

MFWC News

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The mission of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., an organization of women whose goal is personal enrichment leading to volunteer service that benefits the community, state, nation and world.

Founded on May 25, 1898 and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Since 1904.

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GFWC-MFWC 2024-2026

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Pontotoc Woman's Club
Northern District

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Northern District

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Central District



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Getting Back to Our Roots

"A History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc."

Administration of Mrs. Robert Copley (Orell) Pitard

1944-1946



- ♥ Twentieth-fourth President of the MFWC from Jackson, MS.
- ♥ The theme of her administration was "Consultation, Cooperation, Kindness and Tolerance."

Highlights of this Administration

- Mrs. Howorth's administration occurred during the worst of the War Years. Almost all work and programs during this time were war related.
- In 1946, the Federation for the first time in its history, sent a junior club woman to a national meeting.
- Another special program in 1946 was the GFWC's "Marathon Mound of Cloth." Mississippi club women enthusiastically participated in this campaign and donated 4,700 yards of cloth to help clothe war orphans in Greece.
- Highlights from the forty sixth annual convention of the MFWC held in Jackson at the Robert E. Hotel in November 1945 with Mrs. Robert Copley presiding. The theme for this convention was "Let the Heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among nations, The Lord Reigneth."
 - Mrs. Copley presented five resolutions and were unanimously adopted at this convention. They were a law requiring a physical examination before marriage; a larger appropriation for the Mississippi Library Commission; a state-wide forest fire protection program with adequate appropriations for the Mississippi Forestry Commission; an adequate Workmen's Compensation Law; and the establishment of a four year medical school and general hospital.
 - All committee chairmen and executive officers made yearly reports prior to the close of the convention.
- Highlights from the forty seventh annual convention of the MFWC which was held in Beuena Vista Hotel in Biloxi in November 1946.
 - Six interesting resolutions ere adopted at the convention. The first of these expressed a desire to cooperate with the Committee from the State Legislature in pursuing more humane, scientific and Christian treatment for prisoners put into practice. Second, regret and grief were expressed at the death of Governor Thomas L. Bailey. The third resolution was a pledge to cooperate with the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs to secure a state supervisor of music. A fourth resolution requested that the state separate delinquent from the dependent children at the Training School at Columbia. The fifth resolution declared that the salaries of public school teachers were inadequate. Finally, the convention endorsed the action of the Capital City Philatelic Club in sponsoring a movement to have a stamp issued in 1948 in honor of the 150 anniversary of Mississippi as a territory.
- Mrs. Pitard announced how honored the MFWC was by the election of Miss M. Colie Covington as President of the South Central Region, composed of five states.
- Mrs. Pitard felt her administration's greatest accomplishment was the growth of the Federation. Twenty new clubs had been aged and there was a large per capital increase in membership.
- More information on Mrs. B. M. Howorth's administration can be found on pages 93-97 in the chapter titled The World War II Years.

Source: "A History of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs 1898-1998" by Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum, 1998, Commemorating The Centennial of the Mississippi Federation. Published by the GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., 2407 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216. Copyright 1998 by Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, ISBN: 0-935515-32-1.

A Message From Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford

I am honored to welcome you to the 2024-2026 Administration. The focus for this administration will be membership, leadership, and advocating for children from birth to 18 years of age.

"Educating, Engaging, and Empowering," membership is crucial to the stability and growth of our organization. I along with the Board are here to provide knowledge, support, and resources for you and your club to meet the needs in your community.



The MFWC Chairman are posting tidbits and challenges such as Membership Monday, Legislative Ladder, Build & Encourage Leaders and Ramp Up You're Reporting on the MFWC Members Group Facebook page and other social media. The MFWC website has been updated to include the presentation information and handouts from Summer Institute along with other resources. Changes to the GFWC Portal have made it more user friendly. The Portal contains the updated GFWC Manual as well as information and resources to address your areas of interest and needs. We will be broadcasting a series of videos entitled a Mississippi Minute to keep you informed of ideas and resources.

If you have not received a copy of the updated MFWC Handbook and Directory notify Lisa Harris at lisaharris@outlook.com or text her at (601)940-1519. The current issue of the GFWC-MFWC Handbook can be download from our website at https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Club_Resources.html.

The chairpersons and I will share information in person or by zoom with your club. My goal is to visit each club within the next two years.

Thank you for the difference you make in the lives of others.

In Federation Love,

Carolyn Tedford

2024-2026 President

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

QR Codes for our Website

We now have QR codes for our website. All you need to do to is download this images and insert it on your printouts, brochures or fliers.

So what is a QR Code and why do I want to use it? QR codes are a type of barcode, or scannable pattern, that contains various data, like a website link, account information, phone numbers, or even coupons. When you scan a QR code with your smartphone, it connects you with a resource on the web.

So try it out. Scan the code to the right to go instantly to our website home page.



QR CODE BASIC STEPS



DISCOVER
QR CODE



SCAN
QR CODE



ACCESS
INFORMATION



USE
INFORMATION



Check out our Club Resources page on our website for club related items that are available for downloading. Go to www.gfwc-mfwc.org, then click GFWC-MFWC tab, then click Club Resources tab.

The resources that can be found on this page are:

- ♥ Handbook (updated 7/13/2024)
- ♥ Instruction on how to request an electronic copy of our directory
- ♥ Governance for the MFWC and Districts (updated 7/13/2024)
- ♥ MFWC Logos
- ♥ MFWC 2024-2026 Logo
- ♥ GFWC Emblems, Logos, Administration Logo on the GFWC Member Portal.



Remember to check this page often for updates. As the Handbook and Governances are living documents, they will be updated as needed during the administration.

New Page on Our Website

Have you missed a meeting? Or feel like you did not get all the information when you attended one of our meetings? Now you can get copies of all handout and presentation from our Summer Meetings, Winter Board Meeting and other scheduled meeting.

Use this link (https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Meeting_Materials.html), scan QR Code to the below or go to our home page (www.gfwc-mfwc.org), click on GFWC-MFWC tab, then click on News, then click on Meeting Materials from dropdown list.

GFWC-MFWC Meeting Materials

Listed below is materials that were presented at our meetings.

- **Summer Meetings 2024**
 - Summer Executive Board Meeting
 - Agenda
 - Summer Institute
 - GFWC Leadership AP Presentation by Ashley Williams, GFWC-MFWC Chairman ([ppt](#))
 - GFWC Health and Wellness CSP Presentation by Becky C. Wright, GFWC-MFWC Chairman ([ppt](#) and [script](#))
 - MFWC Reporting by Michelle Sutton, GFWC-MFWC Vice President and Dean of Chairmen ([ppt](#) and [script](#))
 - GFWC Signature Program by Susan Shurden, GFWC-MFWC Chairman ([ppt](#) and [script](#))



GFWC Advance Plans - Membership

MFWC Membership News

Submitted by Frances H. Brown, President-elect and State Membership Chairman

I am delighted to serve as your membership chairman along with

- ♥ Darlene C Adams, MFWC Juniorette Director, Picayune;
- ♥ Northern District, **Ashley Williams**, Ackerman Civic League
- ♥ Central District, **Becky Watkins**, Quitman Woman's Club
- ♥ Southern District, **Lorri Stockstill**, Civic Woman's Club of Picayune

At the end of this club year, we had 34 General Clubs with **683** members and 8 Juniorette Clubs with 165 members for a total of 848 members.

We want to help you develop a world class membership retention & recruitment program by sharing GFWC's strategies to **educate, engage and empower** members.

Research shows that **educating** members about the benefits of belonging increases retention rate.

- ♥ Educate them about member discounts such as printing discounts, insurance, hearing aids, travel, car rentals and hotels. There is a wealth of information on the GFWC website.
- ♥ Subscribe to the weekly *News and Notes* newsletter for current information.
- ♥ Attending Summer Institute, district, state, region, and GFWC meetings are great ways to become better educated about the federation.
- ♥ Invite district, state officers, or GFWC leaders to speak at club meetings.
- ♥ Educate the community; showcase your projects. Celebrate Federation Day by having a fun community service project. Wear federation apparel to be identified as Clubwomen.

ENGAGE MEMBERS:

- ♥ Assign each new member a seasoned mentor. Always have an atmosphere of fellowship.
- ♥ Members need to feel useful and have a reason to belong. Find ways to use the talents and abilities of ALL members. Listen to their suggestions. Giving members a voice helps them feel they belong.
- ♥ Have a system of communicating with all members at the same time. For example: group text, email, GROUPME.
- ♥ Keep club projects interesting. It's ok to change and create new projects.

Each club and community is unique! Cyber clubs might be a better option for busy young working mothers. Maybe they are just interested in promoting one area like a garden club or book club.

EMPOWER YOUR MEMBERS! Give them the tools they need to be successful. Be respectful of their time. Be flexible and they will be more likely to stay.

- ♥ Schedule meetings at a time best suited to as many as possible. Consider a "Morning Club" and "Evening Club." Florentine clubs are an excellent example.
- ♥ To save time, email the treasurer's report and minutes prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed in advance. Keep reports brief. Ask committees to plan projects ahead and present at the meeting.

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GFWC Advance Plan - Membership

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- ♥ Make it easy for members to pay dues by offering online payment.

BE INTENTIONAL when planning your **2024-2026 RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN**. In everything you do, focus on increasing members. To achieve this, you **MUST BE INTENTIONAL** in promoting your club in every interaction you have with your community.



- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH MARKETING.** Include a QR code on flyers, brochures, event postcards, etc. that will link directly to your website.
- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS.** Decorate a float for your town parade; sell refreshments at town festivals; or host a trick or treat walk. Always wear your club apparel, and or display a club banner.
- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH SOCIAL MEDIA.** - use social media to share club events. Always include contact number. Tag 3-5 friends when sharing upcoming events. Once at the event, share posts and photos and invite others to join the next event. Share who the proceeds will benefit—if they know where the money is going they are more likely to help.
- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH RECRUITMENT.** Make it easy to join the club – post club requirements on your club page.
- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH YOUR MEMBERS' TIME.** Plan service projects and/or collection of items at each meeting. This gives members a reason to attend. Invite a speaker from the receiving organization to share about the project's impact.
- ♥ **BE INTENTIONAL WITH REWARDS.** Raffle off a year of club dues! Each time someone brings in a new member, her name goes into the raffle. At the end of the club year, the club pays the winner's dues; or award a gift basket.

Attracting and recruiting new members may require removing barriers by making bylaw changes. Update those policies - especially if they are NOT being followed.

Now to TRACK AND REPORT, GFWC is asking us to **focus on four areas**, to retain and attract NEW members. Clubs who recruit three new members in a quarter will be featured in *News & Notes*! MFWC will present a monetary award at the 2025 state convention for retaining and recruiting members.

Always remember EVERY MEMBER MATTERS. They must feel valued and useful to stay.

Don't forget to check out this information and much more in the GFWC Club Manual.

Knowledge is power! In this case, knowledge is CASH. To encourage members to become more knowledgeable about our federation, we will be posting scavenger hunt questions weekly on the MFWC Members Facebook page. Be sure to check it out. The winner will be awarded a \$50 prize at convention.

We need your help to make Mississippi even greater by growing our membership. This committee is committed to helping you. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Remember, the only requirements for membership should be: Have a servant's heart, a willingness to serve others, and a check for dues!

GFWC Advance Plans - Membership

PARTICIPATE IN GFWC'S "EDUCATE, ENGAGE, & EMPOWER" RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

During this administration, we encourage you to build membership and submit the number of NEW members joining your club quarterly. Join GFWC clubs nationwide and report your successes in membership recruitment and development!

July, August, September

Focus On: Clear Communication

Concentrate on providing your members with regular updates through email, newsletters, social media, and your club website. Be sure to note a way for them to contact leadership with feedback or any concerns they may have.

Report Due: October 1

October, November, December

Focus On: Member Value and Benefits of Belonging

Clearly educate and communicate the value of being a member of your club and GFWC. Review membership benefits regularly based on member feedback and adjust accordingly.

Report Due: January 2

January, February, March

Focus On: Diverse and Inclusive Programming

Be sure you are considering all members' needs when organizing your calendar of events and activities. Ensure club programs are accessible and open to a diverse membership base.

Report Due: April 1

April, May, June

Focus On: Professional Development

Offer leadership workshops and seminars or training that could contribute to your members' personal growth. Provide access to tools and resources that can help them advance in their careers, such as project management and public speaking.

Report Due: July 1

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. Over 60 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of the GFWC Education Department. Through ESO, clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. Many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program, seen as vital by the members it directly benefits.

Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. The program provides membership, awards and certificates, pins, reading lists, and a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs combine club programming with ESO related activities, such as reading awareness and book promotion.

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project for 2024-2026

President's Special Project (PSP) Service Projects

I am excited and honored to work alongside each of you as we make a difference in the lives of children by serving as advocates. The theme of this administration is "Big Hearts ... Little Feet" which will be reported under Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. The definition of child advocacy is "support for children who are in a vulnerable position in society".

The "Big Hearts ... Little Feet" campaign is going to focus on the food insecurities (nutrition), mental and physical health, and literacy/education of children birth to eighteen years of age. You are the expert in understanding what the needs are in your community. When considering projects for your club for the President's Special Project keep in mind Maslow's hierarchy of needs:

- ♥ Physiological needs: Basic survival needs like sleep, food, clothing, water, and shelter.
- ♥ Safety needs: Security, stability, health, and protection.
- ♥ Love and belonging: Social connections and relationships.
- ♥ Esteem: Respect, self-worth, and recognition.
- ♥ Self-actualization: Fulfillment of creative and intellectual potential.

My decision to become a Special Education teacher and administrator was based on the hardships that my brother endured as a nonreader and fourth grade drop out. I wanted to make a difference for children like him that the odds were against.

My experience in working with children from a wide array of situations and backgrounds helped me to realize that the whole child must be addressed to ensure their success in education and life.

The Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children encourages advocacy and projects that will assist and protect children in crisis, including those experiencing:

- ♥ Child abuse
- ♥ Cyberbullying
- ♥ Depression and suicide
- ♥ Foster or residential care
- ♥ Homelessness
- ♥ Human trafficking
- ♥ Life-threatening illness
- ♥ Limits on screen time
- ♥ Poverty
- ♥ Texting while driving

Thank you for serving as an advocate for children.

Carolyn

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project Service Projects for 2024-2026

President's Special Project (PSP) Service Projects

For 2024-2026

CHILD ADVOCACY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

JANUARY

■ POVERTY IN AMERICA AWARENESS

- Brown ribbon
- Project Idea: Backpack Buddies (usually coordinated through churches and schools)
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the official CHILD poverty rate in 2022 was 12% up from 5% in 2021. Covid, throughout 2020-21, only contributed to that. This month-long initiative is used to raise awareness of childhood poverty and to do what WE can to help change the circumstances or at least the outcome for children. Remember, they have NO control over their situation. We need to show empathy and educate those who can help them.

FEBRUARY

■ HEART HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

- Red ribbon and Hearts
- Project Idea: Blair Batson Pediatric Cardiology Unit at UMMC
- Call 601.984.5250 to check on their immediate needs. (i.e., toys, books, \$ donations, etc.)

MARCH

■ READ ACROSS AMERICA

- Turquoise ribbon
- Project Idea: In conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday, work with local libraries and schools to read to children, donate books or create "take home" libraries in under-served communities.

APRIL

■ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS

- Royal blue ribbon
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Donate to local shelters. Call to find out their needs. (i.e., toys, books, paper goods, diapers, etc.)
 - ◆ Put out blue pinwheels.

MAY

■ PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS & CHILD MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

- Lime green ribbon
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Donate feminine hygiene products to local schools and food banks.
 - ◆ Donate diapers to food banks.
 - ◆ Have a program on children's mental health.

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JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

■ BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

- Yellow ribbon
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Coordinate with local schools on needed schools supplies for at-risk children.
 - ◆ Help teachers to stock up on Lysol wipes, hand soap, Kleenex and paper towels.

SEPTEMBER

■ CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- Gold ribbon
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Donate to St. Jude. Use this [link](#) to donate.
 - ◆ Walk/Run in annual St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer (MFWC has a team, talk with Deana Pittman, Chairman of Advocates for Child) .
 - ◆ Start or participate in a community awareness campaign for childhood cancers.
 - ◆ Have a club program on childhood cancers.

OCTOBER

■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

- Purple ribbon
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Donate to a local shelter. (DV affects children too when they are displaced from their homes). Contact shelter for specific needs.
 - ◆ Have a Club Pajama Party and bring sleepers and pajamas for children in shelters.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

■ HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVES

- Green or red ribbons
- Project Ideas:
 - ◆ Find local organizations or families that need assistance providing food for thanksgiving and/or Christmas meals.
 - ◆ Toy drive for Christmas gifts.

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project Service Projects for 2024-2026

T-Shirt Order Form

2024-2026 Administration PSP T-Shirt



DATE OF ORDER

CUSTOMER DETAILS

CLUB:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COLOR	SIZE	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
					\$ 0
					\$ 0
					\$ 0
					\$ 0
					\$ 0
					\$ 0
					\$ 0



Blue



Green

GRAND TOTAL \$ 0

PAYMENT METHOD

CASH ☐CHECK ☐ # _____VENMO ☐

venmo

SIZES AND PRICES

SXL - XL - \$25 EACH

2XL - 5XL - \$30 EACH

T-Shirt is a unisex jersey that fits like a well-loved favorite, featuring a classic V-neck, with short sleeves, and superior combed and ring-spun cotton. T-Shirt is 100% cotton and supplied by Bella Canvas.

UNISEX SIZES

XS Extra Small
S Small
M Medium
L Large
XL Extra Large
2XL Double Extra Large
3XL Triple Extra Large
4XL Quadruple Extra Large
5XL Quintuple Extra Large

CHEST TO FIT

31" - 34"
34" - 37"
38" - 41"
42" - 45"
46" - 49"
50" - 53"
54" - 57"
58" - 61"
62" - 65"

Thank You

For your support of my President's Special Project.

Big Hearts ... Little Feet

2024-2026 Administration Important Dates

2024

September

- 28 2024 GFWC National Day of Service.
28 St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, Virtual or in person.

October

- 3-6 GFWC Southern Region Conference, Greenville, SC. [Link](#)
20-26 GFWC Advocates for Children Week

November

- 1 MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year to receive Honor

December

- 4 GFWC Holiday Reception Headquarters, Washington, DC



A complete listing of all dates for this administration is available for downloading from our website at https://www.gfwc-mfwc.org/GFWC_MFWC_Important_Dates.html or scan the QR code above to go directly to this page.

Pictures from GFWC International Convention

The Mississippi Group



Pictures from the GFWC International Convention held in Chicago, IL in June 2024 will be displayed throughout this newsletter.

Keep reading for more pictures.

**MFWC SUMMER
MEETINGS
2024**

Big Hearts ... Little Feet

**“THE littlest feet LEAVE THE BIGGEST
FOOTPRINTS IN OUR HEARTS”**

GFWC Advance Plans - Leadership - MFWC Summer Meetings



Pre-Meeting Dinner at Table 100 in Flowood, MS



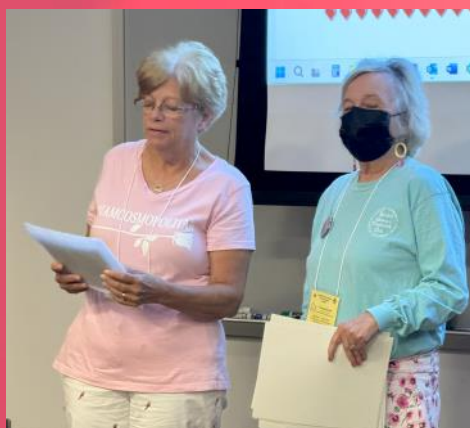
MFWC President Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford and MLC Director Hulen Bivens



Dr. Tammie M. McCoy gives a talk on MFWC Chairman Responsibilities.



Guest Speakers from MORA. Above is Brenda Lane, Community Outreach Coordinator. To right is the mother of an Organ Donor tells her and her daughter's story.



Meri F. Newell and Theresa Buntyn give out GFWC Awards won during the 2023 Club Year, 2024 Reporting Year.

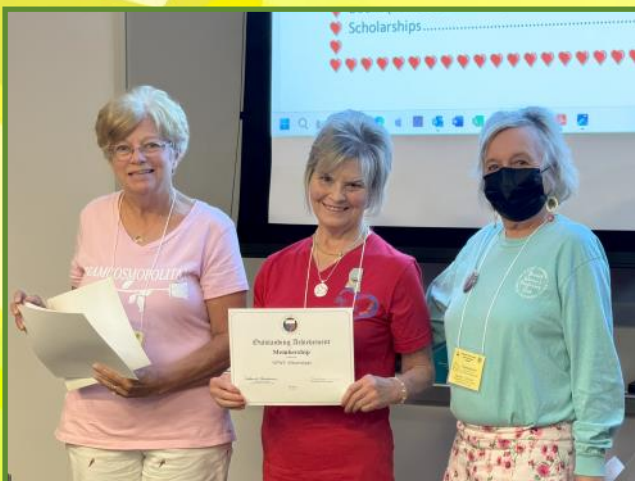


GFWC Advance Plans - Leadership - MFWC Summer Meetings



Awards Won at the 2024 GFWC International Convention

- ♥ Top Fundraiser for St. Jude's
- ♥ Signature Program Fundraising Achievement - Tenth Place
- ♥ 2024 Charlotte Emerson Brown Awards - Theresa Buntyn
- ♥ Outstanding Achievement in Membership - Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Chairman
- ♥ Outstanding Achievement Newsletter Contest - Lisa A. Harris
- ♥ Outstanding Achievement in Communications and Public Relations - Becky C. Wright Chairman
- ♥ Outstanding Achievement for Juniores Participation



GFWC Advance Plans - Leadership - MFWC Summer Meetings



Chairmen and friends give overview of their area:
(Left to right then left to right, etc.)

- Cherry Moon (Challenge Grant), Lorri Stockstill (Hebron), and Belinda Peachner (Butterfly) give updates on Grants and Scholarships.
- Terrie Whitehurst and Jodie Brickson - Arts & Culture CSP.
- Janis Sita - Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.
- Becky C. Wright - Health and Wellness CSP.
- Membership Committee (left to right), Committee Members Becky Watkins, Lorri Stockstill, Ashley Williams, Darlene C. Adams and Chairman Frances H. Brown.

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Gavel Club

- ♥ Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, 2010-2012
- ♥ Theresa Buntyn, 2022-2024
- ♥ Martha Fisher, 1994-1996
- ♥ Darlene C. Adams, 2014-2016
- ♥ Sherri E. Reid, 2020-2022
- ♥ Becky C. Wright, 2018-2020
- ♥ Tinker Forrester, 2016-2018
- ♥ Not pictured: Jo Anne Reid, Celia C. Fisher, Deborah Dickens, Judy T. Martin, Carolyn C. Huey, and Suzanne Byrd Poynor



Guest Speaker - Chelesa Presley, Director of the Diaper Bank of the Delta.



First Service Project of 2024-2026 Administration
- Collecting school supplies.

GFWC Leadership Presentation

Submitted by Ashley Williams, GFWC-MFWC Leadership AP Chairman

As MFWC Leadership Chairman for the next two years I want us to focus on being “Effective Leaders”. I want each club Leadership chair to work alongside their Membership chair to help Encourage New Growth within their club, Retain current members, work to create a Healthy club culture, Strengthen Conflict Resolution skills and set Achievable Goals.

In doing this my goal is for members that hold an office to put a plan of Succession into play for their club, so when we have new leaders step into a role they may not have ever had. They can have a resource book with information to help them excel in their job as a club Leader. I also want us to work not only on gaining new members but retaining members, by doing this we can use these “Seasoned Members” as a resource for our Plan of Succession to help provide in-house Leadership workshops.

Most importantly, I want each club woman to know that while you may not sit at a table with a title, you are valued. It takes each and every one of us to help fill that room. I encourage members to use the ToolKit on the GFWC Portal, attend your District Conventions, Winter Board, State Convention, Summer Institute.... Be involved/be active! These opportunities give you the ability to network and grow as a LEADER.

In closing, I personally believe in order to be a successful leader you must have priorities with your club being on that list. The day you joined and paid dues, you made a commitment, successful leaders are always available when needed.

Are you that leader?

Editor’s Note: Below and on the next pages is the presentation made by Ashley at Summer Institute.

*Summer
Institute
2024*

HOW CAN YOU BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER?

A leader takes people where they want to go, A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.
Rosalynn Carter

***Set the tone
and create a
healthy club
culture.***

1. Be a leader that you would want to follow.
2. Always be accessible.
3. Always maintain your composure.
4. Stay positive when adversity hits.
5. Make the mission bigger than yourself or the club.
6. Everyone is a leader every day.

***How can I
strengthen conflict
resolution skills?***

1. Have a clear intention to understand the other person's position.
2. Acknowledge the other person's feelings.
3. Display open body language.
4. Keep a consistent tone.
5. Don't plan what you are going to say while the other person is talking.
6. Don't interrupt when the other person is talking.
7. Ask open ended questions and show you are listening.

**Conflict
Resolution Rules**

- *agree to resolve
- *take turns talking
- *no name calling
- *be truthful
- *listen intently

SET ACHIEVABLE GOALS AND CAST A COMPELLING VISION

SUELLEN BRAZIL,
GFWC International President

MAKE OUR FUTURE EXTRAORDINARY: GFWC LEADERS CAREFULLY CONSIDER OUR ORGANIZATION'S NEEDS AND POTENTIAL LEADERS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO MOVE CLOSER TO REALIZING A SHARED VISION! SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE VERY BEST DEDICATED LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO TAKE RISKS! THERE ARE THOSE WHO DON'T JUST WANT TO BE "GOOD" – THEY WANT TO BE "GREAT!" SO, FIND THEM AND TOGETHER FORGE YOUR PATH. WHAT MAKES THAT DIFFERENCE AND HOW CAN YOU MOVE TO THAT LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP?

Great LEADERS:

1. Gain a deep knowledge and variety of experiences.
2. Demonstrate enthusiasm, energy, and creativity.
3. Are passionate about what they are doing.
4. Have deep sense of commitment & responsibility.
5. Believe in goals and the team's ability to accomplish them.
6. Take the ordinary and make it extraordinary.
7. Equip and organize others for success.
8. Are supportive of the team.
9. Are flexible and can regroup.
10. Handle problems or disappointments respectfully.
11. Use feedback and evaluation as a powerful tool.

Prioritize Faith, Family, Club

Feed Your Soul:

- Exodus 20:3-4
- Matthew 20:25-28
- 1 Peter 5:1-5
- 1 Timothy 4:12
- Proverbs 29:2
- 1 Timothy 2

*Serve with a
good attitude, as
to the Lord and
not to men.*

Ephesians 6:7

MARY&MARTHA

***ENCOURAGE* New Growth within your Club.**

P- **PURGE**, REMOVE AND DECLUTTER.

R- **REFLECT**, FOCUS ON WHAT YOU'RE DOING THAT IS WORKING.

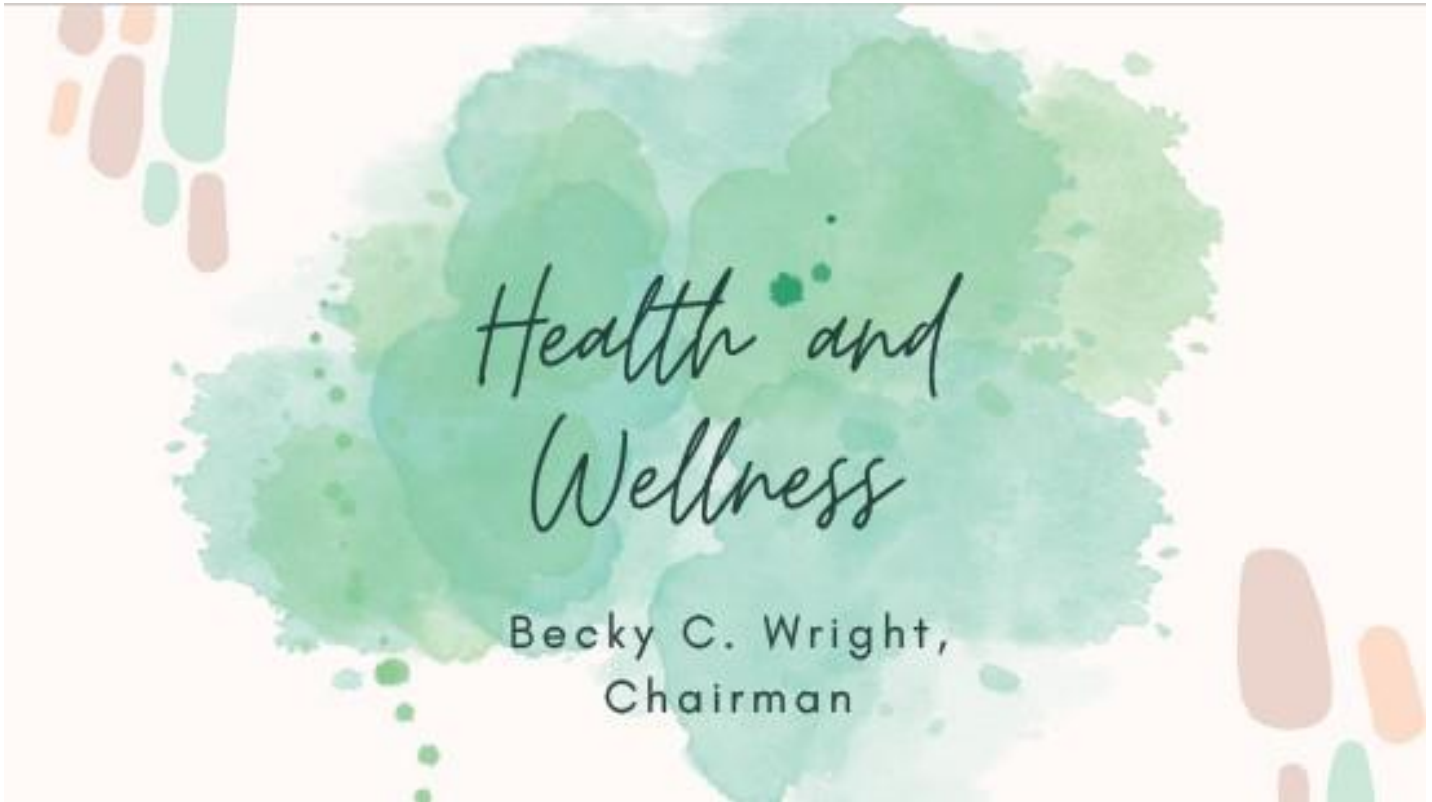
U- **UNBURY**, DISCOVER WHAT IS CAUSING YOU TO BE STUCK.

N-**NEXT STEPS**, WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO MEET THAT END GOAL?

E-**EVALUATE**, DID THIS WORK? WHAT CAN I DO TO IMPROVE?

GFWC Health and Wellness CSP Presentation

Submitted by Becky C. Wright, Health and Wellness CSP Chairman



Health is a
state of body.



Wellness is a
state of being.



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The goal for the next two years is to lead and inspire you (and myself) to strengthen and nurture both the mind and body — starting with self-care. Ladies, we cannot pour from an empty cup. But how do we ensure that our cup doesn't run dry? The Wellness Wheel.



The Wellness Wheel first came about in the late 1970s as the brainchild of Dr. Bill Hettler. His principle was that we can live healthier, fuller, and better lives by being attentive to our balance and awareness in various areas of our lives. The original model, known as the “Six Dimensions of Wellness,” contained six different sections that relate to a certain aspect of life. The visualization focuses on the facts that allow us to see how each is connected and how they, in turn, can affect our overall health.

Physical. Intellectual. Emotional. Spiritual. Environmental. And Social Wellbeing.

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This visual, an updated wheel of wellness, includes Financial Wellness and Occupational Wellness — a reflection of advancements for women.

This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

The GFWC Club Manual is packed with ideas for each area, so please take advantage of this resource. Health and Wellness is a jam-packed program, and we will offer opportunities throughout the year for volunteer service.



Left to right.
Lorri Stockstill,
Shirley Wiltshire,
MFWC President
Dr. Carolyn S.
Tedford, Darlene
Adams and Janis
Sita.



Left to right. Janis
Sita, Theresa
Buntyn, SR
President Joyce
Johnston, Darlene
C. Adams and Lorri
Stockstill.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVE: CAREGIVERS' CIRCLE



Additionally, GFWC offers a Community Connection Initiative for each of the Community Service Programs. Connect with your community for Health and Wellness by focusing on Caregiver Circle. The Caregiver Circle focus will build upon the importance of maintaining balance with emotional, nutritional, and physical health and provide much needed and deserved support for caregivers. Many times, those who are providing care for others overlook their own well-being. Caregivers are often an overlooked group who need support.

The Caregivers' Circle will encourage caregivers to prioritize their own needs, such as emotional health, nutritional health, and staying active — remember one cannot pour from an empty cup. Stressed. Exhausted. Unhinged. These are signs of a caregiver in need of support.

Think about this: Could your club start a community support group for caregivers.



Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, installed as
Southern Region Vice President.

November is Caregiver Recognition Month. Show special support by writing notecards, providing meals, taking the caregiver to lunch, hosting an afternoon tea, or treating them to a manicure, pedicure, or massage.

November is Caregiver Recognition Month. Show special support by writing a notecard, providing a meal, treating them to a pedicure, give them a break. Remember caregivers with gifts that will make life easier.

How about a movie night – watch an uplifting movie with friends? If feasible, consider offering the caregiver a break.

Resilience Mental Fitness and Wellbeing Diary

Audible Books

Plush Robes

Spa Gift Basket

Time off or maybe a

Hello Fresh Delivery.

Don't ask the caregiver to let you know how or when help is needed. Feedback will likely not be given. Rather, offer specific ideas for what support could be given to help.

Or maybe something as simple as a journal, a candle. Tea, and a nice mug — anything to remind them they are seen, and they are loved. On your table you should have a reminder to just pop by to check on those in need of a little extra love.

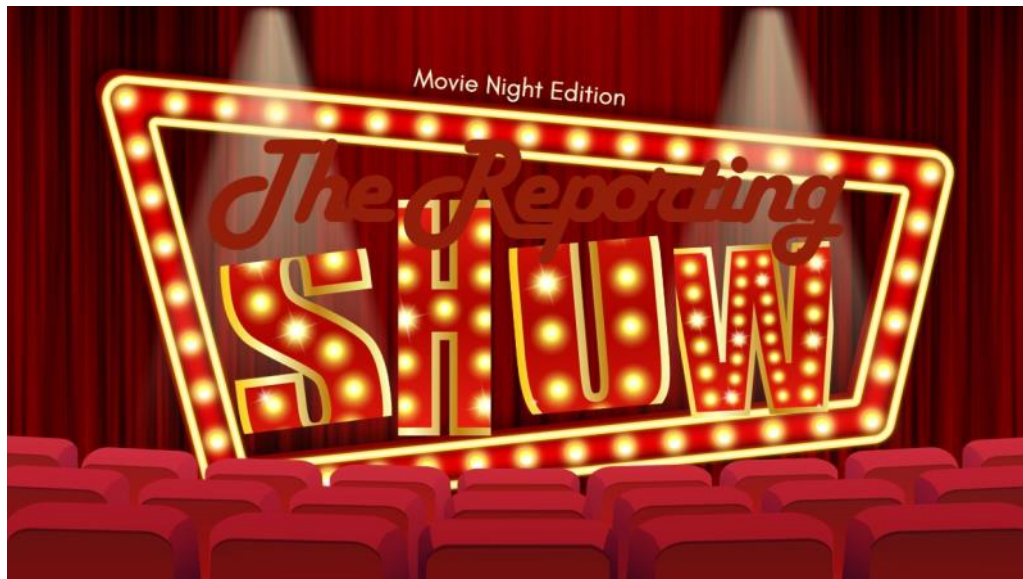


And if you want me to pop into your club area to work with your club on Health and Wellness, just give me a heads up and I will do my best! Thank you!

MFWC Reporting Presentation

Submitted by Michelle Sutton, MFWC Vice President & Dean of Chairmen

I am excited to share with you some special changes to reporting that will make the processes so much easier - for most it will be an immediate benefit- for others, it will be a learning curve, but in the end, you'll be so excited to have this in place.



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There are many benefits for this - it will give you until 11:59 p.m. in February 1 to submit your reports.



- Use the fillable forms on the MFWC.org website (updated by reporting time)
- Upload or attach to an email and send to President Carolyn and Michelle
- Submit by 11:59 p.m. on February 1 [12:00 a.m. is February 2]
- Send in all three (3) pages for each of the 17 categories

HOWEVER, like I tell my kiddos writing those research papers- don't wait until 11 pm in case the internet goes out.

They are late if they are time-stamped at midnight. Those will say February 2.



Another goal is to have 100% of clubs reporting. Every club can report something. The PSP is a great place to start.

If your club only focuses on supporting your local library, then fill out the Education report and send it in.

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While we all love a little competition, keep the bottom line in mind- we exist to better our communities. These reports help preserve the history of your club, and when we can compile all of these together, they become a part of MFWC history. We appreciate all you do. And to show that appreciation, we are giving more opportunities to spotlight your club's accomplishments.



Clubs will be divided into two classifications that are aligned with how we judge yearbooks and scrapbooks.

- ♥ Classification A will be for clubs with 20 members or less
- ♥ Classification B will be for clubs with 21 members and more.

This will apply to Juniorette clubs, too. Rationale- we want to reward more clubs for their service and accomplishments



We will still award 1st through 5th places, so in some areas, every club could receive an award. Instead of 5 clubs being recognized, 10 clubs will be recognized. This will be at district and state levels, and for Junioresettes, too.

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Juniorette awards will now be judged at the district level.

We hope this will encourage more Juniorette clubs to participate in reporting.



*The creativity awards and Top 10 projects will be awarded overall- all clubs all together, including Juniorettes.



Now, a brief reminder on writing reports. The forms will be uploaded onto the MFWC website as soon as Lisa gets them updated. GFWC now has Alzheimer's Association as an affiliate, so this will need to be added to the form. It is a fillable me form, making it easy to send electronically.

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Please remember that a report needs to be completed for each area, and then one needs to be completed for all of your combined numbers. Send in all three pages all 17 times because that back page has your totals each time. It helps so much if your judges don't have to add those numbers.

If you have things like newspaper clippings, you'll need to scan or photograph those. The template will have places to write a paragraph explaining how your project is associated with your club. For example, if you donate snacks and supplies to your church Vacation Bible School and also volunteer that week, you can use in-kind donations and your volunteer hours as a partnership. However, if you serve as your school's Diamond Girl sponsor, you can't count those volunteer hours as a woman's club sanctioned project. Guess who did that in the past? You're looking at her. Now, we never won an award using those hours, but. I just didn't understand how to complete a report. Your chairs are well-versed in how to decipher reports, so they know not to count those. I hope these examples help.

Another area where we have a lot of questions is cross-reporting and the President's Special Project. Let me give you an example of that to help you. Our Junioresettes club hosts a charity ball. We have a speaker from St. Jude or Palmer Home for Children.

This would be reported under Advocacy for Children. However since the PSP is focused on servicing the whole child, this would qualify for that report, too. Now, to make it even more interesting, you can take the fundraising from this event and report it under Fundraising. When I was new, I didn't divide that and put it all under one- that's okay, too. Just report it somewhere. If you do divide and use two forms, you can't put that money raised on both. That's called double reporting.

Be sure to review the manuals. The GFWC portal has the 2024-26 manual ready. Sign up on the portal as soon as you can- it sometimes takes 24 hours or over the weekend to get clearance to use the site. Many answers are found within those guides. Read the newsletters the chairs will be sending or forwarding. This will help you when figuring out where to report certain projects.

Now- if you know how to get your club members to get their information to you, please send me an email so I can pass along your ideas. A couple of tips I've heard- use a shared excel for members to upload their info throughout the year. Encourage members to make a section in their planner to record what they do: newspapers collected, plastic recycled, volunteer services. Then submit at the end of each month or at reporting time.



Not a GFWC International Convention Picture, but still a very important picture.

During their May Banquet, the GFWC-MFWC Junioresette Diamonds were presented the Junioresette Club of the Year Award for Club Year 23, Reporting Year 24 by GFWC-MFWC President Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford.

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And again, if you have questions, ask!



Facts on Children's Mental Health

1. 1 in 5 children suffer from a mental health or learning disorder.
2. 80% of chronic mental health disorders begin in childhood.
3. Anxiety disorders can make students 2x as likely to drop out or fail a grade,
4. Mental health problems in children ages 6 to 17 continue to rise.

Source: CDC, Children's mental Health Network & Mental Health American

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM



BECOME A CHAMPION: BE THE VOICE FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE

The goal of the GFWC Signature Program is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic and sexual violence abuse in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC aims to be a powerful voice for victims and survivors.

In partnership with GFWC and community members, we pledge to work together with passion and purpose to **advocate** for survivors of domestic and/ or sexual violence and **educate** the public on the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence in our local communities and how informing members can improve outcomes for survivors.

To raise awareness in our communities, we must learn to become the voices of those who lack one.

- ♥ Teach safe and healthy relationship skills to our youth and adults.
- ♥ Advocate and support legislation that provides stricter laws in your States against abusers and rights for victims.
- ♥ Work with your local shelters and find out how you can help and what they need. Sometimes, it's the items we overlook that matter the most.
- ♥ Encourage your club to support victim-centered services, which could include therapy, housing programs, teen dating violence prevention, and legal assistance.

The Signature Program has eight areas of focus. See the next eight slides for these focuses.



CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

► Campus sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs on a school campus without the explicit consent of the recipient.

More than 1 in 4 women attending college are survivors of campus sexual assault. Women are not the only survivors. About 7% of college men and 23% of gay/lesbian/transgender students are also survivors. It is not just other students that present a risk; sometimes it is a member of the faculty or staff.



CHILD ABUSE

► Child abuse includes all type of abuse and neglect of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role that results in harm, potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child.

Child abuse and neglect are common. At least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse and/ or neglect in the past year. Children living in poverty experience more abuse and neglect. Rates of child abuse and neglect are five times higher for children in families with low socioeconomic status compared to children in families with higher socioeconomic status.



ELDER ABUSE

► Abuse later in life includes the physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or stalking of an adult age 50 years or over.

It is estimated that elders throughout the U.S. lose a minimum of \$2.9 billion annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation. These numbers are staggering. We need to support and educate our elderly population and their caregivers.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES

- Sexual human trafficking is any act that has been induced by recruitment, harboring, transporting, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for purposes of a sex act in which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

Vulnerable populations are frequently targeted by traffickers, including runaway and homeless youth, as well as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or social discrimination. Women and children are the most common victims. More recently, LGBTQIA+ identifying individuals, especially transgender individuals, are increasingly found to be victims of sexual exploitation across international borders. The average age of a trafficked child is 15 years old.



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

- Intimate partner violence includes physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, as well as sexual coercion and stalking by a current or former intimate partner.

Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence is a silent epidemic and is a prevalent problem in today's society. According to the 2022 National Statistics, on average, nearly 24 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. This equates to more than 12 million women and men each year. One in 4 women and 1 in 9 men have experienced intimate partner physical violence, though women are considerably more likely to experience repeated and severe forms of abuse, including sexual violence.

1 in 6 Youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year. Source: [nami.org/mhstats](https://www.nami.org/mhstats)



MILITARY SEXUAL VIOLENCE

► Military sexual violence is the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority during intentional sexual contact. It also includes instances where the survivor is unable to consent.

Military personnel are encouraged to use the unit or installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, or speak with a Military Criminal Investigative Organization investigator. The Military victim will then be able to decide whether to make a restricted or unrestricted report.



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

► Teen dating violence includes physical, psychological, or sexual abuse; harassment; or stalking of any person ages 12 to 18 in the context of a past or present romantic or consensual relationship.

Dating violence can take place in person or electronically, such as repeated texting or posting sexual pictures of a partner online without consent. Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Teens often think some behaviors, like teasing and name-calling, are a “normal” part of a relationship— but these behaviors can become abusive and develop into serious forms of violence. However, many teens do not report unhealthy behaviors because they are afraid to tell family and friends.



A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health.

— Kate Middleton —

AZ QUOTES

Approximately 20% of the world's children and adolescents are affected by mental disorders.

Source: WHO



Violence Against Native American Women

- Approximately half of Native American women have experienced sexual violence and approximately half have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.
- Murder is the third-leading cause of death for AIAN women in the United States.
- AIAN female victims are more likely to need victims' services such as medical care and legal services, but more than a third were not able to access or receive those important services.
- AIAN victims are more likely to be victimized by non-Native perpetrators.



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HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Hope for Justice – GFWC Affiliate

Hope for Justice and the General Federation of Women's Clubs share a common mission and vision: to live in a world free from trafficking. We see a world where every human is free and equal. We believe every person can be a force for good. Human trafficking is a global problem, and Hope for Justice brings a global solution. We target our resources where they will have the most impact and help the most people. We want to create nations and societies that are hostile to trafficking — because what you tolerate, you will never change.

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**MFWC
AFFILIATE**
I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

I Support The Girls -MFWC Affiliate – This can be reported under both ISTG and DVAP.

Making dignity the norm – one bra and period product at a time.



**2025
MFWC
CONVENTION**

FRIDAY NIGHT – ADMISSION:
WOMENS OR CHILDRENS
PAJAMAS TO BE DONATED TO
LOCAL WOMENS SHELTERS

At the 2025 MFWC Convention we will be having a Pajama Bingo Party! Please wear your pajamas and bring women's or children's pajamas to donate to local shelters.

I look forward to reading your reports and seeing what creative ideas you have for supporting Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

Susan Shurden,
Signature Program Chairman

GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Program in Mississippi

Submitted by Darlene C. Adams, GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Director.

I am excited to serve as your Juniorette Director! Here are some goals for this administration:

1. Increase our Juniorette Clubs. Together we can build our federation's future as we start or reinstate Juniorette Clubs across our state. Currently, we have eight clubs – four in the Northern District and four in the Southern District. We have no Juniorette Clubs in the Central District. I know our amazing clubs in the Central District can do better. I would love to get with you and set up a plan of action, as well as work with the other two districts to increase their numbers. The rewards of working with these girls are priceless!
2. Juniorette State-Wide Events. Just as our women's clubs enjoy seeing our federation sisters across the state at meetings and events, we want to do the same for our Junioresses. What a great opportunity for them to network with each other, learn from each other and build friendships. However, we need our advisors to encourage participation in these special events.
 - a) Our first event is our State Juniorette Retreat. Due to low turnout, we have changed the retreat to a later date. We are also trying something new – holding a Northern Retreat and a Southern Retreat. Hopefully, this will encourage more attendance due to less travel time. These retreats will be the same agenda, held on different Saturdays. As of this writing, we are waiting for our advisors to submit their first and second choice dates in August and September.
 - b) Our second event is our State Juniorette Capital Trip. This will be held in 2025 during the legislative session. It will be an educational experience with workshops and speakers, not just a tour. Find out now what your Junioresses need to do to be excused from school to attend.
3. Clubs Participate in the GFWC Junior/Juniorette Leadership Certification Program. We are encouraging all Mississippi Juniorette Clubs to participate in the leadership program exclusively for Junior and Juniorette Clubs. It is a six-month program, where you can do these activities at your meetings. Juniorette Clubs completing this program will be recognized at our state convention, as well as nationally. The benefit for each Juniorette participating is invaluable.
4. Network Among Advisors. We will have quarterly Zoom meetings with all Juniorette Advisors. This will be a time to go over upcoming events, share ideas, and have a question-and-answer time to address any concerns. We can support and gain so much from each other.

I would LOVE to come to one of your Juniorette meetings and look forward to an invitation!



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GFWC's Newest Affiliate Organization: Alzheimer's Association



On June 30, 2024, GFWC and the Alzheimer's Association signed a partnership agreement live, during The Purple Gala: A Night of Hopes, Dreams, and Inspiration. The Alzheimer's Association reports that approximately two-thirds of dementia caregivers are women. As a women's organization, GFWC recognizes the impact that Alzheimer's disease and dementia have on each of us and the overall impact they have on our communities.

GFWC supports:

- Education on recognition of cognitive decline and other forms of dementia;
- Funding for caregivers, respite care, and facilities that provide memory care;
- Legislation and research to improve treatments, access to treatment, prevention, and cures for all forms of dementia.

We are proud and excited to work with the Alzheimer's Association to end Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We will update you as new resources and events become available in the coming months.

[Learn More about the Alzheimer's Association](#)

2024 Award & Contest Winners

Congratulations to all the award and contest winners from the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention! View the full list now on [GFWC.org](https://www.gfwc.org)

[View Award Winners](#)
[View Contest Winners](#)

GFWC NDS WELCOMES 64 NEW REGISTRANTS



“Food insecurity and hunger impacts every community, in every state—nationwide.”

~ U.S. Department of Agriculture

GFWC is pleased to welcome 64 new registrants to its GFWC National Day of Service (NDS) participation count. For the week ending July 25, 2024, 62 clubs and two GFWC State Federations have pledged their participation, bringing the grand total to 435.

We’re officially to the halfway point of matching last year’s count of 900. Our ambitious goal for this year is 1,800 participating clubs. However, with nine weeks to go till Saturday, September 28, we have time. Let’s band together and make it happen!

If your club has not registered, please do so today!

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Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!

To register, visit <https://memberportal.gfwc.org/>, and follow the prompts. Then, click on the Events page to sign up. Simply select 2024 GFWC National Day of Service and you're on your way.

If more than one club is partnering on a project, you can register up to three clubs on the site. However, you will need to email Membership Director Melanie Gisler, mgisler@gfwc.org, the additional club names for your group.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTION

If you prefer to register by email, please send a message to GFWCNDS@GFWC.org to sign up for the 2024 GFWC NDS.

Please include:

- Club Contact and Information
- Official Club Name
- Your State Federation
- Brief Description of Club's Project, If Known (not required)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

As of Thursday, July 25, 2024, the following clubs were registered in the NDS:

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| ♥ GFWC Ackerman Civic League | ♥ GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce |
| ♥ GFWC-MFWC Purvis Woman's Club | ♥ Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro |
| ♥ GFWC-MFWC Bruce Civic Club | ♥ |
| ♥ GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune | ♥ |

Legislative Corner

To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.

Anti-trafficking: In early July, GFWC proudly co-signed an anti-trafficking coalition letter (add link) urging the Senate to enact the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, H.R. 5856), which is a foundational piece of anti-trafficking legislation because it governs the federal government's comprehensive response to human trafficking. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives in February by a strong bipartisan vote. Importantly, the coalition letter also urges a more comprehensive package by adding the International Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (S. 920) recently approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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Critical funding must be provided to support survivors and to combat human trafficking in all forms both domestically and internationally. These bills improve efforts to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers. According to the State Department, trafficking undermines national security, distorts markets, and enriches transnational criminals and terrorists. TVPA reauthorization represents a bipartisan and bicameral effort to prevent and stop human trafficking both domestically and internationally. GFWC will issue a Legislative Alert in support of these bills after Labor Day when Congress reconvenes.

Online Child Safety: In mid-July, the Senate passed a bill supported by GFWC. The Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution (SHIELD) Act sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Cornyn (R-TX) will establish federal liability for those who share private images without consent, providing federal law enforcement with the tools they need to crack down on serious privacy violations. Current state laws offer incomplete and inconsistent protection for victims of non-consensual image exploitation and abuse, which disproportionately target women and children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) highlights the SHIELD Act as an essential piece of legislation to protect children by closing a gap in current law by criminalizing the distribution of sexually explicit images of a child. Over the past three years, NCMEC has seen a 300 percent increase in reports of online enticement, including sextortion, to the CyberTipline.

GFWC continues to urge Congress to enact the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA, S. 1409, H.R. 7891). Two Senators blocked consideration of the bill before the July 4th congressional recess, although the bill has 68 co-sponsors. Negotiations continue. KOSA creates a legally relevant “duty to care” standard for online apps

Visit the
newly
updated
GFWC.org
today!

Our new website reflects GFWC’s history and the important work that will lead us into the future. We are excited to share this updated look and user experience for clubwomen, potential clubwomen, and public partners.

This is just the beginning! GFWC staff will roll out new pages and features in the coming months.

Visit [GFWC.org](https://gfwc.org)

GFWC Important Dates

Don't miss out, add relevant dates to your calendar!

- August 22-25, 2024 – GFWC BOD Meeting in Washington, DC
- September 28, 2024 – GFWC National Day of Service
- December 4, 2024 – GFWC Holiday Open House
- March 5, 2025 – Women's History Month Event
- June 7-9, 2025 – GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia
- August 21-24, 2025 – GFWC BOD Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah

Leadership Reimagined



GFWC clubs throughout the Federation are preparing for the upcoming year. As new leaders consider community needs, remember to utilize the numerous project ideas in the [GFWC Club Manual](#) for new and innovative ideas. Leaders and members are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and empower those within their club. Utilize individual skill sets and engage in new ways to enhance your communities. Let's rethink our approach to club activities and reimagine the type of community leader you want to model for others.

Invest time soon to ensure that your club has a productive year of service.

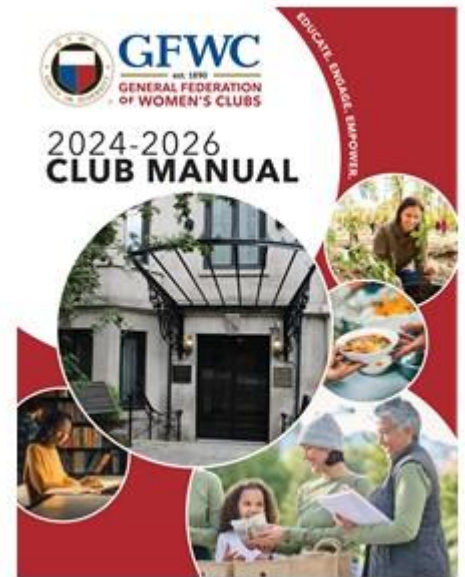
Download the NEW GFWC Club Manual!

Read through this treasure trove of ideas, tools, and tips for clubwomen. This powerful resource is exclusively available on the GFWC Member Portal and includes information on Community Service Programs, Special Programs, Advancement Plans, GFWC Affiliate Organizations, awards, the administration calendar, and so much more.

Make sure you've created a profile on our recently updated GFWC Member Portal to access important resources like the GFWC Club Manual and so many other essential documents.

Don't miss out on these files in the Digital Library:

- 2024–2026 Administration Logo
- 50 & 75 Year Member Pin Order Form
- GFWC National Day of Service Project Ideas
- GFWC Emblems in every color & variation
- Affiliate Organization Contact Info



[Download Now](#)

Your 2024-2026 GFWC Executive Committee



Congratulations to the officers elected in Chicago!

Left to Right: Juliet Casper, Treasurer; Mary Beth Williams, Second Vice President; Wendy Carriker, President-elect; Suellen Brazil, International President; Jolie Frankfurth, First Vice President; Dr. Susan Gettys, Secretary; Shannon Bailey, Director of Junior Clubs