

OFFICIAL CALL
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
120th State Convention
Holiday Inn Gulfport
9515 Highway 49
Gulfport, MS
April 26 – 28, 2018
Tinker Forrester, GFWC-MFVC President 2016-2018
"Informing Minds . . . Inspiring Hearts"

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Convention of the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Gulfport, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 26th - 28th, 2018.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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

Registration Schedule:	Thursday, 4/26	3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, 4/27	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4/28	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration Table will be located in the Holiday Inn 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.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 7, 2018.

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

The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is March 30, 2018.

The group-block room rate is **\$109.99** per night (*not including tax*).

You may make your own room reservations by calling **1.228.679.1700**.

You must identify yourself with the group-block "**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 27th. **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-MFVC 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
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)	_____	\$15.00	
Registration (more than 1 day)	_____	\$20.00	
Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/26	_____	\$39.00	_____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/27 (Gavel Club Members Only)	_____	\$16.00	_____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/27	_____	\$26.00	_____
Banquet, Friday, 4/27	_____	\$38.00	_____
Breakfast, Saturday, 4/28	_____	\$21.00	_____
Post Convention Board Luncheon, 4/28	_____	\$26.00	_____
*Registration Late Fee	_____	\$10.00	_____
TOTALS:	_____		_____

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
GFWC-MFWC 120th 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 2018 State Convention,
 to Judy Martin 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 7, 2018.

TENTATIVE Schedule of Events*
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Thursday, April 26:

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Registration - *Hotel Lobby*
 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
All GFWC-MFWC members are invited. However, only Board members are allowed to vote.

Friday, April 27:

7:30 a.m. Gavel Club Breakfast – *President’s Suite*
 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration - *Hotel Lobby*
 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Districts Meet
 Reports by 2016-2018 District Presidents
 Election of 2018-2020 District Officers
 Adoption of District Bylaws
 Installation of 2018-2020 District Officers – *Becky C. Wright, MFWC President-elect*
Sheila E. Shea, GFWC International President
 10:30 – 11:45 Opening Ceremonies/Convention Convenes
 Business Session
 Reports from:
Officers and Executive Board
Headquarters Committee
 Election of 2018-2020 State Officers
 Noon - 2:15 p.m. Luncheon
 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 – 5:00 p.m. Business Session
 Awards: *Fundraising & Development, WHRC, ESO, Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life,*
International Outreach, Public Issues
State Institutions, MPB, Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbooks & Yearbooks
 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 International President Sheila Shea – Location TBA*
 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Photo Opportunities *will be available*
 7:15 p.m. Processional Assembles
(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. Banquet – *featuring GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea*
 Awards: *LEADS, Challenge Grant, Hebron Memorial Scholarship,*
Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship
Installation of 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC Executive and Appointed Officers
 9:30 p.m. Reception honoring *Becky C. Wright, 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC President*

Saturday, April 28:

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration
 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service
 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, Club of the Year
 Address of *Tinker Forrester, 2016-2018 GFWC-MFWC President*
 Address of *Becky C. Wright, 2018-2020 GFWC-MFWC President*
 Pin and Gavel Ceremony
 Adjournment
 Noon Post-Convention Meeting for 2018-2020 Board of Directors

- *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; Friday - formal or semi-formal.*