

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

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The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is an organization of women whose goal is personal enrichment leading to volunteer service that benefits the community, state, nation, and world.



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President's Special Project 2026-2028 BE THE LIGHT

Mississippi has one of the highest rates of intimate partner violence in the United States. It also has more incidents of human trafficking per capita than any other U.S. state.

According to a 2024 24-hour survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Mississippi domestic violence programs served 275 victims. Eighty-nine requests for services could not be fulfilled due to insufficient resources, funding, and/or staffing.

I have chosen the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking as the President's Special Project (PSP) for this administration. The theme is "Be the Light." The tagline will be: *Rescuing and Restoring Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking*.

To rescue means to free someone from confinement, danger, or evil. Domestic violence and human trafficking are evil. To restore means to bring someone back to a state of health and soundness of mind or to help regain something that has been stolen. Restoring health involves a combination of personalized medical care, lifestyle changes, and therapies designed to improve physical and mental well-being. The victims' lives have been stolen from them. We want to help them not only regain their lives but also discover a new purpose.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs officially adopted Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention as its Signature Program in 2008, marking a nationwide commitment to addressing domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy, and community service projects. The eight areas of focus include campus sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking for sexual purposes, intimate partner violence, military sexual assault, teen dating violence, and violence against Native American women.

I encourage you to join me in raising funds to support survivors. All funds for the 2026–2028 President's Special Project will remain in Mississippi. The Center for Violence Prevention is a nonprofit organization dedicated to combating domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking while serving those affected by acts of violence. We will be raising funds to provide dental care for survivors at the center.

There are many other needs across our state, and we will also support shelters in our area. While we may not be able to go undercover and rescue victims ourselves, we can support those who do, as well as those who provide recovery and restoration services.

I challenge you to join me in pleading the cause of those who feel they have no voice—those living in a dark world as victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. I challenge you to open your eyes to the devastation, open your ears to their cries for help, and open your hearts to "Be the Light" in their dark world by doing what we can to rescue and restore them.

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June 26	2026 Board of Directors Meeting, LEADS, & State Night Banquet.
June 27-June 29	GFWC 2026 Annual International Convention, Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona.
June 29	Installation of 2026-2028 GFWC Officers and Adjournment.
June 6	MFWC Juniorette Retreat, Walnut Grove, MS. Link
July 9	MFWC Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom Video Conferencing.
July 18	MFWC Summer Executive Board Meeting and Summer Institute, Lake Tiah-O-Khata, Louisville, MS. Link
September 26	GFWC International Day of Service. Link
September 26	2026 St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, Virtual or in-person.
October 23-25	GFWC Southern Region Conference, Jacksonville, Florida. Link
October 25-31	GFWC Advocates for Children Week. Link
November 1	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year to receive Honor Club status. Link
November 7	GFWC-Mississippi's Walk to End Alzheimer's.
December 9	GFWC Holiday Reception Headquarters, Washington, DC. In-person event at GFWC Headquarters: 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Link

2027

January 1	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year for club reports to be judged and to be eligible for awards. Link
January 1	MFWC District Club Dues . Please note: District Dues must be sent to your District Treasurer. Link
February 1	MFWC Club Reports must be submitted by this date each year for reports to be judged. Link
February 1	MFWC Challenge Grant applications (Link), Hebron Memorial Scholarship (Link), and GFWC Writing Contest entries (Link) must be submitted by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.

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February 10	MFWC Clubwoman of the Year Award applications (Link), Juniorette of the Year Award applications (Link), and MFWC LEADS applications (Link) must be submitted by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
February 15	MFWC Scrapbooks (Link) and Yearbooks (Link) must be postmarked by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
February TBA	MFWC Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing.
February 20	MFWC Winter Board Meeting & MS LEADS. Link
February 23	Juniorette Day at Capitol, Jackson, MS. Link
March 1	Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship application (Link) and Club History Form (Link) must be submitted by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
March 3	GFWC Women's History Month Celebration.
March 6	Central District Convention in Star, MS. Link
March 13	Southern District Convention in Petal, MS. Link
March 15	Newsletter Contest entries must be made via email and submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 15 th in the year in which newsletter entries will be judged. See GFWC Handbook for instructions.
March 15	Website Contest entries must be made via email and submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 15 th in the year in which website entries will be judged. See GFWC Handbook for instructions.
March 20	Northern District Convention in Booneville, MS. Link
March 28	Easter.
April 1	Jennie Award nominations must be submitted by this date to be eligible for consideration.
April 18-24	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week.
April 22-24	MFWC Annual State Convention, Hosted by Central District. Link
April 24	General Federation Day
June 5	MFWC Juniorette Retreat. Link
June 25-28	GFWC 2027 Annual International Convention, Westin Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina.
July TBA	MFWC Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting by Zoom Video Conferencing
July 17	MFWC Summer Board Meeting and Summer Institute Workshop. Link

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September 25	GFWC National Day of Service.
September 25	St. Jude Walk/Run, Memphis, TN, or National Virtual Walk/Run
October 22-24	GFWC Southern Region Conference. Hosted by Georgia. Link
October 24-30	GFWC Advocates for Children's Week. Link
November 1	MFWC State Club Dues must be postmarked by this date each year to receive Honor Club status. Link
December 8	GFWC Holiday Open House. GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

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February 16	Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing.
February 15	MFWC Scrapbooks (Link) and Yearbooks (Link) must be postmarked by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
February 15	GFWC Community Impact Program Award material must be submitted by this date to be eligible for consideration.
February 21	MFWC Winter Board Meeting & MS LEADS. Link
March 1	Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship application (Link) and Club History Form (Link) must be submitted by this date each year to be eligible for consideration.
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March TBA	Northern District Convention, date and location to be determined at a later date. Link
March TBA	Central District Convention, date and location to be determined at a later date. Link
March TBA	Easter GFWC Volunteers in Action Week General Federation Day
April 16	MFWC Annual State Convention is hosted by the Southern District.
April 16-22	
April 24	GFWC 2028 Annual International Convention, Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan.
April 23-25	Installation of 2028-2030 GFWC Officers and Adjournment
June 24-26	GFWC 2028 Annual International Convention, Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan.
June 26	Installation of 2028-2030 GFWC Officers and Adjournment