



GFWC-Mississippi Federation Women's Clubs

*A member of the General Federation
of Women's Clubs*



Team MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism

Dear Federation Friends:

It is with great anticipation that Lisa Harris and I present you with this MFWC Handbook. This handbook provides information about the 2010-2012 programs and projects of our International and State organizations. This handbook also contains several important forms. Please feel free to duplicate and use any of the materials that are located in this handbook. Other information will be available in the Fall Plans Edition of the *Mississippi Clubwoman* magazine and on our website, www.gfwc-mfwc.org. You can also search the www.gfwc.org site to find the latest news and information from GFWC. (Please note that GFWC continues to update program materials and the final documents may not be available until mid to late August.)

Our theme for the next two years is TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism. We will be working to assist clubs in name recognition with GFWC and MFWC and we will also be working to build our team with new members and new clubs. As GFWC-MFWC members, you are vital to the success of our volunteer organization. One voice can make a difference but imagine the voices of 1600 plus members of MFWC and the value of encouraging others to become community volunteers.

The President's Special Project is Feeding Fellow Mississippians. This project is timely because so many Mississippians are in need of basic necessities, like food, given the current economic climate. Feeding Fellow Mississippians is important across the lifespan from the youngest baby to the oldest adult, food is a basic right. MFWC members can work at food pantries and soup kitchens, can collect food items at club meetings, and can complete any other project that will assist in meeting the needs of their community.

Special emphasis will continue to be given to our State Institutions, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, HOBY and the Mississippi Library Commission. You will find additional information about these projects within this handbook.

I encourage each of you to review the important dates noted herein. I encourage you to attend as many events as you possibly can. Your district presidents will plan a special meeting for you. Additionally, the MFWC State convention will be held in Jackson at a central location to allow more clubwomen to attend. I also issue you a special invitation to attend our Southern Region Conferences. Two of our Mississippi clubwomen, JoAnne Reid and Judy Martin are serving in official roles. JoAnne is serving as Treasurer and Judy is serving as Parliamentarian. (The 2010 SRC will be in Huntsville, Alabama, — a short driving distance from Mississippi.)

I want to thank each member who has been willing to serve on the 2010-2012 GFWC- MFWC Executive Board. They are already fast at work preparing to provide you with the most up to date information as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact them if you have questions. They are willing to help any and all clubwomen.

Please note that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has made the following changes for 2010-2012: The GFWC Community Service Programs (previously known as the departments) have changed slightly. There will be no more "affairs!" International Outreach and Public Issues are the new terms to remember. The programs themselves have not changed, just the titles. The other four "Community Service" program titles remain the same.

We will now be reporting Partnership Projects – "those projects that were developed on the national level with national partners and implemented in the local club's community" and Collaboration Projects that "had no involvement from or with any partner organization." The bottom line will be that any project that is not a GFWC-designated national partner, as identified in the 2010-12 Club Manual, should be reported as Collaboration.

Additionally Special Projects are now identified as Advancement areas and include:

1. Communications and Identity
2. Fundraising
3. Leadership
4. Legislation and Public Policy
5. Membership
6. Women's History and Resource Center

GFWC Contests include:

1. GFWC Club Newsletter Contest
2. GFWC Website Contest
3. Community Improvement Contest
4. Jennie Award
5. Photography Contest
6. Writing Contest

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as the GFWC- MFWC 57th President. I appreciate all that you do every day to help your communities. If I can assist you, please feel free to call. Your suggestions are always welcome. We are truly TEAM MFWC: One Strong Voice for Volunteerism. Please join me in building our team in your community.

Love in Volunteer Service,

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