

OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
121st State Convention
The Mill at Starkville
600 Russell Street
Starkville, MS
April 25 – 27, 2019
Becky C. Wright, GFWC-MFWC President 2018-2020
"Empowering the Heart to Make a Difference"

The One Hundred Twenty-First Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Starkville, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 25th – 27th, 2019.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The Convention is open to all members of GFWC-MFWC.

Registration Schedule:	Thursday, 4/25	3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, 4/26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4/27	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration Table will be located at The Mill in the Grand Foyer

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*: Your club's Life is Why Brag Boards

Please bring items for *New to You* to benefit the *President's Special Project*.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 15, 2019.

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

The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is April 5, 2019.

The group-block room rate is **\$119.00** per night (*not including tax*). You may make your own room reservations by calling **662.338.3116** and request rate for the "**MS Federation of Women's Clubs**" room block. You can use this link to book your room online - [Book your group rate for MS Fed of Women Club.](#) Check-in is **3:00 p.m.**; Checkout is **12:00 p.m.**

EXHIBITS

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 26th. **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 GFWC-MFWC 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:

Diane Rouse
2323 Tiffany Circle
Florence, MS 39073
601-454-5350 – cell phone

Club member: _____
 District _____ Club: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Registration (1 day only)	_____	\$15.00 _____
Registration (more than 1 day)	_____	\$20.00 _____
Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/25	_____	\$42.00 _____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/26 (Gavel Club Members Only)	_____	\$16.00 _____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/26	_____	\$25.00 _____
Banquet, Friday, 4/26	_____	\$39.00 _____
Breakfast, Saturday, 4/27	_____	\$25.00 _____
 *Registration Late Fee	 _____	 \$10.00 _____
TOTALS:		_____

If you wish to pay by credit card with 4% up charge contact Becky C. Wright at (662) 983-8836.

PLEASE indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

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

CREDENTIALS CARD

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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 2019 State Convention,
 to Diane Rouse at the address above.***

The registration form is also available for download from www.gfwc-mfwc.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2019.

TENTATIVE Schedule of Events*
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Thursday, April 25:

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. **Registration** – *The Mill Grand Foyer*
2:00 p.m. **Finance and Executive Committee Meetings** – *President’s Suite*
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting** – *Shorty’s at The Mill*
All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.

Friday, April 26:

7:30 a.m. **Gavel Club Breakfast** – *Rivers Conference Room*
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** - *The Mill Grand Foyer*
9:00 a.m. **Convention Convenes** –*The Mississippi Salon C*
Business Session
Reports from: *Officers and Executive Board, Headquarters Committee*

Noon – 2:15 p.m. **ESO Luncheon featuring Mississippi Author Laurie Parker**
Awards: *Education, ESO, Youth Art, Art, WHRC, GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children; Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy and Membership*

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Business Session**
Awards: *GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness, Fundraising & Development, Conservation, International Outreach, Public Issues, State Institutions, MPB, Photography, and Books*

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Pick up All Exhibits** - *Youth Art, Photography, Books*
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. **Photo Opportunities** will be available –*Location TBD*
7:15 p.m. **Processional Assembles**
(MS LEADS Participants, Jennie Nominees, District Presidents, District Clubwomen of the Year, Presidents of District Clubs of the Year, Past State Presidents, GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers, & GFWC Guest)

7:30 – 9:15 p.m. **“7 Grand” Desserts Banquet** – *featuring GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock*—
The Mississippi Salon A
Awards: *LEADS, Challenge Grant, Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship and Home Life*

9:30 p.m. **Reception— honoring Mary Ellen Brock, 2018-2020 GFWC International President**—*location TBD*

Saturday, April 27:

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Registration**
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Prayer Breakfast featuring Leilani Salter and Memorial Service** – *The Mississippi Salon C*
9:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Business Session**
Juniorette Awards
Awards: *Presidents’ Award of Excellence, PSP, Juniorette of the Year, Juniorette Club of the Year, Clubwoman of the Year and Club of the Year*

- *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: Thursday – cocktail, flapper theme.
Dress for Friday evening: Sunday attire or Semi-formal

Proposed Amendment
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The proposed amendment has been approved by the GFWC-MFWC Executive Board and will be voted on at the 121st State Convention.

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Bylaws

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 10. State Headquarters Committee

The bylaws committee recommends that Section 10. State Headquarters Committee **A.** be revised: To insert **at least** after the word **and** before the word **one** in the third sentence of this section.

Current Verbiage:

A. This Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The President, the President-elect and the Vice President shall be ex-officio members of this Committee. The remaining members shall be as follows: one from the State at large, one from the Jackson area, **and one** from each of the Districts.

If adopted would read:

A. This Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The President, the President-elect and the Vice President shall be ex-officio members of this Committee. The remaining members shall be as follows: one from the State at large, one from the Jackson area, and **at least** one from each of the Districts.

Rationale:

To clarify membership after redistricting in 2018.

According to:

GFWC- Mississippi Federation of Women’s Clubs Bylaws
ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any State Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment (or amendments) has been approved by the Executive Board and has been appended to the Call to Convention, or by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, without prior notice