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MFWC Members Attend
GFWC International Convention in Atlanta

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DATES

October 21-24, 2021

Southern Region Conference
Florida

November 1, 2021

GFWC-MFWC State Club Dues must be
postmarked by this date to receive
Honor Club status.

January 1, 2022

GFWC-MFWC State Club Dues must be
postmarked by this date to be eligible
for awards.

GFWC-MFWC District Club Dues must be sent
to your District Treasurer.

February 1, 2022

MFWC Club Reports must be postmarked by
this date each year for reports to be judged.

February 10, 2022

MFWC Clubwoman of the Year, Juniorette of
the Year and MFWC LEADS applications must
be postmarked by this date.

February 15, 2022

MFWC Scrapbooks and Yearbooks must be
postmarked by this date.

Finance Committee & Executive Committee
Meeting

Winter Board Meeting & Judging Day

GFWC Mission Statement

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service and to providing opportunities that strengthen the role of women."

MFWC Mission Statement

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

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A Message From MFWC President Sherri E. Reid

Goodbye Summer and Hello Fall!!

I am so excited this year to begin decorating for fall. Fall means we start back meeting with our club members. I enjoy the first meeting of every year after the long, hot summer. The Cosmopolitan Club, my home club, always starts with an Education and Libraries meeting. I get excited because it's a renewal almost at the end of the year. We start new projects and begin getting ready for reports. I know there may be some club ladies out there that dread getting those reports together, but I enjoy the process, and I appreciate all the hard work that goes into preparing them. Begin that thought process and start thinking about the information you will put into them, and maybe this will be the year you do not procrastinate!

Everyone that didn't get to go to GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, missed out. Your Mississippi Federation was well represented with thirteen members. Theresa Buntyn our President-elect and I were introduced on the screen with Mississippi's new flag. As the cheers from the Mississippi group followed our introduction, Madam President, Marian St. Claire and the GFWC officers were installed as were all the GFWC State Presidents and the GFWC State Junior Directors. It was a beautiful installation.

The biggest highlight of all was the awards given out all throughout the convention. Mississippi did well; it's a great source of pride to hear our state called out. It's always been wonderful, but as President, it is one of the highlights!! Thank you all for all the volunteering, picking up, putting out, baking, fundraising that makes our communities, state and world a better place. Maybe you didn't know it... but we are good at helping others. I am so fortunate to have been asked to join the Cosmopolitan Club so many years ago. I hope I haven't wasted a minute.

Love in Federation,

**Sherri
#MFWC
#IamGFWC**

President elect and Membership Chairman

Theresa Buntyn



Greetings, club ladies. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to our volunteers across the state that have continued to serve your community and for your resiliency. Several of us have just safely returned home from the GFWC International Convention, after Hurricane Ida. I know many of you had power outages and damages due to the storm. I saw emails reaching out to assist with generators and other resources to share with club ladies. That is what is all about my Federated Friends!

I want to share exciting information and “Lessons Learned “ from our GFWC Membership Committee at the GFWC Convention. Snow Wright and her seven membership committee members (dwarfs) presented an excellent workshop on Sunday morning titled “Mirror, Mirror on the Wall”. The club was, of course, located in the “Enchanted Forest.” The DWARFS on the committee were D=Dependable, W=Wicked, A=Awesome, R=Reliable, and F = Friends. Each committee member presented individual personality types and how to engage them. Some of the examples were “Happy,” “Bashful,” “Dopey,” “Grumpy,” and of course, the “Magic Mirror.” Along with the Magic Mirror, each character provided insight for Snow Wright on how to engage each club member to strengthen the Enchanted Forest Club. It was an excellent reminder that all club members are different, just like different colors in a crayon box.

But.....



On Monday, our own GFWC Membership Committee Chairman, Becky Wright, led convention members on “Starting a New Club Workshop. The audience was engaged, shared ideas, and asked many questions. To remain resilient in our clubs and communities, we have to continue moving forward and adding new clubs. Currently, we have 736 General Club Members and 152 Juniorette Club Members.

GFWC MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Before federating a new GFWC club, it is essential to understand the many GFWC membership categories specified in the GFWC Bylaws and those defined by membership practices. GFWC recognizes the following types of clubs. ACTIVE WOMAN’S CLUBS These clubs are not otherwise designated as Junior, Juniorette, International, or National Clubs. This group constitutes the most significant portion of active membership.

Listed here is information about starting various types of clubs listed in our GFWC Membership Advancement Program.

Continued.....

New Clubs

Identify communities within 25 miles of an existing club for ease in sponsoring and mentoring a new group.

- Ask current members if they have relatives and friends in other communities that would be interested in joining or forming a new club.
- Determine a GFWC Special Interest Club location, such as a school, university, workplace, retirement community or growing suburb.
- Identify clubs that were once affiliated with GFWC that might reconnect. Create an opportunity to share information about new GFWC programs and remind them of the benefits of belonging

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

Special Interest Clubs are active clubs paying per capita dues that function in different ways than traditional clubs.

COLLEGIATE CLUBS Colleges and universities often face the same challenges as traditional communities. A collegiate club functions in the campus setting and provides service opportunities that accommodate the student lifestyle.

Juniorettes who have graduated from high school can maintain their GFWC affiliation with a Collegiate Club.

CYBER CLUBS This new type of club is designed for members who want to engage in volunteer service and membership opportunities but cannot attend meetings. Club business is transacted through electronic means. Some traditional clubs may even have “cyber members” who participate in the discussions via Skype, Zoom, or other electronic means.

SINGLE ISSUE CLUBS GFWC offers a diverse array of Special and Community Service Programs, but clubs alone determine their work. It is okay for a club to work on a single issue.

WORKPLACE CLUBS Members who work together already have something in common and often spend many hours together. They have the flexibility to meet during work breaks, such as at lunchtime or outside of work. Meetings scheduled just before or after work can be very convenient.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CLUBS Retirement Communities often gather retirees together. Retirement Communities often gather retirees together from various states. Connecting with other clubwomen offers a ready group of friends with common interests.

This GFWC workshop shared how easy it is to FORM A NEW CLUB.

- Go to Membership Portal.
- Go to L for Leadership, find the Leadership Tool Kit, and go to tab four-under Club, District, and State resources, including everything needed to start a new club.

The toolkit includes the following:

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Sample Bylaws

A Collect for Clubwomen

Checklist Charter, bylaws wearing a mask, and ensure food is individually packed.

Connections to GFWC and clubs will be strengthened if the following are practiced.

Membership Reminder:

RECOGNIZE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP We can never say thank you enough! Let members know how grateful you are by celebrating their GFWC service with a GFWC membership recognition pin.

GFWC Gold Pins are awarded by GFWC to 50-year members. The member's club president must request the Gold Pin, which is free of charge. All Club Presidents should send names to Theresa Buntyn by September 30. mfwctab@gmail.com We will recognize these members for 2020 and 2021 at District and State Conventions.

Looking Forward to Our Continued Growth,

Theresa Buntyn

GFWC-MFWC President-elect



Vice President and Dean of Chairmen

Carolyn Tedford



It was so wonderful and exciting to be able to come together at the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention, *Celebrating Culture, Cultivating Connections* in Atlanta Ga. The array of guest speakers that addressed pertinent issues that touch each of our lives and their recommendations to address these issues were enlightening and important to what is happening throughout each of our communities. Listening to all the projects that clubs heroically undertaken this year with all the challenges truly touched my heart. I am so very proud of the recognition that MS Clubs and individuals received at the GFWC Annual Convention which are listed in this edition of MS Clubwoman Magazine. I want to encourage each of you to report all the projects that you initiate and participate in that make a difference in the lives of others. Regardless of how small an act is, it can have a major impact that ripples throughout communities, states, and the world. The GFWC Membership Portal contains information regarding the reporting of Community Service Projects, Advancement Plans and Affiliate Organizations. Lisa Harris and I will be emailing the updated Reporting Guide and Reporting Tips out to all Club Presidents. I am available to meet with your club in person, on zoom and by phone to discuss reporting. Please contact me at 601-310-0377 or carolyntedford@outlook.com for any questions or to setup a meeting. Please share this information with your ladies that are writing the reports. I am excited and looking forward to see the difference that each of you are making throughout MS.



Affiliate Organization Award Presentation

St Jude Children's Research Hospital

For Year 2020 GFWC Mississippi

For Year 2020 GFWC Mississippi



MFWC Treasurer
Belinda Peacher



Wow! Where did the time go! As we move into a new club year, I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your MFWC Treasurer and appreciate your confidence in my abilities to do so.

For this fall, we have made one revision in the MFWC Dues Form:

A new line item has been added concerning Domestic Violence Awareness. If your club has a particular shelter or entity for your contribution there will be a place for writing in that particular designation; if there is no specification, all contributions on this line will be sent to “I Support the Girls – Mississippi.”

This means you will need to go to our MFWC website @ GFWC-MFWC.org and download the new form.

Also, remember if members of your club would like a hard copy of both the fall and spring Clubwoman editions, the cost will be \$10 per member. There is a line on the Dues Form for your club treasurer to indicate how many members want printed copies. The printed copies will be mailed to the club president for distribution to these members.

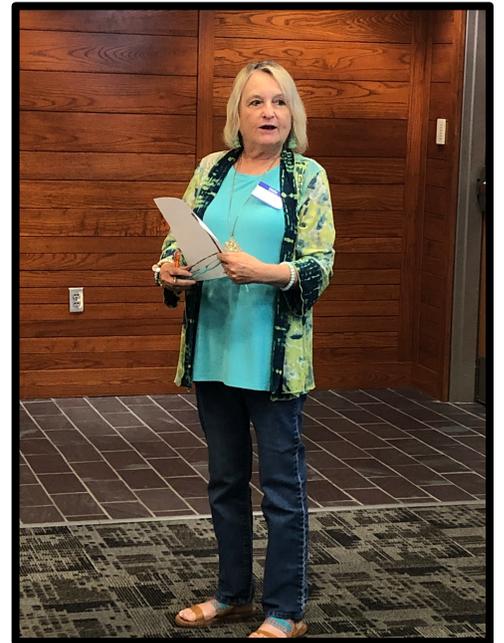
In order to be designated as an Honors Club, you must have your membership dues post marked by November 1. Also, in order to be judged, you must have your state and district dues postmarked by January 1, 2022.

So, please go online and download the new Dues form, send it in with your checks and club rosters to me at the address at the bottom of the form. Then send *only* member deletions to Lisa Harris as indicated at the bottom of the form.

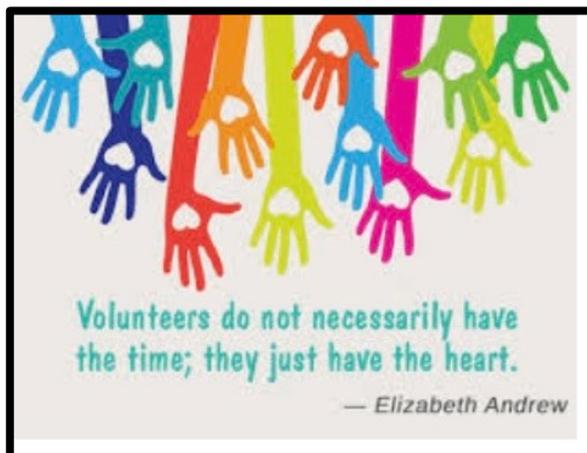
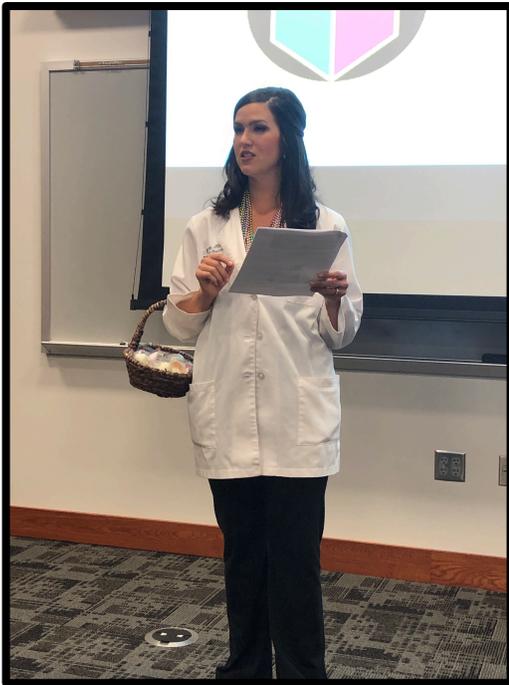
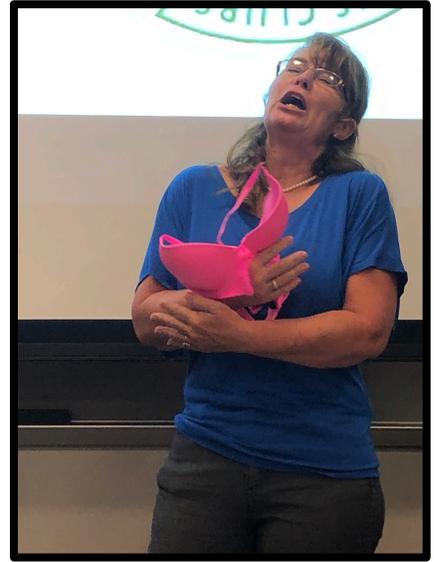
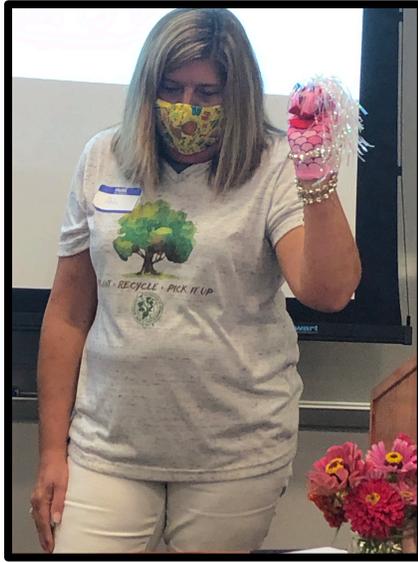
I look forward to serving you and let's have an outstanding year!

Belinda Peacher
2020- 2022 MFWC Treasurer
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Summer Institute 2021



What Happens at SI Stays at SI



Reporting Tips

Carolyn Tedford

READ READ READ GFWC MFWC Reporting Guide

READ and follow the GFWC Guide for Special Program, CSP, and AP.

Report everything that your club does. If unsure where to report a project, just put in the place where it makes the most sense.

Where do I report my project?

Review the projects listed under each Community Service Project to decide where to report your project(s). Projects listed are from past club reports and each list is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Lists are intended to give ideas on where to report your projects. Remember that the projects reported must have been done during the reporting year.

The GFWC Manual will list GFWC Affiliate Organizations and program ideas your club may have chosen to do in your community, state and internationally. Website: gfwc.org

Choose the Community Service Program where you think the project should be reported. Remember your club's intent for the project, as that may assist you in deciding where to report. Also, keep in mind that while you can report only in one area, many projects appropriately may fall into more than one reporting area. When a project falls into more than one area, your club can decide where it is best for you to report that project.

For example: If you painted a mural on the wall of a pediatric ward in the hospital, did you do it to decorate the wall or to cheer up the patients? If you wanted to decorate the wall, the project would be reported in the Arts and Culture Community Service Program. If you wanted to cheer up the patients, you would report this in the Health and Wellness Community Service Program.

Dollars Donated vs In-Kind Donations:

DOLLARS DONATED- Dollars Donated is the monetary amount given to Community Service Programs and projects. Dollars donated does not apply to Advancement Plans.

IN-KIND DONATIONS- In-Kind Donations reflect the monetary value for goods provided to Community Service Programs and projects. Download the latest copy from the GFWC Member Portal, My Digital Library, Resources, Letter I, In-Kind Donation Guide.pdf.

Cross reporting is NOT allowed with the exception of three areas:

The GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project (PSP) "Plant Recycle Pick It Up" can be reported under both the GFWC-MFWC PSP and GFWC Environment CSP.

State Institutions can be reported under both GFWC-MFWC State Institution and one of the following GFWC CSP

Mississippi State Schools for Deaf and Blind, Ellisville State School and other State Schools can be reported under Education and Libraries.

Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, MS and other State Hospitals can be reported under Health and Wellness.

State Veteran's Homes projects can be reported under Civic Engagement and Outreach.

GFWC International Convention

Atlanta, Georgia



GFWC International Convention

**Congratulations
Rebecca Whitley Watkins
MF WC LEADS Representative**



Congratulations, Mississippi

Signature Program:

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

- GFWC Mississippi
- Honorable Mention: GFWC Juniorette Diamonds MS

Education and Libraries

- Club Creativity: GFWC Fine arts Club of Bruce

Legislation/Public Policy

- GFWC Mississippi

Membership Awards

- Ackerman Juniorettes
- Bruce Fine Arts Juniorettes
- Eupora Juniorettes
- Pontotoc Juniorettes
- GFWC-MFWX Florence Juniorettes
- GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Diamonds

Affiliate Organization Awards

St Jude Children's Research Hospital For Year 2020 and 2021

- GFWC Mississippi

Photography Contest

Volunteers in Action

- 2nd Place Debbie Breister

Newsletter Contest

- GFWC Mississippi

Website Contest

- GFWC Mississippi



District Presidents

Central District

Ada McGrevey



I'm almost finished making my jellies & preserves for the summer. One more batch of pears then I'll wait on the muscadine and grape vines to ripen so I can fill my cupboard for the year. A lot can happen, beyond my control, that will affect the amount I'll actually have to work with.

Taking care of things is what we all do. Around Central District, club members have been meeting, planning, and organizing how this year's activities will go. I'm so excited and looking forward to seeing all the good things that will spring forth from these plans. Our communities, friends, and neighbors will benefit the most as we strive to take care of things as best as we can.

I'm so thankful we were able to attend Summer Institute in person as I love being around people. It was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones, and the event was well planned out and executed. Kudos to President Sherri and all of the executive staff.

Who knows how this year will come together. It'd be great if all our activities were in person, but I know we'll make it work regardless of any curve balls heading our way. In the meantime, I'm going to trim limbs back from a tree that sits too close to my berry vines. That part, I can control.

Southern District

Meri Newell



Greetings to one and all from the Southern District! We were so proud of our Southern District clubs and their reporting awards at MFWC State Convention! It just shows what volunteer women can do, even when faced with a world pandemic and so many restrictions to travel and moving around. You are all amazing and creative!

We are finalizing the location for our 2022 MFWC State Convention, which will be hosted by Southern District. Your State President, Sheri Reid, President-Elect, Theresa Buntyn, and District President Meri Newell have been working hard to find a great venue that will not "break your bank", but will provide a wonderful place to reconnect, celebrate achievements, and install our 2022-2024 officers. More details to come in the weeks ahead!

We are still in challenging times. Please take time to reach out to members who have not been able to attend in-person meetings and keep thinking of new ways to keep connection with members who have been isolated. We sure do look forward to getting back together in person at District Convention, which will be the first Saturday in March.

Have a wonderful fall and keep reporting those great projects and hours!

Health and Wellness

Bethany Flint, M.S., R.D.



Talent takes practice and so does good health and wellness. Small changes add up to big results. We can practice health and wellness with proper nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care.

Is your idea of balanced nutrition a cookie in each hand?

Most of us have access to proper nutrition---- if we just use it... however, women in countries like Mexico, India, and Kenya need our help in hatching hope for proper nutrition. GFWC Affiliate Organization Heifer International's new developmental program, Hatching Hope, was designed with the firm understanding that an efficient poultry business can effect important change for farmers, their families, and their communities. Chickens and their eggs are among the best and lowest-cost sources of high-quality protein.

Heifer is coordinating agricultural training, tools, and resources - such as veterinary care - for farmers to raise larger numbers of healthy chickens in sustainable ways. Chickens can "hatch hope" at scale because a back-yard coop has low barriers to entry and requires minimal infrastructure. Moreover, chickens are easily fed and grow quickly, delivering a rapid return on investment for farmers.

The key to Hatching Hope's success will be to unlock barriers to high-value marketplaces within the private sector. Heifer is actively helping farmers make important connections in their respective regions, partnering with governments, financial institutions, and cooperatives. A comprehensive power for good, Hatching Hope promotes efficiency and sustainability in Mexico, Kenya, and India.

For more information on this program and egg nutrition, check out the links below. I challenge each of you to make \$20 donation for a flock of chicks OR think bigger with one of the club project examples listed below that could collectively help GFWC reach the goal to improve the nutrition and livelihood for 100,000,000 individuals by the year 2030.

Heifer Hatching Hope link:

<https://www.heifer.org/our-work/flagship-projects/hatching-hope.html>

Egg Nutrition:

<https://www.incredibleegg.org/professionals/foodservice/egg-and-egg-products/egg-composition-nutrition>

<https://incredibleegg.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EGGS101-Handout.pdf>

Project ideas for Heifer:

Barnyard Bingo

Hanging with my Heifers t-shirt fundraiser

"Extraordinary cooking contest or bake sale

To address global hunger, create a Heifer International "farm." At each monthly meeting, chose a farm animal and decorate featuring the animal (chicken, rabbits, etc.)

Initiate "Operation Santa's Cookies and Milk" to raise funds to help Heifer International's Milk Project and provide a carton of nutritious milk to children

A GFWC Challenge Project is "Physical Funding" for Mental Health Programs.

According to the Mayo Clinic, "Exercise helps prevent and improve a number of health problems, including high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis. Research on depression, anxiety and exercise shows that the psychological and physical benefits of exercise can also help improve mood and reduce anxiety."

With these facts in mind, plan or participate in a fundraising walk, run, bike, swim event, or a dance-a-thon, with benefits funding the mental health program of your club's choice. By actively participating, members will improve their own health while helping others.

Check out the links to sign up for the virtual National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk¹⁶ or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

Education and Libraries

Meri Newell



With fall just around the corner, we know that school has already started, and our teachers have another challenging year ahead. Just imagine trying to do your job three distinctly different ways and reach all people equally well; this chair has prayed a great deal for our classroom teachers, who in many cases are doing exactly what you just imagined. How can we help, in the middle of another Covid wave? First, make sure that you communicate with your local schools to see what specific needs they have. Certainly wipes, Lysol, hand sanitizer, and masks will still be needed items. In addition, individually wrapped snacks, juice packs, extra school supplies and clothing for needy children, and donations for classroom books will certainly be appreciated. Find out if your middle school or high school nurses need pads and period packs for the girls. Consider doing a fundraiser for new game equipment for smaller groups to have enough to play with at PE time.

Ask your school librarians if they need help sanitizing books to be put back on the shelf. Many have a process for this, but they may invite some volunteer help. Volunteer to read on video so that children can enjoy story time with a visitor, even when we can't visit our schools.

We may have to be creative again this year, but the third week in October, we will once again be doing "Read for the Record" in partnership with MPB. Information will be out soon from Libby Everett; be on the lookout so that we can participate statewide again this year to read for our schools, daycares, Headstart, and nursing homes, as well as for our own children.

Please use your hometown libraries whenever you can; it was obvious during the early stages of the pandemic that our libraries were vital sources of information in our communities, and that they were missed during lockdown times. Budgets are tight, so let your legislators know how important your library is to your community.

Finally, let me tell you how proud this chair was of our Top Ten Projects. At Summer Institute, I wanted everyone to know what our clubs had been doing in pandemic times, so I wrote a song. For those of you who might have seen it on Facebook, but it went by too fast to catch the words, it's on the next page.

What Can You Do In A World Pandemic?

(To the tune of "What Can You Do With a Drunken Sailor")

Meri Newell

What can you do in a world pandemic, cancelling meetings was endemic.

What can you do in a world pandemic In a Covid club year?

Juniorette Diamonds sponsored an author; led a session on listening to each other.

Cosmo formed a club library when Petal library shut down.

Picayune gave kids motivation; fifth graders built a STEM-ulation

Bruce Fine Arts during summer vacation made "SEEDS Reads" a "Happening"

Ackerman ladies supported the PACE Class; painted a building to create their sPACE class

Raleigh made their "Education Hints" a part of every meeting.

Magnolia Cyber had Tiffany Tyson answering questions about her writings

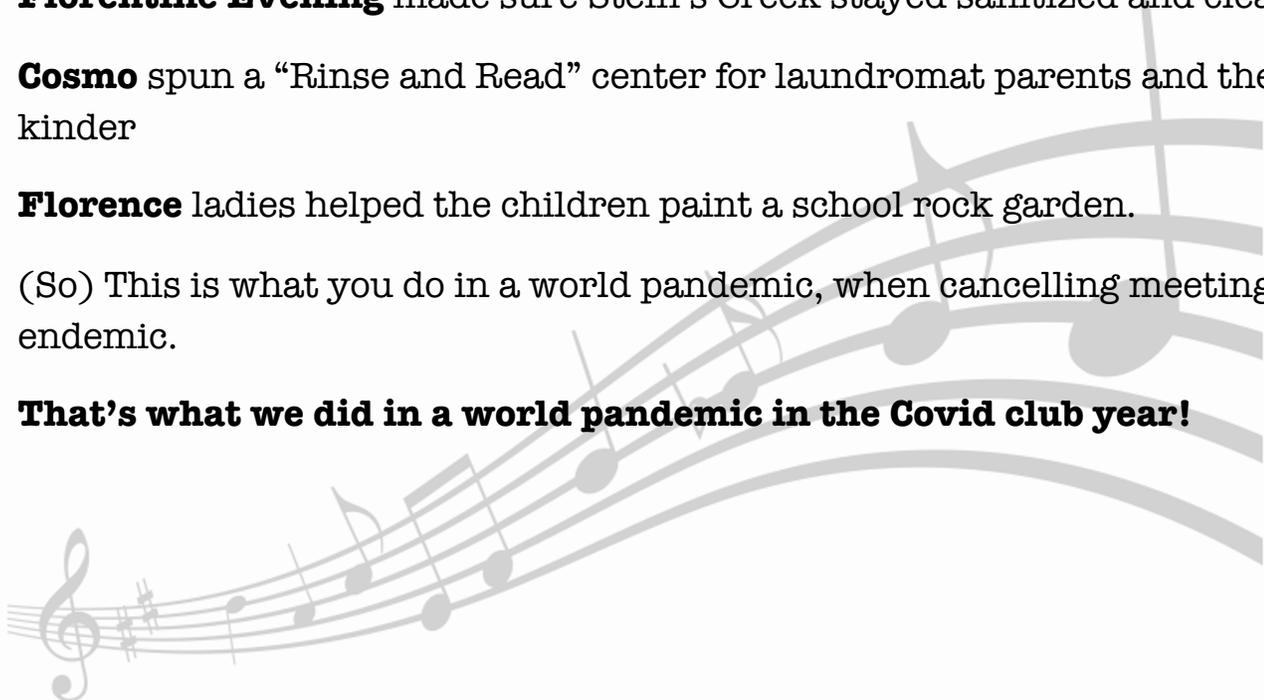
Florentine Evening made sure Stein's Creek stayed sanitized and cleanly.

Cosmo spun a "Rinse and Read" center for laundromat parents and their kinder

Florence ladies helped the children paint a school rock garden.

(So) This is what you do in a world pandemic, when cancelling meetings is endemic.

That's what we did in a world pandemic in the Covid club year!



GFWC Signature Program

Deana Pittman



Greetings to all of my fellow MFWC Clubwomen! It has been my privilege to serve as your GFWC Signature Program Chairman for three years. One of the biggest blessings of this position has been the opportunity to also become a part of the I Support the Girls community. Together, I Support the Girls-Mississippi and the clubwomen of MFWC have distributed more than a quarter of a million bras and feminine products to all corners of Mississippi since 2018. This year alone, we have already delivered more than 70,000 items, and our biggest month has not even happened yet! Thank you, ladies!!! We could not do what we do without you!!!

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is rampant in every community. It affects every age, race, social, and economic class. Domestic violence can be physical or emotional and can have controlling behaviors that add to violence. Cases of domestic violence have resulted in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The aftershocks of domestic violence can last a lifetime and cross generations. There are so many ways that your club can get involved to help combat this growing problem in Mississippi!

- Hold a drive for I Support the Girls—Mississippi
- Make a donation to the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship fund
- Check with your local law enforcement agencies to see if there are items that they need on hand
- If you are located near a shelter, check to see their biggest needs
- Spread awareness on social media by sharing reputable facts about domestic violence
- Visit www.nctsn.org for resources to help educate and spread awareness
- Provide resources for educators to assist children that have been involved in situations of domestic violence

As always, I am willing to help educate your club members...by attending a meeting (live or virtual), or to help provide resources from I Support the Girls - Mississippi to create club projects for your community! Please let me know how I can help you!

Deana Pittman

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Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Libby Everett



At MFWC Summer Institute, Gisele the Gypsy foretold some wonderful future MPB projects. She said one of the ways we can contribute to MPB in the future is to participate in a new project. MPB wants to provide Little Libraries at various locations throughout the state, particularly in rural areas. They will not only provide the Little Library they will also send books to fill the shelves. All they are asking is that clubs be responsible for keeping the libraries replenished with books. The goal is to build long term relationships with the communities where these libraries are located and eventually place them in all 82 counties in Mississippi. They have sent a list of counties and towns that they are particularly interested in to begin this project. The following counties/towns have not been claimed: Attala/Kosciusko, Clay/Cedar Bluff, Holmes/Lexington, Jefferson/Fayette, Issaquena/Mayersville, Leflore/Itta Bena, Sharkey/Rolling Fork, Washington/Hollandale, Winston/Louisville. If your club would be available to provide a contact person to MPB, please provide me with that name along with contact information (phone, email). If you don't know who that will be currently, just give me your name and I will be in touch with you. They have mentioned doing a ribbon cutting and want MFWC members to participate in that publicity.

In the future I also see clubs participating in **Read for the Record** on October 28, 2021. The book is "Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon" by Kat Zhang. This was an outstanding project this past year even with the challenges of the pandemic. It looks to be even better this year.

For reporting in the future, remember programs and projects are reported on a separate MFWC reporting form that records individual contributions to MPB, club membership in MPB, local MPB membership drives, publicizing MPB programs in local media, legislative contact, and other support. This can be cross-reported in the Education and Libraries CSP.

I don't think I need to list all the great programs that are available on MPB to enjoy! Walt Grayson's Mississippi Roads, Antiques Roadshow, Masterpiece, Mississippi Outdoors, Sesame Street, Nova, This Old House, Great British Baking Show, American Masters, Austin City Limits. Clubs should include a generous contribution from your club to MPB on your MFWC Dues Form. Your continuing support makes MPB possible.

The best way to predict your club's future is to create it. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

For more information on MPB visit, www.mpbonline.org. If you have any questions in the future, please contact me.

Libby Everett

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Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Advancement

Leadership

Melba Watkins



Leadership, like trees, shows itself in many forms. Some burst forth with beautiful green leaves and fragrant flowers which, in many cases, produce fruit or berries to be consumed by human and our furry friends. That type of leadership is evident and always on the forefront, planning, speaking, always visible, the leader that everyone is automatically drawn to. Every group needs that kind of leader. Then there is the tree that is always in the background, forming the gentle backdrop for those out front with the flowers or berries so that they can easily be recognizable. We need those trees, too.

In the case of our clubs, we have those who are our chosen leaders, but we also have those who are the brawn, the problem solvers, the “mechanics” so to speak, of our clubs. These are the “boosters” of our clubs. Those men, usually husbands but many times the custodians, the coaches, the administrators, who pack, unpack, load, unload, help us shop, help us deliver and when we get tired and frustrated, pick up our slack. To these “boosters”, I say thank you and your leadership is the backbone of our clubs.

Communication & Public Relations

Sharon Hudson



How can you promote your club events? Here are ten tried and true ideas to help.

1. Place a **banner** with your event information at your city's welcome sign or a prominent location in town.
2. Distribute **brochures** to local offices, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.
3. Talk to the person who develops your Chamber of Commerce **newsletters**. See what you can do to get your information placed in their newsletters.
4. Social media-post it on your **Facebook** page, sent out a **tweet**, or use **Instagram**.
5. Make sure your event is listed in your hometown newspaper's local **calendar of events**.
6. Take a cue from politicians. Ask boosters and friends to show their support through **yard signs**.
7. Ask a local bank if you can use their **marquee sign** for the week to advertise the event.
8. Ask local businesses if you can use washable paint to write an event message in their **store window**. Using an empty storefront is a great option too.
9. Request to speak at other civic group meetings such as Rotary, Civitan, Lions, etc.
10. And the old-fashioned way, **word of mouth**. Talk to your friends on the street, in the grocery store, at church, etc.

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As we enter into another year of service, I am reminded of a quote from Maya Angelou: “We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”

This federation has become accustomed to change over the years. The past year and a half has brought on new challenges for us, and I am happy to have watched the ladies of MFWC embrace those challenges with grace.

I would like to thank those who have donated their time to attending to the needs of our Headquarters this year. Some of you volunteered your time to meet maintenance workers, call companies for repairs, etc. We had a lovely group of ladies (pictured) who volunteered their Saturday to taking an inventory of each room at Headquarters. This is a somewhat tedious task that we have put off for some time now, so it was refreshing to tick that off the to-do list. We still have to inventory the records room and board room, so keep a look out for a Call for Volunteers when we set a date for that.

We are also in the process of rehoming our archives. Our beautiful headquarters has seen some wear and tear over the years, so we are excited to find a facility that is more equipped to take care of our valuable records, some of which date back to the 1800s. While it is sad to see our records leave Headquarters, we can rejoice in knowing that they will have a much longer “shelf life” in a more sufficient facility.

Don't forget to check out the items we have digitized so far through the Mississippi Digital Library.
<https://msdiglib.org/mfwc>



Jennie Award Nominee

Gail Mitchell

Congratulations to Mississippi's Jennie Award Nominee, Wanda Gail Mitchell, a member of the GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club of Picayune. The Jennie Award is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC and recognizes a member for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. A member for 53 plus years, Gail has served in numerous positions, and spearheaded several fundraising projects as well as service projects including serving as auctioneer for the Christmas Auction fundraiser for 18 years, as Conservation Chairman, participated in Adopt-A-STREAM Wildlife Federation program promoting environmental stewardship, initiated a blood drive in her community by procuring a partnership between her club and church, was instrumental in the success of the Christmas Parade 45 years, organizing 75 plus floats, and represents her club on the town's beautification committee. She also initiated an annual reception honoring veterans, secured a grant to pay for the New Orleans Symphony to provide culture to students in the community and consistently recruits, mentors and keeps members engaged with her creative ideas.

Gail never misses an opportunity to promote the federation and share her "elevator speech". Her love for the federation and her servant's heart inspired her club's awards committee to create "The Wanda Gail Mitchell Ideal Clubwoman Award". She was recognized as Clubwoman of the Year 1977, 2009 and District Clubwoman 2009 for her contributions.

Gail consistently implements projects to address community concerns. A few achievements and contributions include an active PTA member, a Life member of the Junior Auxiliary, and providing free tutoring. She co-founded her school's marching drill team in 1981 and is still marching. Gail has been a member of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association for 50 years and was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame for her contributions. She received numerous awards for outstanding service while employed by a NASA contractor and initiated the "Early Education Monday" project in 1990 then presented it to schools and other organizations. Gail is an active member of her church and prepares and delivers meals three times a week to anyone in need.

She and her husband, Jerry, have been married for 53 years. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Gail and Jerry have always shared with others, including their home. After losing her beautiful daughter in 2012, she raised and financially supported her two teenage grandsons. She graciously took her mother, mother-in-law, and uncle into her home, cared for each of them until their deaths.

Gail has consistently demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to volunteer service and Mississippi is honored to nominate Gail Mitchell for the prestigious Jennie Award.

What's Happening Around the State?

Purvis Woman's Club



Purvis Woman's Club worked with the city of Purvis to obtain new banners for the town. The club also volunteered at the MS Wounded Minutemen Golf Tournament to raise money for wounded Purple Heart recipient soldiers.

Batesville Woman's Club



Members donate to I Support the Girls each month. Several members volunteered at the annual Picnicking with the Police.

Poplarville Woman's Club



On Monday, May 24th the Poplarville Women's Club held a drive through health fair with Poplarville Excel by 5 and Poplarville Lower Elementary. The event was held in conjunction with Kindergarten registration. Parents and children were able to stay in their cars while stopping at booths to receive information about children's health, safety and nutrition as well as the many services offered by the school system and the community. Women's club members Dawn Vosbein, Shirley Wiltshire and Carolyn Tedford served on the organizing committee with Brenda Wells, Excel by 5 program director, school administration and other Excel by 5 community leaders. Community partners with booths included Poplarville Women's Club, Poplarville Excel by 5, MSU Extension Service, Poplarville Public Library, Poplarville Head Start, Forrest Health, Poplarville, MS Gulf Coast Behavioral Center, Bright Steps Therapy, LLC, WIC of Pearl River County, Poplarville School Nutrition, Poplarville school Dyslexia Therapist, Poplarville School Behavior Specialist, PRCC Resource and Referral Center. Randomly selected cars also received additional door prizes and all parents received goodie bags of cosmetics provided by the women's club. Over 50 cars and over 100 children participated in the fair.



The Poplarville clubwomen made a donation to the Solace Hospice.

"Sew" Much Fun
Summer Sewing Camp



Quitman Woman's Club

Scholarship Reception On Thursday, May 6, 2021, four graduating seniors from Quitman High School were honored during a ceremony and reception as the 2021 Quitman Woman's Club Scholarship Recipients. The reception was held at First United Methodist Church, Parish Hall, in Quitman, Mississippi. Honorees included their invited guests to attend the ceremony given in their honor, along with faculty and administration from Quitman High School and the Clarke County Business and Technology Center.

Each year the Quitman Woman's Club presents \$200 cash scholarships in honor or memory of QWC members who served as educators in the Quitman School District. This year four young ladies were recipients of these scholarships. Belaynesh Shiferaw was awarded the Grady Pearl Dansby English Scholarship; Chloe Tucker was awarded the Mildred Loper American History Scholarship; Malorie Taylor was awarded the Sue McMurtry Lucas Culinary Arts Scholarship; and Ta'Nyla Cooley was awarded the Helen Ann Beeman Teacher Academy Scholarship.



Harris Park Renovation On June 3, 2021, the Quitman Woman's Club hosted the dedication service for the newly renovated Harris Park in Quitman, Mississippi. Having sponsored the community park since 1960, it was in dire need of attention. Working in collaboration with the City of Quitman and the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, they were able to receive grant funds, held sponsorship events, and worked tirelessly with community members in accomplishing this goal. Along with providing much new playground equipment and refurbishing equipment already on site. To promote conservation and to clean up the environment, we also planted 18 new crepe myrtles, magnolias, wiping willows and a butterfly garden. This four-year effort is one of the projects the Quitman Woman's Club is very proud to have completed!



Star Woman's Club



The Star Woman's Club couldn't do what they do without these two guys... they are "Star" boosters!



Crystal Springs Floral Club



The Chautauqua Garden Club and the GFWC-MFWC Crystal Springs Floral Club recently partnered together to support the local J. T. Biggs Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program that was held on Friday, July 16th at Chautauqua Park.

The clubs sponsored a reading/learning tent station at the park in which the children were encouraged to decorate a small clay flowerpot, fill the pot with potting soil, and plant a couple of pumpkin seeds. Nan Harris, Chautauqua Garden Club member, read a story, *A Journey Home*, about a hummingbird to the children as well.

Pictured left to right: Becky Dionne and Sharron White of Chautauqua Garden Club; Ann Lisk, Sue Freeman, and Mary Lou Barlow of the GFWC-MFWC Crystal Springs Floral Club; and Nan Harris and Kathy Wells of the Chautauqua Garden Club.

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Civic Woman's Club of Picayune



CWC members thanked teachers in Picayune and Pearl River Central school districts for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Dr. Burkett, principal, with CWC members Darlene Adams and Stephanie Morris



Sandy Shaw, Leslie Lincoln and Pearl set up morning snack for teachers.

Val Vizena and Janis Sita (and Pearl) set up lunch for local high school.



Left: Twentieth Century Club of Bruce delivered cases of water to first responders after the tornado in Calhoun City.

Twentieth Century Club of Bruce



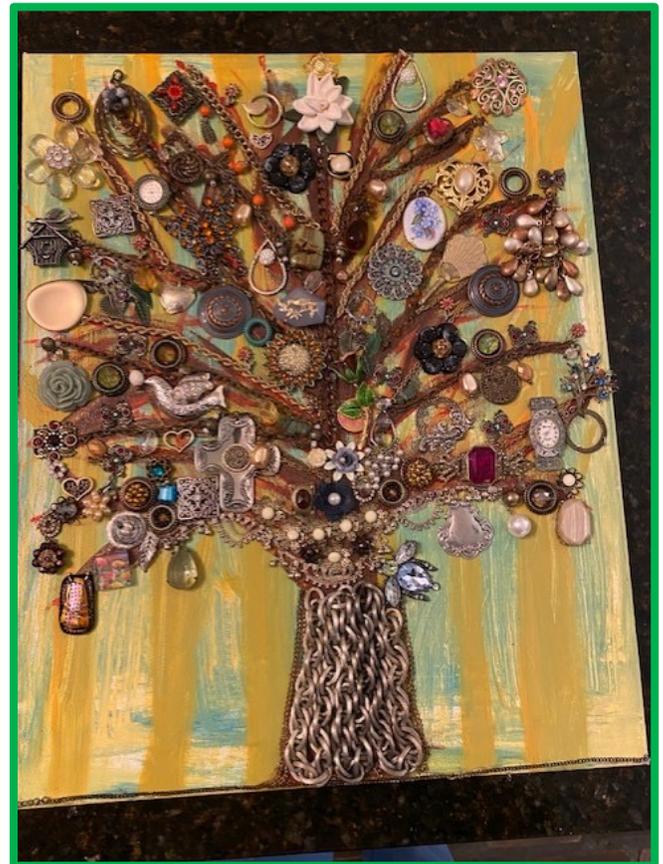
Florentine Evening Club



Members met at City Hall to clean up flower beds.

Members delivered stuffed animals wrapped in cellophane bags for police officers to keep in their cars to give to children when on a domestic violence call.

At the May meeting, members presented MFWC President Sherri Reid with a “recycled” art project. The tree is sculpted from old jewelry that members donated.



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Faces of MFWC





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



2021-2022 Dues Form

Club Information:

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Club President: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Club Treasurer: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____

Club Dues: \$30 x number of general members _____ listed on roster \$ _____
 \$25 x number of juniorettes _____ listed on roster \$ _____
(No District dues, please. District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer)

Printed Clubwoman magazines (2 per year) to be mailed to Club President _____ @\$10.00 each \$ _____

Contributions:

- GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project: Plant ▶ Recycle ▶ Pick It Up \$ _____
- 1935 Society (MFWC State Headquarters upkeep) **\$5 per member suggested** \$ _____
- Hebron Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual scholarship) \$ _____
- Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 annual Juniorette Scholarship) \$ _____
- Challenge Grant (for a Special Education Teacher) \$ _____
- State Institutions: MSD \$ _____ MSB \$ _____ State Hospital \$ _____ \$ _____
Name of State Hospital sponsored by club: _____
- Mississippi Public Broadcasting \$ _____
- Youth Art: **\$10 per club suggested minimum** \$ _____
- HOBY: \$200.00 per sponsored student or other donation (**\$20 minimum suggested**) \$ _____
Name of school sponsored by club: _____
- Malone-Sisk (MS LEADS) Program \$ _____
- "Dollars for Delegates" for officers' expenses to attend GFWC meetings \$ _____
- GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness. Unless specified below, donations will go to "I Support the Girls - Mississippi." _____ \$ _____
- Other Contributions not listed: _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

(Additional pages may be attached, if necessary)

Total Of All Above: \$ _____

- Please mail this form along with your club's check made payable to MFWC and one copy of club roster with names, mailing addresses, email addresses & phone numbers postmarked by **November 1** to receive Honor Club Status to:

**Belinda Peacher, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer, 2339 Tiffany Circle, Florence MS 39073
 (601) 291-6937 (text or voicemail), Email: bbpeacher@gmail.com**

- ALL checks MUST be made payable to MFWC. Please do not staple check to the form.
- Dues must be postmarked by **January 1** in order for a club to be eligible to have reports judged or to receive awards.
- For members added during the club year, please send name, address, email address & dues to Belinda Peacher, GFWC-MFWC Treasurer
- Send **deletions only** to Lisa A. Harris, *Mississippi Clubwoman* Circulation Editor at lisaharris@outlook.com or 822 SCR 115 South, Raleigh, MS 39153

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