



PINE TREE NOTES



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President's Letter

Mary K. Libby

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Dear GFWC Maine Sisters,

I hope that your Thanksgiving was filled with joy with those you care about most. We had a wonderful day celebrating with our daughters and grandchildren.

As I reflected on all I had to be thankful for, I thought of the joy of family and our love for each other. I also thought of how fortunate we are to have a home, clothes to wear and food to put on our table. These things we take for granted are often not available to many in our communities. I am also thankful that because of the efforts of GFWC Maine women many families who would have gone without were supplied food for their dinner.

The Fall Conferences were very successful. We had a total of 99 members attending their district conference. For some members it was the first State meeting they had attended. The District Presidents did an outstanding job in planning their meeting. At the District 1 meeting, it was announced that Sally Manchester of the Research Club of Limerick had been chosen as Maine's Jenny Award winner. She was honored along with the other New England winners at the New England Region Conference in CT.

Our project for the Hope Primary School is still providing for "our" students. The women in the refuge camp in Uganda have made some beautiful items for us to sell. There is 8 table cloths with placemats and a beautiful bed cover with matching pillow sham. We were also sent a large hand beaded handbag along with several smaller ones. These will be available at the Spring Conference for sale and for raffle.

If a club would like to have a set to sell or raffle, let me know and I will get it to you.

I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

In federation,
Mary Libby
President, GFWC Maine

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REMINDERS/UPDATES

Pine Tree Notes

The articles for the holiday edition of the Pine Tree Notes are due to the Sheri Walsh no later than, **Jan 3rd, 2018.**

Directory

The Directory has been completed and distributed. Please contact Mary Libby if you have questions or concerns.

Dimes in a Bottle Still Continuing

To all Clubs please keep putting your Dimes in a Bottle at each meeting to collect the dimes for Mary's special project. Also, we are still collecting school supplies to go to the school. It is important that we, who are so fortunate, can generously support our President's special project. Each Club working together will make this happen!

Castine Woman's Club - Please note that Valerie Taub is the President of the Castine Woman's Club having taken over for Jeannie Reed. All contact with the Castine Woman's Club should be directed to: Valerie Taub, PO Box 591, Castine, ME 04421, email – valtaub@aol.com
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GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club – The GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club has had another change of Club Secretary. Correspondence, to the Club Secretary, should be directed to – Mary Morancie, 651 Dover Rd., Dexter, ME 04930
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Please remove Wanita Grant from your contact information.

GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club – Marion Hogan-Posa has stepped down as President and Ellen Young has stepped in as President. Ellen's address is: 43 Butterhill Rd., Livermore, ME 04253
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Sheri G. Walsh, 524 Moosehead Trail, Newport, ME 04953 - for personal cards and letters. Sheri would like for all mail sent to her regarding GFWC money continue to go to the Ellsworth Post Office box.

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CLUB NEWS

DISTRICT 1

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club

Our Club is generally inactive during the summer months, but not this year. On July 27 one of our new members, Susan Frank, invited us to her lovely home in Gorham for a fun outing.

A cold pot luck luncheon was prepared by the members and Susan served her terrific cookies (made that morning), ice cream, ice tea and lemonade. 27 members and 3 guests attended. The weather cooperated and a great time was enjoyed by all, already looking forward to next year.

In August the 2017-2018 year book was being completed and preparations for our September luncheon were started.

On September 5th we met at DiMillo's Restaurant in Portland where 30 members and 2 guests enjoyed a fun get together and great food.

Our first official meeting is September 19th. On September 23rd we will host the first District Fall Conference at Westbrook Warren Congregational Church in Westbrook.

Looking Ahead:

In October we have two exciting programs planned. A guest speaker who will talk about the Honor Flight Program. Billie Sherman will teach us how to make jewelry and show us some of her creations.

November finds us very busy with our lobster roll box lunches – making ornaments for our tree in the Festival of Trees – filling 40 X-mas bags for our local shut ins.

December we will participate in the Festival of Trees week – hold our annual Mad Hatters Tea Party - as well as the Tips for Charity Luncheon.

Then we look forward to our catered X-mas luncheon on December 19th with great music by our Westbrook High School Musicians.

Marian Sturtevant, President

DISTRICT 2

GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club

On September 26th we held our first meeting with a planning session. Five papers were placed around the room: programs, workshops, Community Projects, something you like about the club and something you would like to change were offered for suggestions. Each member was to place a sticky-note under the appropriate heading with their idea or comments. These ideas were going to be the focus of the clubs work for the rest of the year. The officers met in early October and developed a calendar using their ideas.

October 26th our meeting was attended by State Pres. Mary Libby and District 2 Pres.s June Nickerson-Hovey and Joyce Noonan. The calendar for the upcoming year was presented using information from our September meeting. We voted on the recipients of our election bake sales. In November the proceeds will go to AYS (Area Youth Sports) and in June our proceeds will go to the Livermore Phoenix Cupboard. (Primary School Food Cupboard) We celebrated Frances Berry's 90th birthday.

On October 28th eight members attended the District 2 meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, Me. Muriel Bowerman, Ruth Gammon, Connie Fournier, Christine Fournier, Susan Sylvester, Barbara Letalien, Ghislaine Berube and Pres. Ellen Young attended.

We have many knitters, sewing enthusiasts and crocheter's who continue to work on projects. We are making 25 afghans for Sr. Plus/Meals on Wheels and so far we have 15 completed. We have women knitting slippers for Veterans and dish cloths for the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center. We

have just completed making wheel-chair bags for a home for the physically and mentally disabled. Muriel Bowerman sewed a majority of the bags.

We have a number of bakers as well. They will be busy baking for our upcoming Nov. Election Bake Sale. We have two bake sales each year during Elections. Last year at this time we gave the proceeds to our local Ski Club who received over \$1000 dollars.

Another project we are involved in is the Harris House. This is a home for mentally and physically disabled individuals. They only have room for 16. The residents are between the ages of 12 and mid 60's. They live here for their entire life. The Club, as I said before, has made wheelchair bags but we also have members going once a week to read to the residents. We help support the Harris House by making baked goods for their holidays, family fun days and in some cases a funeral. We send birthday cards and holiday/seasonal cards to residents during the year as well. We try to send a card every month.

We have made it a point to be more recognizable in the community. Whenever we are in the community being it reading at the Harris House, working at the bake sale or having a table at a craft fair we will be wearing a name tag with GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club and our name on them.

Future meetings: Nutrition, Home Safety for Srs., all you need to know about drug- handling, disposing, etc. and Hot Topics, (what we need to do but don't want to do.)

Ellen Young, President

GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club

The GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club's summer began with the Memorial Day parade down Madison Avenue.

In June, a very successful yard sale was held to support the elevator fund at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, the final part of their renovation project. An open house will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, from 2-4 PM.

In July and August, the GFWC SWC ran the concession table for 8 Sunday concerts in Coburn Park, had a pie sale at Riverfest in August, ran a shore dinner raffle, and partnered with Longerburger for Basket Bingo at Skowhegan Fair.

The money earned from these fundraisers goes towards scholarships.

We donated to the DAR as they were working on refurbishing a veteran memorial in the Park, which was rededicated in Sept.

In September, several members attended the school children's show at Lakewood Theater titled "Johnny Appleseed", then presented Lakewood with a check to help cover some of the costs involved with that production. About 2000 schoolchildren attend the theater production each Sept.

September and October meetings were about children's summer camps, and the issue of domestic violence. In November, Rep. Betty Austin talked to us about the process involved in becoming a legislator. December will bring the annual auction.

Each month members have a craft activity and visiting time at the Redington Home.

We look forward to our annual Christmas auction, decorating cookies with the children during the Holiday Stroll and decorating a tree for the Redington home. In January, we will begin our free "wintercraft" series at the library, and during the winter we plan to make gowns for "Operation Smile" and personal items for the president's project.

Best wishes to all this holiday season.

June Nickerson-Hovey President

Waldoboro Woman's Club

During the months of June through September, thirteen members of the Club volunteered as hostesses for the Old German Church and the Waldoborough Historical Society. Without the assistance of these women, the public's visiting time at both sites would be limited. The Club also continued its support of the Annual German Church Service on Sunday, August 6, by hosting a collation under the trees outside the church.

At the September meeting, club members were delighted to hear the report that the annual Whale of a Sale held at the end of June showed a profit of \$5,222.20 and that the Friendship Days Made in Maine Basket garnered \$435. From that wonderful news, the members moved on to plans for the September 22, "World is an Open Door" scholarship concert featuring soprano Karen Lilli Pax with Mark Howard at the piano. All members worked diligently to encourage local merchants to act as

sponsors for the concert and to spread the news of this outreach program which positively impacts scholarships for graduating seniors and continuing education students. At the October meeting, it was announced that \$4,540 had been realized from the concert. Special thanks were extended to Eleanor Krause and Deb Stout for chairing the June sale and to Betty Studley for chairing the basket raffle and the scholarship concert.

Guest speaker at the September meeting was Missy Hall who gave an inspiring illustrated talk on the "75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Our new Town Manager Julie Keizer brought greetings and most interesting information regarding the activities of our town government to the October meeting. She concluded with the announcement that she and her husband have purchased a home in the Back Cove area of the town. This news was met with a round of applause. November 7, found President Judi Lawrence, Treasurer Charlotte Gulezian and Bake Sale Chair Alice Duff overseeing the club's annual baked goods table at the town election site. A wonderful variety of goodies including several pies brought in a total of \$390 for the scholarship fund.

Guest speaker for our November meeting will be Lincoln County Sheriff Todd Brackett who will bring word on the Lincoln County Clothing Project. We will celebrate our annual holiday day luncheon in December by sharing fellowship and bringing cookies for the Lincoln Home and gifts for Toys for Tots.

Jean Lawrence, Secretary

DISTRICT 3

GFWC Dexter Woman's Literary Club

After May's annual meeting and kick off celebration for the GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club's 125th anniversary, the club went on a field trip in June to the Harrigan museum and learning center in Milo. Members were treated to lunch in Dover Foxcroft as well. A great time was had by all! An executive board meeting was held in July to go over the club program for the upcoming year. More club members signed up for the ESO program as well. August's meeting was a picnic in the park at the Eleanor Ronco Park in Dexter. Club members brought a bag lunch and drink and President Laura handed out fun goodies for everyone to take home with them. An informal meeting was held as well. A few club members will be working on the president's project over the winter making washable sanitary pads, and there was an update about how many ads

the club sold for the GFWC Maine directory. September's meeting started with a moment of silence for a wonderful club woman who passed away August 30, Gladys Gilbert. There was a discussion about the district 3 mini fall conference, the upcoming public baked bean supper fundraiser to be held September 29, and going over the programs in the new club program. Guest speaker was Liz Breault, the librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library. She shared with club members what the most popular books being read are right now, and what new programs are being offered at the library. She also discussed the library's restoration project. Door prizes were then given out and members enjoyed refreshments and dessert.

Laura Neal, President
GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club

GFWC Pittsfield ARTS Club Pittsfield

On October 6th the Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club prepared and served a meal at the Welcome Table which is a free meal held every Friday at a local church. The club prepares a meal at least three times a year.

The ARTS club met at the Pittsfield Library on October 9th. The speaker for the evening was a local artist, Freddi Ladd. The book was illustrated by our own Carol Ouellette. Club members enjoyed see all the beautiful pictures while Freddi read the book to club members present. Club members thought it would be nice to hold a book signing at a later date. Some club members attended the District 3 & 4 Fall Conference meeting in Dover-Foxcroft. A very informative meeting was held and the speakers were wonderful. Our State President Mary Libby gave a great talk about her President's Project. A delicious luncheon was served by the Miosac Club ladies. Thank you to all who helped to make this a memorable time.

ARTS club members are planning a new fundraiser this year to replace their annual Christmas Craft Auction. They will decorate a tree at the Festival of Trees that will be held Dec 3rd. in Palmyra. The theme of the tree will be "Outdoor and Indoor Fun" The more tickets on our tree will make us some funds and the lucky winner will take home the tree and all the fun things that are on and under the tree. On November 14th the ARTS club will tour the new Cianbro Training Center that recently open here in Pittsfield.

The annual Christmas party will be held on December 12th. Club members will again collect gifts for a local Domestic Violence Shelter.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bev Rollins, President

GFWC Newport Woman's Club Newport

GFWC Newport Woman's Club has had a great summer and fall. Though we don't normally meet in the summer, this summer we decided to participate in Newport's first annual Riverwalk Festival by assembling a basket of gift cards, lottery tickets, and fairy garden furniture for a raffle drawing. To draw in customers, we made "lemon sticks" our secretary, Mary Kate Cole, introduced us to from Maryland fairs. These are lemons with the top cut off and a peppermint stick inserted as a straw. They did bring in curious buyers who also bought raffle tickets. What a fun day, and profitable too. We plan to make this an annual fundraising event.

As our normal club year is September through May we regrouped in September with a "Bring a Friend" pot luck meeting. Members are energized to expand our club bringing in new members and getting down to business reviewing our calendar program book, our budget and donation plans for the year. And as we will do at every meeting again this year, we collected dimes for Nyolo-Hope School. Eight club members registered for the Fall District Conference. We enjoyed the informative and entertaining morning speaker, Dr. Moshe Myerowitz and learned a lot about our bodies and gained awareness of and how to speak about abuse from our afternoon speaker, Kelly O'Conner of New Hope for Women. As usual the conference was well planned and included a soup & sandwich luncheon. As a bonus some of toured the remodeled and updated Central Hall from a historian working on the preservation.

Members donated slightly used purses full of personal items for homeless female veterans at our October meeting. These items were delivered to and gratefully accepted by the newly opened Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope in Augusta. Our November meeting again saw new members. We collected stamps for donation to Togus in-hospital veterans and made plans for our Christmas meeting including an ornament Yankee Swap and sharing favorite desserts and recipes. After our committee's reported progress to date we also discussed plans to make re-usable menstrual pads at our January meeting at which our GFWC Maine President Mary Libby will be our guest. Enjoy a great Christmas time and Happy New Year.

Deborah Ferrell, President

GFWC MIOSAC Club Dover-Foxcroft

The members of the GFWC Miosac Club began their 2017-2018 club year officially on October 3rd. Seventeen members and two guests were present for our "Souper Supper" prepared for us by members of the Advisory Committee. Assorted soups, breads, pickles, and desserts were enjoyed by all members. Members were encouraged to attend the GFWC District 3 & 4 meeting to be held on October 14th at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church. The GFWC Miosac Club will be preparing morning donuts, muffins and coffee for this District meeting. Members signed up to bring soups, sandwiches, chips, pickles and desserts for the District luncheon.

It was announced a tour of the newly renovated and still under construction Central Hall, adjacent to the church, will be given following the District meeting for any persons interested in this historic building. The club voted to hold a yard sale in the summer of 2018. The last yard sale netted approximately \$1000. Members have collected "*stuff*" since the last yard sale held two years ago. It was decided the clubwomen will continue sewing, knitting, and crocheting blankets and quilts for the "Linus Project". We will also continue making "Angel Pockets" for premature infants who do not survive. Members will also continue making prayer shawls for shut-ins and the elderly. The proceeds from the "Traveling Basket" will go to the State President's Project, "The Nyolo-Hope Primary School". Loose coins and bills donated to the club's money jar will also benefit the President's Project.

Five members enjoyed the GFWC District 3 & 4 Meeting on October 14th. Those attending were Minnie McCormick, Dot Tonick, Rheba Michaud, Anne Cress, and Suzanne Raymond. It was a wonderful gathering of old friends and a few new ones too! Much information was disseminated to all who attended.

October 17th was a very special meeting as we inducted a new member, Tami Cox, into our Club. Tami is a lovely and vivacious young woman who is anxious to contribute to our organization. She is the sister-in-law of our own Suzanne Raymond. Another possible, "Suzanne" in the making?? How grand would that be for all of us?? Vicki Moschella, Program Chairman for this meeting, presented a portion of her fabulous doll collection! She has countless antique dolls, with each having a very interesting history. It is easy to see Vicki has a unique relationship with each of these dolls.

November 7th was a busy meeting with the holidays bearing down upon us. It was decided to once again join with the Kiwanis Annual Christmas Project and plan to

“adopt” children this year. These children whose names are submitted to the Kiwanis Club, would not have gifts under the tree except for the generosity of other organizations, businesses, clubs, and individuals who help supplement their families by giving gifts to fulfill the joy of children on Christmas Day. The “hat” will be passed around to club members at the next gathering on November 21st. It is hoped we will have enough money donated to be able to “adopt” three children again this year. Four members are planning to act as “elves” and go shopping on December 4th. Two additional members may be able to join them. It will be a day of shopping, eating, and laughing as our club “elves” don their Christmas apparel and Christmas spirits and make their way to the Bangor shopping district!

Our Christmas party will be at the beautiful home of Barbara Austin on December 5th. As we prepare to invade your home Barb, it is also “Happy Birthday” to you! Before the meeting adjourned, each member drew another member’s name from a bowl. The plan is to buy a toy representing who or what that person is or does, then wrap the gift, no names attached, and bring it to the Christmas party. At the party, each member will draw a number to see in what sequence the gifts are to be opened. As each gift is opened, the members are asked to guess which member best represents that gift. In the end, all gifts are given to the Kiwanis Club for their gift distribution.

From our homes to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anne Cress
GFWC Miosac Club President

GFWC Outlook Club

Hartland-St Albans Outlook Club began their 2017-2018 year with an October 5th potluck meal at the home of B.J. Frosch. On the agenda was a discussion of co-sponsoring with the Hartland Library a viewing of "Not My Life," the documentary movie on human trafficking recommended by GFWC.

Four members attended the October 14th District III meeting in Dover-Foxcroft. What a wonderful opportunity to hear Moshe Myerowitz, D.C., answer our questions on women's health from his perspective at a vigorous age 87! We also benefitted from hearing Kathy White's talk on Domestic Violence, Mary Libby's update on the Bedong School, and mingling with old and new friends. Making the reuseable sanitary pads was so rewarding, and we hope to continue this in our own club.

Our November meeting had to be cancelled due to the power outage. In some of our homes, it lasted 6 days!

Kathie Clark, President
Outlook Club

DISTRICT 4

CASTINE WOMAN’S CLUB

The **Castine Woman’s Club** has been busy these past colorful fall days prepping for winter along with hosting interesting talks and fun events.

CWC meetings for the 2017-2018 membership year will again be graciously hosted by CWC Vice President Patty Hutchins and her Wilson Museum staff at their newly renovated barn, the Hutchins Education Center. Meetings usually begin with an optional social/bag lunch with a host-provided dessert and coffee/tea.

On September 5, CWC members and others from the community kicked off the new membership year with a delicious Tea and short business meeting followed by an engaging talk by Castine author Don Small about his recently published book, “Salt Water Town.” Don read some passages, discussed his writing process, and signed copies of his book. Creative fall foliage centerpieces were prepared by CWC Secretary Marjie Wheeler.

CWC’s annual luncheon meeting was held on October 3 with a short business meeting followed by a presentation by Bar Harbor-based woodworker Danielle Rose Byrd. CWC and community members looked forward to learning about her hand-tool techniques in shaping bowls out of rough logs.

On November 7, members and the community anticipated hearing from Blue Hill Peninsula resident Jane Crosen on cartography and her mapmaking business. Jane creates and sells traditional maps as well as map images on clothing, dishtowels, and cookbooks.

For the December 5 meeting, the Club is excited about enjoying a holiday themed meeting featuring a fun-filled holiday activity.

The CWC wishes everyone the most wonderful of holiday seasons and the happiest of new years!

Val Taub
CWC President

LUBEC WOMAN'S CLUB

The year 2017 marked our club's 100th anniversary and the Lubec Woman's Club couldn't let it pass without a celebration! We took the opportunity to 'toot our own horn' in the community and the club itself. Several of our members, spearheaded by Juanita Pressley, researched our history and created displays of the many decades of work, accomplishments and community support. It was a bit of a revelation to all those who attended to see in hand written journals and outlines of what community projects have been taken on with good cheer and fellowship. One of the club's first projects was to knit and bake for 'our boys over there' during the Great War – WWI. LWC carried on through the depression, WWII to current times and we are even busier and more involved now. Whatever the needs of our community have been or are now, we of the Lubec Woman's Club look to see how we can be of service.

All that was very evident as members of our community, our State Sen. Joyce Maker, Rep. Will Tuel, and GFWC Maine committee members: Mary Libby, Nancy Ames, Carol Jarvais, Wendy Bowler, Libby Wiers, Marjorie Pfeiffer and Divida Barter made the long journey Downeast to celebrate with us. The over \$240,000 worth of scholarship money raised and given out over the years shows our commitment to the welfare of our children and the growth of our community.

To continue this tradition and with scholarships in mind, we again had our summer 500 raffle that brought in over \$2600 so that every graduating student from the Lubec area may receive a scholarship to help them carry on with their education. We also have a need for nurses in this part of the state and so we have decided on another scholarship for someone going into nursing. People were very generous and, not only did we sell all 500 tickets but many people just donated to this good cause. It is an honor and a pleasure to belong to an organization that allows us the opportunity to help in the growth and health of our community.

Our annual 4th of July Yard Sale was also a success in new homes being found for usable goods at a price determined by the buyer. Again, the people of Lubec and visitors were very generous in helping us fund more community projects that not only help our children but community members of all ages and needs.

At our first meeting of the new year in September that we held as a potluck at the Lubec Memorial Library, we had three new members and discussed ways we could accommodate younger, working women by adjusting our schedule of time, day of the week and place of meetings. We have set in place a variety in our schedule to address winter weather as well. Our Vice pres., Julia Brady has arranged for guest speakers, tours and educational presentations at our meetings. These help each of us become more productive and gives the opportunity for us to learn about the concerns and needs of our community.

We are looking forward to Christmas, senior socials, volunteering at the Lubec Community Outreach Center for our food pantry (that also offers a potluck meal each month), Reading Is Fundamental in collaboration with the Lubec Memorial Library and many other smaller but important services we provide. We welcome new members – always!

Submitted by Mary Lou Quinn

LEADS

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information on LEADS, contact Nancy Ames at 474-2427.

Upcoming Events GFWC Maine:

February, 2018

Mid-winter Executive Meeting, Westbrook, ME

May 10 & 11, 2018

Spring Convention

Best Western, Waterville, ME



GFWC Maine Arts Community Service Program

“THE AIM OF ART IS TO REPRESENT NOT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF THINGS, BUT THEIR INWARD SIGNIFICANCE” - ARISTOTLE

Hello friends!

Every now and again I hear of our wonderful clubs producing art when they don't realize! I happen upon an article about the Waldoboro Woman's Club annual 'Whale of a Sale' featuring a "Wacky Cabin" lap quilt made by club member Claire Wingren and quilted by Mia Hart! From the picture it was beautiful! Keep on creating ladies and report!!

Reminders of the GFWC contests for club women.... Photography, creative writing.... Please refer to the GFWC Maine directory or GFWC.org for more information!

Remember to work on your club scrapbooks and enter at our Spring Convention; it is a wonderful way to keep your clubs history alive as well!

And lastly keep in mind the High School Art Contests in your districts!! I will keep in touch with the District Presidents as this nears! And a 'friendly' reminder to keep the State High School Art Contest in mind when donating this term.....

I will take your donations payable to GFWC Maine at Maureen Provencal 7 Daisy Lane Skowhegan, ME 04976

Congratulations to Sue Ellen Lexier, Volunteers in Action 2nd Place at GFWC Convention

I look forward to all GFWC Maine clubs passionate participation for the arts.

Maureen Provencal
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Skowhegan, ME 04976

Membership

Are you looking for resources of ideas and suggestions to assist with membership programs or projects? Look no further, than to the GFWC MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT GUIDE for help. It is 18 pages full of information to assist clubs with all issues involving membership. Some topics include: club member retention, welcoming and mentoring new members, recognizing and rewarding members, recruiting members, publicizing your club, planning and executing a recruitment event, and so much more! Go to www.gfwc.org for all the information you need.

Don't forget! GFWC's "It's The Real Deal" Recruitment Campaign is still going on. For members recruited September, October, and November, the report deadline is December 1st. Please send the name, address, phone number, and email address as well as when they joined the club to me by this deadline. GFWC's \$50 Membership Grant application deadline is also December 1st. Visit www.GFWC.org, GFWC Resources, Letter M for a copy of the Membership Grant Application Form. While on GFWC's website, check out their History Timeline Posters. "A Walk Through GFWC History" features nine vibrant posters tracing GFWC's past, present, and future.

The posters are broken down by decades, starting with 1860-1899 through to the present day. These resources are great to share at club meetings!

Laura Neal, GFWC Maine Membership Chairman

Leadership

Become the leader other clubwomen will want to follow. You CAN become the leader you *ought* to be on the *inside*, if you work on becoming the person you *want* to be on the *outside*. Clubwomen will want to follow you. Leadership in GFWC is the capacity and will to rally clubwomen to a common purpose and demonstrate the character which inspires confidence. Actions are the real indicator of character. Talent is a gift, but character is a choice. Strong character is the basic foundation on which to build success.

Stay positive even in the worst situations and exhibit confidence. Remain calm and poised while figuring out ways to keep your clubwomen motivated to solve problems, issues and obstacles. If you panic as a leader, things will go rapidly down hill. You must maintain a sense of humor and be able to laugh at yourself and your own mistakes. Others will trust you more if you are willing to share your own experiences. Don't be afraid to be human and approachable.

The best leaders in GFWC need to be able to communicate clearly with the clubwomen around them. They also need to be able to interpret others, and not take what they say personally.

Know how and when to delegate duties and tasks. You might think it is sometimes easier to do it yourself and get it over with. You actually can't do everything yourself. I know this is true, because I have tried rather unsuccessfully in the past to do just that! Delegating to others shows that you have confidence in their abilities, which subsequently will result in higher morale in your club. Each clubwoman wants to feel appreciated and trusted.

Happy holidays to you and your families. Stay safe, warm and happy!!

In Federation Love,
Anne H. Cress
GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

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VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club members Debra Burnham and Joyce Noonan presenting Dale Jandreau, director of the Skowhegan Free Public Library, a check for \$500.00 for the elevator fund from the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club.



**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

GFWC MAINE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT



women's group with the handcrafts they sent to us



some of the items we have purchased - computers, generator

Dear GFWC Clubwomen,

I volunteered to prepare this issue of the Pine Tree Notes for Beth Turner to alleviate the stress of trying to prepare this issue, dealing with health issues and the holidays. We wish Beth a speedy recovery. You will notice that the format is a little different from the way Beth and Wendy prepared the Pine Tree Notes. I went with quick, easy and inexpensively (free) instead of stylish, I apologize. I loved the format Wendy initiated. I want to thank everyone for submitting the articles so promptly. I have indicated on page 2 that the next submission for PTN articles is due January 4th. This is an attempt to resume our former schedule. For the time being you may submit your articles to me. If I am not the individual preparing the next issue, I will pass it on to the appropriate individual. Again, thank you and best wishes for Beth's speedy recovery. Season's Greetings.

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