



PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC MAINE – *A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs* November/December 2019



Greetings to all GFWC Maine club women. There is definitely a chill in the air – guess we all know what that means!

Another GFWC Maine Fall Conference is in the books. I wish to thank each and everyone one of you who participated in some way to help make it the success it was. There is so much “behind the scenes” planning that goes into the preparations for our meetings, and without your help, it just couldn’t happen. It was a jammed packed day, but according to the evaluations, most everyone likes having a one-day conference in the fall, two day in the spring. Weren’t the speakers amazing? The centerpieces looked wonderful. And the food!

The day after Fall Conference I was honored to give the toast at the GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club’s 100th Anniversary Celebration – and what a celebration it was. From the champagne to the fashion show, it was an afternoon to remember. Well done GFWC Westbrook!

I am thrilled to announce we are within one hundred dollars of reaching our goal to sponsor a complete bus trip for forty veterans on an Honor Flight Maine mission. We will have a speaker from this organization at our Spring Convention in May. We are also getting closer to our goal to have GFWC Maine recognized on the donor wall at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Fairfax County, Virginia. I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and support for the President’s special project, “Honoring Those who Serve.”

It has been an honor for me to travel to your clubs over the past year and a half. Every meeting has been a little different, but all with the same goal – making our communities a better place to live, one project at a time. Thank you all for your kindness and hospitality I receive in my time with you. Only two clubs left to visit!

Let’s continue to “Be the Change” in the lives of others by creating positive changes through our volunteer service and acts of kindness, both large and small.

In Federation and in Friendship,
Nancy Ames
GFWC Maine President



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GFWC Maine 2018-2020





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2019 JENNIE JUNE RECIPIENT



**GFWC Maine 2019 Jennie June
Recipient
Suzanne Raymond!
Ruth Gammon & Muriel Bowerman
Chairmen, presented this award at the
GFWC Maine Fall Conference
Congratulations Suzanne!**



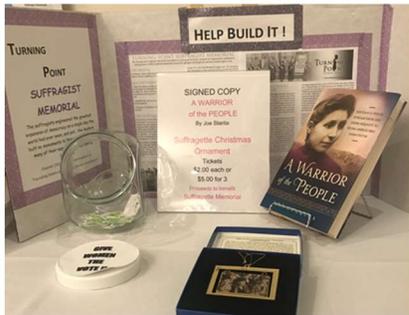
GFWC Maine Fall Conference Photos



GFWC Maine Members!



Purple Bag Centerpieces filled for the New Hope for Women Shelter



Larry Ross

GFWC New England Region Fall Conference Photos



GFWC Maine Cheer Winners!



MEMBERSHIP

Some ideas for increasing our membership:

BUZZING FOR



YOU!

When an interested acquaintance strikes an interest in your club, invite them to a meeting or event. Tell them the history of your club, GFWC history, and the makings of the very GFWC structure. A club member may aid this potential member by introducing them to others and exchanging telephone numbers and their email. If they have a question, they may be more comfortable in calling their new friend. There are so many things that can be overwhelming to a new person.

There is the opportunity to form new clubs around our state. It takes planning and organization to go out and share this wonderful opportunity to be part of the greatest women's volunteer organization in the world. This means everyone needs to be proactive in reaching out to potential members and providing them the privilege to become a GFWC clubwoman.

I am always available to help you build your club or a new one.

Linda Lougee, GFWC Maine Membership Chairman – lindamlougee@gmail.com

CONSERVATION

CONSIDER INSTILLING CONSERVATION INTO ALL OF YOUR CLUB PROJECTS

- Arts – use recycled materials for art projects or hold a recycled art contest.
- Education – donate earth friendly books to libraries; read environmental books.
- Public Issues – study litter ordinances and legislation.
- International Outreach – water quality issues throughout the world.
- Communication and Public Relations – spread the word about Conservation issues.
- Home Life – learn about the proper disposal of your medication, energy efficient light bulbs at home, nutrition, and food sources.
- Domestic Violence – donate items to shelters that are environmentally friendly.
- Advocates for Children – work with children to teach environmental awareness, read environmental books, give books to children, and lead recycled arts and crafts projects and contests.
- Fundraising – raise funds for environmental projects.
- Leadership – volunteer at events to teach others about the environment.
- Membership – collect supplies for an animal shelter at your Federation Day Celebration.
- WHRC – study the history of your club's Conservation projects.
- Community Improvement Project Award – make it a beautification or recycling program, an environmental project, or an awareness campaign.
- Photography Contest – enter outdoor photographs and environmental projects.
- Website Contest – Include conservation issues and projects on your website.
- Newsletter Contest – include Conservation tips in each newsletter.
- Writing Contests – write about nature, animals, and the earth.



Epsilon Sigma Omicron - ESO



The ESO program is doing very well. Since the last Pine Tree Notes the program has received 24 requests for the ESO kits. What are the ESO kits? The kit contains the ESO pledge form, the list of categories to read from and the form on which you write a little about the book and how you liked the book. Also, a little booklet explaining how the ESO program works is included. So, give me a call or

email me to request your ESO kit. Got questions, feel free to give me a call. Happy Reading.



Marjorie Coburn-Black ESO Chairman – 207-474-5963 - mhb770@outdrs.net

LEADERSHIP

“Stretch Your Leadership Potential”

A key characteristic of a good leader is her ability to cultivate and encourage new leaders. Recognizing those with energy and enthusiasm to take charge and lead the organization forward is a fundamental first step.

GFWC members are called to develop “Great Minds” as considered by Eleanor Roosevelt! Plan several opportunities to get members together and fully examine your current status. Then really begin to stretch your members by engaging them in healthy discussions about your vision for the future. Break out of the status quo, let the creative ideas begin to flow, and develop innovative ways to lead for success!



GFWC leaders are always thrilled to have effective, dedicated chairmen who are doing a good job in chairing a project or program. Yet, there are those who don't just want to be “good” – they want to be “**GREAT**”! So, what makes that difference and how can club leaders move toward that level of excellence in leadership? Great chairmen possess many of the following traits and skills:

- Demonstrate enthusiasm and creativity
- Are passionate about what they are doing
- Have a deep sense of **commitment** and **responsibility**
- **Believe** in the goal and the committee's ability to accomplish
- Can take an ordinary project and **expand** it to be amazing!
- **Organize** others for success
- Are **supportive** of other committee members
- Are **flexible** and can **regroup**
- See **evaluation** as a powerful tool
- Possess **strong communication skills** used to communicate effectively

- Can **handle problems** or disappointments calmly and without disruption
- Look for every way to exceed all expectations that could transform the project – stretching their leadership potential, making a membership connection, and expanding communications

As a club leader, give your chairmen and members your support when asked. Remember to still check in on them from time to time and answer any questions. Sometimes a helpful suggestion may be in order. Great leaders don't tell you what to do.... they show you how it's done!

Anne Cress GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman - jkhranch09@gmail.com

PUBLIC ISSUES

As I write this, Clubs are beginning the new club year. As I looked at the club booklets for the coming year, I see the community involvement by clubs is still strong, as it should be. We, as clubwomen, need to be aware of community, State and global issues.

At our Fall meeting in Augusta, "speed dating" was introduced to attendees. This brought awareness of many issues to those attending the meeting. Was it perfect? For the first time of doing this, I feel that it was a good "start" for being a learning experience. There were a few "glitches" but all in all, it was a good beginning.

I spoke on Legislative issues and I feel that the five-minute presentation was well received at each table. With an upcoming vote on the 3D Gun Safety Act, postcards supporting this Act were given to clubwomen to send to their Representative and Senators. I have not been able to find results of this legislation but will forward to all club's information when I receive it. There were 33 postcards addressed and mailed to our Representatives and Senators. A big "thank you" to all who participated in this process.



Please continue to take interest in your community's needs. Also, consider meeting one or more of our International President Mary Ellen Brock's Grand Initiatives. Some Maine clubs have already done projects that meet these Initiatives requests, Again, if I can be of any assistance, please call me.

Marjorie Pfeiffer, Public Issues Chairman

Legislative Action Center

Having GFWC's collective voice heard by members of Congress is essential and the Legislative Action Center holds many of the answers. That's why this Initiative aims for more GFWC members to sign up for the Legislative Action Center by June 2020. If you haven't already signed up, visit the [Legislative Action Center](#) (or go GFWC.org under Public Policy) and sign-up now!

The Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.

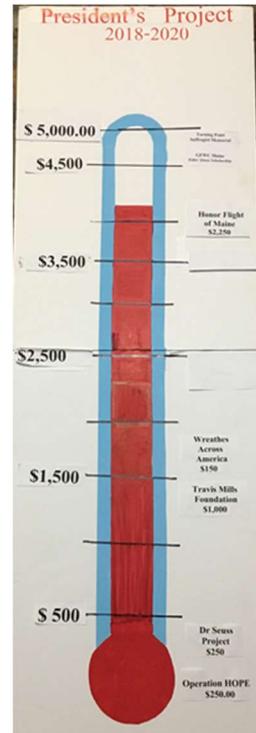


GFWC MAINE PRESIDENTS PROJECT



This just in: we are only \$90.05 away from our Honor Flight total and \$260.50 from our Suffragist Memorial total! Such wonderful news! Thank you all for your hard work and generous club and personal donations. This was a two-year project and in just over a year we have almost met our goal. We have already done some amazing things. Keep those Clynk bags for your bottles and cans coming, fill up those 'Bee the Change' jars, whatever it takes, we can do it!

Joyce Noonan & Karie Watson – President's Project Co-Chairmen



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Together, we can strengthen GFWC's status as a leader in community service. Adopting the following language for your communications, whenever appropriate, will help to maintain GFWC's brand and will bolster your overall message.

USE THE FOLLOWING TO LOCALIZE YOUR CLUB'S MESSAGE:

GFWC [insert your club name] is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Honoring the motto of "Unity in Diversity," we come together as unique individuals dedicated to community improvement by [list activities, projects, or fundraising projects that your club performs]. Our mission is to enhance the lives of others in [list community] through volunteer service.

(GFWC Mission Statement):

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

(GFWC Boilerplate):

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With almost 80,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman – mrprovencal81@gmail.com



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The goal of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against women in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC is a powerful voice for those who have no voice. No state, no city, no community, and no neighborhood is immune from domestic violence. Perpetrators and victims come from all races, religions, cultures, age groups, genders, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic levels. Domestic violence occurs in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.



GFWC LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grass-roots 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.

A LEADS candidate should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state federation
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply)
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once



LEADS applications is due January 15, 2020. The application can be found at www.gfwc.org. The application, two letters of support and a personal narrative are to be mailed to:

Carol Jarvais
57 Coburn Avenue
Skowhegan, ME 04976

ARTS

BE part of the Creative Writing Contest.

Get your thoughts flowing! Enter the GFWC Creative Writing Contest by the March 1st, 2020. Check contest rules in the 2019-2020 Directory found on page 83. BE sure you send your entry on time to:

Roberta Morrill
4 Emily Lane #3,
Windham, ME 04062 or email rjdutton36@aol.com.
Roberta will BE looking for your entry.

BE the Change in your District High School Art Contest. Notify your High Schools to invite students for this opportunity, so no school is left out. Plan early to give the students time to create their art and frame it. Provide contest rules which can found in the Directory on page 82. Work with your District Presidents and support this important opportunity to help the art students and art teachers.



The Maine Bureau of Veteran's Service, VA Maine, and the Maine Arts Commission are hosting a recognition ceremony and art show in Augusta, November 8th, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., with about 30 art works showcasing 30 Veterans. The art work will be exhibited till the end of November in the Hall of the State House; We can BE a support for this and for the Veteran Artists. It can BE a big Change in their life.

Photography Contest rules can also be found in your Directory on pages 84-86, and, Be busy preparing photos!

Barbara Hathaway GFWC Maine ARTS Chairman – bhaway@myfairpoint.net

Informational websites:

www.gfwc.org

www.gfwcmaine.org

www.honorflightmaine.org

www.travismills.org/foundation

www.sewmuchcomfort.org

www.shotatlife.org

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

www.soles4souls.org

www.clynk.com this program through local Hannafords bottle redemption – if all Maine Club members participate bringing a couple of bags we could fund a Veteran for Honor Flight Maine; get your Clynk bags today!

**WORK
HARD
STAY
BUMBLE!**

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

Castine Woman's Club – Northern District



The Castine Woman's Club has been as busy as the chipmunks these past chilly fall days planning interesting programs and fun events and prepping for the long winter ahead.

CWC meetings for the 2019-2020 membership year will again be generously hosted by CWC Vice President Patty Hutchins and her Wilson Museum staff at the Hutchins Education Center. Meetings are open to the community with host-provided refreshments. The Club is also experimenting with providing some evening programs to attract wider attendance. The Club does not typically hold general membership meetings January through March.

CWC's first meeting of the 2019-2020 membership year was held on the evening of October 9. After a short business meeting, CWC and other community members traveled on a visual journey to Cape Horn with CWC's Sue Hazlett, MMA adjunct professor. Sue's talk "The Ghosts of Cape Horn" provided attendees valuable tips on cruising around Cape Horn today. Sue also shared a historical perspective on the merchant and passenger trade through Cape Horn highlighting its many ghostly shipwrecks.

On Monday, November 4, members gathered for a pie-making workshop led by CWC officers and baker extraordinaire Marjie Wheeler. Open to the community, the workshop was held for the afternoon in the barn kitchen at the Hutchins Education Center. Fresh apple and pumpkin pies were made to sell at the Club's annual Election Day Bake Sale on November 5. Proceeds from the Bake Sale went to CWC programs and scholarships and to the Adams School Calvineers to support their work saving Northern Atlantic Right Whales and their upcoming attendance at an international conference in Barcelona!

The Club's December Holiday Meeting is in the planning stages.

The CWC wishes everyone a magical Holiday Season and the Happiest New Year!

Val Taub – President

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District



"And away we go!!" October brought GFWC MIOSAC members together for the first business meeting of this club year. We began with our traditional "souper supper" provided by the advisory committee. It is a lovely informal time as members catch up while enjoying a bowl of yummy soup. This was followed by the first business meeting of the year to discuss upcoming plans.

Here are some of the things we have been involved with since the previous Pine Tree Notes:

- MIOSAC club members provided the snacks for the Trivia Night event sponsored by Pine Tree Hospice on October 5th.
- Of international flavor, at our second meeting, our program speaker, member Rheba Michaud, shared about the journey she and her husband enjoyed when they traveled to New Zealand and Australia. She *wowed* us with the many different and beautiful scenes and settings they experienced as well as sharing about the similarities.
- One member traveled to Nashua, New Hampshire to attend the New England Region Conference and reported on the highlights.
- Four members were in attendance at the recent GFWC Maine Fall Conference in Augusta. What a delightful time was had by all. GFWC Maine President Nancy Ames always plans a fun and fact-filled day! Items were donated to participate in both the fund raiser for the scholarship for the High School Elder Abuse Essay Contest and also toiletries and other items for the Purple Purse luncheon.
- Plans are in the works for upcoming projects, always with the intent to "be the change" that will enhance the lives of others through our volunteer service.

Peace to all this upcoming holiday season,

Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District



The GFWC Pittsfield ARTS Club has started their new year with a visit by Linda Lougee, a member of the Newport Woman's Club, giving us information about the Dr. Seuss birthday party that the club presented last year. This pertains to one of the 7 Grand Initiatives that President Mary Ellen Brock presented to clubwomen at her installation last year. We hope to partner with the Friends of the Pittsfield Library and do the same in our community this club year. Linda presented the results of the Newport Woman's Club presentation and gave us information as to what worked and what didn't work.

She also brought news of the new Juniorette club formed in Newport this year.

We are making plans to do the "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser in December. This was a very successful fundraiser and it was wonderful to see the happy faces of the children who attended. We feel it is a great community event.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club – Northern District



GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club has one new member, Kathy Kahler. Kathy became involved quickly by helping us find a female veteran to speak at our November meeting on Nov. 13th at 12:10. If you would like to come along to listen please contact President, Deb. Kathy has also volunteered with June Nickerson-Hovey and myself to organize activities remembering the Suffragette Movement throughout our year. We are working hard at creating items to sell at Garden Clubs Federation of Maine Fall Conference on Halloween in Augusta. Billie Sherman has opened up her craft areas of her garage for making Kokodama (moss covered) plants resting on glass receptacles, wine cork plant identification markers, and more. Marjorie Coburn Black led this activity.

Some of our members attended the lectures at the local Margaret Chase Smith Library during the town meeting on October 18th. Dr. Candice Kanes, co-curator for the Maine State Museum, spoke specifically on the Suffragette Movement sharing the names and facts of the multitude of people and their many years of struggle in acquiring the right to vote for women. The exhibit at our Maine State Museum focusing on the nineteenth amendment is excellent and I would encourage you to take a few friends there. This exhibit closes on January 22nd, 2020.



Interested members are excited about **starting a project with the local Girl Scout Troop**, led by Sherry Lewis, on their three Monday meetings during November. The girls are able to earn a 19th Amendment Badge. We are helping them find resources to use, will read and discuss with them the facts, and help in any way we can as they complete **five tasks towards this badge**. We will finish this work by creating a Christmas tree for the Redington Memorial Home for the Skowhegan Downtown Holiday Stroll using their research!

Excitement is building as we connect with future of GFWC in Skowhegan!

Debra Burnham - President





September found GFWC Semper Fidelis hitting the ground running! We began with our traditional Fall Banquet at The Heritage House with one guest in attendance. We reacquainted ourselves, went over summer happenings and started off the new club year. Thank you notes received over the summer from numerous organizations and individuals were read. A decision was reached to co-sponsor a speaking event at the Skowhegan Free Public Library with GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club in April. The speaker is a writer and an activist for women's rights. More information will follow as the event draws near. Our annual tree decorating at the Redington Home will honor a members' relative who has recently become a resident of the home. The theme of the tree will center around the relative's decorations.

October was full of excitement. Three of our members attended the NER Fall Conference in Nashua, NH in October. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC International President-elect Marian St. Clair were in attendance. It was an informative conference featuring outstanding speakers on raising mental health awareness and women fighting for passage of the 19th Amendment. A highlight of the conference was that GFWC Maine won the Cheer Competition featuring President Mary Ellen's Seven Grand Initiatives. They will next compete at GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in June. Three of our members are on this cheer team. Club member, Paula Dore, attended a luncheon on behalf of club at the Peters-Shortier American Legion Post #16. The luncheon was to honor Boys and Girls State attendees and recognize supporters. SFC was presented a plaque for our generous support of the program. We participated in the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) diaper drive donating 768 diapers. Busy, busy, busy with three major fundraisers are we! The Community Calendar fundraiser just ended netting \$1,400+. Poinsettia orders for the holiday season are being taken as are orders for RADA Cutlery. Plans are in the works for the Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale with members all signed up to supply their delicious pies for consumers pleasure. In the mix we also had five members in attendance at GFWC Maine Fall Conference.

GFWC Maine President Nancy had a conference packed full of interest, learning and fun. Speaker Larry Ross's moving presentation hit home with everyone and left us all with a little tear in our eyes. Speakers at our club meetings provided us with information on the FEDCAP program (formerly known as ASPIRE) relating they give clients "a hand up-not a hand out". Jobs for Maine Graduates gave a very nice power-point presentation detailing their recent summer trip to Tanzania, Africa educating middle school aged children. The GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club held a wonderful celebration of their 100 years of community service. Three of our members spent a delightful afternoon with these ladies and learning about their accomplishments. Congratulations Westbrook! SFC is happy to announce we have added one new member to our ranks and are very hopeful to have a couple more join us following our successful membership meeting where we crowned "The Pumpkin Queen".



We have a few other "irons" in the fire but will save those for the next issue of the Pine Tree Notes. As this is the last issue before the holiday season, GFWC Semper Fidelis Club sends warm wishes to you and yours for a season filled with what makes you happy and fills your hearts with love.

Carol Jarvis – President



The GFWC Lubec Woman's club met in September with reports of the successful yard sale and 500 raffle. Through the generous support of the community, money was raised for our annual scholarships as well as community projects. One such project is the mapping of the Automated External Defibrillator, AEDs located in the town and their availability. Community iServices on the use of these lifesaving devices will be held in the month of December. We awarded six scholarships to Lubec graduates for higher education. One graduate received the MacBride nursing scholarship. We also started our 7th year of the Cash4Career program with the 8th graders at Lubec School. This program explores careers through speakers and field trips to local colleges and community colleges.

Our October meeting featured a presentation by a local senior at Washington Academy who spent the summer in a Spanish immersion program in Spain. The student received a grant from our club to help with the expenses of this opportunity. From the video she shared with us of her experience it was money well invested.

We have donated 25 pairs of shoes to the soules4souls campaign delivering them to the DSW store in Portland.

Julia Brady – President

Patawa Club – Northern District

Patawa Club has been busy this fall. In September, GFWC Northern District President, Libby Wiers came to the club to talk us about the happenings in the GFWC Maine. In October, we collected items for the Bangor Humane Society and collected money for a turkey drive. We had speaker Mary Lyons from Literacy Volunteers of Bangor speak on literacy in the state. Her talk was very informative on how much we rely on reading in our everyday lives and how there can be many factors that contribute to low literacy.

Throughout October, we sold tickets for our "Wine Cellar" raffle. The winners will be drawn at the November meeting - just in time for the holidays!

At our November meeting, we sewed and stuffed heart shaped pillows to be donated to the cardiac unit at the hospital for use as splint pillows.

Caitlin Sullivan & Amy St. Peter - Co-Presidents



GFWC Newport Woman's Club – Northern District

GFWC Newport Woman's Club kicked off the 2019—2020 club year in September with its annual Membership Pot Luck Dinner. We were busting at the seams with 19 members present and a guest who applied for membership that night! President Jane Briggs and the calendar committee reviewed plans for another ambitious list of projects and programs for the annual club year. We find International President Brock's "7 Grand Initiatives" extremely helpful in planning our year's work...several of which we have completed. We continue to support our veterans both with donations to the GFWC Maine Honor Flight campaign and with our donations to the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope...a woman's shelter for female veterans and their children.

GFWC Newport Woman's Club members Linda Lougee and Cheryl Stevens have continued their hard work in creating and fostering club interest at the "Juniorette Club Level." To that end the "GFWC Community Service Trailblazers" has begun the process of registering with GFWC International as a Brand New Juniorette Club at Nokomis Regional High School. What an exciting concept!!

We were once again well represented at Fall Conference with 5 members present. Helpful and inspiring GFWC information was presented, especially interesting were the break-out sessions where topics on reporting, protocol, legislative action and many others were discussed.

Our plans for the remainder of 2019—2020 administration is filled with exciting club work carrying forth the ideals of GFWC.

Jane Briggs - President



Waldoboro Woman's Club – Southern District



The Waldoboro Woman's Club celebrated their monthly Lunch Bunch date in September by journeying to the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan and dining out. All agreed that the trip and visit to Senator Smith's home was way more than expected and expressed their appreciation to Mary Lee Merrill who made all the



arrangements. Our September meeting gave us an opportunity to review the budget which will be voted on in November. New member Tee Kastili was welcomed. Profits for scholarships from our Whale of a Sale were announced as: \$5565 and \$510 from the Friendship Day Basket. Both figures topped the previous years. The ESO Book Reading Activity was explained and seven members signed up to take part in the program and Jean Lawrence agreed to serve as liaison. Members agreed to try to support the GFWC Maine Southern District Art Show; Barbara Hunt will contact local high school art teachers. Each officer was presented with a rust colored "thank you" chrysanthemum by Alice Duff.

The October meeting's topic was Domestic Abuse, and our guest speaker was Mary Hanley of the New Hope for Women Bath Office. She provided a most interesting report of the statistics of family abuse in Maine as well as material on the work that her organization provides for local persons in need of abuse assistance. The Audit Committee sent in an "All's Fine" report and plans were made for the November Election Day Bake Sale; the proceeds will go towards our scholarships.

Jean Lawrence - Secretary

GFWC LIVERMORE FALLS WOMEN'S CLUB – Southern District



It was nice to resume the GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club meetings again. Our summer break gave us time to recharge and look forward to another busy year.

At our September meeting we decided to honor our school bus drivers for the important role they play in the lives of our children. The Bus Driver Committee members: Pam King, Sue Moore, Brenda Tardif and Betty Forbes have been meeting and felt we should recognize them three times during the school year. Our first will be individual bags with candies and cookies in December with February and May being the other two.

We had Lisa Berry, from "All 4 on the Floor", a service dog trainer as our speaker in October. Accompanying her were 2 dogs and their handlers. Lisa explained the process of getting a dog and the training that goes into it.

We had several members attend the New England Regional Conference; Ruth Gammon and Muriel Bowerman. Attending the State Conference; Ruth, Muriel, Ellen Young, Ghislaine Berube, Marjorie Black and Barbara Hathaway.

This upcoming year we will continue to support our relationship with the Harris House; reading to residents, provide personal care items, filling request for baking, knitting and sewing as needed.

Our Art Show is planned for March and our knitters are busy making scarves for the second year for Special Olympics. We meet again on November 21st the speakers will be; Judy Shaw, Esq. and Janice Sabin, LSW speaking on personal safety and we finish the year with our annual holiday luncheon in December with the Livermore Historical Society.

Happy Holidays!

Ellen Young - President



GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District



GFWC Research Club of Limerick September meeting started with a pot luck which as usual was yummy. A fundraiser auction followed the potluck. The Theme for the evening's fundraiser was "Bed, Bath and Beyond". It was a fun evening with a lot of competitive bidding. We raised over \$200.00.

October 1st found 12 of our members on a field trip to "Dragon Meadows Farm" this is daycare/farm combination. The children help plant and weed the gardens feed the animals and learn about soil conservation. We enjoyed seeing the dogs in action keeping the goats in the field. Mary Graham, the owner and director was a wealth of knowledge and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to her and her future to expand her enterprise. We went back to our meeting place where we enjoyed soup, bread and desserts and then our usual business meeting. We decided that this was one of the most enjoyable evenings that we have had and wish to go on more field trips in the future.

On October 19th four of our club members attended the GFWC Fall Conference in Augusta. It was a great Conference and we learned much from the "Speed Dating" segment.

On the 20th, Sally Manchester, Gloria Leveille and Lovedy Alexander attended the GFWC Westbrook Women's Club 100-year celebration. It was a glorious evening and were royally treated.

Congratulations to this club and here's to another 100 years.

Lovedy Alexander – President

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club – Southern District



GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club ended its club year in April but the planning and work of the club continues preparing for a new year and continuing our volunteer work for others.

The Club participated in the Westbrook Together Days with a new banner celebrating our 100th Year celebration. This is always a special event for the Club as we started this event for the City of Westbrook. A raffle of a basket of Maine products and Cinemagic tickets was held and collected a total of \$420.00. These proceeds will be decided upon at our first meeting in September.



Westbrook Woman's Club awarded their usual scholarships to Westbrook High School and the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center students. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to Westbrook High School students. A onetime scholarship was awarded in memory of our member Georgette Flaherty. Two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to Westbrook Regional Vocational students.

Westbrook Woman's Club enjoyed another wonderful social occasion at our Secretary, Sue Franck's beautiful home and gardens on July 25. The Club had 33 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful potluck lunch.

Westbrook Woman's Club started the 2019/20 year when 38 members and guests gathered at DiMillo's Restaurant on Tuesday, September 3 to enjoy a delicious lunch and social enjoyment. The Club yearbook, for the upcoming year, was distributed to the members. Members were enthusiastic to start our new year.

The September 17 meeting had 32 members and 4 guests. It was a welcome back with a brown bag lunch. President, Beth Turner presented to the Club our recognitions received at the spring convention held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport May 2&3, 2019. Certificates for Home Life/Community Service and a gold star for completing the annual report. Westbrook Woman's Club was honored with second place for the Lombardi silver bowl award for volunteer hours, which included a check for \$25.00. We welcomed Judy Drouin as a member. Norma Manning reported that the Club has sent in well over 100 pairs of shoes for the Soles4Souls project. Members are still donating shoes to

support this project. Several donations had been received in memory of Victoria Doughty. It was decided that these donations would be combined with the \$420.00 raised from the Westbrook Together Days money to be given as a scholarship in Memory of Victoria Doughty at the graduation ceremony for the 2020 graduating class. She had been employed for many years by the Westbrook school system. After the conclusion of the meeting Elaine Brickman did a presentation regarding GFWC narratives and tracking hours, donations, and in-kind donations. We are off to a busy start!

Our October 1 meeting had 31 members and 2 guests. The Club welcomed Allison Curry as a new member. Our program was Housing First. Hollie Sprague, director of Real Estate Operations with Avesta Housing and Ali Lovejoy, Senior Director of Residential Services at Preble Street were introduced as our speakers. They presented an informative and interesting program relating to the challenges facing our area providing adequate and affordable housing for our population in the greater Portland area.

Our October 15 meeting was We Celebrate Us – Honoring Our Members. We had 42 members and 1 guest in attendance. We were honored to give Judith Getchell her 50-year pin, special proclamation of this milestone from GFWC International, and flowers. The Club welcomed Anne Newman, Rose Morin, and Linda Merrill as new members. Roberta Morrill introduced Gracia Baretí, a Senior at Westbrook High School and a Dirigo Girls State participant for 2019 from Westbrook High School. Gracia thanked the Club for sponsoring her and shared her experience with us. She was elected Dirigo Girls State Governor for 2019 and attended Girls Nation in Washington DC. It was reported that we had collected over 150 pairs of shoes for the Soles4Souls project.

Westbrook Woman's Club Celebrates 100 Years

After the meeting the members enjoyed a 100th Anniversary tea which was exactly 100 years, to the day, from the first gathering of the Club. How special!! The club was reminded by President Beth that “The greatest asset is its members. One Hundred years is something to celebrate and the membership is why we are still here.” Beth also shared the original objectives established in 1919. The first one was “To stimulate the intellectual life of members.” Beth pointed out that GFWC Westbrook still does so today with our programs. The second was “To promote the practice of charity.” Beth pointed out that we still work on making life better for someone else. The third objective was “To extend the spirit of hospitality.” Beth shared how the members still enjoy getting together and working on projects as a group. To quote President Beth Turner, “This is a very special day. The first group of ladies met not so far from this building, at 12 Monroe Avenue. This home is still there and is the first house on the left, and was the home of Mrs. Oscar Fick. Woman came by invitation and Mrs. Joseph Small presided. There were 21 ladies invited. The first official meeting was November 4, 1919, when they elected the officers and set their objectives. In the early days the club met four times a month. At this time there were 32 charter members, they dressed simply when attending meetings and dues were \$1.00.”

Member Joan Labrecque was introduced as she modeled and spoke on the “Outfit of the Day.” Joan discussed and shared what a lady in 1919 might have worn to the club. She shared the coat, which was her grandmother’s, gloves, her cameo brooch, ring and suit. Beth pointed out that prior to 1992 members were listed in the records and introduced by their husband’s name.

At today’s meeting, club memorabilia was organized and displayed by club members Marian Sturtevant and Evelyn Meserve. Members were encouraged to take time to look at the old pictures and scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and programs that span 100 years. Centerpieces on the tables were lovely memory boxes made by Joyce Noonan for members to enjoy while visiting and enjoying the tea. Joyce thanked Mary Ann Usher, Lucille Gilchrest, and Carole Black for helping her. Gerrie Pallang painted the yellow floral picture displayed, and each member was asked to sign the picture today. This lovely painting with signatures will become a part of our archives.



Table setting for tea & memory box



Drawing by Gerrie Pallang for signatures of members.

Past presidents were awarded certificates given in appreciation of their leadership.

GFWC Westbrook members were awarded GFWC merit pins for every 5 years of membership as well as certificates in appreciation of their commitment to volunteer service to GFWC Maine Westbrook Woman's Club. Certificates were given to members with less than 5 years of membership.

Beth thanked the Executive Board for their part in planning and preparing today's tea; and encouraged everyone to view the memorabilia, enjoy the tea and sign the painted picture. The tea was reminiscent of teas from days gone by. The tables were set with white fabric tablecloths with gold overlays and memory box centerpieces. Tea was served in lovely bone china tea cups owned by the club. Beautiful antique pink depression glass plates from Vice President Elaine Brickman's collection helped create six lovely tables.

The menu consisted of coffee and tea set on tables in carafes and a buffet of dainty sandwiches including cucumber, cucumber and dill, cream cheese and olives and cream cheese and cherries. Nuts, mints, fruit, and tea cakes were also served. A wonderful time was had by all!

Westbrook Woman's Club continued its celebration of our 100-year celebration on Sunday, October 20 at the Fireside Inn & Suites in Portland. Members and invited guests gathered with many dressed in outfits depicting what ladies were wearing during these 100 years. Hats and gloves, as well as jewelry of day's gone by were enjoyed. The room looked beautiful with beautiful centerpieces with gold overlays, mirrors with lights with gold wine bottles and gold roses in each with tags of 100 years. H'orderves was passed by staff at the Fireside Inn & Suites for our enjoyment and a bar for those that enjoyed an adult beverage. Club memorabilia was organized and displayed by club members Marian Sturtevant and Evelyn Meserve. Those attending were encouraged to take time to look at the old pictures and scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and programs that span 100 years. Music was enjoyed from eras over the 100 years and brought back many fond memories. A beautiful cake with the GFWC symbol was displayed. Each Past President of Westbrook Woman's Club had a corsage in Club colors of gold and white. At each place setting was a memento piece specially engraved for our 100th celebration for those attending to take home as a special memory of the day.

We were honored to have our GFWC State President, Nancy Ames with us. Other special guests were: Mary C. Baird, President and Jo-Ann Calnen, Vice President/Pres. Elect of GFWC New England, the following GFWC Past Presidents of Maine: David D. Barter, Libby G. Wiers, Katherine L. White, Sally E. Manchester, Gloria P. Leveillee, Jane L. Shaw, Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, and Mary K. Libby, Members of the GFWC Maine Executive Board: President-elect, Carol A. Jarvis, Vice-President, Wendy A. Bowler, and Recording Secretary, A. Elaine Brickman. We were delighted that they took time to be with us on this special event.

The program for the day opened with a welcome by Beth A. Turner, President of Westbrook Woman's Club. Her welcome was a tribute and in memory of our first President, Mrs. Joseph (Tressa) Small – 1919-21, the Club Collect lead by Elaine Brickman, the Pledge of Alliance led by Rosemary Holleman, and the National Anthem led by Louise Leighton. The Proclamation from GFWC International was presented by Mary Libby, Past State President and member of Westbrook Woman's Club, and the Mayor of Westbrook, Michael Sanphy presented the proclamation from the City of Westbrook. A meaningful toast regarding our "Dash" in life and our Club was given by our GFWC State President, Nancy Ames for our Champagne Toast to our 100 years. A blessing was given by Roberta Morrill previous to the meal being served. After a delicious lunch our President, Beth A. Turner did a beautiful ceremony remembering our members that are no longer with us. A candle was lite in memory of the light they gave to our Club during our 100 years. Then we were entertained by Club members with a wonderful fashion show depicting fashions from eras within our 100 years. What a lot of fun!!! We even had a visit from Rosie the Riveter. I think our ladies could go on the road. Everyone formed a circle, joined hands and sang Let There Be Peace on Earth and God Bless the USA. Our afternoon of celebration came to a conclusion with thoughts from our President, Beth A. Turner regarding our original objectives and how they have guided the Club over these 100 years and are still relevant to our success today as we look to the future. Everyone lite a candle and repeated:



Ladies in Fashion Show

*Slowly open the new doors of the future waiting for us and enter with anticipation. Look back with pride - look ahead with pleasure.
(From the 50th Anniversary celebration)*

What a wonderful tribute to Westbrook Woman's Club!! What memories will be proudly added to our history with the celebration to an amazing group of ladies that will guide us into the future. Our Club will step into our next 100 years with a great deal of pride and continue the spirit of "volunteerism."

Westbrook Woman's Club is working hard to "Be the Change".

Beth A. Turner – President

GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers

* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *



The Nokomis GFWC Juniorette Club Community Service Trailblazers, recently held a dog wash to raise funds for Pets for Vets, a non-profit organization providing a second chance to shelter dogs by rescuing, training, and matching them with American veterans who need a companion pet. It was founded in 2009 to help veterans who were suffering from combat stress and other emotional issues. The event raised \$370.



Makayla, Mackenzie and Kiley

GFWC Maine Jennie June Bear has been located and traveled to the GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club for their 100th Year Anniversary Celebration! She is looking forward to traveling around the state again! Welcome Back!



REPORTS - please all clubs, let's get this done.

Reporting is important to Clubs, GFWC Maine and GFWC.

We need the numbers to be able to show everyone just how wonderful we are and to apply for grants and donations.

We want the narratives; the more wonderful projects your club shares the more ideas you can provide for other clubs.

The BEST narrative receives the state's Creativity Award per category and is sent on to GFWC for review and possible selection as one of the BEST in the organization. The numbers and narratives are compiled by each chairman and sent into GFWC for consideration for the Outstanding Program Awards.

Be proud of your club & tell us about it!

Be proud of GFWC Maine and let us tell everyone about us!

Be proud of GFWC and let us tell the world!

Report deadline - postmarked by January 20, 2020

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TO HONOR, EDUCATE, INSPIRE & EMPOWER

"The young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned."

– Lucy Stone, President of the American Woman Suffrage Association (1893)

The objective of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association (TPSMA) is to educate, inspire and empower present and future generations to remain vigilant in the quest for liberty, freedom and equal rights. Education is the driving force behind everything to which the association aspires. How will we do it? By building a memorial to commemorate and honor those who fought for seven decades to enfranchise all American women, establishing the Turning Point Institute and developing a Constitution Trail in collaboration with numerous historical sites germane to our ever-evolving Constitution.

Why the Memorial?

The centennial anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment will be here in 2020, yet history's relentless march forward swallowed many suffrage events and names. The women who fought for the right to vote are largely unknown today. And what happened to them at the Occoquan Workhouse is a story still waiting to be told. Nineteen education stations within the memorial will recount the 72-year history of the suffrage movement with a focus on those harshly imprisoned on the historic premises.

This bloodless revolution made possible the largest expansion of democracy the world had ever seen with the enfranchisement of all 22 million American women with the stroke of a pen. It launched the genesis of women's equal rights in the U.S. It provided a model for success used in subsequent battles for civil rights that followed in America and around the world.

Fewer than eight percent of public outdoor venues across our country memorialize women. In a tour of the capital area, one will find monuments to many important historical figures instrumental in the fight for liberty, equality, and civil rights. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Mohandas Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King and veterans of wars fought for liberty.

Yet unlike other heroes in the struggle for freedom, no national monument befitting the suffragists' extraordinary contribution to our history has been established. No single place has been dedicated to remind us of their role or to inspire us to the same commitment to civic participation.

This will all change with the opening of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

The memorial will restore a critical part of history about American women omitted from our history books. The memorial will commemorate the two million women from every state, creed, race and nationality who fought seventy-two years (1848-1920) to win ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution – the right for all American women to vote. Without this right of citizenship, women would not have been able to advance in education, employment, wealth, civil rights, business ownership, or parental rights.



It took 72 years to pass and ratify the 19th Amendment. Celebrate the Centennial with us on August 26, 2020 as we dedicate the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

November 5, 2019: Vote

November 11, 2019: Veterans Day

November 28, 2019: Thanksgiving

January 20, 2020: REPORTS Due

January 20, 2020: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 4, 2020: Southern District Art Show (tentative)

April 19, 2020: Northern District Art Show/Northern District meeting
Jeff's Catering, Brewer, Maine

May 14 – 15, 2020: GFWC Maine Spring Convention
Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor, Maine

June 27 – 30, 2020: GFWC International Convention
Sheraton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia



Pine Tree Notes submission dates:
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