

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION
45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018**

Dear GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Members:

GFWC Nebraska is hosting the GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Conference at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center in Grand Island, NE. I invite you to attend and benefit from the many informative workshops, good fellowship with other clubwomen, and great fun and entertainment. You will also have the opportunity to meet and hear presentations by the GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and the GFWC President-elect.

Our Service Project will include bringing donations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) and the Hall County Head Start. A list of suggested donations is on the next page. On Friday morning at 9:00 am those who can will sort the Head Start items by age in the hotel Atrium.

The Nebraska Host Committee has planned a special evening on Thursday , September 20 for those who arrive early. There will be a "Your Team tailgate dinner and Las Vegas Casino Night" at the hotel. The Third City Sertoma Club will put on the Casino Night and funds are used to sponsor a project for the hearing impaired. Enjoy a fun evening and have time to visit with GFWC sisters while we play.

On Friday we have two short tours and lunch for you to enjoy. First we will visit the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Pioneers who settled the plains of central Nebraska in the late 19th century. We will then enjoy a catered lunch while at the museum before going to Raising Nebraska. Raising Nebraska presented by Cargill is an interactive experience like no other. From science and innovation, to community and culture, and even the global economy, Nebraska's agricultural experience touches everyone. Through this incredible 25,000-foot interactive exhibit, you actually become part of it - in ways you never imagined. Dress in your GFWC Logo shirts to show your pride in our organization. Transportation will be by private vehicles. Both museums are within one mile of the hotel and easily located.

The MVR Business Meeting will be held all day on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-11:00. We will try to finish before 11:00 AM so you can be on your way home. The MVR Board of Directors will meet on Friday at 4:00 PM.

Not everything is all business. The Friday night Nebraska State Night will feature a presentation about the largest sand hill crane roost in the world and some clogging! Saturday evening in addition to hearing from our International President we will be entertained by Q-Street Quartet featuring two GFWC Boosters!

We look forward to welcoming you all there.

Yours in Federation,

Kathleen Flock
GFWC Mississippi Valley Region President

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Location: Ramada Midtown Conference Center
2503 S. Locust
Grand Island, NE 68801

Reservations: Call 308-384-1330 to reserve a room for the Mississippi Valley Region Conference (MVR) **BEFORE August 21, 2018**. Rate per night for either a King standard room or a double room is \$109.95+ tax. A King bed suite can be reserved for \$139.95 + tax. Reservations made after August 21, 2018 will be subject to availability and the group rate may not be available at time of booking.

Conference/ Registration Chairman:
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What to Bring: Conference Service Projects:
Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, Geneva, NE
Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils for girls ages 12-17.

Hall County Head Start serves multicultural children from infants to age 5. Please consider bringing age appropriate educational and recreational, toys, reading books and colored markers, or crayons.

USO Bring three Christmas/Holiday cards. We will have time during the weekend to write messages on the cards for donation to the Washington, DC USO for distribution.

Country Store: Please bring an item(s) for the silent auction table to help balance the MVR budget. Crafts, homemade items, jewelry, books, seasonal decorations, Knickknacks, home canned and baked foods, books, and home décor items are appreciated.

State Baskets: One State Basket by each State Federation for an opportunity Drawing.

Sales Tables: State Federations may sell three (3) items of their choice. The **hostess state** may sell any number of items and is allowed to have a 50/50 opportunity drawing. State Presidents should notify MVR President Kathleen Flock by **September 1st** to request table space and pay \$20 to MVR Secretary/Treasurer Pat Stevermer

Your MVR Pin: If you forget your pin you may buy a new one or pay a fine.

What to Wear: Casino NightThursday.....Your Favorite Team Shirt
Nebraska State Night.....Friday Night..... Dressy,
Business meeting..... Saturday.....Business Casual
GFWC Banquet..... Saturday Night.....Dressy
Sunday Morning..... Casual for Traveling

Mississippi Valley Region Conference Tentative Schedule for Thursday and Friday

Thursday, September 20, 2018

- 4:00-5:30 PM Registration Table Open in Hotel Atrium
- 6:00- 7:00 PM Husker Tailgate Dinner at Hotel
- 7:00-9:00 PM Vegas Night at Hotel

Friday, September 21, 2018

- 8:30 – 9:45 AM Registration Table Open
- 8:30-3:30 Country Store Open for Set Up
- 9:00 AM Service Project: Sort items for Head Start
- 9:45 AM Gather in Hotel Atrium to car pool for tours
- 10:00 AM Tour of Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer
- 11:30 AM Box Lunch at Stuhr Museum
- 1:00 PM Raising Nebraska Tour
- 2:00-5:00 PM Registration Table Open
- 3:30–5:00 PM Country Store Open
- 4:00-5:00 PM GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Board Meeting
- 5:30-6:45 PM Social Hour with Open Bar
- 6:45 PM Processional Formation in Hotel Atrium
- 7:00 PM Nebraska State Banquet