Greetings to all GFWC Maine club women. I hope you are all enjoying this wonderful weather we have been having, and are rested and raring to go for the next club year.

It doesn’t seem possible we have started the second year of the 2018-2020 Administration. GFWC Maine accomplished many of our goals in the first year, and I have no doubt, thanks to all of you, we will be sponsoring a complete bus tour in Washington, DC for Maine veterans on an Honor Flight Maine mission by next spring.

Nine members of GFWC Maine plus one guest attended the GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas in June, and a wonderful time was had by all! Great speakers, great food, and top-notch entertainment. We are excited to share what we learned from the speakers, breakout sessions and from other club women across the country at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference.

More about the Fall Conference, which will be held on October 19th at the Senator Inn in Augusta. This will be a one-day meeting, packed with information to help excel your clubs into the future. As part of this meeting, there will be a presentation on the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, along with a Suffragist Hat Contest for members – should be a lot of fun! Encourage members of your Club to attend this function. It will be a wonderful experience for you and for them. Watch for the “Call” in the next issue of the Pine Tree Notes.

Also, the GFWC New England Region Conference is coming right up – being held in Nashua, New Hampshire October 4 – 6th. Information on this Conference should be available to you within the next couple of weeks.

There has been a change in leadership on the GFWC Maine Executive Committee. Marjorie Pfeiffer will be filling in as GFWC Maine Treasurer for the remainder of this administration. I want to personally thank Marge for stepping up in our time of need.

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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2019 LEADS CANDIDATE

GFWC Maine 2019 LEADS Graduate  
Karie Watson!  
Karie attended the GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas for her leadership training!  
Congratulations Karie!
GFWC Maine Spring Convention Photos

Dr Seuss book donations with no-sew pillows

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- Leadership Award: GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
- Membership award: GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
- LEADS Candidate: Karie Watson - GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
- The Carolyn Lombardi Trophy: GFWC Semper Fidelis Club

Scrapbook awards: 1st place – GFWC MIOSAC and GFWC Research Club ~ 2nd place – GFWC Gorham Women’s Club and GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club

Elder Abuse Scholarship Recipient!

The presentation of a $1000 scholarship check, on behalf of GFWC Maine, went to Emily Belanger, a 2019 graduate from Morse High School in Sagadahoc County. Emily was the first-place winner in the scholarship essay contest. The presentation was held at the Maine State House Welcome Center, Augusta. GFWC Maine and the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention have partnered together to make the scholarship happen. This is the 4th year working together and providing the scholarship. These funds are donated by dedicated club members from GFWC Maine. Thank you GFWC Maine, the Maine Council for ELDER ABUSE and Legal Services for the Elderly for your commitment to this worthwhile program.
The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is one of the oldest and largest women’s volunteer organization. GFWC Clubwomen serve communities in all 50 states and in over a dozen countries. One of the most notable goals we have is to ensure this noble tradition continues. New GFWC members can be found everywhere we go – the key is to share GFWC with all of them. Getting new members takes enthusiasm, creativity, determination and a very good plan. Every suggestion offered is just that – a suggestion. Each community and each club are unique. Adopt or adapt ideas to best suit your situation. Use your imagination, and most importantly. HAVE FUN! Introducing women to the personal rewards of membership and extending to communities the benefits of GFWC programs will guarantee that GFWC not only survives but thrives. Recruitment is like planting a tree from a seed. The seed demonstrates that we are all grafted from many diverse backgrounds and because of that diversity we all have something unique to contribute to our clubs and GFWC. Host events, invite prospects to your meetings, ask members to each bring a friend focusing on bringing in women from different groups within your community. All members of your club are encouraged to be involved in the recruitment of new members. Set a goal, have a program, brag about your past events, invite, welcome, introduce, listen and share.....

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

Epsilon Sigma Omicron - ESO

ESO provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO goals include:

- Encouraging clubwomen’s pursuit of higher education
- Creating an additional means to unite women in volunteerism
- Developing a support network for women returning to school
- Improving current and develop new study skills
- Stimulating systematic home reading and study with minimal supervision
- Encouraging the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries
- Encouraging the formation of reading/study/discussion groups

Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. The program provides membership, awards and certificates, pins, reading lists, and a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs combine club programming with ESO related activities, such as reading awareness and book promotion.

Please contact the ESO Chairman for the most current reading list, current categories and report form.

Marjorie Coburn-Black ESO Chairman – 207-474-5963 - mhb770@outdrs.net
I hope you are all enjoying the summer months. We got off to a slow start, but I believe we are making up for it now! I sincerely hope you are taking time for yourselves to spend with family and friends before you prepare to begin another club year of service to your communities, counties, state, nation and the world as we all begin a new GFWC Maine club year.

Before we begin our 2019-2020 club year, we need to take time to consider what being a good leader is all about in our Federation. It isn’t an easy task! While a leader’s actions may be scrutinized when things are going wrong, it is their leadership qualities that shine through in the worst of times. It is these same qualities that clubwomen look up to, respect, and work very hard for. This is why it is so important for every club leader to work hard to gain the qualities of great leadership.

The best leaders exhibit certain qualities that make them hugely successful. The following are the five attributes of some of today’s truly great GFWC leaders.

1. **Clarity**
   Leaders are clear and concise at all times. There is no question of their vision and what needs to be accomplished. This gives our clubwomen the opportunity to digest their club’s goals, and decide whether or not they will support the common goal and good for all. In general terms, very few people know what they want, much less how to get there, so they will generally gravitate towards those who appear to have a clear picture in mind of how the outcome of a project or fundraiser may be best achieved.

2. **Decisiveness**
   Once your club members have made up their minds, don’t let them hesitate to commit. It’s all hands-on deck! Most clubwomen will show great consistency with their decisions, rarely backing out or changing their minds unless it is deemed absolutely necessary. Remember, being decisive shows commitment, a quality very high in demand for a great leader.

3. **Courage**
   Boldness is both something you can develop and something that is blessed as a virtue. Although some clubwomen are naturally more fearless than others, practicing how to be fearless—or at least project fearlessness—is a completely doable task, one many have practiced to achieve in order to fulfill their role as an amazing leader.

4. **Passion**
   There is nothing more inspirational than seeing someone who cares about what they do. The best leaders exhibit boundless energy and passion for what they do for GFWC. Please don’t ever be shy about your passion for GFWC, GFWC Maine, or your club. As long as you are passionate about your organization on any level, that certain passion will shine through, and people will notice and follow your example.

5. **Humility**
   While confidence is a very attractive trait in leaders, there is nothing like a humble character for creating persona. Great leaders admit when they are wrong and take criticism as an opportunity for growth. Never be afraid to show the world how grateful you are to be where you are and who you are. This, in turn, will demonstrate how much you deserve the leadership role you are in to promote GFWC in your state, county and your community.

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

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**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.
Fall is nearly upon us and it is time to think about what we, as GFWC ME members, should try to accomplish this coming year. In thinking about this, here is information from GFWC pertaining to the Grand Initiatives that GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Brock challenged members for goals to strive for within their clubs.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service**: the goal was 1000 projects...789 projects were reported.
- **Women in the Military**: the goal was for 1000 service opportunities at local military bases, especially ones that benefit the women who serve...goal was for 1000 projects...799 were reported.
- **Million Dollar Club**: the goal was for 1000 clubwomen to donate $1000 to the Capital Campaign. 99 were reported.
- **Legislative Action Center**: the goal was for 1000 members to join the Legislative Action Center. 1594 members joined and the **new goal is to have 2500 members join the LAC**
- **Arbor Day**: the goal was to plant 1000 trees, GFWC-wide. 17,811 trees were planted and the **new goal is for 20,000 trees to be planted.**
- **Soles4Soul**: the goal was for 1000 pairs of shoes to be donated by clubs. It was reported that 36,763 pairs were donated. **The new goal is for 40,000 pairs of shoes to be donated to Souls4Souls and Nike Reuse-1-shoe program.**
- **Dr. Seuss**: The goal was for 1000 children's books to be donated in honor of Dr. Seuss on his birthday to schools in need. It was reported that 50716 books were donated. **The new goal is for 55,000 books to be donated to local city schools and day care centers.**

GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock has also announce the “Three Brand Initiatives” designed to increase GFWC’s visibility through legislative action.

- **Brand Initiative # 1**: Make 1000 calls or emails to United States Representatives on **September 23, 2019** urging passage of Miranda's Law HR 2793. (see below)
- **Brand Initiative #2**: Make 1000 calls or emails to United States Senators and Representatives on **October 23, 2019**, urging passage of the 3D Printed Gun Safety ACT of 2019. (see below)
- **Brand Initiative #3**: Put in place 1000 club/state projects to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women winning the right to vote on **August 26, 2020**.

Clubwomen have already proven what they can accomplish when a goal is set before them. More than a number on a page, these totals reflect the real people who benefit from GFWC's volunteer spirit. **Keep that spirit high!**

Marjorie Pfeiffer, Public Issues Chairman

**Federal - S 1831**
3D Gun Safety Act of 2019
Introduced June 13, 2019
Description
This bill prohibits the distribution of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms. Because 3D printing allows individuals to make their own firearms out of plastic, they may be able to evade detection by metal detectors at security checkpoints.

**Federal - S 1787**
Miranda’s Law
Introduced June 11, 2019
Description
Miranda’s Law seeks to;

- Prevent dangerous drivers from obtaining employment as school bus drivers
- Keep unsafe school bus drivers off the road
- Require the Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration agency to implement and monitor a nationwide employer notification service (ENS) for buses.
- Demand automatic notification of driver violations, beyond parking tickets, to school districts and school bus companies within 24 hours

This legislation aims to make the employer notification service mandatory for all school bus drivers across the nation. Under this law, anyone employed as a school bus driver would be required to register with the employer notification service.
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!

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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.
It is time to start thinking about our club programs for the upcoming year and I would like you to consider an idea from Home Life. Home Life helps you to promote a healthy lifestyle, increase awareness, prevention, research and treatment of disease target personal development address the issues of hunger, inadequate housing and homelessness and/or prevent or correct financial difficulties. Program ideas are endless Consider projects that address issues such as women’s health, theft prevention, service dog programs, individuals with disabilities, healthy lifestyles, life skill classes, healthy food choices, cooking classes, childcare and preventing prescription drug abuse.

Please look over the GFWC Club Manual in the Home Life Community Service Program section and consider one of those ideas or include a GFWC Partnership Program idea. Those being: Canine Companions for Independence; Easter Seals; National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute’s, The Heart Truth; and Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer.

Sally Manchester GFWC Maine Home Life Chairman - sallyhcf@roadrunner.com

Communications and Public Relations is a wonderful tool for clubwomen. Our main goal in communications and public relations will be to get the word out to the public about who we are. We must publicize our clubs’ projects in order to let communities know we exist. We must stress the important things our clubs are a part of and the need that exists for our organization to make the community a better place to live. While recognition or a thank you is not something that clubwomen expect, we are looking for partners to help make our communities a better place. Without communication and public relations, how will the women in your community know that we exist? We are living in a wonderful age where social media is a constant reminder about what is happening in our community. What better way to share your programs and projects?

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman – mraprovincial@me.com

- Aprons and shirts with logo’s
- Banners
- Television spots! https://www.wabi.tv/content/news/Pinwheels
- Newspaper articles
- Magazine articles
- Pamphlets or flyers
- Billboard!
- Facebook and Pinterest!
- Club Advertising! Way to go!
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.

Please consider information meetings, events or support to the awareness of domestic violence… GFWC Maine is proud to sponsor a scholarship under this important project.

A fundraiser is being planned for the GFWC Maine Fall Conference in October at the Senator Inn, Augusta, on the 19th. Would the GFWC Maine Clubs please sponsor a raffle item? Looking for the signature color of purple items! Maybe a basket of purple products such as bath products or candy etc., or some crafters of something quilted of table runners or knitted/crocheted items such as a shawl or mittens, etc….. is there purple wine out there? …. It will be wonderful to see the creativity Clubs come up with. They will be raffled at the close of the conference. Thank you!

Please contact Kathy White - 207-223-5746 or dawklw@gmail.com

ARTS

Let ART Be the Change!
Let’s get involved in the Arts. Refer to the GFWC Manual and the GFWC Maine Directory.

Brainstorm ideas to bring to your meetings. Check out ideas at www.gfwc.org or Google!

Start writing that short story or poem. Bring your camera everywhere and take lots of photos to place in your club scrapbook or enter into GFWC photo contests.

Add one more art program to your club program. It may be audio or visual. Maybe a member likes to read poetry; get her involved as part of a program.

Introduce a program on art for military Veterans. Check on websites such as, ‘healing arts’ resources for Veterans. The American Healing Art Foundation is a non-profit site to promote art classes that are free for veterans. Art has been proven to be therapeutic for their mind, body, and soul. Art helps with rehabilitation by giving a sense of peace. It releases the hurt of war and what they have experienced. The art classes can offer hope as well as encouragement and inspiration.

Research topics for other places that offer art support to Veterans. Be the Art, help for a Veteran.

Be a friend of the Arts.

Barbara Hathaway GFWC Maine ARTS Chairman – bhaway@myfairpoint.net
Castine Woman’s Club – Northern District

Spring and summer just flew by this year for the Castine Woman’s Club!
In May, CWC Secretary Marjie Wheeler presented an inspirational talk “My Own Bag” on making bags for foster kids to transport their belongings. Marjie’s Connecticut weaving group has already taken on this project. Marjie hopes to make this worthwhile endeavor into a future CWC project. At the June meeting, the last meeting of the 2018-2019 year, CWC member Jennifer St. Lawrence gave a fascinating talk on stewardship and adventuring along the Maine Island Trail, a 375-mile water trail for small boaters along Maine’s coast. The trail includes over 200 islands and mainland sites for camping and day use.
CWC monthly meetings are held at and are generously co-hosted with the Wilson Museum. The community is invited and always welcome.
As in years past, CWC participated in the District and State Art Contests. Four Hancock County high schools participated this year. The art contests are always highly anticipated by the students. On June 5, CWC provided desserts again this year for the Maja Trivia contest for Blue Hill peninsula middle schoolers held annually at Wilson Museum. This summer, the Castine community enjoyed the much anticipated CWC annual July 4th Pie Sale featuring delicious blueberry pies homemade by CWC Secretary Marjie Wheeler.
Best wishes to all clubs as summer turns to autumn!
Val Taub – President

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

Greetings from our club to yours! Summer is flying by way too quickly! When the MIOSAC (Modern Ideals of Service and Culture) Club met in May for its fabulous 83rd birthday dinner, it seemed like there was a long stretch between then and the startup of a new club year. Suddenly, it is fast approaching. Although we don’t meet formally in the summer, club members have been busy with our big fundraiser of the year. Every two years we prepare a community business directory, so currently we are soliciting the area businesses for their support. For a nominal fee, the business is listed in the appropriate category with phone number contact information. This includes a wide variety of entities: contractors, lodging, medical, services, restaurants, and retail; I speak from personal experience ~ it is a great resource to have on the refrigerator!! All on a one-page 11 x 17 poster, it is great exposure and very convenient. The fundraising committee worked extremely hard last spring putting together a well-formed plan - each member was given her assignment of which businesses to contact and has had all summer to work on it. The plan is to have it all completed and off to the printers in order for us to distribute the directory to the area businesses and town office, chamber of commerce, etc., at the beginning of 2020!
The Advisory Committee has been working on the plans for this upcoming year. We will be enjoying an informal gathering at the end of August to catch up with each other, to hand out the new program booklets, and last by not least, collect everyone’s completed work for the business directory! In October we will begin our regular bi-monthly meetings, the first and third Tuesdays of the month. We look forward to another productive year and as always, we will strive to gain new members!! Peace!!
Suzanne Raymond – President

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE
GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS club has been busy. In late April, as part of the Pittsfield Bicentennial festivities, the club hosted an ART show. Art in forms from quilts, scriptures, to oils and watercolor paintings were exhibited by residents of Pittsfield and nearby communities at the Universalist Church in Pittsfield. Refreshments were served and ARTS club members served as docents for the event.

July brought another spurt of activity in conjunction with the Pittsfield Egg Festival. On July 8th and 9th, the ARTS club held a wooden egg painting activity at the Pittsfield library. The Pittsfield Friends of the Library purchased wooden eggs that were painted by children and adults as the ARTS club took charge of the event. It was considered a huge success.

On July 12, the ARTS club hosted their annual cheesecake and quiche contest at the ELKs club. Town officials were the judges and there were many entries for them to sample. A lunch consisting of quiche, watermelon and cheesecake was well attended by townspeople and club members considered the event a great fundraiser. The ARTS club calendar committee will be meeting in August to plan the coming year’s meetings.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club – Northern District

GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club revised our by-laws this summer and feel the best change made is beginning our year in October and end in June.

Our Club purchased jean shirts with our name on them as well as aprons; we are hoping they bring about conversation for people to ask who we are and what we do.

If you found yourself in Skowhegan on any Sunday during August you found community members in Coburn Park enjoying music and socializing and with food offering a variety of sandwiches, sweets and drinks, sponsored by GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club.

A focus for the year is extra activities highlighting the ups and downs of the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote. We kicked off the planning meeting by watching fifteen minutes of the Netflix movie, Iron Jawed Angels. THIS was a tease to start the discussion of what activities would be enjoyable to honor and celebrate this momentous event in our country’s history. GFWC women helped move forward this significant change in history and we want to keep the enthusiasm going. Before the summer ends, we will finish the movie.

We found out many organizations are involved in planning 19th Amendment events as well.

Maine has a coordinator for this purpose, Ellen Alderman. Her contact is: www.mainesuffragecentennial.org. Check out what is currently going on and add your event. This site will tell you how your group can add your events to their list.

Deb Burnham - President
What a busy spring and summer we have had! Learning new things about bees and butterflies, hearing what our local police are doing concerning safety in our schools, being told about the programs offered by our local community action group, attending conferences and conventions and holding fundraisers.

Members sponsored a fundraiser at the Miller’s Table called “Pizza with a Purpose”. We made, cooked and served pizza all made from local ingredients, including the flour from the grist mill housed in the same building as the restaurant. We made a percentage of each pizza sold. The pizzas were each given veteran themed names as all proceeds were designated to go to Honor Flight Maine, one of GFWC Maine President Nancy’s special projects. A basket containing Skowhegan themed items was also raffled off.

Art was in the air during March as members collected art selections from our local high schools for inclusion in the Northern District Art Show. The art show was held in conjunction with the Northern District meeting which members attended. The art show showcased the work of some very talented youth from various schools throughout the district and an informative presentation was given by District President Libby Wiers on the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

April saw club busy collecting items for an Easter Basket, getting ready for the Kentucky Derby fundraiser, preparing items for GFWC Maine Spring Convention and deciding upon high school scholarship recipients. The derby fundraiser was again a success allowing us to make a $1,000 donation to Main Street Skowhegan designated for the “River on Fire” Campaign.

May was our Annual Meeting and final meeting of the year. We installed our three new members and honored three other members for their twenty-five years of service. It was announced that club received numerous awards at GFWC Maine Spring Convention for our projects and fundraisers and we were presented the Carolyn Lombardi Travelling Trophy.

We are very proud of our member, Karie Watson, who represented our state at the LEADS seminar at GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas. Semper Fidelis had four members who attended this convention.

We will be partnering with the Skowhegan Lions Club at the Skowhegan State Fair to help them man their food booth. Plans are in the works for an exciting and eventful 2019-2020 club year.

Carol Jarvais – President

Waldoboro Woman’s Club – Southern District

Members of the Waldoboro Woman’s Club have been busy this summer with the Whale of a Sale at the end of June and the Friendship Day “Made in Maine Basket” raffle. The winner was from Fredericksburg, VA and was delighted with the 30-40 items in the basket. Though the final tally of funds raised for scholarships for graduating local high school seniors and continuing education students has not been released, our treasurer estimates that it will be well over $5,000. We’ll know in September.

Our ladies have also been offering their gift of community service for the historic Old German Church during July and August. Ten members serve three-hour shifts as hosts at the church each week day. The group also served at the reception for the Annual Church Service on Sunday, August 4, 2019. Set up outdoors under the trees, the table of finger foods and punch was a delight and gave folks whose ancestors founded and worshipped in the church an opportunity to visit with one another and the trustees who keep the building in good condition.

The summer break has not kept small groups of us from meeting for lunch at The Landing in Rockland in July and at Schooner Landing in Damariscotta in August. The “Breakfast Babes” make it to breakfast each Wednesday, at 9 A.M. at Moody’s Diner in Waldoboro. We are looking forward to a September visit to the Margaret Chase Smith Museum and a luncheon at a recommended local restaurant.

Jean Lawrence – Secretary
GFWC LIVERMORE FALLS WOMEN'S CLUB – Southern District

After a miserable winter, we finally had a meeting in March. Our guest speaker was Steve Maki, owner of Spruce Mtn. Pharmacy. He spoke to us about the services and products his pharmacy offers to their customers. Those include medication therapy management, medication compounding, counseling on selecting Medicare Part D plans, counseling on medication –side effects, interactions with other medications and conditions.

In April we met at the Livermore Town Office and our guest speaker was Fire Chief Don Castonguay. He explained to the group how a thermal imaging camera functions through detecting heat sources. He said that the respond time by the department was 12 minutes. They respond to more accidents on Rt 4 than they do structure fires. Time was given to Don to give a tour of the fire trucks. Fran Berry presented Don stuffed toys that she made to share with children involved in fires and accidents.

Muriel Bowerman and Ruth Gammon asked members to donate Dr. Seuss books to take to the May Convention. Our Club donated $117.00 worth of books.

In May we had a planning meeting for the upcoming year. We broke into small groups to determine what we might like to see happen. Many wonderful ideas were generated and the following are what we decided on. Guest speakers to include Tina Johnson, a Livermore resident providing a home for Veterans, Pets for Vets-Training Service Dogs, Personal and Home Safety and Scams, Gary Desjardin speaking about the Maine Special Olympics, and the Chamber of Commerce. Also planned is a trip to the Bates College Planetarium with lunch at the Green Ladle. We also decided that we would like to have more workshops and Fran Berry will come up with a plan.

In June, we met at Nancy Conant’s home in Hebron for an Ice Cream Social. We also said good-bye to a past president, and coordinator of bake sales and yard sales Lucille Lavoie. She has spent many years volunteering and raising funds for various organizations whether it’s making breads and candies for the Clubs bake sales or cookies for the Washburn-Norlands Living Center or you may find her at the Library volunteering to check books in and out. Lucille was given a GFWC tote bag as appreciation for all she has done and she will be missed by many in the community.

We presented the Spruce Mtn. High School Envirothon Team a check from the proceeds of our June bake sale to help with their upcoming trip to the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon at North Carolina State University, representing the State of Maine at the international competition.

In July, we had a workshop at Fran Berry’s Camp with 9 members making room decorations for the residents of Harris House. Several more workshops will be planned for the coming year.

Our Fall meetings resume again in September and we are looking forward to another great year!

Ellen Young - President

GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District

Our May meeting, our club joined with the 21 Club of Kezar Falls to hear our State President, Nancy Ames. All members enjoyed our time with both clubs and Nancy.

At our June meeting, Heather Labbe of New England Lab Rescue told us about her organization and it’s work which is all volunteer supported. This group has rescued over three thousand dogs. More are waiting for their forever homes. We also had our annual yard sale; this yard sale is time consuming but is one of our most successful fundraisers and raised over $400.00 so the hard work really paid off.

In July we traveled with Jeanine and Bill Housley as they shared their trip down the Danube. Bill narrated his pictures and was enjoyed by all who attended.

In August, members enjoyed giving book reviews and hearing about books we may have never read. The books will be donated to Books Revisited, one of our projects.

Hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference!!

Lovedy Alexander – President
GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers

* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *
The newly formed ‘Juniorette’ Club organized by Linda Lougee and Cheryl Stevens. Look for more happenings with them through the Pine Tree Notes!

Makayla Doherty and Kiley Rackliff

GFWC International Convention Austin, Texas

Our GFWC Leadership!

Some MAINE friends!

‘Fixer Upper’ Waco!

Book signing with Joseph Starita!

Representing GFWC Maine!
The passage of the 19th Amendment was not brought about by a singular event, individual, or group. Instead, it was women and their allies, working together for decades and spanning the turn of a century, who fought and won the constitutional right to vote.

On August 26, 2020, the United States will celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits state and federal governments from denying any citizen the right to vote on the basis of their sex. The motion for women’s suffrage was first submitted to congress in 1878, but its ratification was the culmination of 72 years of formal organizing and the work of thousands of dedicated activists committed to the enfranchisement of women. Although the passage of the 19th amendment granted 26 million American women the right to vote, those protections did not extend to African American, Asian American, Hispanic American or Native American women, among other minority groups. All Americans would not be fully enfranchised until 1965 when the Voting Rights Act was passed; another historic milestone.

After GFWC’s 1914 endorsement of suffrage, GFWC’s publications regularly followed the progress of the movement and the proposed amendment. Featured in this 1915 issue of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Magazine is Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, and her work towards enfranchisement.

October 4 – 6, 2019: New England Region Fall Conference
The Radisson Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire

October 19, 2019: GFWC Maine Fall Conference
The Senator Inn, Augusta, Maine

October 20, 2019: GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club 100th Anniversary Celebration-Fireside Inn & Suites

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

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

Westbrook Woman’s Club will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, October 20 at the Fireside Inn & Suites located at 81 Riverside St., Portland starting at 1:00 pm. Attendance is by reservation. If you would like to attend contact Elaine Brickman at aelainebrick@gmail.com or 732-668-5584. This is a very special occasion for our Club! Your attendance would be appreciated.

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