period Packing Party Auditorium Stage
 "Fun"raiser Ways & Means

2:00 p.m. Business Session Auditorium

GFWC-MFWC Advancement Plan Awards	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Communication & Public Relations	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Fundraising & Development	Diane Rouse, Chair
Legislation & Public Policy	Annajeral Knight, Chair
Membership	Theresa Buntyn, Chair
Women's History and Resource Center	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
GFWC-MFWC Signature Programs	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention	Deana Pittman, Chair
Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
GFWC-MFWC Contest Awards	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
MFWC Membership Contest	Theresa Buntyn, Membership Chair
GFWC Community Impact Project	Penny J. Barr, Chair
GFWC-MFWC Youth Art Awards	Eleanor Bayless, Chair
GFWC Writing Contest Awards	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
GFWC Photography Awards	Dawn Vosbein, Chair
GFWC-MFWC Scrapbook and Yearbook Awards	Becky Watkins, Chair

Announcements Sherri E. Reid, President
 Recess..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Shop President's Special Project "New 2 You" and Vendors View Exhibits

5:30 p.m.Pick up all Exhibits Eagle Room
 6:05 p.m.Convention Pictures..... Foyer
 6:05 p.m. - Southern District; 6:20 p.m. - Central District; 6:30 p.m. - Northern District
 6:45 p.m.Processional Assemblies Outside Dining Room
 (2022 MS LEADS Participants, District Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Club
 of the Year, District Presidents, Jennie Nominee, Past State Presidents, MFWC Officers,
 GFWC Southern Region President)

BANQUET

Hosted by Cosmopolitan Club and GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.

7:00 p.m.BanquetDining Room

Processional Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Parliamentarian
 Recognition and Introduction of Guest Sherri E. Reid, President
 Grace Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary
 Introduction of Special Entertainment..... Meri F. Newell, President, Southern District
 Special Entertainment Matt Pickering, Pianist
 Introduction of GFWC Southern Region President..... Sherri E. Reid, President
 Address from Southern Region Cynthia Geis, GFWC Southern Region President
 Recognition of District Clubs of the Year Sherri E. Reid, President
 Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year Sherri E. Reid, President
 Recognition of Jennie Nominee Frances H. Brown, Chair
 Presentation of MS LEADS Participants Melba Watkins, MS LEADS Chair
 Introduction of 2022 LEADS Candidate Melba Watkins, MS LEADS Chair
 Presentation of Hebron Memorial Scholarship..... Belinda Vowell, Committee Member
 Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year Sherri E. Reid, President
 "Fun"raiser..... Ways & Means
 Door Prizes..... Laura Ann Trigg, Door Prize Chair
 Installation of 2022 - 2024 Officers by Cynthia Geis Auditorium
 Announcements Sherri E. Reid, President
 Recess..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Following The Installation, You Are Invited To A Dessert Reception Honoring Theres Buntyn, 2022 - 2024 GFWC-MFWC President And Cynthia Geis

Hosted by GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club

Saturday, April 23, 2022

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration..... Foyer

Prayer Breakfast & Memorial Service Theresa Buntyn, Presiding

Hosted by Women's Club of Gulfport and Ellisville Fidelia Club

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.Prayer Breakfast & Memorial ServiceDining Room

RecognitionsTheresa Buntyn, Presiding
 GraceLibby Everett, MPB Chairman
 Introductions Sherri E. Reid, President
 Inspiration Address Nicolet Hopper Bell
 Memorial Service Penny J. Barr, Chaplain
 Door Prizes..... Laura Ann Trigg, Door Prize Chair
 Announcement of Southern District Raffle Meri Newell, Southern District President
 Recess.....Theresa Buntyn, President-elect

10:00 a.m.....Business Session Continues Auditorium

Business SessionSherri E. Reid, Presiding
 GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Awards
 Mississippi State Institutions..... Shirley Wiltshire
 Mississippi Public Broadcasting..... Libby Everett, Chair
 Community Service Programs: Health & Wellness Bethany Flint, Chair
 Presentation of Juniorette Awards Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
 Presentation of Juniorette of the Year Award Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
 Presentation of Juniorette Club of the Year Award..... Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
 Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Carolyn C. Huey, Chair
 Announcement of Club of the Year Award Sherri E. Reid, President
 Announcement of Clubwoman of the Year Award Sherri E. Reid, President
 Final Credentials Report..... Cherry Moon, Credentials Chair
 Invitation to 2022 GFWC Convention..... Theresa Buntyn, President-elect
 Invitation to 2022 Southern Region Conference..... Cynthia Geis, SR President
 Invitation to 2023 State Convention Lisa McGee, Northern District President
 Club Awards and Presentation of Awards Packets Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
 Recognition of 2020-2022 GFWC-MFWC Officers Sherri E. Reid, President
 Address of 2020-2022 GFWC-MFWC President Sherri E. Reid, President
 Address of 2022-2024 GFWC-MFWC President Theresa Buntyn, President-Elect
 Pin and Gavel Ceremony.....Sherri E. Reid & Theresa Buntyn
 Recognition of Host District and Clubs Sherri E. Reid, President
 Door Prizes..... Laura Ann Trigg, Door Prize Chair
 Announcements Sherri E. Reid, President
 CollectBecky C. Wright, Immediate Past President
 Adjournment..... Sherri E. Reid, President

Official Closing of the 124th Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

12:30 p.m.Post-Convention Meeting for 2022-2024Dining Room Executive Board Meeting



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 Southern District

Cosmopolitan Club	Lucedale Fine Arts Club
Ellisville Fidelia Club	Poplarville Woman's Club
Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro	Women's Club of Gulfport
GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune	Fidelia Juniores
GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club, Inc.	GFWC-MFWC Dixie Daisy Juniores
GFWC-MFWC Present Day Club of Waynesboro	GFWC-MFWC Les Amies Juniores
GFWC-MFWC Purvis Woman's Club	GFWC-MFWC Juniores Diamonds

Speakers, Guests and Entertainment

Nicolet Hopper Bell – Prayer Breakfast Speaker

Nicolet is a wife to Preston, a mom to her 6-month-old daughter, Josie Lou and her puppy, Mr. Trek. She is a Kids, Family & Women's Pastor, a business owner, mentor, lover of yoga and reading, and friend. Nicolet is passionate about sharing Jesus, and the cheerfulness he has given her through the teaching of His word.

She grew up in Petal, MS and attended college at the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Communication Studies. Nicolet is fascinated with how we communicate, especially God's word. Nicolet currently serve at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS and has begun Seminary study at Wesley Biblical Seminary. Nicolet is passionate about investing and equipping people to follow Jesus and love others.



Cynthia Geis – GFWC Southern Region President

Cynthia's Federation journey began in 1990 when she joined the GFWC Heritage Junior Woman's Club in Huntsville, AL.

In 1994, she began serving on the GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs (AFWC) Board of Directors (BOD) as a member of the AFWC Junior Board (Special Projects Chairman). Subsequently, she served as the AFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs (1996-1998) and Director of Junior Clubs (1998-2000). In 2000, she was elected as GFWC Alabama Treasurer and served in all elected officer positions (except secretary) through her 2010-2012 tenure as State Federation President. As GFWC Alabama President, Cynthia's President's Project was "AFWC Scholarships – Our Vision/Our Legacy," which increased the general scholarship endowment by 25 percent. She currently serves as the Chairman of the GFWC Alabama Resource Development Committee.



In addition to serving on the GFWC BOD as GFWC Alabama Director of Junior Clubs, State Federation President, and Region President, Cynthia served as the Home Life Special Projects Chairman (2000-2002), the GFWC Jennie Chairman (2012-2014), member (2014-2016 and Chairman (2016-2018) of the GFWC Signature Program Committee, and Chairman of the GFWC Elections Committee (2018-2020).

In 2014, she was elected as the GFWC Southern Region Treasurer and has served in all elected officer positions through her 2020-2022 tenure as Region President. As the Southern Region President, Cynthia selected "Putting Vision into Action" as a reminder that with our action we

achieve great things for our Federation, our communities, and ourselves. With the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, some of the visions and consequent actions of our State Federations and International Affiliate Clubs have - by necessity – had to be refocused. However, in an amazing example of resilience and persistence, Southern Region clubwomen have continued “Living the Volunteer Spirit” as they have found innovative ways to meet and to serve the needs of their communities – both locally and globally – through their volunteer efforts.

Cynthia is a member of GFWC Legacy, the GFWC duMidi Woman’s Club, and the GFWC Alabama Foster House Club. Additionally, she is a member of four national clubs – the GFWC Past President’s Club (secretary), the GFWC Past Junior Director’s Club, the GFWC Emeralds, and serves as “president for life” of the GFWC Condonsations. Cynthia is also a member of the National and Alabama Association of Parliamentarians.

A Huntsville native, Cynthia has been married to Gregg Geis for 45 years. Gregg, an honorary member of GFWC Alabama, is also a member of the GFWC Boosters and GFWC Alabama Foster House Club. Their son, Geoff, makes his home in Los Angeles, CA., with his wife, Jenna Heffernan, and their son Finn. Gregg and Cynthia are active supporters of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, the Huntsville Museum of Art, Burritt on the Mountain, and the Huntsville Botanical Garden. They are congregants at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where Cynthia serves on the vestry and is Chairman of the Finance Committee. Cynthia is a 2019 graduate of Education for Ministry, a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education, offered through The School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee.

In September 2018, Cynthia retired from the Department of Defense with 39.5 years of service. In her spare time, Cynthia enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Matthew Pickering – Pianist

With twenty years of teaching experience, Matthew Pickering is in his third year as assistant director of bands at Lewisburg Middle School. Prior to his appointment at Lewisburg Middle School, Mr. Pickering served six years as associate director of bands for the Pearl Public School District, Pearl, MS. He served eight years at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, MS serving four years as assistant director of bands and the last four years as director of bands. In addition, he served as assistant director of bands at South Jones High School, Ellisville, MS for four years. From January 2004 to May 2019, Mr. Pickering served as organist at First Baptist Church, Laurel, MS, and from May 1998 to December 2003 he served as organist at Seminary Baptist Church, Seminary, MS.



Mr. Pickering graduated from Seminary High School, Seminary, MS in May 1996 and began his collegiate studies at Jones County Junior College. He was a member of the Jones County Junior College “Maroon Typhoon” Marching Band, the JCJC Symphonic Band, and the JCJC Concert Choir. Mr. Pickering studied tuba

with Raymond G. Young and piano with Dr. Theresa Sanchez. While at JCJC, he marched with the "Maroon Typhoon" in the 1997 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Mr. Pickering received a Bachelor of Music Education in December 2000 and a Master of Music Education in December 2004 from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. Under the direction of Dr. Thomas V. Fraschillo, he served as principal tuba in the USM Wind Ensemble and was a member of the "Pride of Mississippi" Marching Band. He studied tuba under Thomas G. Stein, Dr. Ed Owen, and Dr. Richard Perry and was a member of the USM Tuba Euphonium Ensemble. In addition, Mr. Pickering was a member of the "Twisted Steel" tuba quartet that won the 2000 International Tuba Euphonium Conference quartet competition in Regina, Canada. "Twisted Steel" performed as guest artists at the 2001 International Tuba Euphonium Conference in Lahti, Finland.

Mr. Pickering is a member of the Mississippi Band Directors Association, the Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters' Fraternity, and the National Band Association. He is currently serving as pianist at First Baptist Church Nesbit, Nesbit, MS. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Kim Pickering, his family, and his friends.

Jodie Brickson – Artist

Jodie received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Texas Tech University with a major in Design Communications and minor in illustration. She has been a prolific artist for over 35 years, creating custom designed pieces for individuals, businesses, and organizations worldwide. Jodie works in many mediums to include charcoal, pen and ink, acrylics, watercolor, and has recently started designing jewelry using natural items like driftwood. She thinks of her art as a ministry that she can use to bless others and highlight the beauty that is found in nature.

She grew up as the daughter of an Air Force Officer, then married into the Army and traveled the world with her husband, stationed in places like New York, Missouri, Kansas, Germany, and ultimately to Petal, Mississippi where her husband retired and is currently serving as a City Alderman. Jodie is an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club and serves as Arts and Culture CSP Chair. She was the 2020 MFWC Clubwoman of the Year. Currently she is serving as Vice President of the Petal Arts Council. She has been working on efforts to beautify the city of Petal and will be designing and painting the first of many large-scale murals for Petal next month.

Jodie is a Christian, wife of Drew, and mother of Benjamin 23 and Joseph 21.



Standing Rules of The Convention

1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them on 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. Time limit shall be adhered to.
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.

2022 Convention Chairmen and Committees

General Chairman	Meri F. Newell
Convention Treasurer	Belinda Peacher
Ad Chairman/Publicity	Lisa A. Harris
Convention Kit Chairman	Connie Johnston & Pollyanna Robelen
Door Prize Chairman	Laura Ann Trigg
Southern District Ways and Means Chairman	Pollyanna Robelen
Exhibits Chairman	Eleanor Bayless & Janis Sita
Hospitality Chairman	Jodie Brickson
Hostess Chairman	Shirley Wiltshire
Meal Ticket and Name Tag Chairman	Terri Whitehurst
Pages Chairman	Libby Everett
Platform Chairman	Darlene C. Adams
Protocol Chairman	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Registration and Credentials Chairman	Cherry Moon
Timekeepers	Shirley Wiltshire
.....	Amy Jacobs
Program Committee	Sherri E. Reid
.....	Theresa Buntyn
.....	Lisa A. Harris
.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Tellers	Lisa McGee
.....	Ada McGrevey
.....	Laura Ann Trigg



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Sherri E. Reid



Congratulations on a great
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*To my wife, Meri Newell, Southern District
President 2020-2022 and 2022-2024
MFWC Vice President nominee.*

A
sweet
friendship
refreshes
the
Soul

»— Proverbs 27:9 —»



*Congratulations to my friend and
travel buddy, Sherri Reid, on your
successful completion of two
years as MFWC President! I
always knew you would be a
wonderful state president.
YAY! Love ya'*

★ Belinda Vowell
★ Northern District 2021
★ Clubwoman of the Year

★ Congratulations from
★ GFWC Ackerman
★ Twentieth Century Club
★



WE ARE PROUD OF THESE LADIES!



Sherri E. Reid
MFWC President



Meri F. Newell
Southern District President



Patricia Moreno
2021 Clubwoman of the Year
Cosmopolitan Club



COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
2021 Southern District Club of
the Year

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club

Honors our “Women of Distinction”

2018 - Mary Elizabeth “Teenie” Boone

2019 – Dee Payne

2020 – Suzanne Poynor

2021 – Belinda Peacher

GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce

honors

Lisa McGee

2020-2022

Northern District President

Rebecca King

2020-2022

Club President

and congratulates

Mary Alon James

2022 Northern District

Scholarship Recipient



GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce



2021 Northern District Club of the Year



**MFWC Southern District is proud
of Sherri E. Reid, 2020 - 2022
MFWC President and
Cosmopolitan Club member.
You have shown excellent
leadership in unusual and
difficult times.**

2020 - 2022 Southern District Executive Board

Meri F. Newell, President

Laura Ann Trigg, President-elect

Shirley Wiltshire, Vice President

Connie Johnston, Secretary

Delia Roland, Treasurer

Dalene C. Adams, Parliamentarian

Jodie Brickson, Arts Chair

Penny J. Barr, Chaplain

Leahne Lightsey, Historian

Janis Sita, Photography Chair

Eleanor Bayless, Books Chair



Southern District Clubwoman of the Year

Sandra Pelas,
Women's Club of Gulfport



Southern District President

Meri F. Newell, Cosmopolitan Club

From your friends at GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's
Progressive Club, Central District Club of the Year



Congratulations to our
own Theresa Buntyn,
2022-2024 GFWC-MFWC
President! We support you
in your service!



Congratulations to Jackie
Etie, District Clubwoman
of the Year! Thank you for
all you have done and
continue to do! We are so
proud to serve along side
you.



Thank you to our own
Ada McGrevey for your
service to our club and
serving as Central District
President
2020-2022

Theresa Buntyn
GFWC-MFWC President
2022 – 2024



Thank you for your
dedication and leadership to
our Federation

You make us proud!
Jeanette & Carolyn

Congratulations!



**GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's
Progressive Club
Central District Club of the Year**



**Jackie Etie
DWPC
Clubwoman
of the Year 2021**



**Tonette
Cochran
DWPC LEADS
2021**

From Jeanette & Carolyn

Congratulations

Theresa Buntyn
GFWC-MFWC President
2022-2024



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Love Your Proud Family



Ashley Williams
2022-2024 Northern
District Secretary



Congratulations from
GFWC Ackerman
Twentieth Century Club

***Congratulations to
2022 Southern District Club of the
Year, Cosmopolitan Club***



Charlene Cannon, President

Congratulations to our
President

Kathryn Ava Adams

GFWC-MFWC Juniorette
Diamonds
"Juniorette of the Year"

"Reflecting LOVE through
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Susan Shurden
2022-2024 GFWC-MFWC
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Pontotoc Woman's Club
Pontotoc, Mississippi

Congratulations



Sherri E. Reid
GFWC-MFWC President

**To each of you for the outstanding job during
your term of office!!!**



Sonya Smith
DWPC President



Ada McGrevey
Central District

From Jeanette & Carolyn



*Kristi & Makenzie
Owners*



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Central
District Treasurer

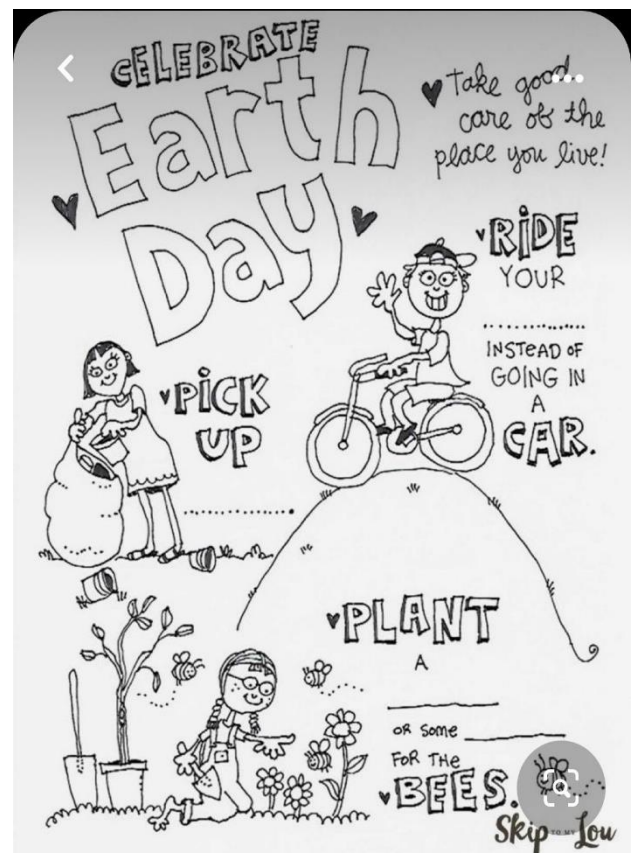
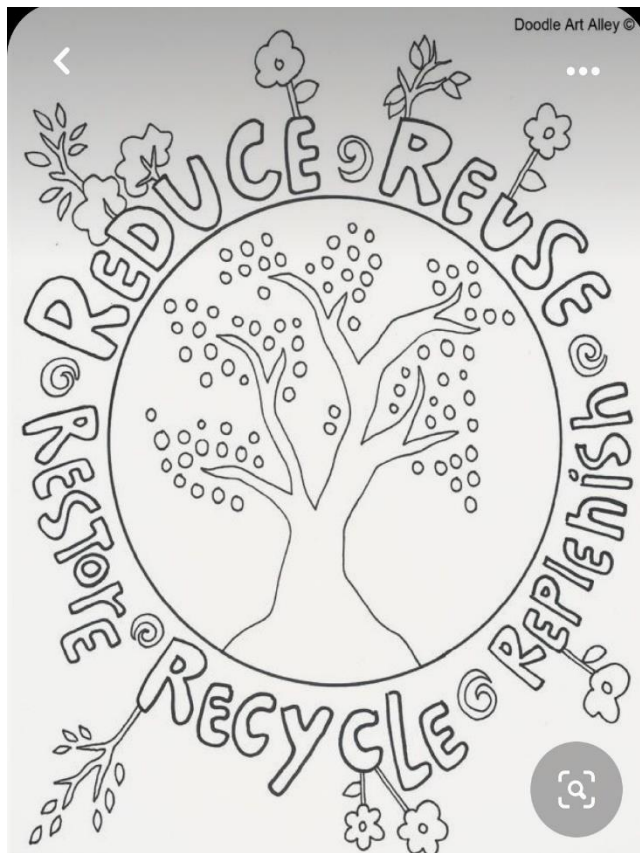
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State President
2022-2024

We love you!

Reagan and
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GFWC–MFWC 2020-2022 Directory

GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers

GFWC-MFWC President	Sherri E. Reid
President-elect	Theresa Buntyn
Vice President	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Recording Secretary	Dr. Deana T. Pittman
Treasurer	Belinda Peacher

GFWC-MFWC District Presidents

Northern District	Lisa McGee
Central District	Ada McGrevey
Southern District	Meri F. Newell

GFWC-MFWC Appointed Officers

Immediate Past President	Becky C. Wright
Parliamentarian	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Historian	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
Chaplain	Penny J. Barr
Juniorette Director	Connie Johnston
<i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i> Editor	Sharon Hudson
Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator and Circulation Editor	Lisa A. Harris

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

President's Special Assistant	Leahne B. Lightsey and Nadine Coleman Gay
Meetings Coordinator/Board Receptionist	Terrie Whitehurst
MS LEADS Chairman	Melba Watkins
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman	Libby D. Everett
HOBYS Board Member	Sherri E. Reid
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member	Becky C. Wright

President's Special Project – *Heifer International*

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Chairman	Mikayla Shelton
Committee Members	Jana Jarrell Owen

GFWC-MFWC Standing Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, Chairman	Jo Anne Reid
Committee Members	Jane McArthur
.....	Theresa Buntyn
Finance, Chairman	Darlene C. Adams
Committee Members	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
.....	Sherri E. Reid
.....	Theresa Buntyn
.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
.....	Dr. Deana T. Pittman
.....	Belinda Peacher

Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman	Nancy Smith Griffin
Committee Members.....	Belinda Vowell
.....	Sandra Pope
Long Range Planning, Chairman	Becky C. Wright
Committee Members.....	Lisa McGee
.....	Miranda Vaughn
.....	Shirley Wiltshire
.....	Ada McGrevey
.....	Belinda Peacher
Membership, Chairman	Theresa Buntyn
Committee Members.....	Sharon Hudson
.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
.....	Laura Ann Trigg
Resolutions and Recommendations, Chairman.....	Celia C. Fisher
Committee Members.....	Carolyn Long
.....	Jeanette Thrash
State Headquarters, Chairman	Miranda Vaughn
Committee Members.....	Nancy Moore
.....	Laura Ann Trigg
.....	Gail Mitchell
.....	Rose Mary Shelton
State Institutions, Chairman	Jeannie Pittman
Committee Members.....	Dianne Smith
Ways and Means, Co-Chairman.....	Lisa McGee
Committee Members.....	Belinda Vowell
.....	Pollyanna Robelen

GFWC-MFWC Special Committees

1935 Society

Committee Members.....	Ivovs Sisk
.....	Sue Thompson
.....	Jo Anne Reid
.....	Tommy Rosenbaum
.....	Celia C. Fisher
.....	Deborah Dickens
.....	Judy T. Martin
.....	Carolyn C. Huey
.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
.....	Darlene C. Adams
.....	Tinker Forrester
.....	Becky C. Wright

Malone Sisk Education/Leadership Endowment Fund Trustee, Chairman	Ivovs Sisk
Trustee	Darlene C. Adams
.....	Belinda Peacher

.....	Celia C. Fisher
Challenge Grant, Chairman	Melissa Carleton
Committee Members.....	June Vaughn
.....	Cherry Moon
Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Chairman	Carolyn C. Huey
Committee Members.....	Lynn Smith
.....	Meri F. Newell

GFWC-MFWC Community Service Program Chairmen

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness	Dr. Deana T. Pittman
GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children	Kaye Wright and
.....	Tammy Griffin
Arts and Culture	Amy A. Jacobs and Abby May
Civic Engagement and Outreach.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
Education and Libraries	Meri F. Newell
ESO	Laura Ann Trigg
HOBV Chairman.....	Ashley Jarrell
Environment.....	Pamela R. Maxwell
Health and Wellness	Bethany Flint

GFWC-MFWC Advancement Plans Chairmen

Communications and Public Relations	Sharon Hudson
Leadership.....	Melba Watkins
Fundraising and Development.....	Diane Rouse
Legislation and Public Policy	Annajeral Knight
Women's History and Resource Center.....	Miranda Vaughn
Membership.....	Theresa Buntyn

GFWC-MFWC Contest Chairmen

Community Improvement Contest	Penny J. Barr
Jennie Award.....	Frances H. Brown
Photography Contests.....	Dawn Vosbein
Writing Contests	Deborah Warren
Youth Art.....	Eleanor J. Bayless
Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest.....	Becky W. Watkins

GFWC-Southern Region Officer/Board/Committee Members

Southern Region Board Member	Sherri E. Reid, MS State President
Southern Region Treasurer	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
GFWC Signature Program Committee Member	Darlene C. Adams
GFWC Membership Chairman	Becky C. Wright

Southern Region Past President (1982 – 1984) Peggie Herrington
..... (1988 – 1989) Gladys Jackson
..... (1996 – 1998) Ivous Sisk
..... (2006 – 2008) Rowena Drinkwater
..... (2016-2018) Jo Anne Reid

GFWC Board/Committee Members

GFWC Board Member Sherri E. Reid, MS State President
GFWC Signature Program Darlene C. Adams, Committee Member
GFWC Membership Becky C. Wright, Chairman
GFWC Strategic Planning Committee Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Committee Member

GFWC-MFWC Past State Presidents 1898 - 2020

President	City	Term
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Beckett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitard	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine Mitts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gautier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal	Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patterson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mary Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Davis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Lois Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Burson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry	Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Simmons	Columbia	1968-1970
* Kitty Grafton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Riley	New Hebron	1972-1974
* Elizabeth Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
Peggie Herrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	Laurel	1978-1980

GFWC-MFWC Past State Presidents 1898 - 2020

President	City	Term
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
* Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
* 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
Becky C. Wright	Bruce	2018-2020

*deceased