

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



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GFWC-MFWC ACTING PRESIDENT**

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

**APRIL 24-25, 2026
PEARL, MISSISSIPPI**

**GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

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**HOST CLUBS:
THE GFWC-MFWC CLUBS OF THE NORTHERN
DISTRICT
JANAE WINTER, 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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Dear GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs members and guests, I am delighted to welcome you to the Holiday Inn in Pearl, Mississippi, for the 128th GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention. The Northern District is hosting our convention, with Janae Winter, Northern District President, serving as General Chairman. Janae, along with the members of the Northern District, has done an outstanding job planning a wonderful weekend of federation, fun, and fellowship.



Many individuals working behind the scenes have generously given their time and talents to ensure your visit is enjoyable. Northern District clubs have also provided beautiful decorations throughout the convention. In addition, many others have stepped forward to assist this officer and the host district in making this convention a success. Please know how deeply your efforts are appreciated.

While in Pearl, I encourage you to enjoy the many shopping and dining opportunities and to visit the local museums. Our convention is a time to celebrate the volunteer service you, our members, have contributed to make a difference in the lives of others. The hours, dollars, and in-kind donations have been carefully tallied and will be announced for each area of service. However, the true winners are those we serve.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers for your enjoyment throughout the convention. We are honored to welcome the Governor of our great state, Governor Tate Reeves, who will extend greetings on Friday morning. Jennifer Walker, Executive Director of the Mississippi Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will serve as the keynote speaker for Friday's luncheon. You will not want to miss the Health and Wellness presentation by Dr. Deidra Thompson.

On Saturday, Somer Wade will inspire us during the Prayer Breakfast, and Chaplain Darlene Adams will present our Memorial Service. Dina Ray, Director of Development for But God Ministries, Inc., will also share with us. Following the unveiling of the next administration's President's Special Project, Sandy Middleton will serve as the keynote speaker for the Post-Convention Board Meeting.

Our banquet is always a special time as we honor our elected officers, past state presidents, district presidents, LEADS candidates, clubs, and Clubwomen of the Year. We are especially honored that Dr. Tammie McCoy, Southern Region Vice President, will install the next administration. Special entertainment will also be provided for your enjoyment.

This acting president's heart is overflowing with gratitude. I can never thank you enough for uplifting me with your support and prayers during this challenging time of transition. You have truly demonstrated our mission—enhancing the lives of others. This administration remains committed to ensuring that MFWC continues to have a bright and beautiful future.

Thank you for joining me at the 128th convention as we celebrate the past and look forward to the future. Your presence has truly made this convention meaningful.

In Federation Love,

Frances

Frances H. Brown
2024-2026 GFWC-MFWC Acting President



March 15, 2026

Welcome to your 2026 State Convention. Thank you for attending this important gathering where members come together to help shape the direction of your GFWC State Federation, deepen your understanding of all that GFWC offers, celebrate volunteer achievements, and enjoy the camaraderie that unites us.

Together, you have confronted some of society's most urgent challenges with courage and conviction, demonstrating the true power of dedicated volunteers united in purpose. Your commitment has elevated volunteerism and strengthened our collective impact in meaningful and lasting ways.



Through your work, you have brought attention to the critical issues of domestic and sexual violence, advocated for the needs of children, honored and supported our veterans, invested in personal and leadership development, and more. These efforts have not only enriched lives but have also built stronger, more compassionate communities.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the wealth of resources and tools available to support your journey. In particular, I invite you to explore the GFWC Learning Academy—a vision I first introduced during the 2024–2026 Installation. Launched in January, the Academy already features more than 30 courses designed to inform, inspire, and empower every member. This dynamic online experience offers opportunities for growth at every level. Begin your exploration today.

It is because of you that our mission continues to thrive. Your passion, resilience, and willingness to serve will have a lasting influence for years to come.

I warmly invite you to join us at the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention, June 26–29, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona. This special gathering will celebrate our shared accomplishments, strengthen our bonds, and prepare us for the next chapter of Federation service.

May your convention be a time of celebration, connection, and renewed purpose. Take pride in all you have achieved and confidence in all that lies ahead.

Congratulations, and thank you for your unwavering dedication.

Yours in Federation and Service,

Suellen B. Brazil
International President
General Federation of Women's Clubs

**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
128th Annual Convention**

**Holiday Inn Trustmark Park
Pearl, Mississippi
April 24-25, 2026**

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:00 p.m.....Finance/Executive Committee Meeting Virtual

Thursday, April 23, 2026, Pre-Convention Activities

5:15 p.m.....Audit Committee Meeting President's Suite

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.Registration.....Pre-function Area

Friday, April 24, 2026, Pre-Convention Activities

7:30 a.m.Gavel Club Breakfast.....Dr. McCoy's Suite

8:00 a.m.Registration.....Lobby

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.Shop Vendors, New2You, Ways & MeansPre-function Area

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.View ExhibitsMagnolia Room

Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting.....Magnolia Room

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

*“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old,
but on building the new.” — Socrates*

Call to Order.....Frances H. Brown, Acting President

Welcome & Recognitions.....Frances H. Brown, Acting President

Devotion.....Darlene C. Adams, Chaplain

Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence Phyllis Whittington, Secretary

Treasurer's Report Diane Rouse, Treasurer

Committee Reports

 Finance Committee.....Sherri E. Reid, Chairman

 Executive Committee..... Phyllis Whittington, Secretary

New Business

 Awards Procedure.....Michelle Sutton, Vice President & Dean of Chairmen

 Northern District Ways and Means.....Susan Shurden, Chairman

 MFWC Ways and Means.....Abby May & Amy Jacobs, Co-Chairmen

Announcements Janae Winter, Convention Chairman

CollectJeanette Thrash, Decatur Progressive Club

AdjournmentFrances H. Brown, Acting President

**ALL Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks and Yearbooks MUST be
signed out and picked up by 5:00 p.m.**

Official Opening Ceremonies of the 128th Annual State Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

"The work of volunteers impacts on all our lives, even if we are not aware of it."—Antony Worrall Thompson

Friday, April 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and Business SessionMagnolia Room

Call to Order.....	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
Invocation	Darlene C. Adams, Chaplain and 59 th MFWC President 2014-2016
Presentation of Colors.....	Specialist Harris Callahan with D-Company 1-111, and Specialist Caden Cantner with 367 th Maintenance Company
Pledge of Allegiance	Tinker Forrester, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and 60 th MFWC President 2016-2018
National Anthem.....	Meri F. Newell, WHRC Chairman
Introduction of Special Guest	Melba Watkins, Jennie Chairman and Suzanne Poynor, 58 th MFWC President 2012-2014
Official Welcome.....	Governor Tate Reeves
MFWC Welcome	Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
Response	Diane Rouse, Central District President
Recognitions	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
GFWC Greetings	Darlene C. Adams, GFWC Juniorette Director
GFWC Southern Region Greetings	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Southern Region Vice President and 57 th MFWC President 2010-2012
Appointment of Tellers	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
Preliminary Credentials Report.....	Lisa McGee, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Parliamentarian
Presentation of Convention Program	Michelle Sutton, Vice President
Appointment of Reading Committee.....	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
Report of the Executive Board.....	Phyllis Whittington, Secretary
Report of Audit Committee.....	Diane Rouse, Treasurer
Report of the Treasurer	Diane Rouse, Treasurer
Election of 2026-2028 Officers	
Report of the Nominating Committee	Becky C. Wright, Chairman GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
Introduction of Nominees for Offices	
Meri F. Newell, Nominee for President-elect	Sherri E. Reid, 62 nd MFWC President 2020-2022, Cosmopolitan Club
Lisa A. Harris, Nominee for Vice President.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy Pontotoc Woman's Club
Michelle Sutton, Nominee for Secretary.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy Pontotoc Woman's Club
Diane Rouse, Nominee for Treasurer	Carolyn C. Huey 56 th MFWC President 2008-2010, GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
Election of Officers	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
Appointment of Timekeepers	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
Report of the GFWC-MFWC Elected State Officers	
.....	Frances H. Brown, Acting President
.....	Michelle Sutton, Vice President

Report of the District Presidents Frances H. Brown, Advisor
 Janae Winter, Northern District President
 Diane Rouse, Central District President
 Shirley Wiltshire, Southern District President
 Northern District Ways and Means Susan Shurden, Chairman
 MFWC Ways and Means Abby May and Amy Jacobs, Co-Chairmen
 Announcements Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
 Recess Frances H. Brown, Acting President

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

12:00 p.m. Health and Wellness LuncheonMagnolia Room

LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY:

GFWC-MFWC FINE ARTS CLUB OF BRUCE, CLEVELAND WOMEN'S CLUB, AND PONTOTOC WOMAN'S CLUB

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else’s help.” - Heather French Henry

Presiding Frances H. Brown, Acting President
 Recognitions Frances H. Brown, Acting President
 Grace Bridget Smith, 2026 MS LEADS Candidate, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce

LUNCHEON

Introduction of Guest Speaker Becky C. Wright, Health and Wellness Chairman and 61st MFWC President 2018-2020
 Address Jennifer Walker, Executive Director of Alzheimer’s Association Mississippi Chapter
 GFWC Awards Michelle Sutton, Dean of Chairmen
 Community Service Program Awards
 Arts and Culture Jodie Brickson, Co-Chairman
 Civic Engagement and Outreach Janis Sita, Chairman
 Environment Lisa McGee, Education and Libraries, Chairman
 Education and Libraries Lisa McGee, Chairman
 ESO Lisa A. Harris, Chairman
 Health and Wellness Becky C. Wright, Chairman
 Advancement Plans
 Communications and Public Relations Shirley Wiltshire, Chairman
 Leadership Theresa Buntyn, Chairman
 Legislation/Public Policy Katie Huffman, Chairman
 Fundraising Shirley Wiltshire, Communications and Public Relations Chairman
 Women’s History and Resource Center (WHRC) Meri F. Newell, Chairman
 GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Susan Shurden, Chairman
 GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children Susan Shurden, Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Chairman
 Recess Frances H. Brown, Acting President

INSTALLATION OF 2026-2028 GFWC-MFWC OFFICERS

Introduction of Southern Region Vice President	Michelle Sutton, Vice President
Conducting Installation of Officers.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy GFWC Southern Region Vice President
Pin and Gavel Ceremony.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy and MFWC Past Presidents
Response	Frances H. Brown, President
Message in a Song.....	Ada McGrevey and Carolyn C. Huey, GFWC-MFWC Decatur Woman's Progressive Club
Door Prizes.....	Debbie Harrelson, Door Prize Chairman
Silent Auction Winners.....	Susan Shurden, Chairman
Announcements	Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
Recess.....	Frances H. Brown, President

**FOLLOWING THE BANQUET, IN THE PRE-FUNCTION AREA,
YOU ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION HONORING**

**FRANCES H. BROWN,
2026-2028 GFWC-MFWC PRESIDENT**

AND

**DR. TAMMIE M. MCCOY
2026-2028 GFWC SOUTHERN REGION PRESIDENT**

HOSTED BY GFWC-MFWC BRUCE CIVIC CLUB

Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Registration.....	Pre-function Area
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service	Magnolia Room
9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session	Magnolia Room

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service.....Magnolia Room

PRAYER BREAKFAST AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

HOSTED BY:

GFWC ACKERMAN CIVIC LEAGUE AND GFWC-MFWC LANIER CLUB

*“The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution.
When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves
automatically.” – Kurek Ashley*

Presiding.....	Frances H. Brown, President
Recognitions	Frances H. Brown, President
Announcements	Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
Grace	Renee Keith, 2026 MS LEADS Candidate, GFWC-MFWC Purvis Woman's Club

BREAKFAST

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

Introduction of Speaker	Darlene C. Adams, Chaplain
Inspirational Speaker.....	Somer Wade
Memorial Service	Darlene C. Adams, Chaplain
Door Prizes.....	Debbi Harrelson, Chairman
Announcements	Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
Recess.....	Frances H. Brown, President

9:45 —11:45 a.m.Business Session ContinuesMagnolia Room

Presiding	Frances H. Brown, President
Introduction of Special Speaker	Judy Thomas Martin, GFWC Fundraising Chairman and 55 th MFWC President 2006-2008
Special Speaker	Dina Ray, But God Ministries
Introduction of Juniorettes	Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director
Juniorette Awards.....	Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director
MFWC Grants and Scholarships	Michelle Sutton, Dean of Chairmen
Hebron Memorial Scholarship	Lorri Stockstill, Chairman
Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship.....	Belinda Peacher, Chairman
Presentation of Juniorette Clubs of the Year.....	Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director
Presentation of Juniorette of the Year	Darlene C. Adams, Juniorette Director
GFWC Contest Awards	Michelle Sutton, Dean of Chairmen
Photography Awards.....	Gail Mitchell, Chairman
Writing Awards.....	Eleanor Bayless, Chairman
MFWC Contest Awards.....	Michelle Sutton, Dean of Chairmen
Scrapbooks and Yearbooks Awards.....	Dawn Vosbein, Chairman
Youth Arts and Youth Challenge Arts Awards.....	Deborah Warren, Chairman
Announcement of Clubwoman of the Year.....	Frances H. Brown, President
Announcement of Clubs of the Year	Frances H. Brown, President
Report of 2024-2026 President's Special Project.....	Diane Rouse, Chairman
Final Credentials Report.....	Lisa McGee, Credentials Chairman
Invitation to 2026 GFWC Convention.....	Judy T. Martin, GFWC Fundraising Chairman
Invitation to 2026 Southern Region Conference.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC Southern Region Vice President
Invitation to 2027 State Convention	Diane Rouse, Central District President
Presentation of Awards Packets.....	Michelle Sutton, Dean of Chairmen
Recognition of Host District and Clubs	Frances H. Brown, President
Recognition of 2026-2028 GFWC-MFWC Officers.....	Frances H. Brown, President
Closing Remarks	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, GFWC Southern Region Vice President
Closing Remarks of 2026-2028 GFWC-MFWC President.....	Frances H. Brown, President
Door Prizes.....	Debbi Harrelson, Door Prize Chairman
Announcements	Janae Winter, Convention Chairman
Collect	Sheila Worley, Cosmopolitan Club
Adjournment.....	Frances H. Brown, President

**Official Closing of the 128th Annual Convention
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
Pearl, MS**

Saturday, April 25, 2026, Post - Convention Activities

2026-2028 POST-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING AND LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m. ...Luncheon.....**Magnolia Room**

CREDENTIALS REPORT

	Preliminary Report 9:00 a.m. 4/24/26	Final Report 9:00 a.m. 4/25/26
GFWC Officers/Southern Region Officer	_____	_____
State Officers and Chairmen	_____	_____
District Officers and Chairmen	_____	_____
Past State Presidents	_____	_____
Club Presidents and Other Voting Delegates	_____	_____
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates	_____	_____
Visitors and Guests	_____	_____
Total Number of Voting Delegates	_____	_____
Total Number in Attendance	_____	_____

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

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Cleveland Women's Club | GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club |
| GFWC Ackerman Civic League | Kosciusko Twentieth-first Century Club |
| GFWC Women's Civic League of Iuka | Pontotoc Woman's Club |
| GFWC-MFWC Batesville Woman's Club | She Leads Society Club |
| GFWC-MFWC Bruce Civic League | Woman's Club of Aberdeen |
| GFWC-MFWC Eupora New Century Club | Woman's Club of Tunica County |
| GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce | Woman's Club of Booneville |
| GFWC-MFWC Iuka Twentieth Century Club | |

SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNOR TATE REEVES – *Governor of Mississippi*. As the 65th Governor of Mississippi, Tate Reeves continues to build on his strong record as a leader who fights to improve educational opportunity and grow new careers so that Mississippi's best and brightest can raise their families and thrive.



Since he took office as governor, Mississippi has seen record educational gains which have been called the “Mississippi Miracle.” Thanks to Governor Reeves’ fiscally conservative leadership, Mississippi is in the best fiscal and financial shape ever and its economy is thriving.

Under Governor Reeves’ leadership, Mississippi has attracted record-breaking private sector investment totaling over \$85 billion and finalized the six largest economic development projects in the state’s history. Additionally, Mississippi achieved an overhauled statewide workforce development strategy, an all-time low unemployment rate multiple times, and the largest tax cut and the largest teacher pay raise in state history.

A Rankin County native, Governor Reeves is a graduate of Florence High School and an honors graduate of Millsaps College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in economics. Governor Reeves and his wife, Elee, are the proud parents of three daughters, Tyler, Emma, and Maddie.

JENNIFER WALKER. – *Executive Director for the Alzheimer’s Association in Mississippi and Alabama*. Jennifer Walker is a mission-driven executive leader currently serving as Executive Director for the Alabama and Mississippi Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. With oversight of multi-state operations, she leads strategic growth across fundraising, advocacy, board development, and community impact, guiding a combined effort to advance brain health, accelerate research, and support families facing Alzheimer’s and dementia.

With a career rooted in purpose-driven organizations, Jennifer brings a proven track record of scaling revenue, building high-performing teams, and cultivating transformational partnerships. She has overseen multimillion-dollar budgets, secured major philanthropic investments, and successfully expanded community engagement through innovative events and corporate collaborations.

Jennifer is known for her ability to connect vision to action, bringing together health systems, corporate leaders, and volunteers to create sustainable impact. Her leadership style blends strategy with heart, and she is deeply committed to ensuring that communities are equipped with the resources, education, and support needed to navigate Alzheimer’s and prioritize brain health.

Beyond her professional work, Jennifer is passionate about faith, service, and empowering others. She is also a content creator and gardening enthusiast, using her platform to inspire growth, both in the garden and in life.

DR. DEIDRA THOMPSON – *Graceful Wellness PLLC*. Deidra Thompson’s nursing career started in 2010 as a registered nurse, and she has practiced as a Nurse Practitioner since 2014. She is dually certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She is the CEO and Founder of Graceful Wellness PLLC, which provides mental health and primary care services across the country. She is a board member for the Diverse Coat Society, Legacy Council Member for Grant Me Justice, and serves as an International Chamber Ambassador for Business Empowered International Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Thompson is also President of the Governing Board of Directors for J R Young Healthy Equity



Institute and serves as core faculty for Walden University. Her awards include Best of Mississippi in Nursing for 2023, and the 2025 State Award for Outstanding Contributions awarded by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She is also the recipient of the 2025 Carrie B. Lenberg Award awarded by Excelsior University Alumni Leadership Council. She was inducted into the 2025 Best of Mississippi Hall of Fame. She has numerous publications and speaking engagements. She is the 2026 Miss Doctorate

SOMER WADE – Somer, a pastor's wife and stay-at-home mom, finds joy in serving and encouraging women of all ages. She has been married for 22 years and is in a new season of motherhood as she navigates being a mom to a college student and a high schooler. Somer is slowly but surely learning that when she uses the weapon of God's Word to fight her battles and fixes her eyes on Him, she is more than a conqueror and the messy circumstances of life look a lot better."



DINA RAY – *Director of Development for But God Ministries, Inc.* Dina Ray has a very diverse background. She is a graduate of Baylor University with a BBA in Marketing / Management. She worked for 15 years in the plastics industry, working for Dow Chemical, Rexene, Bayer Corp and GE Plastics, and spent eight years as the State Director of Mississippi for March of Dimes before joining But God Ministries as the Director of Development in 2018. Dina raises money in every way possible, from grant writing to major gifts and fundraising events.



Dina feels her diverse background has prepared her to be a nonprofit executive and has given her insight that is often missing in the nonprofit world. The mission aspect of nonprofit work is particularly important to her, and she enjoys feeling like her efforts make an impact on the world and for the kingdom of God.

She enjoys cooking and creating recipes and cookbooks, painting, traveling, and she is a huge pet lover in her free time. She is also a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Dina is married to Ken Ray, and they have three boys, twins Aidan and Connor, who graduated from Ole Miss and MSU, respectively, and Griffin, a Senior at Ole Miss.

Mississippi, United Crown of America.

SANDY MIDDLETON – *Executive Director of the Center for Violence Prevention.* Sandy Middleton is married to Fred Middleton, and together, they have four grown children and their spouses and six beautiful grandchildren.



Sandy received her B.A. in English Language and Literature from Millsaps College and her Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University. Her background is political and non-profit development and consulting. Sandy has served as Board Member and Legislative Director for the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Vice-President for Mississippians Against Human Trafficking, and she works to pass legislation to improve victim safety and to hold offenders accountable. Middleton also serves as a board member for the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Fund. Middleton has served as Chair and Vice-Chair of Mississippi's Domestic Violence Task Force. Middleton also chaired the Victims Services Committee on Governor Bryant's Human Trafficking Task Force and is a Certified Rapid Response Human Trafficking Advocate through the MS Attorney General's office. She was honored to accept the 2014 FBI Community Service Award for The Center.

Middleton was recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal in 2018 as one of the Top 10 in the 50 Top Business Women. Middleton has trained law enforcement and other service providers across the state and at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy. During her 20+ years at

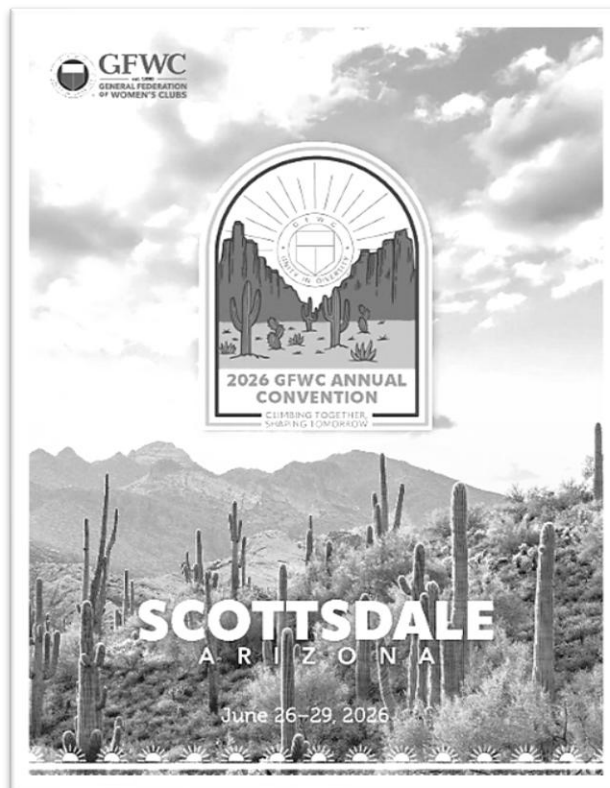
The Center, the agency's budget has increased from \$250,000 to over \$3,000,000 annually, resulting in increased staff and programming to better assist 1500+ victims per year, including programs for victims of human trafficking, batterer's intervention and a separate forensic clinic. Her motivational Bible verse is: *Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:4*

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.

2026 CONVENTION CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

General Chairman.....	Janae Winter
City Chairman.....	Amy Jacobs and Abby May
Convention Treasurer.....	Diane Rouse
Ad Chairman.....	Lisa A. Harris
Convention Kit Committee Chairman.....	Diane Rouse
Publicity Chairman.....	Deana Pittman
Door Prize Committee Chairman.....	Debbi Harrleson
Northern District Ways and Means Chairman.....	Susan Shurden
Exhibits Committee Chairman.....	Tracey Williams and Bridget Smith
Hostess Committee Chairman.....	Lisa McGee
Page Committee Chairman.....	Rose Mary Shelton
Meal Ticket and Name Tag Chairman.....	Diane Rouse
Platform Committee Chairman.....	Lisa A. Harris
Protocol Chairman.....	Sherri E. Reid
Registration Chairman.....	Diane Rouse
Credentials Chairman.....	Lisa McGee
Timekeepers.....	Katie Huffman
.....	Belinda Vowell
.....	Cristin Chandler
Program Committee.....	Frances H. Brown
.....	Lisa A. Harris
.....	Dr. Tammie McCoy
.....	Tinker Forrester
.....	Judy Thomas Martin
Tellers.....	Abby May
.....	Cindy Thompson
.....	Shirley Wiltshire



*Patrons of the
GFWC-MFWC 128th
Annual State Convention*

Belinda Vowell
Judy Thomas Martin
Michelle Sutton
Susan Shurden

GFWC-MFWC Raleigh Woman's Club
Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Pontotoc Woman's Club



**Join us at the
GFWC Southern Region Conference
Jacksonville, Florida
October 23-26, 2026**

**Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, President &
Presiding Officer**

Congratulations!



2024-2026 GFWC-MFWC President Frances H. Brown

Dear Frances, there will be challenges, yes—but there will also be victories, friendships, and moments that remind you why you said “yes” to this role. And know this: you are not alone. Every member here stands ready to support you, work alongside you, and celebrate with you.

So, on behalf of all of us, congratulations. May your term as president be marked by growth, unity, and achievements that make us all proud. Here’s to two years of vision, collaboration, and success.

We love you,
GFWC-MFWC Bruce Civic Club

Congratulations to

Decatur Woman's
Progressive Club's
2025



Elizabeth Guisasola
LEADS Candidate

Valorie Westbrook
Club Woman
of the Year

Central District's
Club Woman of the Year
Classification B



GFWC-MFWC
Decatur Woman's
Progressive Club



Central District's Club of the Year
Classification B

Congratulations

to



Thank you, Debbi

"A Proverbs 31 woman whose strength, wisdom, and leadership have guided our club with grace. We are sincerely thankful for her dedicated service."



From the GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce



Thank You
Michelle

*for your service to the GFWC-
MFWC and the Pontotoc
Woman's Club*



2016 – Present

*Michelle Sutton
Pontotoc Clubwoman to MFWC Vice President*

**We Are So Proud Of
You**



Abby May

The members of the GFWC-MFWC Lanier Club of Okolona are so proud of your new position as President of Mississippi's Northern District of this great organization.

Thanks for your service at the local, district and state levels.



In LOVING
Memory

THOSE WE LOVE

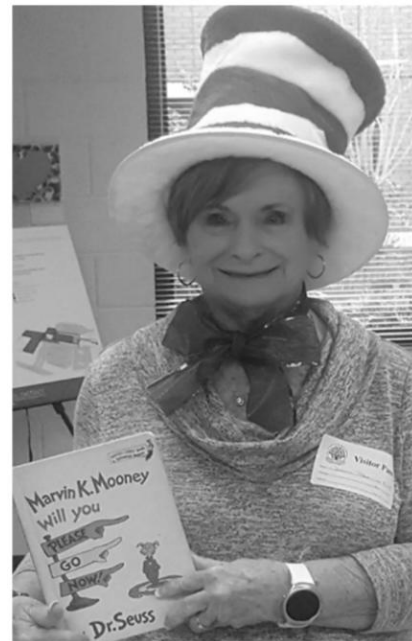
don't go away, they

WALK BESIDE US

everyday. Unseen, unheard but

ALWAYS NEAR,

still loved, still missed and very dear.

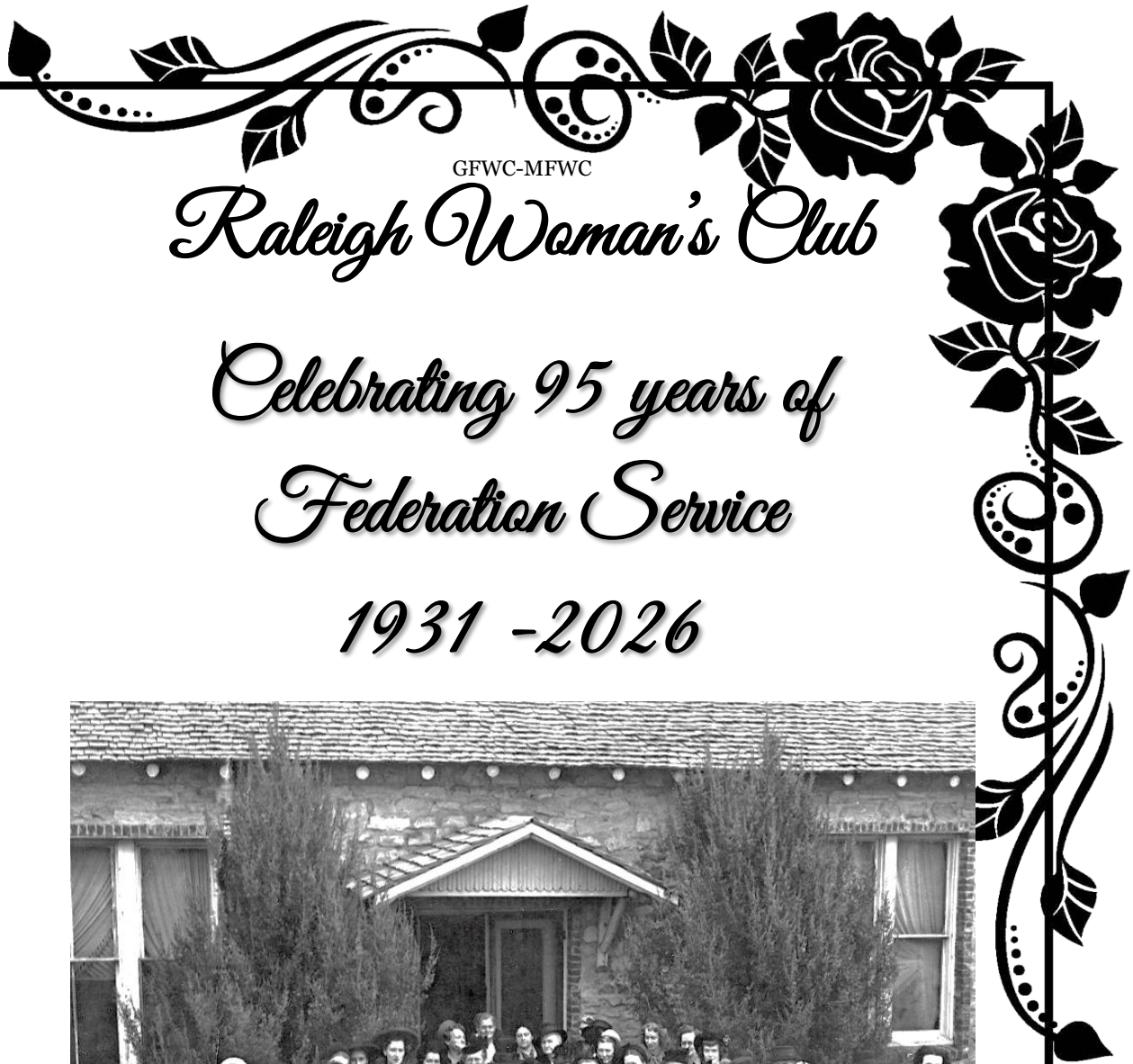


Jeannie Pittman
GFWC-MFWC Florentine Club

GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club

Serving Florence, the
surrounding area, MFWC
and GFWC since 1998





GFWC-MFWC

Raleigh Woman's Club

Celebrating 95 years of Federation Service

1931 -2026



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Honoring

our oldest and active member, Mary Alice Hydrick.



Over fifty years of service to our community as an active Florentine Club member.

Celebrating 101 years




Congratulations!

Frances H. Brown

63rd President of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

2026-2028

MADAM PRESIDENT

Congratulations!
to
**Momma, Mama Frances, Mimi, Franna
and Fransa**



Family is
LAUGHTER
 **LOVE** 
HAPPINESS
everything



**2026-2028
GFWC-MFWC President**

Thank You!

Diane Rouse

For all you do for the MFWC



Living the Volunteer Spirit



Leadership

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more and become more, you are a leader. John Quincy Adams

MS LEADS Class of 2026



- * Allyson Penton
- * Amy Raspberry
- * Renee Keith
- * Theresa Buntyn
(LEADS Chairman)
- * Gina Schmitz
- * Bridget Smith
- * Elizabeth Guisolia
(not pictured)


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CRYSTAL SPRINGS FLORAL CLUB
1st Place Classification A - Central District
2025 GFWC-MFVC President's Special Project
for support of Camp Kamassa in Copiah County



Left to right: Sue Freeman, Secretary; Shirley Wiltshire, GFWC-MFVC Southern District President; Peggy Harkins; Dr. Linda Channell, Vice-President; Linda Milner, Treasurer; Nixi Davis, President; Shirley Lamar; Mary Lou Barlow, Corresponding Secretary; and Ann Lisk


Congratulations



Dawn Vosbein
 MFVC Southern District Secretary
 2024-2026 & 2026-2028

"Keeping the records straight"

Congratulations!



Frances H. Brown
 GFWC-MFVC President
 2026-2028

Woman's Club of Booneville

Congratulations

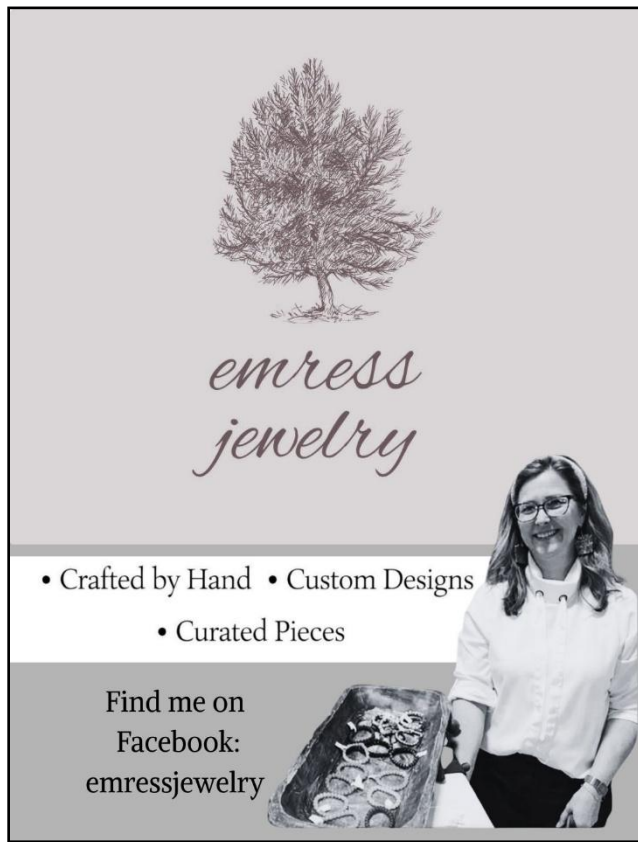


Charlea
Liddell

our Ackerman Civic League 2025 Clubwoman of the Year
& 2025 MFWC Northern District Clubwoman of the Year

The Star Woman's Club
is very pleased to
announce that that our
"village" is now the
"newest town in
Mississippi!" We are so
proud of all the people
who worked so hard to
accomplish this goal.
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Hwy 49, watch our
town grow!





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Celebrating 60 Years of Service

We proudly honor JoAnne Reid,
Past MFWC State President,
for her extraordinary dedication and leadership.



From her years with the Ackerman Twentieth Century Club
to the Ackerman Civic League,
her legacy of service continues to inspire.

Congratulations to our GFWC- MFWC Juniorette Clubs!

Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes - Bruce
Dixie Daisy Juniorettes - Meadville
Ellisville Juniorettes - Ellisville
Eupora Juniorettes - Eupora
Juniorette Diamonds - Picayune
Juniorette G.E.M.S. - Decatur
Les Aimes Juniorettes - Purvis
Pontotoc Juniorettes - Pontotoc
Poplarville Juniorettes - Poplarville



From Juniorette Capitol Day to Juniorette Summer Retreats, and all things service in between, it has been my pleasure to serve as your State Juniorette Director. With your outstanding club work, District, State and International Awards received, you and your Advisors have proven that volunteerism, civic duty and leadership development are not defined by age, but by HEART. Thank you for putting your HEART into all you do, and I look forward to serving you again for the next administration!

Love in federation,

Mrs. Darlene

Darlene C. Adams,
MFWC Juniorette Director



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*The Pontotoc Woman's Club
proudly recognizes our club
president, Dr. Tammie M. McCoy,*



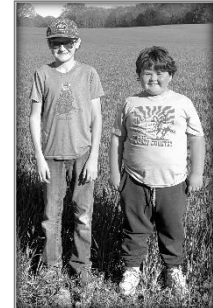
*for her exceptional leadership and
dedication to mentorship.*

*We extend our heartfelt congratulations as
she embarks on her journey as the GFWC
Southern Region President.*

Congrats Abby, Northern District President



So proud of you...
The Twins, Abby, Mama, Aunt
Abby & Tooty



Double Congrats!

To our
GFWC-
MFWC
President
2026-2028

Frances H.
Brown



In Sincere Appreciation to the MFWC Gavel Club

My Dear Gavel Club Sisters,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Gavel Club President during this administration. Thank you for rising to the "challenge" in support of our State Convention and more. Thank you for your wisdom and guidance given to our State Officers, District and Club leaders.

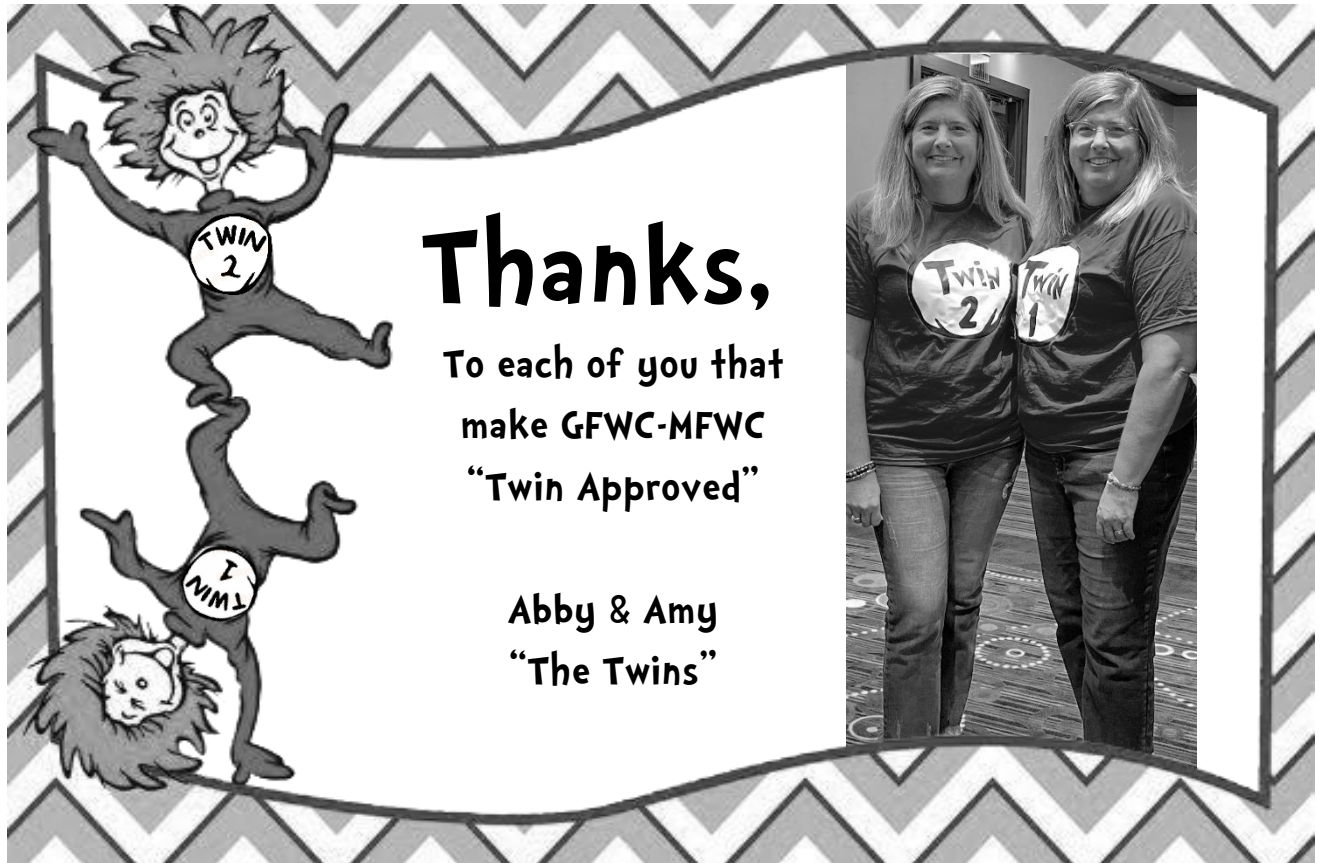
I admire and respect each of you!

Love in federation,

Darlene

Darlene C. Adams
MFWC Gavel Club President
2024-2026





Thanks,

To each of you that
make GFWC-MFWC
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Abby & Amy
“The Twins”

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Janae,



*for your nineteen years of
Dedicated Service and Leadership
In GFWC-Mississippi, we proudly recognize and celebrate
an incredible journey—19 years of outstanding leadership
and unwavering commitment to community service.*

*For almost two decades, you have been a guiding force,
consistently demonstrating compassion, vision, and dedication to
making a meaningful difference. Through your leadership, you
have touched countless lives, created opportunities, and helped our
community grow stronger and more connected.*

*This remarkable journey reflects not only years of service but a
legacy of impact—built on integrity, perseverance, and a genuine
passion for helping others. Janae, your efforts have inspired many
and set a powerful example of what true leadership looks like.*

*Reflecting on your journey from Juniorette President to Northern
District President, we remember your previous achievements of
Juniorette of the Year, Sara Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Recipient,
Hebron Memorial Scholarship Recipient, MS-LEADS Delegate to
GFWC, and MFWC Clubwoman of the Year! We are honored to
have traveled with you!*

Congratulations on this extraordinary journey!



**Piggly Wiggly proudly supports our Mississippi Federation
of Women's Clubs in Bruce!**

**Thank you for enhancing the lives of others through
community service!**

**Bruce Civic Club and President Bethany LaValley
Fine Arts Club of Bruce and President Debbi Harrelson
Bruce Fine Arts Juniores and President Leah Clark
Northern District President Janae Winter**

**And Best Wishes to
MFWC 2026-2028 President Frances Brown**

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 Vice President Michelle Sutton
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 Treasurer Diane Rouse

GFWC-MFWC DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Northern District Janae Winter
 Central District Diane Rouse
 Southern District Shirley Wiltshire

GFWC-MFWC APPOINTED OFFICERS

Immediate Past President Theresa Buntyn
 Parliamentarian Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
 Historian Libby D. Everett
 Chaplain Darlene C. Adams
 Juniorette Director Darlene C. Adams
 Mississippi Clubwoman Editor Lisa A. Harris
 Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator and Circulation Editor Lisa A. Harris
 Junior Club Advisor Renee Keith

GFWC-MFWC SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

President's Special Assistants Betina Dodd, Linda Hawkins and Aimeliea Dulaney
 Meetings Coordinator/Board Receptionist Marie Davis
 MS LEADS Chairman Theresa Buntyn
 Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman Sue S. Freeman
 HOBY Board Member Vacant
 Mississippi Library Commission Board Member Theresa Buntyn

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Northern Janae Winter
 Central Diane Rouse
 Southern Shirley Wiltshire

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.....	Kara Dulaney
.....	Diane Rouse
.....	Frances H. Brown
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Committee Members	Abby May
.....	Cindy Thompson
.....	Lorri Stockstill
.....	Darlene C. Adams
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Committee Members	Lisa A. Harris
.....	Sandra Pope
State Institutions, Chairman	Jeannie Pittman
Ways and Means, Co-Chairman	Amy Jacobs
Co-Chairman.....	Abby May

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.....	Jo Anne Reid
.....	Celia C. Fisher
.....	Judy T. Martin
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.....	Tiffany Terrell

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GFWC Signature Project: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness.....	Susan Shurden
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.....	Tina Hall

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- Community Improvement Contest..... Dr. Lisa B. Lucius
- Jennie Award Melba Watkins
- Photography Contests..... Gail Mitchell
- Writing Contests Eleanor J. Bayless
- Youth Art..... Deborah Warren
- Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest..... Dawn Vosbein

GFWC-SOUTHERN REGION OFFICER/BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Region Board Member..... Frances H. Brown, MS Acting State President
- Region Vice President..... Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
- Region Fundraising Committee..... Sherri E. Reid
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- Region Hostess Committee..... Abby A. May
- Region Standing Rules Committee..... Darlene C. Adams

GFWC SOUTHERN REGION – MISSISSIPPI PAST REGION PRESIDENTS

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

GFWC BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- GFWC Annual Giving Committee Member Becky C. Wright
- GFWC Fundraising Committee Chairman Judy T. Martin
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- GFWC Juniorette Chairman Darlene C. Adams
- GFWC Southern Region Vice President Dr. Tammie M. McCoy

GFWC-MFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS 1898 - 2026

President	City	Term	President	City	Term
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900	* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902	Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904	* Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906	* Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908	* Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910	* Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912	* Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914	Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916	* Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918	Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920	* Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922	Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924	Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926	Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928	Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930	Tammie M. McCoy	Pontotoc	2010-2012
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932	Suzanne Byrd Poynor	Florence	2012-2014
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934	Darlene C. Adams	Picayune	2014-2016
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936	Tinker Forrester	Ackerman	2016-2018
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938	Becky C. Wright	Banner	2018-2020
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940	Sherri E. Reid	Petal	2020-2022
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942	Theresa Buntyn	Decatur	2022-2024
* 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			

*Deceased