

# OFFICIAL CALL

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

**126<sup>th</sup> State Convention**

**Eagle Ridge Conference Center & Resort**

**1500 Raymond Lake Road**

**Raymond, MS 39154**

**April 25-27, 2024**

**Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFHC President 2022-2024**

*Bloom* Where You Are Planted, "Getting Back to Our GFWC Roots" by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy.

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The One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Raymond, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 25 - 27, 2024.

## REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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

<b>Registration Schedule:</b>	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 - 9:00 a.m.

**Registration Table** will be in the Lobby of Eagle Ridge Conference Center & Resort in Raymond, MS.

**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 page 4.

## DEADLINES:

- **The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 1, 2024.**  
Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.
- **The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is April 5, 2024.**  
The group-block room rate is **\$89.00** per night (*not including tax and fees*) for two people, \$99.00 per night (*not including tax and fees*) for three people and \$109.00 per night (*not including tax and fees*) for four people. You may make your own room reservations by calling **(601) 857-7100** and referencing the name of the block as "MS Federation of Women's Clubs". 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 26<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST be picked up** between 4:30 and 5:00 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.*

**President's Special Project Service Project**

At this convention, there is one last opportunity to participate in my President's Special Project of "Getting Back to Our GFWC Roots" by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy. I am requesting that all attendees bring 1 or 2 books to be donated to local public libraries. Your books donation can be targeted toward children or adults to inspire reading.

**Dress Code for Convention**

- Thursday Evening Executive Board Meeting/Dinner – Business Casual Attire
- Friday Business Session – Business Casual Attire
- Friday Night Banquet – Formal, Semi-formal or Sunday Attire
- Saturday Morning Business Session and Executive Board Meeting 24-26 – GFWC, MFWC or Club apparel or casual traveling clothes.

## TENTATIVE Schedule of Events\*

### Thursday, April 25:

2:00 p.m. **Audit Committee Meeting** – *President's Suite*  
3:00 p.m. **Finance and Executive Committee Meetings** – *President's Suite*  
3:00 - 6:30 p.m. **Registration** – *ERCC Lobby*  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **GFWC-MFWC Executive Board Dinner and Meeting** – *ERCC Dining Room*  
*All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.*

### Friday, April 26:

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Gavel Club Breakfast** – *Executive Board Room*  
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** - *ERCC Dining Room*  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** – *ERCC Lobby*  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Shop Vendors** – *ERCC Gallery*  
**View Arts, Photography, and Books** - *Chef & Presidential Dining Rooms*  
9:00 a.m. **Convention Convenes** — *ERCC Auditorium*  
**Business Session, Reports and Awards**

- \* Election of 2024-2026 Officers
- \* State Officer Reports
- \* Awards

Noon – 2:30 p.m. **Luncheon with featured speakers & Awards** - *ERCC Dining Room*

- \* Featuring Authors
- \* Awards

2:45 – 4:00 p.m. **Business Session & Awards** — *ERCC Auditorium*

- \* Awards

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Pick up All Exhibits** - Youth Art, Photography, Books - *Chef & Presidential Dining Rooms*  
6:05 – 7:00 p.m. **Photo Opportunities** – *ERCC Lobby*  
7:15 p.m. **Processional Assembles** - outside ERCC Dining Room  
*(MS LEADS Participants, 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 – 8:40 p.m. **Banquet & Awards – Featuring Laurie O’Kelly – GFWC-Southern Region Vice President** - *ERCC Dining Room*

- \* Recognition of District Clubwomen of the Year, District Clubs of the Year, District Presidents, MS LEADS Participants, Scholarship/Grants Winners, Juniorette Awards

8:45 – 9:15 p.m. **MFWC Installation of Officers by Laurie O’Kelly** - *ERCC Auditorium*  
9:30 p.m. **Reception— honoring Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, GFWC-MFWC 2024-2026 President** – *ERCC Lobby*

### Saturday, April 27:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration** – *ERCC Lobby*  
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Prayer Breakfast featured speaker and Memorial Service** – *ERCC Dining Room* **Business Session & Awards** – *ERCC Auditorium*  
9:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Adjournment of 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**  
Noon **Adjournment of 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Executive Board Meeting 24-26 Administration (Invitation only)** – *ERCC Dining Room*

- *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.*

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**REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

**Mail To:**

Diane Rouse  
2323 Tiffany Circle  
Florence, MS 39073

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home  Work  Other  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Registration (1 day only)</b> .....	15.00	_____
<b>Registration (more than 1 day)</b> .....	20.00	_____
<b>Executive Board Dinner, Thursday Night, 4/25</b> .....	33.00	_____
<b>Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday Morning, 4/26 (Gavel Club Members Only)</b> .....	24.00	_____
<b>Breakfast, Friday, 4/26</b> .....	25.00	_____
<b>Luncheon, Friday, 4/26</b> .....	33.00	_____
<b>Banquet, Friday Night, 4/26</b> .....	40.00	_____
<b>Prayer Breakfast, Saturday Morning, 4/27</b> .....	25.00	_____
<b>Executive Board 24-26 Luncheon, Saturday Afternoon, 4/27 (By invitation only)</b> .....	19.00	_____
Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Club Sandwich, Chips, <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad		
<b>Registration Late Fee (Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rules #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.)</b> .....	10.00	_____
<b>TOTAL: \$</b>		_____

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Medication in Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Notify in Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home  Work  Other

**CREDENTIALS CARD**  
**GFWC-MFWC 126<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

**Postmark/Submit Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2024.**

Two Ways to pay for GFWC-MFWC Annual Convention. Check one.

- Pay by check.** Mail Registration/Meal/Credentials Card and check (made payable to GFWC-MFWC 2024 State Convention) for total amount to: Diane Rouse, 2323 Tiffany Circle, Florence, MS 39073. Be sure to include 2024 State Convention on memo line.
- Pay by Venmo.** Complete Registration/Meal/Credentials Card and email form to Diane Rouse at [rouse99@yahoo.com](mailto:rouse99@yahoo.com). Make payment by Venmo.



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Scan this code to pay  
Diane Rouse  
@Diane-Rouse-10

NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF APRIL 1, 2024