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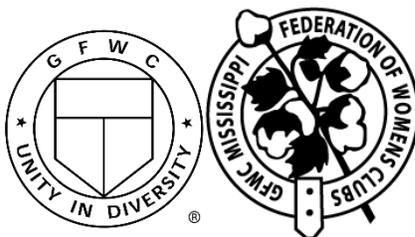
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**APRIL 20-22, 2023  
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**CONVENTION THEME:  
“GETTING BACK TO OUR GFWC ROOTS BY  
PROMOTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND  
LITERACY.”**

**HOST CLUBS:  
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF THE NORTHERN  
DISTRICT  
LISA MCGEE, 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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## **2022-2024 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: PROMOTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES, EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

Throughout its history, GFWC has advanced education, partly through the establishment and support of public libraries. In the 1930s, the American Library Association credited the GFWC for establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. Education remains a critical factor in how Americans learn and connect with communities. GFWC club women promote education in both children and adults. GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program's purpose is to ensure club projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools and other educational institutions and opportunities and promote libraries and literacy, and the love of a good book.

Mississippi Federated Woman's clubs have significantly impacted the establishment and supported libraries since 1925. Originally nationally known, Andrew Carnegie established the library system by developing the Carnegie Foundation to establish libraries. Mississippi benefited from this Foundation, and eleven libraries were erected in ten communities across the state from 1908 to 1916. However, the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs made a significant impact across the state for public libraries. Our Mississippi Library Commission noted the following quote "Without the support and steadfast resolve of the women in the various women's clubs in Mississippi, public libraries would have taken a back-row seat to many other community projects. However, in 1925, the state federation of women's clubs determined to ask for library service in every county in the state. In 1926 the Mississippi Library Commission was established and adopted the same goal as the women's clubs. It would take more than 50 years to accomplish this goal. Wow! Does what our club members do across our state make a difference?"

Our public libraries are our educational institutions. These shared libraries, along with college libraries, and academic and educational opportunities, improve the literacy levels of individuals and support life-long learning for education.

Please join me during this administration to promote public libraries, education, and literacy in our local communities and across our state for our President Special Project 2022-2024.

Let's get back to our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy.

Theresa

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

Greetings as you arrive for the 125th GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention at Holiday Inn, Tupelo, Mississippi. I am pleased to welcome you to Tupelo, birthplace of Elvis, the first Meadery, and our host Lee County Library. I am honored and appreciate the opportunity you have entrusted in me to serve as your State President. I look forward to the next three days as we celebrate, learn, enjoy, and share, not only conducting the business of our Federation but having a little fun sharing time with our Federated friends.



Our convention is hosted by the Northern District with Lisa McGee, Northern District President, serving as General Chairman. Lisa McGee and her city co-chairmen Frances H. Brown and Gail Worley volunteered graciously to ensure our convention would be a special occasion for everyone.

As with any great effort, it always helps to understand that teamwork makes the dream work, and that life is easier when friends surround you. In addition to my Northern District friends, I would like to thank Diane Rouse, Registration and Convention Treasurer, for her leadership and guidance as she serves as Convention Treasurer. This Program Booklet is made possible by the expertise of Lisa Harris, Media, and Technology Coordinator. Thank you, Lisa, for always ensuring our program book is informative, and the ads are amazing! To each of you, my friends, in the northern district members and clubs, I wish to thank you for always Blooming Where You are Planted in the Great State of Mississippi Northern District. Let's send safe travel wishes to our very own Becky C. Wright, GFWC Treasurer, as she travels to Kansas this weekend to represent GFWC. Having our own Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC Southern Region Officer, with us at our State Convention is an honor.

We will have time to learn how to continue supporting our public libraries, education, and literacy from various speakers throughout the convention. Our first speaker will be an Ambassador from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at our Friday luncheon to share how we can further support one of our most favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Friday night banquet will have Miranda Vaughn from GFWC Magnolia Junior Woman's Club speak on donating books to "Big House Books." Following Miranda, our keynote speaker will be Hulen Bivins, Executive Director for the Mississippi Library Commission. At our Saturday Prayer Breakfast, we will have the pleasure of listening to Nanci Gray sharing how she has championed FCA. Nanci is constantly visible whether she is coaching, leading a team, throughout her years of coaching, or quietly serving others behind the scene. Gray has used her coaching platform to minister to children on FCA mission trips. Gray said through her involvement with Fellowship of Christians Athletes, God has taught her the value of studying the Bible.

I hope that many of you have the opportunity to enjoy our tours in Tupelo, learn about the "King of Rock and Roll," and visit or have a taste at the Queens Meadery. I am excited that Lee County Library has graciously let us host our Executive Board Dinner at their

auditorium. I look forward to our service project on Friday afternoon, reading to children at Spring Story Time at the library.

Throughout our convention, we will be praising and applauding the volunteer services of our club women. In addition, awards, grants, and scholarships will be awarded throughout the convention.

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 "Getting Back to our GFWC Roots by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy."

*Thank you for being willing to  
Bloom Where You Are Planted*

*Theresa*



**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.  
125<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

**Holiday Inn & Suites Tupelo, North  
Tupelo, Mississippi  
April 20-22, 2023**

**Convention Theme**

***“Getting Back to Our GFWC Roots by promoting public  
libraries, education and literacy.”***

**Thursday, April 20, 2023, Pre-Convention Activities**

**1:30 p.m.**.....Audit Committee Meeting ..... Suite 227  
**Followed By** .....Finance/Executive Committee Meetings..... Suite 227  
**1:45 pm** ..... Shuttle Pickup..... Front of Hotel  
**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** ..... Tour of Elvis Presley’s Home, Museum, Church, and Theater  
**3:00 - 6:30 p.m.** .....Registration..... Holiday Inn Cosmopolitan Room  
**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** ..... Executive Board Dinner and Meeting.....Lee County Library Auditorium

**Executive Board Dinner and Meeting  
Lee County Library Auditorium**

**Hosted By:**

***GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club***

*“Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another. ~John C. Maxwell”*

**Executive Board Dinner**

Welcome and Recognitions ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
GFWC Greetings .....Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC Southern Region Secretary  
Grace .....Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain

Dinner

Announcements ..... Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman  
Door Prizes..... Jackie Sergi, Door Prize Chairman  
Recess..... Theresa Buntyn, President

**Executive Board Meeting**

Call to Order..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence ..... Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary

**Officer Reports**

President..... Theresa Buntyn  
President-elect..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford  
Vice President..... Meri F. Newell  
Treasurer ..... Becky W. Watkins

**Standing Committee Reports**

Finance Committee .....Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Chairman  
Executive Committee ..... Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee..... Judy T. Martin, Chairman

Report of Resolutions and Recommendations Committee.....	Darlene C. Adams, Chairman
GFWC-MFVC Ways and Means .....	Amy Jacobs and Abby May, Co-Chairmen
<b>Special Committees and Other</b>	
MFVC President's Special Project .....	Terrie Whitehurst and Pam Keith, Co-Chairmen
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
<b>New Business</b>	
Tornado Donations .....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Announcements .....	Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman
Collect .....	Celia Fisher, GFVC-MFVC Past President 2002-2004
Adjournment.....	Theresa Buntyn, President

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

<b>7:30 - 8:30 a.m.</b> .....	"Throw Back Gavel Club Breakfast" .....	Suite 227
<b>8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b> .....	Registration.....	Cosmopolitan Room Foyer
<b>8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b> .....	Visit Ways and Means and Vendors .....	Cosmopolitan Room Foyer
	Shop PSP	
<b>11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b> .....	View Exhibits .....	Suite 228

***ALL Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks and Yearbooks MUST be signed out and picked up by 6:00 p.m.***

**Official Opening Ceremonies of  
The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
GFVC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**

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

**Cosmopolitan Room**

Call to Order.....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Invocation .....	Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain
Presentation of Colors.....	Tupelo Junior ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.....	Tupelo Junior ROTC
National Anthem.....	Mikayla Shelton Prisock, GFVC-MFVC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
MFVC Welcome .....	Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman
Introduction of Todd Jordan .....	Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman
Official Welcome.....	Todd Jordan, Mayor of Tupelo
Response .....	Theresa T. Berryhill, Central District President
Recognitions .....	Theresa Buntyn, President
GFVC Greetings .....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFVC Southern Region Treasurer
Appointment of Tellers .....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Preliminary Credentials Report .....	Diane Rouse, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Protocol Chairman
Presentation of Convention Program .....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect
Presentation of Convention Committees.....	Frances H. Brown, City Co-Chairman
Appointment of Reading Committee.....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Report of the Executive Board.....	Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary
Report of the Audit Committee .....	Becky W. Watkins, Treasurer
Report of Officers (2 minutes each).....	Theresa Buntyn, President
	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect
	Meri F. Newell, Vice President
	Susan Shurden, Recording Secretary
	Becky W. Watkins, Treasurer
Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee .....	Judy T. Martin, Chairman

Report of Resolutions and Recommendations Committee .....	Darlene C. Adams, Chairman
GFWC Special Program Awards:	
GFWC Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention .	Connie Johnston, Chairman
GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children .....	Jana J. Owen, Co-Chairman
GFWC Community Service Programs Awards:	
Health and Wellness .....	Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen
Environmental .....	Mikayla Shelton Prisock, Chairman
Arts and Culture.....	Jodie Brickson, Chairman
Civic Engagement and Outreach .....	Shirley Wiltshire, Chairman
Education and Libraries .....	Lisa McGee, Chairman
Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) .....	Lisa McGee, Education and Libraries Chairman
Announcements .....	Frances H. Brown, City Co-Chairman
Recess.....	Theresa Buntyn, President

**Visit Ways and Means, Vendors and PSP and View Exhibits**

Photography and Youth Art Exhibits.....	Suite 228
Scrapbooks and Yearbooks .....	Cosmopolitan Room
<b>12:00 – 2:15 p.m.</b> .....	<b>Luncheon</b> .....
	Cosmopolitan Room

**Luncheon**

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” ~Dr. Suess*

**Hosted By:**

***GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce  
Woman's Club of Booneville***

Presiding .....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Recognitions .....	Theresa Buntyn, President
Grace .....	Gail Worley, City Co-Chairman, Woman's Club of Booneville

**Lunch**

Raffle for St. Jude's Teddy Bear.....	Amy Jacobs and Abby May, Ways & Means Co-Chairmen
Introduction.....	Jana J. Owen, Advocates for Children Co-Chairman
Address .....	Amanda Traver, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Ambassador
GFWC and GFWC-MFWC Contests Awards:	
MFWC Youth Art Contests .....	Eleanor J. Bayless, Chairman
MFWC Scrapbook and Yearbook.....	Gail Mitchell, Chairman
GFWC Photography Contest.....	Linda Guraedy, Chairman
Report of GFWC-MFWC Historian .....	Libby D. Everett, Chairman
Announcements .....	Gail Worley, City Co-Chairman
Recess.....	Theresa Buntyn, President
State Nominating Committee Meeting .....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, Parliamentarian

**2:30 – 4:30 p.m. .... Queen Reward Meadery .....Shuttle leaves the hotel at 2:30 p.m.**

**Visit Ways and Means, Vendors and PSP and View Exhibits**

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**... Pick Up all Exhibits (*Youth Art, Photography and Books*) ..... Suite 228  
**All exhibits must be removed from District President Suite 228 by 6:00 p.m.**

**6:30 – 7:15 p.m.**.....Photo Opportunities ..... Location TBA  
**7:15 p.m.**.....Processional Assembles ..... Cosmopolitan Room Foyer  
*\*Jennie Award Nominees \*2022 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*

**7:30 p.m.** .....**Banquet** ..... **Cosmopolitan Room**

### **Banquet**

**Hosted By:**

***GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce***

*“Reading is dreaming with open eyes.” ~ Anissa Trisdianty*

Processional .....Sandra Pope, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce  
 Presiding ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Recognition and Introduction of Guests ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Grace .....Rose Mary Shelton, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce

### **Dinner**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Keynote Address ..... Miranda Vaughn, Big House Books  
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Keynote Address ..... Hulen Bivins, Mississippi Library Commission Executive Director  
 Special Presentation ..... Terrie Whitehurst & Pam Keith, PSP Co-Chairmen  
 Recognition of 50 Year Members ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Membership Chairman  
 Recognition of MS LEADS Participants .....Meri F. Newell, MS LEADS Chairman  
 Recognition of District Presidents.....Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect  
 Recognition of District Clubs of the Year .....Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect  
 Recognition of MFWC Jennie Award Nominees ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 GFWC-MFWC Challenge Grant Scholarship..... Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen  
 Hebron Memorial Scholarship .....Betty Harpe, Committee Member  
 GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center Award..... Jeanie Pittman, Chairman  
 GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Programs Awards:  
     State Institutions ..... Diane Rouse, Chairman  
     Mississippi Public Broadcasting ..... Libby D. Everett, GFWC-MFWC Historian  
 Door Prizes..... Jackie Sergi, Door Prize Chairman  
 Announcements ..... Gail Worley, City Co-Chairman  
 Recess..... Theresa Buntyn, President

### **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**.....Registration..... Cosmopolitan Room Foyer  
**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.** .....Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service ..... Cosmopolitan Room  
**9:45 –11:45 a.m.**.....Business Session ..... Cosmopolitan Room

### **Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service**

**Hosted By:**

***GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club***

*“Unless Someone Like You Cares A Whole Awful Lot, Nothings Is Going to Get Better. It’s Not.” ~Dr. Seuss*

Presiding ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect  
 Recognitions ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect  
 Memorial Service ..... Jackie S. Etie, Chaplain  
 Grace ..... Ashley Williams, GFWC-MFWC Junior Club Advisor

**Breakfast**

*(Buffet – Please allow Head Table, Gavel Club and Reserved Seating to go first.)*

Introduction of Speaker ..... Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman and Northern District President  
 Inspirational Speaker ..... Nanci Gray  
 Inspirational Hymns ..... Mikayla Shelton Prisock, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce  
 Announcements ..... Frances H. Brown, City Co-Chairman  
 Door Prizes ..... Jackie Sergi, Door Prize Chairman  
 Recess ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect

**9:45 a.m. Business Session Continues** ..... Cosmopolitan Room

Presiding ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Report of District Presidents ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Advisor  
     Northern District ..... Lisa McGee  
     Central District ..... Theresa T. Berryhill  
     Southern District President-elect ..... Shirley Wiltshire  
 GFWC Advancement Plans Awards:  
     Leadership ..... Sherri E. Reid, Chairman  
     Communications and Public Relations ..... Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen  
     Legislations and Public Policy ..... Meri F. Newell, Dean of Chairmen  
     Membership ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Chairman  
     Fundraising and Development ..... Belinda Vowell, Chairman  
 Juniorette Awards ..... Michelle Sutton, Juniorette Director  
 Juniorette of the Year ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Juniorette Club of the Year ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 GFWC-MFWC Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship ..... Belinda Peacher, Chairman  
 Recognitions ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Clubwoman of the Year ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Club of the Year ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Final Credentials Report ..... Diane Rouse, Credentials Chairman  
 Invitation to 2023 GFWC Convention ..... Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC SR Secretary  
 Invitation to 2023 Southern Region Conference ..... Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, President-elect  
 Invitation to 2024 State Convention ..... Theresa T. Berryhill, Central District President  
 Recognition of Host District and Clubs ..... Theresa Buntyn, President  
 Door Prizes ..... Jackie Sergi, Door Prize Chairman  
 Announcements ..... Lisa McGee, Convention Chairman  
 Collect ..... Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFWC Past President 2016-2018  
 Adjournment ..... Theresa Buntyn, President

**Official Closing of the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
 GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.  
 Tupelo, MS**

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC-MFWC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

By direction of the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendments to the Bylaws. If adopted at the State Convention, these amendments, along with any necessary editorial changes (such as renumbering), shall take effect at the adjournment of the 2023 State Convention:

1. Amend Article I, Section 3.A to provide that the Circulation Editor, rather than the Editor shall receive notifications of member resignations.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *Resignation shall be submitted in writing to the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Membership Chairman, who shall notify the State President and Circulation Editor of each resignation.*

RATIONALE: To conform to current practice, and to assist the Circulation Editor in her duty to maintain an up-to-date mailing list.

2. Amend Article II, Section 2 to provide that the Circulation Editor, rather than the Editor, shall receive notifications of new members.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *Dues shall be due and payable on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dues for new members shall be sent to the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Treasurer throughout the year. The Treasurer shall send the name and address of each new member to the State President, Membership Chairman and Circulation Editor.*

RATIONALE: To conform to current practice, and to assist the Circulation Editor in her duty to maintain an up-to-date mailing list.

3. Amend Article III, Section 2.C to provide that the four terms the Treasurer may serve do not have to be consecutive.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *No officer shall serve more than one term in the same office, with the exception of Treasurer, the officer to be limited to no more than four (4) ~~consecutive~~ terms.*

RATIONALE: To clarify that the Treasurer may serve four terms, whether consecutive or not.

4. Delete Article III, Section 4.A.2.g, to remove the reference to the President's duties regarding Headquarters.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [*2. The duties of the President shall be...*] ~~*g. To exercise authority over State Headquarters in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee and the Executive Board.*~~

RATIONALE: To conform to Headquarters exit.

5. Amend Article III. Section 4.B.1.d to delete the reference to "the Headquarters Committee," and to change "Long-Range" Planning Committee to "Strategic" Planning Committee.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [*1. The duties of the President-elect shall be...*] ~~*d. She shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee, an ex-officio member of the Headquarters Committee, the Audit Committee and the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee.*~~

RATIONALE: To conform to: (1) the Headquarters exit, and (2) the term GFWC uses to describe the Planning Committee.

6. Delete Article III. Section 4.C.1.d, which refers to the Headquarters Committee.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [1. *The duties of the Vice President shall be...*] ~~d. — She shall serve as an ex officio member of the Headquarters Committee.~~

RATIONALE: To conform to Headquarters exit.

7. Amend Article III. Section 4.D.1.a to address the collection and permanent retention of records that used to be stored at the Headquarters.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [1. *The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be...*] a. *To compile a permanent record of the administration (including the club histories; convention programs; copies of the Mississippi Clubwoman publications; and minutes of the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Executive Board, and State Convention – such minutes to be typed and placed in chronological order). This record shall be ~~kept at State Headquarters and a copy shall be presented to the State President after the conclusion of the administration.~~ Beginning with the 2022-2024 administration, a cumulative electronic version of the permanent record for each administration shall be provided to the incoming President and the incoming Recording Secretary.*

RATIONALE: to conform to Headquarters exit, and to provide for the continuous retention of the records from each administration that can no longer be stored at Headquarters.

8. Amend Article III. Section 4.E.1.c to provide that the Treasurer will send rosters and new member notices to the Circulation Editor rather than the Editor.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [1. *The duties of the Treasurer shall be...*] c. *To keep the membership rosters up-to-date, and provide copies to the President, the Circulation Editor, and the membership Chairman. To notify the President, the Circulation Editor, and the Membership chairman of the new members throughout the year.*

RATIONALE: To conform to current practice, and to assist the Circulation Editor in her duty to maintain an up-to-date mailing list.

9. Amend Article III. Section 4.F.3.a.ii to state the Historian's duties regarding the permanent retention of records that used to be stored at the Headquarters.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: [*a. The duties of the Historian shall be...*] ii. *To provide the ~~have~~ club histories and a copy of the Programs of the ~~Convention bound annually and placed at State Headquarters~~ convention programs to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the permanent record of each administration.*

RATIONALE: To conform to the Headquarters exit and to and to provide for the continuous retention of the records from each administration that can no longer be stored at Headquarters.

10. Amend Article III. Section 5.D to provide that, in the even-numbered years, the outgoing State President shall receive any travel allotment from GFWC for the GFWC Convention, regardless of amount.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *In the even-numbered year (end of administration) of the General Federation, the Immediate Past President of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs may attend GFWC Convention to report the work of her administration and may receive such awards, citations, and other recognition earned during that*

administration. She shall be permitted to receive the GFWC allotment, if any, of travel costs ~~one-half the cost of travel~~ to the convention.

RATIONALE: To clarify and to conform to current practice. (Note: GFWC no longer gives a travel allotment of one-half the travel costs to the convention.)

11. Amend Article V. Section 5.D to delete “woman” and insert “member” in its place.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *There shall be no proxy or absentee votes. No ~~woman~~ member may vote in more than one capacity.*

RATIONALE: To be consistent throughout the document.

12. Amend Article VI. Section 2 to address attendance and participation at Board Meetings for special appointees of the State President not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *Those Past Presidents of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, ~~and members of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Standing and Special Committees, and those serving in other appointed positions~~ who are not members of the Executive Board shall be Invited to attend Board Meetings. These GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs members shall be extended the courtesy of the floor but shall have no vote.*

RATIONALE: To clarify as to appointed positions such as Assistant Editor, Circulation Editor, Meetings Coordinator, and any other special appointees of the President.

13. Amend Article VI. Section 5 to clarify the duties of the Credentials Committee to designate voting delegates at the State Convention.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *Voting delegates shall be verified by the Credentials Committee ~~so that and shall be designated by the Committee and designated in a some-manner that will be visible to the Tellers.~~*

RATIONALE: To clarify current language.

14. Amend Article IX. Section 1 to change “Long-Range” Planning Committee to “Strategic” Planning Committee and to delete the references to the M. Colie Covington Endowment Fund and the State Headquarters.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *There shall be the following Standing Committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, ~~Long-Range Strategic Planning, M. Colie Covington Endowment Fund,~~ Membership, Nominating, Resolutions and Recommendations, ~~State Headquarters,~~ State Institutions, and Ways and Means.*

RATIONALE: To conform to: (1) the term GFWC uses to describe the Planning Committee, and (2) the Headquarters exit.

15. Amend Article IX. Section 5 to change “Long-Range” Committee in the heading to “Strategic” Planning Committee.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: *Section 5. ~~Long-Range~~ Strategic Planning Committee*

RATIONALE: To conform to the term GFWC uses to describe the Planning Committee.

## 16. Delete Article IX. Section 6.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

~~Section 6.— M. Colie Covington Endowment Fund Committee.  
See Standing Rule #15.~~

RATIONALE: To conform to the Headquarters exit.

## 17. Delete Article IX. Section 10:

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

~~Section 10.— State Headquarters Committee~~

~~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 at least one from each of the Districts.~~

~~A.— These committee members shall be appointed by the President for a term of three (3) years, to be staggered as equally as is practicable.~~

~~C.— A Minutes Book of the State Headquarters Committee shall be kept at the State Headquarters. All proceedings of the State Headquarters Committee of each administration shall be kept in this book.~~

~~D.— Duties~~

~~1.— To have custody of the State Headquarters building.~~

~~2.— To have the rules governing the Headquarters published in the Mississippi Clubwoman. The establishment and/or revision of the rules shall be the responsibility of the Headquarters Committee. In accordance with State law, the State Headquarters building shall be used exclusively for the furtherance of the work of the GFWC-Mississippi Federations of Women's Clubs. Therefore, it is the policy of this organization that the State Headquarters building may be used for functions of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs at any time and may be used by federated clubs as provided in the Headquarters Rules. It shall not be rented or used by members of the general public. When requested, the Executive Committee may approve the use of the State Headquarters building by the State of Mississippi and by non-profit organizations with which the General Federation of Women's Clubs has a formal partnership agreement. Any use of the State Headquarters building must comply with the applicable statute.~~

~~3.— To have one member serve as Secretary, whose duty shall be to keep the minutes and to keep a file of correspondence of the committee. These minutes and files shall be kept as a permanent record at the State Headquarters.~~

~~4.— To have one member maintain a list of individuals receiving gate access and/or keys to the State Headquarters building for each administration and to collect keys and remote controls for the gate from the outgoing President and any other members at the end of each administration. She shall also document on the list that any outgoing occupants returned the keys/gate remotes and new occupants were issued a key/gate remote. The GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs shall provide a key and a gate remote for the President; the State Headquarters Chairman; one member of the State Headquarters Committee, if designated by the State Headquarters Chairman; and, the State Headquarters occupant. Other members may be issued keys/gate remotes at their own expense, provided that prior approval is received from the Executive Committee.~~

~~5. The State Headquarters Chairman shall compile any data necessary for lease payments and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, she shall submit this information to the State of Mississippi as required in the State Headquarters lease. She shall also provide a copy to the Treasurer, to be included in the regular financial records of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.~~

RATIONALE: To conform to the Headquarters exit.

18. Amend Article XI. Section 8 to state the Editor's duties regarding the permanent retention of records that used to be stored at the Headquarters.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: Each State President shall have the publications of each of the two years of her administration bound and placed in the State Headquarters. The Editor shall provide electronic copies of the publications of each administration to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the permanent record of each administration.

RATIONALE: To conform to Headquarters exit, and to provide for the continuous retention of the records from each administration that can no longer be stored at Headquarters.

Notes

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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	_____	_____
<b>Total Number of Voting Delegates</b>	_____	_____
<b>Total Number in Attendance</b>	_____	_____

**Hosting Clubs of  
GFWC-MFWC Northern District**

GFWC-MFWC EPHFIC Women's Club of Cleveland	Twenty-First Century Club of Kosciusko
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club	Woman's Club of Booneville
GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club	Woman's Club of Aberdeen
GFWC-MFWC Eupora New Century Club	Ackerman Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce	Booneville High School Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club	Bruce Fine art Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club	Eupora Juniorettes
GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce	Pontotoc Juniette Club
Pontotoc Woman's Club	

## SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

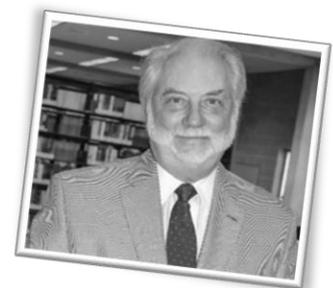
**AMANDA TRAVER** – *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Ambassador.* Amanda has been fundraising, volunteering, and advocating for ALSAC/St. Jude for the past ten years. She is a native of Clarksdale, MS, and currently resides in Starkville, MS with her husband Chad. They have one son, Tate, who just turned one. She has been an insurance professional with State Farm Insurance for the past 13 years. She works from home while juggling the responsibilities of a full-time stay-at-home mom. No matter how busy life gets, she always makes time to honor her commitment to St. Jude and pediatric cancer research. Amanda is very passionate about supporting St. Jude's lifesaving mission and educating others on the importance of their work.



**MIRANDA VAUGHN** – *Archivist, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.* Miranda Vaughn currently serves as a part-time Program Assistant for Big House Books in Jackson. She has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and works full time as a Photograph Archivist for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. She has served in leadership positions with the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs and currently serves as Club Treasurer for the Magnolia Junior Woman's Club. Miranda is passionate about literacy, education, and community service.



**HULEN BIVINS** – *Mississippi Library Commission Executive Director.* Hulen Bivins is presently the Director of the Mississippi Library Commission. He was appointed to this position five years ago and he is now in his 50<sup>th</sup> year of work as a librarian. Previously he has served as the Director of the North Dakota State Library and as Director of the South Carolina State Library. Additionally, he was the Assistant Director of the State Library of Alabama and has also served as a public library Director in Tennessee.



Bivins holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Lipscomb University in Nashville, a Master of Library Science from the University of Tennessee, and a Juris Doctorate from the Jones School of Law at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Bivins has enjoyed the opportunity to meet people of various heritage across the nation as he has worked in the states of West Virginia, Alabama, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Working in a variety of locations has served to keep current in national trends within the field of librarianship and has pushed his passion for local libraries and the services those libraries provide.

Mr. Bivins and his wife reside in Ridgeland. They have one son who is assigned to the Pentagon.

**NANCI GRAY** – *Fellowship of Christians Athletes*. Nanci Gray might have retired in 2019 from her 40-year career as a junior high, high school, and college basketball coach in Northeast Mississippi. Still, she hasn't stepped back from her involvement in the Fellowship of Christians Athletes (FCA) and her desire to share the Gospel with coaches and athletes.



This is a natural extension of her career which started in 1979 as a basketball coach in Houlka, where she attended high school. In the years that followed, Gray went on to coach in Bruce and Tupelo before a 13-year stint as head women's basketball coach at Itawamba Community College, where she was also a player from 1974 to 1976. During her time coaching at the community college, the team won two Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges championships and three National Junior College Athletic Association regional championships while also making three appearances in the NJCAA National Tournament. Gray was inducted into the MACJC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017, and last October, Itawamba Community College named their basketball court in her honor.

Gray actively encourages Huddles at schools in and around Chickasaw County, Mississippi, where she does everything from talking to junior high students about their faith to leading Huddles for coaches.

In addition to serving her local FCA, Gray spends much of her time with her husband, Joel, and their two children and seven grandchildren. They reside in Calhoun County.

“WHETHER SHE’S UP FRONT LEADING A TEAM, AT A COACHES HUDDLE OR SERVING QUIETLY BEHIND THE SCENES, BRINGING DONUTS TO A MEETING, DRIVING A SPEAKER AROUND TOWN, OR COUNSELING A FELLOW COACH, NANCI HAS EXEMPLIFIED WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE A SERVANT-LEADER WHO USES THEIR COACHING PLATFORM TO POINT ATHLETES, COACHES, AND ALL WHOM THEY INFLUENCE TO JESUS.” —SCOTT CARTER, FCA AMBASSADOR

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## **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.

**2023 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES**

General Chairman .....	Lisa McGee
City Co-Chairman.....	Frances H. Brown and Gail Worley
Convention Treasurer .....	Diane Rouse
Ad Chairman .....	Lisa A. Harris
Convention Kit Chairman .....	Gail Worley
Door Prize Chairman.....	Jackie Sergi
Northern District Ways and Means Chairman .....	Sue Vance
Exhibits Chairman.....	Lisa McGee
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Platform Chairman.....	Terrie Whitehurst, Lisa A. Harris, and Theresa T. Berryhill
Protocol Chairman .....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Registration and Credentials Chairman .....	Diane Rouse
Timekeepers .....	Chris Pasquale
.....	Tammy Griffin
.....	Carolyn Mounce
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.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
.....	Lisa A. Harris
.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
Tellers .....	Lisa McGee
.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
.....	Shirley Wiltshire



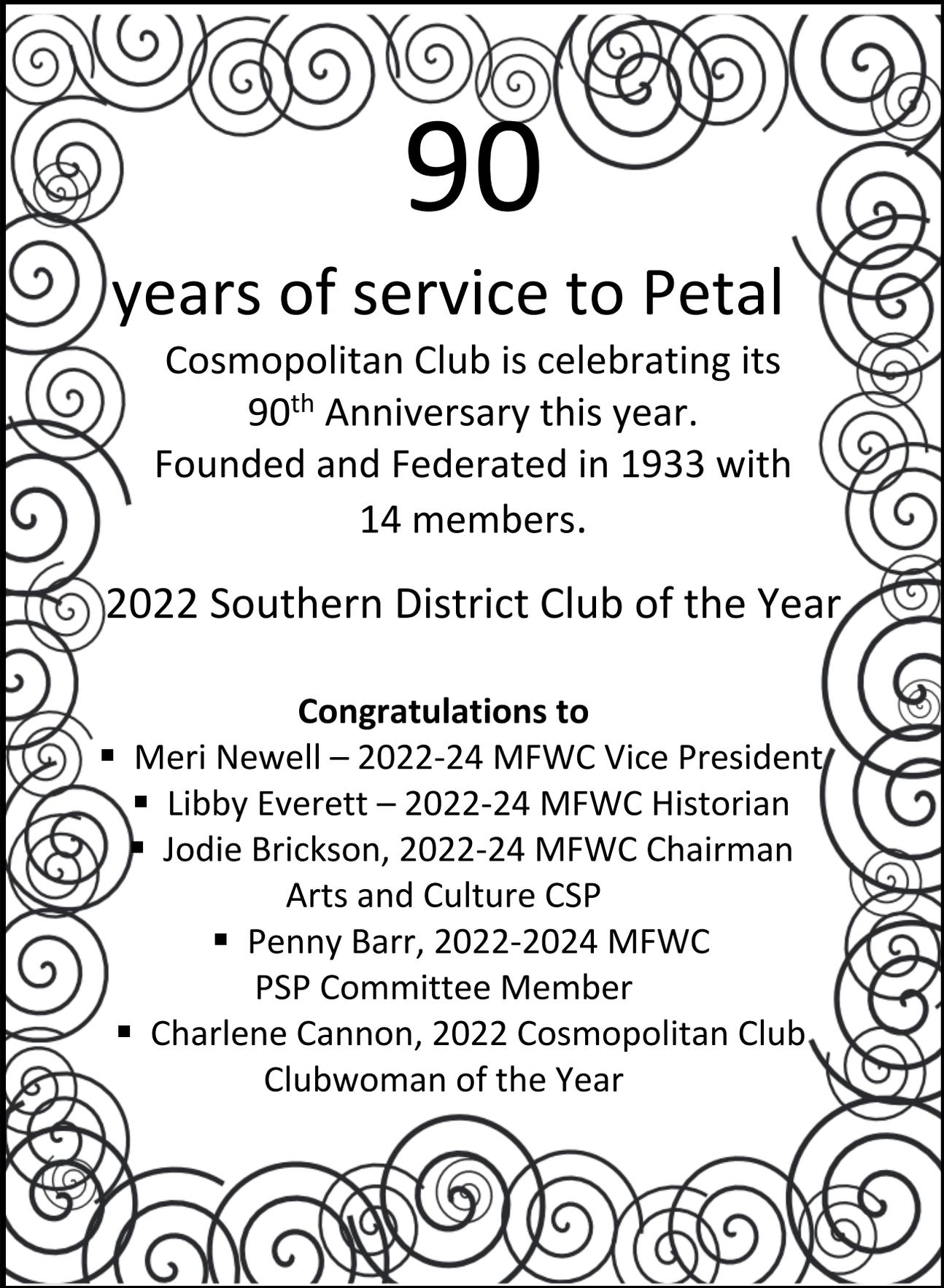
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For your unwavering support



"Between the pages of a book is a wonderful place to be." ~ Anonymous

of my PSP "Getting Back to Our Roots, by promoting public libraries, education and literacy!"



# 90

## years of service to Petal

Cosmopolitan Club is celebrating its  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.  
Founded and Federated in 1933 with  
14 members.

2022 Southern District Club of the Year

### **Congratulations to**

- Meri Newell – 2022-24 MFWC Vice President
- Libby Everett – 2022-24 MFWC Historian
- Jodie Brickson, 2022-24 MFWC Chairman  
Arts and Culture CSP
  - Penny Barr, 2022-2024 MFWC  
PSP Committee Member
- Charlene Cannon, 2022 Cosmopolitan Club  
Clubwoman of the Year

# *Leah Cooper Agnew*

Northern District Clubwoman of the Year for  
2022



We are so proud of your dedication, hard work, and time that you have given to the GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club in order to better your community.

Congratulations on achieving such a special honor!  
Love Daddy & Mama

# ***GFWC-MFWC FLORENTINE EVENING CLUB***

***Proudly Supports***

***MFWC President Theresa Buntyn's Special  
Project***



*Founded in October 1922,  
the Woman's Club of Booneville  
is celebrating over  
100 Years  
of  
Federated Club Work  
in Service to  
GFWC  
MFWC  
and their community  
of Booneville*

*Club Motto*

*“In Big Things Unity, In Little Things Liberty,  
In All Things Charity”*

GFWC-MFWC Homochitto Heritage Club  
Congratulates

*Mandy Wilson*



GFWC-MFWC Southern District  
Clubwoman of the Year

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CLUB***

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***Our Club Woman of the Year  
Teenie Boone***

***Our Club Woman of  
Distinction  
Diane Rouse***

***MFWC Parliamentarian  
Suzanne Poynor***



Tammy Griffin, President  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club  
of Bruce



Bridget Smith, LEADS  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club  
of Bruce



Beverly Baker, Clubwoman of the Year  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club  
of Bruce



Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer  
GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club  
of Bruce

*GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce*

**#IamGFWC #LivingtheVolunteerspirit**



Thank you for  
helping me  
bloom where I  
was planted!

**My feet may be in Kansas this weekend, but  
my heart is in Mississippi!**

**Wishing you a great convention!**

**Much love,  
Becky**

*Congratulations*



***Tonette Cochran  
GFWC-MFWC***

***Decatur Woman's Progressive Club  
MS LEADS Nominee 2023***

***Jeanette & Carolyn***

Thank you to all of the State Chairmen who worked so diligently on Judging and writing State Reports. I love and appreciate you all!

Meri Newell, MFWC Vice President  
2022-2024

- Terrie Whitehurst
- Pam Keith
- Sue Freeman
- Connie Johnston
- Shirley Wiltshire
- Lisa Magee
- Patricia Lee
- Annajeral Knight
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- Jodie Brickson
- Mikayla Prisock
- Sherri Reid
- Belinda Vowell
- Jana Owen
- Becky Wright
- Jeannie Pittman



***Congratulations  
to***

***Leah Agnew***

***GFWC Ackerman  
Twentieth Century Club  
and  
Northern District  
2022  
Clubwoman  
of the Year***

# **GFWC-MFWC Northern District Salutes**

**GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century Club of Bruce  
2022 Northern District Club of the Year**

**Leah Cooper Agnew  
2022 Northern District Clubwoman of the Year  
GFWC Ackerman Twentieth Century Club**

## **2022-2024 District Officers**

**Lisa McGee  
Northern District President  
Twentieth Century Club of  
Bruce**

**Pamela R. Maxwell  
District Treasurer  
EPHFICS Woman's Club of  
Cleveland**

**Janae Winter  
District President-elect  
Fine Arts Club of Bruce**

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

**Randi Baughman  
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Lanier Club**

**Cassie Ferguson  
Historian  
Twentieth Century Club of  
Bruce**

**Ashley Williams  
District Secretary  
Ackerman Twentieth  
Century Club**

**Frances H. Brown  
Chaplain  
Twentieth Century Club of  
Bruce**

*Thank You*  
*Theresa Burtyn*

(2022 – 2024 GFWC-MFWC President)



*For your Leadership*  
*and guidance*

*Jeanette and Carolyn*

# Congratulations



**To Cosmopolitan Club  
for 2023 Southern  
District Club of the  
Year!**

*Congratulations!*  
**Ada McGrevey**



**GFWC-MFWC  
Decatur Woman's  
Progressive Club  
Clubwoman of the Year 2023**

**Jeanette & Carolyn**

# Leah Cooper Agnew

***Congratulations on being chosen as the  
Northern District Clubwoman of the  
Year!***

***We are so proud of you and your  
achievement.***

***Love,  
Pete & Kay Papas  
Ernestine Lindley***



# Congratulations



**Five Star Pets & her family  
congratulates Jeannie Pittman  
on her nomination by the  
Florentine Club for the Jennie  
Award**

# Inez Laird



**In memory of  
Inez, a faithful  
member of the  
GFWC-MFWC  
Florentine Club  
for over 50 years.  
Still serving even  
at 100 years of  
age.**

**The GFWC-MFWC  
Florentine Club  
proudly  
supports  
JEANNIE  
for  
JENNIE**





In Loving  
Memory of Hope  
Nicholson for  
over 50 years of  
service to the  
GFWC-MFWC  
and Florentine  
Club.



**GFWC-MFWC Twentieth Century  
Club of Bruce 2022 Northern  
District Club of the Year**



*Leah Cooper Agnew*  
2022 Northern District  
Clubwoman of the Year

From Lisa McGee, Northern District President

# GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club



**2022 Central District Club of the Year**



Theresa Buntyn  
GFWC-MFWC



Ada McGrevey  
Central District Clubwoman of the Year



Jackie Etic  
GFWC-MFWC Chaplain



Tonette Cochran  
DWPC MS LEADS Recipient



*GFWC – MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune*



*Blooming where we are planted!*



*Lorri Stockstill  
Club President*



*Bonnie Sanders  
Clubwoman of the Year*



**GFWC-MFWC RALEIGH WOMAN'S  
CLUB Gives A  
SHOUTOUT  
To**

- ★ **Theresa T. Berryhill, GFWC-MFWC Central District President & GFWC-MFWC Long-Range Planning Committee Member**
- ★ **Judy T. Martin, RWC President, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairman, SR Standing Rules Committee Chairman**
- ★ **Lisa A. Harris, Central District Treasurer, Media/Communications & Technology Coordinator, Magazine/Newsletter Editor and SR Media/Technology Committee Member**

**For your service to GFWC,  
GFWC SR, MFWC & RWC**

*Congratulations*

Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford



2022 – 2024 GFWC-MFWC President-elect

From Poplarville Woman's Club

Melissa  tm

# **Congratulations**

**Tessie on your first year as GFWC-MFWC President.**

**Love You,  
Your Family**



**“If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life,  
let it. Nobody said it'd be easy, they just promised it  
would be worth it.” ~ Dr. Seuss**



Sometimes you will never know  
the value of a moment until  
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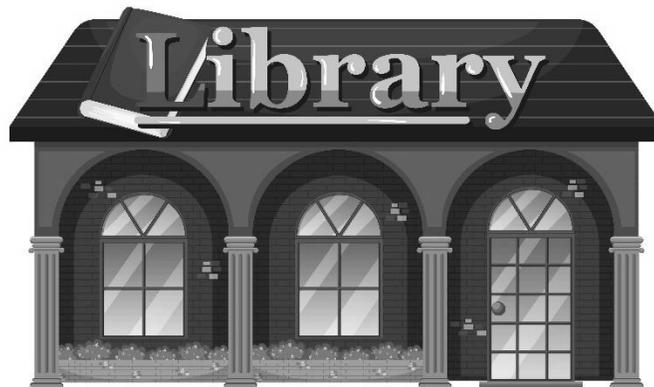
~Dr. Seuss



*Celebrate National Library Week*

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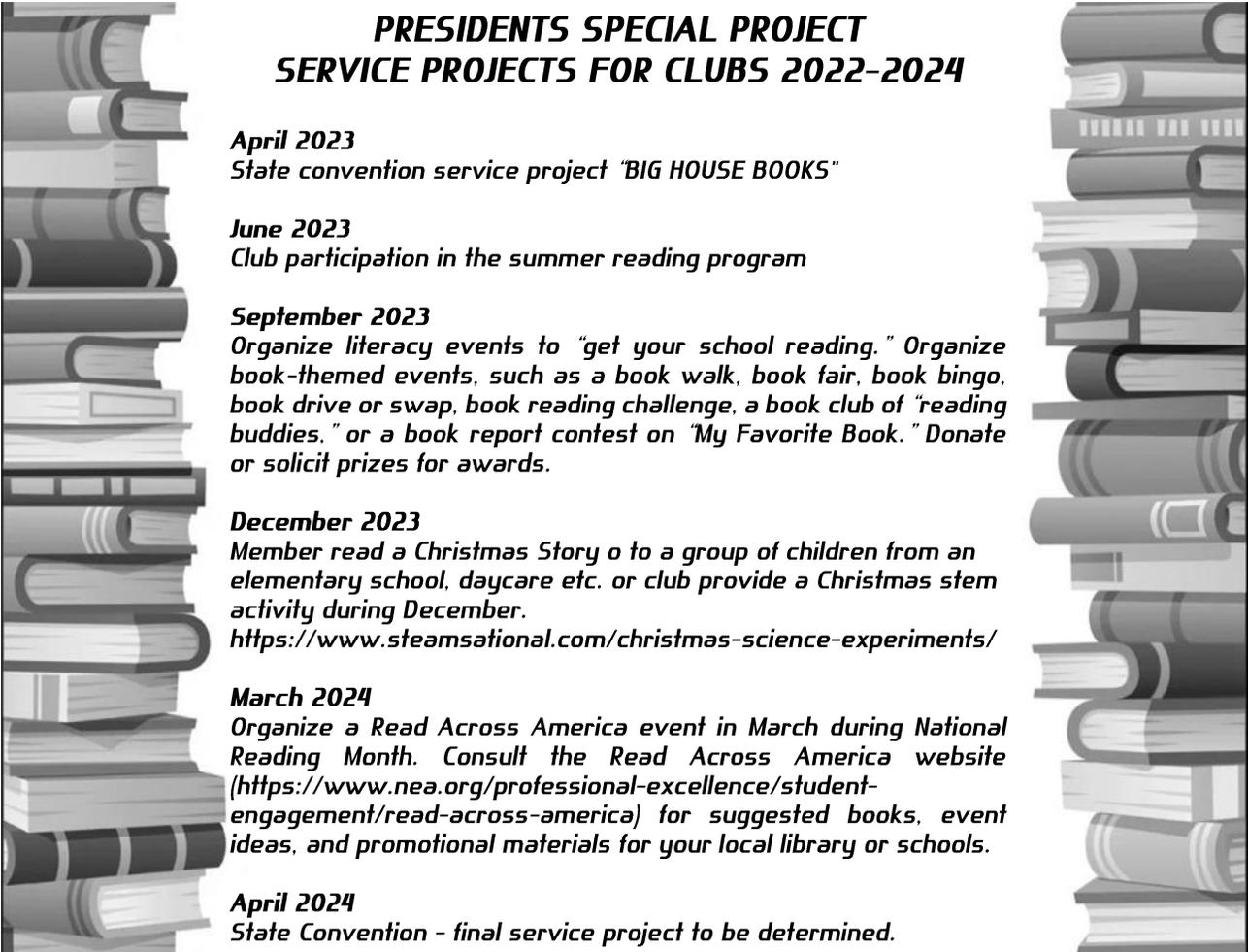
**GFWC-MFWC  
Twentieth Century  
Club of Bruce is very  
proud of you,  
Lisa  
McCee,  
for your service to the  
GFWC, GFWC-MFWC  
and TCC**



*Congratulations*

**PAULA MADDOX  
2022 GFWC-  
MFWC TWENTIETH  
CENTURY CLUB OF  
BRUCE CLUBWOMAN  
OF THE YEAR**





## **PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT SERVICE PROJECTS FOR CLUBS 2022-2024**

### **April 2023**

*State convention service project "BIG HOUSE BOOKS"*

### **June 2023**

*Club participation in the summer reading program*

### **September 2023**

*Organize literacy events to "get your school reading." Organize book-themed events, such as a book walk, book fair, book bingo, book drive or swap, book reading challenge, a book club of "reading buddies," or a book report contest on "My Favorite Book." Donate or solicit prizes for awards.*

### **December 2023**

*Member read a Christmas Story o to a group of children from an elementary school, daycare etc. or club provide a Christmas stem activity during December.*

*<https://www.steamsational.com/christmas-science-experiments/>*

### **March 2024**

*Organize a Read Across America event in March during National Reading Month. Consult the Read Across America website (<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america>) for suggested books, event ideas, and promotional materials for your local library or schools.*

### **April 2024**

*State Convention - final service project to be determined.*

*thank you*

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President-elect .....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Vice President .....	Meri F. Newell
Recording Secretary .....	Susan Shurden
Treasurer .....	Becky W. Watkins

### GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Northern District .....	Lisa McGee
Central District .....	Theresa T. Berryhill
Southern District .....	Laura Ann Trigg

### GFWC-MFWC APPOINTED OFFICERS

Immediate Past President .....	Sherri E. Reid
Parliamentarian .....	Susanne Byrd Poynor
Historian .....	Libby D. Everett
Chaplain .....	Jackie S. Etie
Juniorette Director .....	Michelle Sutton
<i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i> Editor .....	Lisa A. Harris
Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator and Circulation Editor .....	Lisa A. Harris

### GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

President's Special Assistant .....	Jeanette Thrash and Frances H. Brown
Meetings Coordinator/Board Receptionist .....	Terrie Whitehurst
MS LEADS Chairman .....	Meri F. Newell
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman .....	Sue S. Freeman
HOBYS Board Member .....	Theresa Buntyn
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member .....	Becky C. Wright

### PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Northern .....	Terrie Whitehurst
Central .....	Pam Keith
Southern .....	Penny J. Barr

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.....	Theresa Buntyn
.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
.....	Meri F. Newell
.....	Susan Shurden
.....	Becky W. Watkins
Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman .....	Lorri Stockstill
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.....	Pamela R. Maxwell

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.....	Ada McGrevey
.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
.....	Renee Keith
.....	Becky W. Watkins
.....	Theresa Buntyn
.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
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.....	Melissa Carleton
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Committee Members.....	Dianne Smith
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Co-Chairman .....	Abby May

**GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

1935 Society

Committee Members.....	Ivous Sisk
.....	Jo Anne Reid
.....	Tommy Rosenbaum
.....	Celia C. Fisher
.....	Judy T. Martin
.....	Carolyn C. Huey
.....	Tammie M. McCoy
.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
.....	Darlene C. Adams
.....	Tinker Forrester
.....	Becky C. Wright
.....	Sherri E. Reid
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Trustee .....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
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.....	Celia C. Fisher
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.....	Jo Anne Reid
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.....	Cassie Ferguson

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**GFWC-MFWC CONTEST CHAIRMEN**

Community Improvement Contest ..... Pollyanna Robelon  
 Jennie Award ..... Melba Watkins  
 Photography Contests ..... Linda Guraedy  
 Writing Contests ..... Deborah Warren  
 Youth Art ..... Elanor J. Bayless and Dianne Roberts  
 Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest ..... Gail Mitchell

**GFWC-SOUTHERN REGION OFFICER/BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Southern Region Board Member ..... Theresa Buntyn, MS State President  
 Southern Region Secretary ..... Dr. Tammie M. McCoy  
 Region Standing Rules Committee Chairman ..... Judy T. Martin  
 Region Standing Rule Committee Members ..... Darlene C. Adams  
 Region Media/Technology Committee Member ..... Lisa A. Harris

Mississippi 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

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GFWC Board Member ..... Theresa Buntyn, MS State President  
 GFWC Treasurer ..... Becky C. Wright  
 GFWC Bylaws Committee ..... Dr. Tammie M. McCoy

**GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS  
1898 - 2018**

<b>President</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Term</b>
* 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
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982

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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	Banner	2018-2020
Sherri E. Reid	Petal	2020-2022

\*deceased