

**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**  
**119<sup>th</sup> State Convention**  
**Holiday Inn Trustmark Park**  
**110 Bass Pro Drive**  
**Pearl, MS**  
**April 27 – 29, 2017**  
**Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFHC President 2016-2018**  
***“Informing Minds . . . Inspiring Hearts”***

The One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Pearl, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

**The Convention is open to all members of GFHC-MFHC.**

<b>Registration Schedule:</b>	Thursday, 4/27	3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, 4/28	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4/29	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration Table** will be located in the Hotel Lobby.

**All members attending must be registered.**

Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets.

Prices and the meal reservation form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following page.

**Please bring for *President's Special Project*:** National chain Gift Cards for “Opportunities to Win” Gift Card Tree.

**Please bring for *Afternoon of Service at GFHC-MFHC Headquarters*:** Work clothes, gloves and gardening tools. We will be ‘beautifying’ the exterior of our Headquarters.

**DEADLINES:**

**The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 7, 2017.**

Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.

**The deadline for hotel reservations is April 12, 2017.**

The group-block room rate is \$109.99 per night (*not including tax*) through **April 12, 2017**.

The block of rooms will be released after this date. You may make your own room reservations by calling **1.601.939.5238**. You must identify yourself with the group-block “**F2C**.”

Check-in is 3:00 p.m., and checkout is noon.

**EXHIBITS**

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and all Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST be picked up** between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.

**REPRESENTATION**

**The Voting Body** shall consist of the General Officers; Appointed Officers; Past State Presidents; State Chairmen of Standing Committees, Special Committees and Community Service Programs; District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State; and, regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear a special designation on their name badges. Each Federation Club of fifteen (15) members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen (15) or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Emergency resolutions** may be presented to the Resolutions Committee. All other resolutions must be submitted in advance, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9 of the GFHC-MFHC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate action, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

**Registration and Meal Reservation Form**

Mail to:

**Judy Martin, Registration Co-Chairman**  
**P.O. Box 472**  
**Raleigh, MS 39153**  
**601-540-1856 – cell phone**

Club member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District: \_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Member</u>		<u>Booster</u>
Registration (1 day only)	_____	<b>\$15.00</b>	_____
Registration (more than 1 day)	_____	<b>\$20.00</b>	_____
Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/27	_____	<b>\$37.00</b>	_____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/28 (Gavel Club Members Only)	_____	<b>\$15.00</b>	_____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/28	_____	<b>\$26.00</b>	_____
Banquet, Friday, 4/28	_____	<b>\$30.00</b>	_____
Brunch, Saturday, 4/29	_____	<b>\$21.00</b>	_____
 *Registration Late Fee	_____	 <b>\$10.00</b>	_____
 <b>TOTALS:</b>	_____		_____

*\*Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.*

**CREDENTIALS CARD**  
**GFWC-MFWC 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am a Non-Voting Delegate.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am a Voting Delegate, because I am: (Please mark *only* the highest position you hold.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFWC.

\_\_\_\_\_ A Past State President of GFWC-MFWC.

\_\_\_\_\_ A State Chairman of a Standing Committee, Special Committee, or CSP.

\_\_\_\_\_ A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State.

\_\_\_\_\_ A regularly accredited club delegate. (Each club of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and 1 elected delegate. For each additional membership of 15 or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)

***If voting delegate, please have Club President to sign, and mail this along with your meal reservations.***

\_\_\_\_\_, **Club President**

*Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to:*

**GFWC-MFWC 2017 State Convention,  
 to Judy Martin at the address above.**

*The registration form is also available for download from [www.gfwc-mfwc.org](http://www.gfwc-mfwc.org).*

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 7, 2017.**

**TENTATIVE Schedule of Events\***  
**119<sup>th</sup> State Convention**  
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**Thursday, April 27:**

**3:00 - 6:30 p.m.**      **Registration - Hotel Lobby**  
**2:00 p.m.**              **Finance and Executive Committee Meetings – President’s Suite**

*It is suggested that you arrive early enough to get checked-in (3:00 p.m.) so that you will have time for some ‘Retail Therapy’ either at the **Outlets of Mississippi** and/or **Bass Pro**. The hotel is conveniently located between the two locations.*

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**      **GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting**  
*All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.*

**Friday, April 29:**

**7:30 a.m.**              **Gavel Club Breakfast - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room**

**8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** **Registration - Hotel Lobby**

**9:00 a.m.**              **Convention Convenes - Cypress & Magnolia Rooms**  
**Business Session**  
**Reports from: Officers and Executive Board**  
*Headquarters and Long-Range Planning Committees*

**12:00 - 2:15 p.m.**    **Luncheon – featuring GFWC Treasurer Wendy Carriker**  
**Awards: GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness**  
**GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children; Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy and Membership**

**2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**      **Business Session**  
**Awards: Fundraising & Development, WHRC, ESO, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues**  
*State Institutions, MPB, Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks & Yearbooks*

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**      **Free Time for shopping at the Outlets of Mississippi**

**5:00 - 5:30 p.m.**      **Pick up All Exhibits - Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks, and Yearbooks**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**      **Social Gathering – honoring GFWC Treasurer Wendy Carriker – Location TBA**

**6:45 - 7:15 p.m.**      **Photo Opportunities will be available – Location TBA**

**7:15 p.m.**              **Processional Assembles**  
*(MS LEADS Participants, District Presidents, Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Clubs of the Year, Past State Presidents, GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers, & GFWC Guest)*

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**      **Banquet – featuring Judy Duncan, Director of EXPRESS Yourself! Art and Neha Arora, 2017 MS Distinguished Young Woman.**  
**Awards: Arts, PSP, LEADS, Challenge Grant,**  
*Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship*

**Saturday, April 28:**

**8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**    **Registration**

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**    **Memorial Service**

**Business Session**  
**Reports by: District Presidents**  
**Juniorette Awards**

**10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** **Brunch – featuring Maggie Wade-Dixon**  
**Awards: Juniorette of the Year, Juniorette Club of the Year**  
*Clubwoman of the Year, Club of the Year*

**1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**      **Afternoon of Service – GFWC-MFWC Headquarters**

- *If a report is moved to another day/time slot, the chairman will be notified.*
- *Chairmen are requested to always have your report with you at all meetings.*
- *If possible, we will continue with reports as time permits, in order to expedite the program.*
- *Dress for day functions: Business.*
- *Dress for evening functions: Sunday attire or semi-formal.*