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A Letter From Randy Matthews **2020-2022 GFWC Alabama President**

Dearest Fellow GFWC Alabama Clubwomen,

It is my esteemed honor to welcome you to the 2020-2022 administration of GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs. Thank you for your support and your confidence as we embark on this new beginning and continue "*Living the Volunteer Spirit*" with a renewed commitment of volunteerism to enhance the lives of others. There are countless new opportunities for GFWC Alabama clubwomen to seize as a part of GFWC, one of the world's largest women's service organizations dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

June 27: Board of Directors Orientation
Location: Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana

July 31 (day): Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Location: Capitol City Club, Montgomery

July 31, 6 PM: "Celebrating Federation" Banquet
Location: Capitol City Club, Montgomery

August 1: GFWC Alabama Leadership Workshop
Location: Capitol City Club, Montgomery

I have chosen as the theme for 2020-2022, "*Living the Volunteer Spirit—Empowering Others to Live Well*". The **AFWC President's Project** is "**Promoting Diabetes Awareness**". I challenge each of you as community volunteers to take an active role in protecting not only your own health and well being, but also that of your family, friends, and others within your community. Over the next two years GFWC Alabama clubwomen will promote and learn about the causes and effects of the several types of diabetes and treatment of each, but most importantly ways to live well to prevent diabetes.

Working in conjunction with Camp Seale Harris and Southeastern Diabetes Educational Services, whose mission is to educate, encourage and empower children living with diabetes and their families to live well, GFWC Alabama clubwomen will be afforded the opportunity to raise funds and to volunteer in hands on projects. Hundreds of Alabama children and young adults attend Camp Seale Harris for a medically supervised, fun experience and family connection to year round support that helps them brave the fight against diabetes every day. GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs will advocate for those living with diabetes as we plan for an engaging legislative event "Day on the Hill" in our state's capitol visiting with lawmakers.

2020-2022 **Community Service** **Programs:**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has realigned all Community Service Programs and made significant changes to the GFWC Signature Program, the GFWC Junior Advocates for Children's Program, and the Community Improvement Program. The realigned CSPs are: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and

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Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness. GFWC has provided preliminary information regarding these changes in the form of colorful flyers which can be personalized by individual states and clubs in planning for the upcoming club year. These flyers have all been placed on the GFWC Alabama website along with Frequently Asked Questions on the realignment answered by 2020-2022 GFWC President, Marian St. Clair.

GFWC will provide complete details on all Community Service Programs and other changes made in the GFWC Club Manual which will be online on July 1, 2020.

There are several upcoming opportunities for GFWC Alabama clubs to receive the most current information from the General Federation of Women's Clubs and information on state programs and projects. All members are encouraged to attend the **"Celebrating Federation" banquet** to be held on **July 31, 2020** at 6:00 pm at the Capital City Club in Montgomery, Alabama. GFWC Alabama members will gather to acknowledge the 2018-2020 administration, to install the 2020-2022 officers and to celebrate the upcoming two years and the exciting endeavors planned for the organization. On **August 1, 2020**, the **GFWC Alabama Leadership Workshop** will be held beginning at 9:15 am at the Capital City Club in Montgomery. Please watch for further information regarding these events and how you can register to attend.

This is a challenging yet exhilarating time to belong to the General Federation of Women's Clubs and to further the mission of the organization. GFWC Alabama members are needed to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service during this critical time in the history of our communities, our country, and our world. Working TOGETHER, as a TEAM, GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and its members will be actively *"Living the Volunteer Spirit—Empowering Others to Live Well"*.

I am incredibly excited and deeply honored to serve as the 2020-2022 GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs President and encourage each member to contact me with any suggestions and questions regarding the upcoming two years.

In Federation service,

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