A warm Hello to all of you, my GFWC Maine Federation Sisters. What a beautiful display of color Mother Nature supplied us with again this fall. This is my favorite season of the year - not too warm, not too cold and no bugs. I hope you were able to get out and enjoy some of what our state has to offer. Before we know it, the ground will be covered with snow.

Your clubs are still working out how you will meet this year and it’s not an easy task, but I know you will find a way to make it happen. Everything is so different. I have heard from some of you that you are meeting via Zoom and others who are holding hybrid meetings, some members in person with some members attending via Zoom. What a great way to keep everyone involved and informed!

Taking the lead from GFWC, your Executive Committee has been meeting via the Zoom platform to conduct business. History was made on October 24th when GFWC Maine held its first ever virtual Fall Conference with 28 members in attendance. It was wonderful to see everyone and get to speak with one another. I was able to present my President’s Project and explain the dragonfly symbol to you. Our guest speaker told the story of the “Sweet Dreams Project” she founded. You heard about LEADS from President-elect Wendy and about Reporting from Vice President Elaine. Both ladies are anxiously waiting to hear from you when you submit your LEADS applications and your annual reports. We are all hoping to be able to meet in person in May, but that will be up to COVID.

History was also made by your New England Region on October 16th & 17th NER Conference was held virtually for the first time. Everything went off without any problems. As usual, The Juniors Fun Night was held and a good time was had by all. GFWC Maine was represented in the Lip Sync Contest and two of the six raffle baskets were won by Maine members! The lip sync was recorded ahead of time and submitted and the raffles were done via mail. New ways to make things happen. GFWC President-elect Deb Strahanoski and President Marian St.Clair were in attendance and gave outstanding, energizing and inspirational presentations. Our own Nancy Ames, NER Leadership Chairman, and her committee put on an outstanding LEADS workshop. Remember, all this was done remotely. Everyone had a part to play, had to come up with a plan to make it work and they did it!

Maine, also, has to do things differently. We have had to come up with new ways of doing our state-based fundraising. Going forward, the following fundraising committees, if they so choose, will be conducting fundraisers via this publication: Endowment Fund, Delegates Fund, Domestic Violence Elder Abuse Scholarship, Fundraising and President’s Project. This has become necessary due to not being able to hold the fall conference where all the fundraising for these committees/programs/projects usually takes place. This is being done only by state-based fundraisers and not open to clubs. This is out of the ordinary, not the normal, outreach due to COVID. Any fundraising being conducted will be explained in articles in this newsletter by the respective committee chairmen. Any questions you may have should be directed to the chairman of the committee.

I would urge anyone who has not signed into the Member Portal to do so. You will find a wealth of information there and numerous ideas for projects and programs.

Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family and loved ones. This pandemic has us in its grip and isn’t letting go. We will be facing new challenges throughout the holidays and having to make really difficult decisions. Please make decisions which will keep you and your loved ones healthy. Wishing you and yours a happy and safe Holiday Season!

Yours in Federation,
Carol Jarvais
GFWC Maine President
GFWC Maine 2020-2022 Executive Committee
(picture available when available)

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Follow inside!
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- Dates to remember!
- And more!

Endowment Fund Drawing

We are offering this lovely Fitz and Floyd Classic beverage pitcher.
This ceramic Christmas pitcher is 10 inches tall x 9 inches wide (from handle to spout). It holds 6 cups of liquid.
The drawing is as follows:
- $1.00 = 1 chance
- $5.00 = 7 chances
- $10.00 = 20 chances

Chances are purchased via check. When your check is received your name will be put into the drawing as many times that the total amount of the check indicates.
Checks are to be done as follows:
- Made payable to GFWC Maine
- Memo line indicates Endowment Fund Drawing
- Contains current telephone number
- Written in total cash number in the usual manner

Mail checks to: Lovedy Alexander PO Box 209
Limerick, Maine 04048
The drawing will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Thank You for supporting GFWC Maine Endowment Fund. Good Luck
Lovedy Alexander GFWC Maine Chairman
Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic we are not currently able to allow drop off of donations directly to the Voluntary Service office. Donations can be dropped off at the entrance of B205 if you call prior and arrange Voluntary Service staff to meet for pick up or must be sent by mail to the address above. Please be sure to include your first and last name and mailing address for a thank you letter to be sent out.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
We are not recruiting new volunteers at this time. We will continue to evaluate our capacity to safely bring volunteers back on board as we progress in our phased reopening plan.

**PROGRAMS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**
1. General Welfare Fund (This is a general fund that will be spent on something that directly benefits a Veteran while they are receiving care at VA Maine) **Donating to this fund during the COVID-19 pandemic would increase the ability to purchase specific items Veterans may be in need of while they are inpatients or here on appointment basis.**
2. Homeless Veteran Assistance Fund (Support the needs of Veterans transitioning into permanent housing)
3. Fisher House Fund (Provides Veterans’ family members with household essentials and kitchen staples while their loved one is receiving care at VA Maine.)
4. Fisher House Gift Cards (To supplement necessities for Veterans’ family members while they are staying at the Fisher House.)

**SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS FOR VETERANS:**
1. Comfort Items, large and travel sized items needed, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable and electric razors (higher quality razors preferred), powders, toothpaste, polygrip & mouth wash. (**No alcohol-based products**)
2. Puzzle Books
3. Gas Cards ($10)
4. TracFone’s & Tracfone cards
5. Hannaford Gift Cards ($25)
6. Walmart Gift Cards ($25)
7. Over the Ear Headphones (Must be New) **No Ear Buds**
8. Sneakers (sizes 8-13 men’s, wide sizes)
9. New Clothing, all sizes (sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts)
10. Men’s Underwear (Small, Medium, Large preferred but various sizes are needed)

**NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME:** VHS Movies, Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion, Blank Greeting Cards and Envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding, walkers, canes, or crutches.**

Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.

*The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as “donations to the United States.” Donations to support any of the Department’s programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to “VAVS” and sent to the address above.*
As Thanksgiving season begins, let’s be thankful for our GFWC membership! Initially, GFWC’s pilgrimage may have begun as a starting point for clubwomen to meet new friends and serve others. As the journey has continued, clubwomen have walked further down the path of lifelong learning and personal development. Where has your journey with GFWC taken you? What do you know now that you did not know before GFWC?

During this time of reflection, consider the ways that you have grown and how GFWC resources have enriched this process: ESO, News & Notes, the Legislative Action Center, etc. Pay it forward; share what you know with your club members. Lifelong learning through leadership development and friendships are a gift.

GFWC Maine Membership Chairman – Linda Lougee

Hi everyone. As this pandemic extends a while longer, there still are many ways in which we can help teachers, students and their families. Our Westbrook Woman’s Club has asked each member to collect can goods, as well as cereal (hot or cold), box of instant potato and/or macaroni and cheese, dessert mix, jar of applesauce, box of crackers, package of pasta and spaghetti sauce. You might ask an active teacher if one of her student’s family could use this collection for either Thanksgiving or Christmas or even for an ongoing project for other struggling families. I know of active teachers, who have taken a leave of absence from teaching in their local districts, who are now teaching small groups of nieces, nephews, cousins or neighborhood children in their own home. I am sure that they would welcome not only school supplies, as I mentioned in the September/October Pine Tree Notes, but also snack items. If you have age level puzzles, board and card games, and cribbage boards, those items could be used for break times. The Locker Project and the Local Food Pantry would also welcome either food items or monetary donations. I am sure those of you who are retired from a rewarding teaching career must feel so blessed to be retired now, as I am!

Roberta Dutton Morrill GFWC Maine Education Chairman

Happy Autumn to all Maine clubwomen!! An update from the Health and Wellness Program. We are just finishing up the many activities that were available to you through the month of October. Many you already know about and may have included in your fall schedule, but let me refresh your memories for while we may concentrate on them during a specific month, they are timeless and should be considered all year long. Perhaps next year you could include a program during October which is Prevent Bullying month check out a website;
to see ideas for your club to bring attention to bullying in schools.

October was also National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, both topics we should be raising awareness of in our areas so we can concentrate on prevention. On the international stage, I would encourage you to check out the starfishproject.org. GFWC International has partnered with this organization which supports women escaping human trafficking and exploitation. They are currently working with 150 women to provide a fresh start in life by arranging housing, healthcare, education and training and employing them to make jewelry and garments to support its mission. Twenty-five (25) % of the purchase price goes to support these women.

Looking forward, let’s remember that May is National Women’s Health Week—so many projects that benefit women’s health are available for your choice for a program. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month—check out nationalallianceonmentalhealth.org for things you can do.

Don’t forget, Love Your Heart and the Heart Truth website (more on that later). February has wear red day and I will remind you about women’s heart health.

During these difficult days ahead, as we wade our way through this previously un-experienced pandemic, remember to focus on taking care of yourself so you can take care of others. Take time to do the things you enjoy and can do safely. Wear your mask, wash your hands, use the hand sanitizer and stay in touch with calls, cards, letters, Face chat, or a smile and friendly wave!! Above all take care!!

Sally Manchester GFWC Maine Health & Wellness Chairman
Disruptions in routine immunization services due to COVID-19 now threaten to undo decades of strides made in children's health. To protect vaccine progress, we need global collaboration. Anyone can take action, large or small, to maximize Shot@Life's impact this fall. We are asking you to support the Shot@Life campaign this week by raising awareness about lifesaving vaccines! Please take a minute to fill out this petition in support of fully funding global immunization programs that protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases like polio and measles: http://shotatlife.org/petition
Support Your Local Domestic Violence Survivors

As the pandemic puts financial strain on many families and friends, survivors of domestic violence may have even fewer resources than before to leave an abusive situation. Assisting local domestic violence shelters and other direct service organizations with helping survivors start a new life is urgent.

Please send your Club donations to:
GFWC Maine Chairman – Kathy White

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

How are you reaching your club members? Have you considered a Facebook page or digital newsletter?...What are some of you doing?... Keep members engaged by communicating through publications!
Let me help!
Please check out the 2020-2021 GFWC Maine Directory! Any corrections please let me know asap! Visit those ads and thank them for supporting GFWC Maine!
Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman

ARTS & CULTURE

Barbara has talked to some of our officers about how we can continue with the High School Student Art Shows. We all want to continue supporting High School art and encourage the students. Zooming is a way that the art show could partner with one of the art non-profit groups, where judges can Zoom the art show and view student art photos of their work. This could work. If 2021 doesn't get back to normal we can still continue encouraging art in this way. The Clubwomen Photograph Contest can be zoomed too. What fun is would be to see your art on a website. Start taking photos and be ready for whatever happens.
Please continue to support the arts with a donation.

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Hello ladies!
We are all leaders at various levels within our family, community, work and within your Woman’s Club.
I am looking for those interested in developing more leadership skills to apply for the 2021 LEADS Program which will be held June 25th at the GFWC International Convention in Toronto, Canada
Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming & current leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.
The program may include the following:
Overview of public speaking, time management, vision casting, and conflict resolution. Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance.
Outline of GFWC policies, parliamentary procedure, and protocol.
Discussion of tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing leadership opportunities.
Participation in LEADS does not mean you have to commit to leadership roles in GFWC Maine just as not participating doesn’t mean you cannot be asked to take on further leadership roles. But the skills you will obtain attending a LEADS program will help you at every level from your club, committees & up.
Each year, each state is allowed to select one candidate to attend the GFWC LEADS program.
This year, there will be two attending due to the cancellation of the June 2020 Convention, so you could be attending with our 2020 candidate, Debra Burnham.
How do you increase your skills to help be a leader in your club? .......LEADS
How do you meet new people that can provide new ideas & friendships? .......LEADS
How do you learn more about GFWC? .......LEADS
How do you acquire new skills that may help GFWC Maine? .......LEADS
What is a program you’ll never forget? .......LEADS
What is a seminar you’ll be happy you were selected to attend? .......LEADS
I’ve sent an email to Club Presidents with information and the application form for GFWC’s upcoming the 2021 LEADS Seminar. You can also send a request to me to email or mail you the form directly or you can go to your GFWC Member Portal - digital library under “L”.
Due date for the LEADS application - postmarked by January 31, 2021.
Sent to me, Wendy Bowler, PO Box 732, Gorham ME 04038, wendybowl@gwi.net.

Wendy A. Bowler GFWC Maine President

Building a brighter tomorrow... Supporting children today!
GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

We are off and running!! What a thrill it was to gather for a meeting on Wednesday, October 21st. As is true for everyone, things are going to be done differently this year – for starters we will be meeting only once a month instead of twice and we are meeting at a different location. We are so fortunate that we can meet at the Congregational Church in the fellowship hall. We are definitely practicing physical distancing, wearing face coverings unless speaking (or drinking/eating). It was great to see each other, “face to face . . . straight forward and unafraid.”

The focus of this meeting was to do a bit of catching up and also to determine how we can move forward with projects during this difficult time. It was decided that as a club we can still participate in helping the Kiwanis Club provide for kids through the “Adopt-a-Child Program this Christmas. We will adopt several kids as well as form a committee of elves to shop for “our” kids as well as others that Kiwanis needs shoppers for. We also decided that we will be collecting canned goods to donate to the food cupboard while some members may opt to make monetary donations for the local food cupboard to use as needed. That’s all for now, we’ve just begun. Other ideas were tossed about for other possibilities, but this is our current and immediate focus.

Wishing each and every one a happy and healthy holiday season!
Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS Club is not meeting in person until March but we continue to look for ideas to help our community. The members are doing a "Reverse Advent Calendar" to help the Pittsfield Food Pantry. Food items from a list of 24 items are purchased and put into a box or tote by each club member who participates. A few days before Thanksgiving, these items will be delivered to the Food Pantry. This is our project for November. In December items will be collected for the Woman's Shelter in Madison. This has become a yearly project and is appreciated by the Shelter. Plans to help students in the Pittsfield schools in January are being worked out. Appropriate holiday cards and newsletters are being sent to members as a way of staying connected during the pandemic. The club will sponsor a decorated Christmas tree at the Pittsfield Library, the theme being the American flag.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

The Lubec Woman's Club is not holding its regular monthly meetings or any of its fundraising activities due to the pandemic. Communications with members are through e-mail and phone calls. However, during the Fall our Club has remained actively involved in community projects.

For the beginning of the school year, we presented "Welcome Back" goodie bags with new face masks, treats and an encouraging note for each staff member. Pre-Kindergarten students received new fleece blankets for their nap time from the Lubec Woman’s Club. Still focusing on our school, with a schedule set up by Club member Jean Bookman, members have volunteered to provide baked goods/snacks for the staff each Monday through the Fall.

Pictured left to right on Saturday, October 24, 2020, wearing our signature red aprons are Lubec Woman’s Club members Bonnie Phillips, Ellen McCurdy, Nancy Begley, Cathy Daye and Juanita Pressley. (Photo by Julia Brady).
During pre-COVID-19 Lubec Woman’s Club usually hosted a monthly Senior Social activity for senior citizens with Bingo and snacks at the Common Room at the Sunrise Apartments in Lubec. In lieu of that activity, our President, Julia Brady, organized a small group of members to deliver Halloween bags to each of the residents at the senior apartments. The bags included apples and assorted treats, and each resident received a small pumpkin. The treats were well-received and our volunteers enjoyed handing them out. Jeanne Drews – Communications Officer

**Waldoboro Woman’s Club – Northern District**

The Waldoboro Woman’s Club met in September to organize after a lapse of five months. We are meeting six feet apart, wearing masks, and bringing our own lunches. This summer eight members volunteered at the Waldoboro Historical Society: Carol Hall Perry, Charlotte Gulezian, Marilyn Andrews, Mary Cope, Wanda Callahan, Anne Gerrish, Barbara Hunt and Jean Lawrence. They were recognized with daffodil bulbs, the flower of hope for the future both for a cure for Cancer and a new year of better days. Alice Depatsy, past president of GFWCME and past president of Waldoboro Woman’s Club, installed Carol Hall Perry as our new president. Alice presented Carol with her own president’s pin and noted that Carol’s mother, Cynthia Hall invited her to membership and supported Alice as she went through the chairs. Past President Judi Lawrence presented Carol with the gavel and a rose plant. Officers were elected in March. The club voted to support the President’s Project by adopting Miller Elementary School. Underwear, socks, sweatpants, and mittens will be provided by club members under the leadership of Chair Nancy Gault. Regular committees are all organized and will meet their goals as possible. Guest speakers have been Town Planner Max Johnstone on the town’s proposed project for Senior Living units at the old AD Gray School. Dr. John Dickens spoke on the Corona Virus and gave a thorough history of the virus and hopes for prevention and cure.
Jean Lawrence – secretary

**GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District**

The GFWC Semper Fidelis Club held their first meeting at Lake George Regional Park with Administrator Darrell White as speaker. We met at the Margaret Chase Smith Pavilion, everyone enjoying their ‘bag dinners’. A true piece of paradise, we learned our fundraising efforts are being collaborated with others to bring big changes and additions to the Park.

Our membership meeting was held in raising awareness of Domestic Violence with GFWC Maine Signature Program Chairman Kathy White as speaker. In alignment with this topic we promoted this meeting as a “Mardi Bra’s” event; donating gently used/new brassieres for the project “Free the Girls”, an organization to aid women devoted to working with sex trafficking survivors with a path to freedom, by partnering with established programs in Mozambique, El Salvador and Costa Rica. This organization provides an opportunity for sex trafficking survivors to make a safe and sustainable income through the sale of donated bras. Forty-Eight bras were collected!

The last meeting held in October was with speaker Todd Smith about the “Bounce Back Maine” project that helps people who have lost all belongings due to a fire.
GFWC Semper Fidelis members have also participated in the GFWC Juniors Advocate program “Stick Your Neck Out” to help children needs. Fifty-Seven gently used/new books were collected, individually placed in Ziplock bags with a book mark and placed in a basket labeled to take and keep free of charge. This is being supported by our local laundromat and is placed on their counter. This will be an ongoing project as books will be replenished.

The GFWC NER Conference was not held in-person but didn’t stop wonderful participation ideas! The GFWC Massachusetts Juniors held a ‘lip sync’ contest and a few of our members answered the call to perform ‘A Lion Sleeps Tonight’ in costume and in-sync!

We are looking forward to our first ‘Zoom’ meeting in November and are actively working on fundraising events!

Love to all!
Maureen Provencal – President

GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club – Northern District

Summer has always been a busy time for our members. Members have been involved as volunteers at Lakewood Theater, Concerts in Coburn Park, and the many other outreach community programs. That was before COVID-19! This summer, with the cancellation of many community activities, our contact was limited to weekly ZOOM “how are you doing” social events.

The GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club held a final planning meeting on September 9th via ZOOM... thanks to our “tech support person”, June Nickerson-Hovey. All members were invited to give their input regarding the budget, future programs, committees they would be willing to serve on, and their COVID 19 concerns. 7 members joined the discussion. Deborah Burnham and other members who had attended the GFWC Maine Planning Meeting reported on some of the information received at the meeting. As a result, a survey was taken regarding their possible attendance at a “regular in person” meeting. Members did not feel it would be wise at this time.

As October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, members made purple bows that were attached to the gates of Coburn Park as a reminder of the problem that exists in all communities in Maine.

The first official meeting of the GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club was held on October 14th. Again, the format was a virtual ZOOM meeting. 8 members attended. During the meeting, the 2020-2021 Budget was approved and corrections to the Club Program was made. These will be distributed, when printed, to all members and to GFWC Maine Officers.

Our speaker for the October meeting was Lisa Landry from the Redington-Fairfield Hospital. She reported on the steps taken by the hospital to make sure all of the surrounding communities had a facility that they would be able to come to and receive the best care possible during this pandemic. Questions were taken from those members on ZOOM and answered completely and honestly.

Members were reminded of the October 24th GFWC Maine Fall Conference which was to held as a virtual ZOOM meeting. Members were encouraged to attend. The meeting ended with an “In Remembrance” program honoring those who have lost important family members during this past year, followed by the Club Collect.
Coming planned events include a newsletter to keep members informed, a “Housewarming Basket” for the Togus VA, and a November 11th ZOOM meeting.
A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE...STAY SAFE!
Billie Sherman – Co President

**GFWC Castine Woman’s Club** – Northern District

The Castine Woman’s Club has been busy hunkering down and keeping safe this fall while exploring ideas to contribute to and support community projects and needs. CWC has decided to not hold meetings since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A couple of CWC members attended the recent insightful GFWC Maine Fall Conference on Zoom. CWC is excited to explore projects for children in line with the GFWC Maine President’s Project. This year, CWC supported local children by purchasing new magazine subscriptions for the children’s section of the local Witherle Library. This is a new library initiative to make magazines available to local children.

CWC provided funding once again to sponsor a movie at the Bucksport Alamo Theater in support of Northeast Historic Film.

As always, CWC is busy spreading “Sunshine” with cards, calls, food, and flowers to members experiencing isolation, health, and family challenges.

To think, last November the Club was busy baking pies and hosting the annual Election Day Bake Sale. Due to the pandemic, this year’s November Bake Sale was canceled.

In these strange and challenging pandemic days, CWC wishes you a safe and healthy holiday season and hopes for a better year to come.

Val Taub – President

**Patawa Club** – Northern District

The Patawa Club started this year with a socially-distant social at one of our members' camp in September. It was a lovely day as we sat overlooking the lake and nice to see some members again.

In October, we broadcasted our meeting over zoom and worked on how and which projects to proceed with. One project we decided on was to mail greeting cards to the Veterans Home every month to bring a smile to some of the veterans who cannot have many visitors. It’s a project that can be done from home. Also, we will be making heart pillows again this year for cardiac patients. People can sew and stuff at home and then we will collect them all in February and deliver them to a medical facility.

Caitlin Sullivan – Co-President

**GFWC Gorham Woman’s Club** – Southern District

The Gorham Woman’s Club has been working within the restrictions of staying safe & healthy.

In September the club held their meeting outside at Nancy’s Kenty’s home with guest speaker, GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvais. With just a slight sprinkle it was a good meeting and everyone was pleased to learn about President Carol’s President’s Project.

Mid-September the club held a yard sale at club member Lori Perez-Morse’s home. She had the perfect yard on an active corner & was able to advertise via social media. Club and family members donated items; there was a great turnout for volunteers the day of the sale and $306 was raised from the sale.

The club also held their October meeting at Nancy Kenty’s home and new member Donna Kennie was welcomed to the club.

This year’s club project is to put together “First Night Kits” to be provided to local first responders that can be given to individuals who must leave their homes due to unplanned situations such as domestic violence or loss/damage of home. An ad was placed in the Gorham Times asking for contributions from the community and Baxter Memorial Library has agreed to allow a drop off box to be placed in the library.
The Gorham Woman’s Club is being creative in finding ways to have safe meetings and staying active this fall.
Wendy Bowler - President

**GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club – Southern District**

GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club began the club year with a Gathering at Riverbank Park. Many of the members had not seen each other in person since March. We also celebrated Marian Sturtevant’s 94th Birthday! Our regular meetings began on September 15th both in person and via Zoom and have continued on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Speakers have been member centered with Michele Fosnacht’s program “How Are We Surviving the Pandemic” and Beth Turner’s program on Maine’s 200th Birthday. We welcomed a new member, Joanne Morgan, at our October 20th meeting. Joanne loves to volunteer. She’ll fit right in! Members have worn **PINK** for Breast Cancer Awareness and **PURPLE** for Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention. The club was introduced to a REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR. The idea is to donate one nonperishable food item for 24 days to then donate to a food pantry. Members are collaborating on the items to fill the boxes. One member and her family have collected 9 boxes of food for the Wayside Food in Westbrook. Members have been encouraged to register on the Member Portal at [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) to take advantage of the many resources of GFWC and to register for the GFWC NER Fall Conference, the GFWC Maine Fall Conference and the Legislative Action Center. To keep club members connected and learn a little more about each other we are doing **SECRET SISTERS**. Members complete a survey and are randomly assigned a **SISTER**. Members can send a card, a small gift or baked goods to her **SECRET SISTER**. Items can also be brought to the meeting and left for her **SISTER**. The survey has revealed the favorite dessert is pie; the favorite holiday is Christmas and the most birthdays are in April! Due to the restrictions of COVID we have cancelled our very popular Lobster Roll Lunch but we are getting creative. We are raffling a quilt. Check the GFWC Maine Westbrook Woman’s Club Facebook page for details. Some members play Mah Jong weekly and contribute $1.00 each time they play. The money raised will be donated to the Elder Abuse
Scholarship. Our mantra for this year is to Be Flexible! Change is inevitable this year so we are doing what works best for the health of our members.
Elaine A. Brickman - President

21 Club of Kezar Falls – Southern District

We had high hopes this summer that we might be able to hold socially distanced meetings, but the majority of our group is uncomfortable doing so. We did meet once outside in September to pass out club books, explain our “keep in touch project” and vote on those activities we can still do socially distanced for those who are comfortable. Obviously, this doesn’t include our normal fundraisers, so we hope this doesn’t last into the spring when our club hopes to celebrate our 100th birthday. In place of meetings, we have a keep in touch project. Using our membership list each member will write to a different member every month according to the directions provided. This idea was well received by member’s, especially those without email. Our best wishes for a safe Rest of the year to everyone.
Mary Hannaford – President

GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District

The GFWC Research Club of Limerick met in September after a summer hiatus due to Covid-19. Because the club is situated in a small town, we are fortunate enough to have access to the Limerick Town Hall for no cost. This space is large enough to accommodate us masked and with proper social distance so we are able to meet in-person.
Our September meeting was a planning meeting. Using “forced choice analysis” club members were led by Co-President Gloria Leveillee in an exercise to determine what we really wanted to focus on this year. After much thought and discussion, we decided to focus on nine projects which include Sunshine Fund, Veterans’ Gifts, MHS Homeless Students, Girls’ State, Maine Youth Leadership, Caring Unlimited, Clynk Fundraiser, Tree Lighting/Carol Sing and the Christmas Bow Fund Raiser. A lead person volunteered for each of these projects for the upcoming club year. In addition, we decided to limit our club meetings to eight rather than ten - four months in the fall, and four months in the spring.
The Executive Board met before the October meeting, and planned out our year’s programs. Due to Covid and the uncertainty of the upcoming year, this necessitated some real creativity. Eight programs were planned out, and one of our club members, Trula Woods, volunteered to put the club booklet together. Because we eliminated seven of our projects, our program in October was “A Memorial Service for Club Projects Laid to Rest”. It certainly was a memorable evening as “mourners” recalled memories of club participation in each of these projects. There were quite a few “tears”, and “hysterical sobs” but quite a few laughs, too.
For November, Co-President Sally Manchester and Jeanine Housley will provide greeting card kits in order for members to make Christmas cards together. We hope to give these cards to the residents of the Maine Veteran’s Home to send to their family and friends.
We plan to continue to assess each month whether or not it is safe to continue meeting face to face - or really, mask to mask. The safety of our members is of top concern, but while we can, it sure is nice to see one another with smiling eyes.
Gloria Leveillee – Co-President
GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers

GFWC Juniorette “Community Service Trailblazers” planned their next few meetings. While socially distanced to enjoy pizza; then off to shop for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. They picked a boy 5 to 9 and a girl 2 to 4. Last year the boxes went to a small country in Africa.

* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *

Delegates Fund

The GFWC Maine Delegates Fund was established to help defray the costs of the outgoing Maine President’s Convention expenses. The funds used are from the interest of the fund. I understand that most chapters have pared down their budgets this year. If your club can donate to the fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Please stay safe.

June Nickerson-Hovey - Chairman

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Billie Sherman of GFWC Skowhegan Women’s Club hanging purple ribbons for Domestic Violence Awareness

Sherry Campbell GFWC 21 Club of Kezar Falls recognized GFWC Gold Pin Recipient! Congratulations Sherry!
November 12, 2020: Veteran’s Day
January 8, 2021: GFWC Maine Reports Due
February 1, 2021: LEADS Application Due
May 13 - 14, 2021: GFWC Maine Spring convention
Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, Maine
June 1, 2021: Jennie June Award Application Due
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Sweet Dreams Project
Monetary donations:
Payable to: Skowhegan Federated Church
PO Box 504
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Memo: Sweet Dream

Pine Tree Notes submission dates:
January 10, 2021
March 6, 2021
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