

OFFICIAL CALL
to the 100TH ANNUAL
WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 14-16 2018
Las Vegas, Nevada
Tuscany Suites and Casino

“Celebrate the Magic”

“Magic lies in challenging what seems impossible.” Carol Moseley Braun

Dear Western States Members,

It is my honor and privilege as WSR President to personally invite all clubwomen in our region to the 100th Annual Western States Region Conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 14-17 2018, at the Tuscany Suites and Casino

We will be joined by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair to bring us important information and GFWC inspiration.

The Nevada Clubwomen have prepared a fun and exciting start to the conference with tours both Thursday and Friday. We will learn about Historic Hoover Dam. We will have the opportunity to taste Ethel M Chocolates and experience the light that made Las Vegas. We can learn about the Mob and have opportunities to shop and eat. The tours will be followed by the conference itself

If you are a L.E.A.D.S. graduate, there is an opportunity to reconnect with your fellow classmates. Please indicate your intention to attend on the registration form.

On Friday evening, September 14, 2018, the Conference will officially open with the “Welcome to the Magic of Las Vegas” State Night Banquet. Expect a magical evening of food and entertainment where GFWC Nevada will amaze us.

Saturday, September 15, WSR business sessions will be filled with valuable information about GFWC programs, State Presidents’ reports, and platform workshops. The luncheon “100 Years of WSR Magic”, will give us a chance to financially support the Harbor House Domestic violence Shelter, which serves Northern Nevada. There are no donation items to pack - just be willing to give at the luncheon. Marian St. Clair, GFWC President-elect will be our guest speaker at lunch on Saturday.

Saturday evening will be the “Celebrate the Magic” banquet. Our speaker will be Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President.

Send in your registration quickly – before August 22, 2018. I’m looking forward to a very magical 2018 WSR Conference.!

Patty Benskin, President
Western States Region

GFWC 100TH ANNUAL
WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE
September 14 - 16, 2018
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

The members of GFWC Nevada are excited to welcome you to Las Vegas for an educational and fun-filled conference! Come and join us for Nevada history, bright lights, shopping and more in the entertainment capital of the world. Great tours, good food, good friends, good shopping, great entertainment, and yes a little gambling are waiting for you in Las Vegas. Conference location:

TUSCANY SUITES AND CASINO

Reservation Deadline: August 13, 2018

255 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (702) 893-8933 or 877-887-2261, Conference code: General Federation of Women's Club Group Rate or 14V46U, www.tuscanylv.com, Group Code 14V46U (Registered guests must be 21 or older) Room rates are: Wed and Thurs - Single/Double – 2 double beds or king bed \$79.00 per night (plus state & local taxes); Fri and Sat - \$139.00 per night (plus state & local taxes). More than 2 people add \$20 + tax per person per night. Credit card payment for first night's room & tax will be charged to hold reservation. Cancellation at least 72hrs prior for refund. The hotel features free parking, & wi-fi, swimming pools with spas, fitness center, full service spa, business center, four restaurants, lounge, bar, nightly entertainment, laundry, gift shop; and in rooms: kitchenette with eating area, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker; and hairdryer, iron, ironing board and safe. Each room is a spacious mini-suite.

Airport Transportation: Taxi, Uber and Lyft are all available. Super Shuttle offers a 10% discount for booking on the website www.supershuttle.com, group code **SQXPN** (The hotel does not have an airport shuttle service, but is close to both the airport and the Strip)

TOUR INFORMATION:

Registration Deadline: August 22, 2018

Thursday, September 13th, 8:00am - Board Bus. Tour: 8:30am – 4:30pm. \$75.00

See famous parts of Southern Nevada that are not in Las Vegas; history, architecture, shopping and chocolate. **Tour of Historic Hoover Dam.** Built during the Great Depression, the dam still stands as a world-renowned structure. A National Historic Landmark, it is one of America's Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders. The guided tour includes the power plant, movie and a Q & A session. Next, lunch on your own in interesting and educational **Boulder City** which began as housing for dam construction workers. BC has no gaming and the small home-town atmosphere thrives. See a wonderful small museum and learn some BC history at the Boulder Dam Hotel which also has a delightful lunch venue. Other unique shops and eateries are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Next, **Ethel M Chocolates Tasting Experience & Candy Factory / Cactus Garden Tour.** These unique chocolates are handcrafted in small batches using the freshest gourmet ingredients and no preservatives. With little automation, these fine chocolates are created and packed by hand. The tasting experience is like a wine tasting - only with chocolate! In addition to having an opportunity to see the production of the chocolates, you will also tour the delightful cactus garden. You will be able to buy chocolates to take home.

Thursday, September 13th, 7:30pm Board Bus. Tour 7:45pm – 9:30pm. \$45.00

The Neon Museum. The establishment of the Neon Museum Boneyard was the beginning of the conservation and restoration of the important Las Vegas heritage of neon lights. Seeing the historic signs coming to life again is what the Brilliant! experience is all about. Created by noted artist Craig Winslow, visitors are transported into Las Vegas history through sight and sound accompanied by a musical soundtrack of great performers. This tour is a sell-out daily; we will only be able to take fifty people on this tour.

Friday, September 14th, 9:00am Board Bus. Tour 9:30am – 1:45pm. \$45.00

The Mob Museum. The Mob Museum provides an authentic view of organized crime's impact on the world and reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the battle between the Mob and the law. Multi-sensory exhibits, hundreds of artifacts and insights from both sides of the law create a fascinating collection. The museum also has a store, cafe and "speakeasy". Only open since 2012, this is one of the most popular attractions in our city. **Las Vegas Premium Outlets North.** We will move on to one of the largest shopping venues in a city known for shopping. You will shop-till-you-drop at designer outlet stores with a special passport of coupons, and have lunch on your own before the bus returns to the hotel.

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2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

REGISTRATION:

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 4pm - 7pm
Thursday, September 13, 2018 8am -10am & 3pm - 7pm
Friday, September 14, 2018 8am - 4pm
Saturday, September 15, 2018 8am -10am

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:00am - 4:30pm - All Day Tour to Hoover Dam, Boulder City and Ethel M Chocolate Factory
1:00pm - 6:00pm Fundraising Room Open
6:00pm - “Celebrate the Magic” Dinner by Invitation (WSR Officers, GFWC Guests, Past GFWC International Presidents living in Western Region, and GFWC Nevada State President)
6:00pm - No Host LEADS Graduates Dinner – Open to all LEADS Graduates
7:30pm – 9:30pm - Evening Tour to Neon Museum Brilliant! Experience

Friday, September 14, 2018

9:00am -1:45pm - Half-Day Tour – Mob Museum and Las Vegas Premium Outlets North
1:00pm - 6:00pm Fundraising Room Open
2:30pm - Executive Committee Meeting
2:30pm - Incoming 2020-2022 Leaders meet with GFWC President-elect Marian St.Clair
2:50pm - 3:50pm Workshop
4:00pm - Board of Directors Meeting (WSR Officers, State Presidents, WSR Committee Chairmen and Members, GFWC Chairmen from Western Region)
6:00pm - Social Hour
6:45pm - Formation Of Processional (WSR Officers, GFWC Guests, GFWC Intl Past Presidents living in the Region and GFWC NV Officers)
7:00pm – Nevada State Night Banquet: “Welcome to the Magic of Las Vegas”
Official Opening of the 2018 WSR 100th Annual Conference

Saturday, September 15, 2018

9:00am -11:30am Business Session
12:00 Noon -1:30pm WSR Luncheon “100 Years of WSR Magic”
Supporting Harbor House, assisting Elko area domestic violence victims
Speaker: Marian St. Claire, GFWC President-elect
1:45pm - 4:45pm Business Session
6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Hour
7:00pm - WSR Banquet “Celebrate the Magic”
Speaker: Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President
Following Banquet: Reception hosted by GFWC Wyoming

Fundraising Room will be open between business sessions.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:30am -11:00am Inspirational Breakfast
Business Session
Adjournment of the 2018 WSR Annual Conference
Safe Travel Home!

Questions about what to wear?

Tours: Comfortable clothing and walking shoes.
Friday State Night Banquet: Cocktail Attire
Saturday Business Sessions: Business Casual
Saturday WSR Banquet: “Celebrate the Magic” Cocktail Attire
Sunday Morning: Casual Dress for Travel - Suggestion: GFWC emblematic wear

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WSR STANDING RULES

2016-2018 Standing Rules Committee:
Kathy Janssen (Chairman), Ann Norwood, Bonnie Walden

ARTICLE III. DUES AND FINANCE

D. Expenses of the Officers. WSR shall pay the following:

1. WSR President. Scheduled meals and travel to the WSR Annual Conference in an amount not to exceed coach airfare or thirty-five Cents (\$.35) per mile when traveling by car. The host state is requested to provide a suite for the Annual Conference for the President as part of the Conference facility negotiations. ~~Required scheduled meals, one-half of the cost of room and one-half the cost of coach airfare for one GFWC Post-Convention Board of Directors meeting, two GFWC Conventions, two GFWC Board of Directors meetings, and convention registration fees for two GFWF Conventions.~~

Proposed Change

Strike the lined-through portion of this section.

Replace with: Required scheduled meals and one-half the cost of room for one GFWC Post-Convention Board of Directors Meeting, required scheduled meals, airfare, registration fee and one-half the cost of room for two GFWC Conventions and Pre-Convention Board Meetings, and two GFWC Board of Directors meetings; less the amount of the GFWC Board Stipend for GFWC Board of Directors Meetings.

Rationale: To update and to conform to GFWC practice. GFWC has changed the Board of Directors Stipend to a flat amount for Board Meetings and no longer pays one-half airfare.

Proposed Change

In the same section add a new #4.

4. No officer shall be reimbursed for any expenditure exceeding budget allocation.

Rationale: Clarifies the limits of officer expenditures and conforms with GFWC Standing Rules.

If adopted it shall read:

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2. Reimbursement will be made to the Incoming WSR President for attending the GFWC Orientation meeting for meals, registration, room and travel.
3. WSR Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Parliamentary Advisor shall be reimbursed for airfare, room and registration not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) each, to attend the annual meeting of WSR and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) each, to attend GFWC International Convention, as funds allow.
4. No officer shall be reimbursed for any expenditure exceeding budget allocation.

**2018 GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE
 SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018
 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 22, 2018
 LATE FEE FOR REGISTRATION AFTER DEADLINE: \$15.00**

(Please use a separate form for each attendee)
 PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ 1ST TIME ATTENDEE? (_____) YES

FEDERATION TITLE _____
 (GFWC, WSR, STATE, DISTRICT, CLUB, GUEST, BOOSTER)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE \$25.00 \$ _____

Or, after 8/22/18 (\$40.00) \$ _____

TOUR REGISTRATION:

Thursday, September 13th - 8:00am - 4:30pm \$75.00 \$ _____

Hoover Dam, Boulder City and Ethel M Chocolate Factory (Lunch on your own)

Thursday, September 13th - 7:30pm - 9:30pm \$45.00 \$ _____

Neon Museum - Brilliant! Experience

Friday, September 14th - 9:00am - 1:45pm \$45.00 \$ _____

Mob Museum and Las Vegas Premium Outlets North (Lunch on your own)

Note: Boosters are invited to join the tours with members.

MEAL REGISTRATION:

Please indicate any special dietary needs _____

Friday, September 14th - Nevada State Night: Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs \$60.00 \$ _____

"Welcome to the Magic of Las Vegas"

Saturday, September 15th - WSR Luncheon: Tropical Chicken Salad \$35.00 \$ _____

"100 Years of WSR Magic"

Saturday, September 15th - WSR Banquet: Herb Crusted Pork Loin \$60.00 \$ _____

"Celebrate the Magic"

Sunday, September 16th - Breakfast: Egg Scramble w/ Ham, Sundried Tomatoes & Spinach \$30.00 \$ _____

"Share the Magic"

TOTAL \$ _____

Are you a LEADS Graduate and plan to attend the LEADS no-host dinner on Thursday? (_____) YES

Make checks payable to: GFWC NEVADA. Mail Registration Form & Check to: Joan Doubrava,
5505 Indian Hills Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89130, Phone: (702) 656-1911 Email: smiley191122@gmail.com

Questions?: Conference Chair Cathi Poer, (702) 873-0147, wsr201618@gmail.com

REGISTRATION CLOSSES 8/30/18 - NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 31, 2018 - TOURS & MEALS

Hotel Reservations: Tuscany Suites & Casino, (702) 893-8933, General Federation of Women's Club Group, by 8/13/18.