



PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC MAINE – *A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*

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Warm Greetings to all of you across this great state.

The holidays are behind us, and a new year is upon us. We just had our first significant snowstorm of this winter and the cold temperatures have arrived. I like to take time in January to reflect upon the past year. Personally, 2021 was a good year. It had its ups and downs but, overall, I have nothing to complain about. There was a scare with my husband's health which was addressed, and we continue to live with his new normal. Not what we had planned for, but this is the way life is. My large family is all well, and we were able to be together over Christmas with no

virus spread. I hope you were able to be with loved ones and share holiday happiness as I know many of you were not able to be together last year.

Due to Covid restrictions and mandates I have not been able to visit with all our clubs. I have really missed this. The clubs I have been able to meet with in-person have been most gracious and welcoming. The opportunity to attend in-person meetings and meet all the club members face-to-face is irreplaceable. You know people by having heard their names but to be able to put a face and a personality to the name is what I miss most. I have also attended club meetings via Zoom. Great platform and a game saver which has enabled us to meet and interact in the safety of our own homes. Not the same as in-person but a super alternative. A way to stay connected and get things done. I thank the clubs who have invited me to attend their meetings and I encourage others to contact me. I am available.

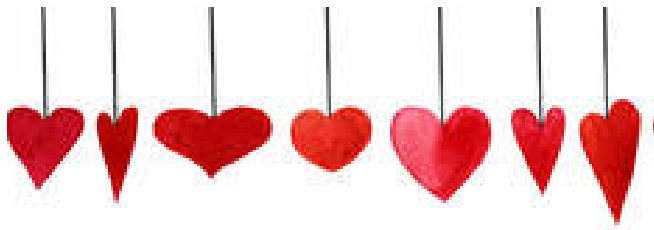
I am looking forward to reading the reports you have prepared about your activities and projects from 2021. Your club statistical form is so important. This form provides GFWC with the numbers necessary to use to obtain grants and to let our affiliate organizations know how much good work your club is doing to help their causes. The reports and narratives let GFWC know what great and exciting things you do to help your communities. These reports afford you recognition and awards which are presented at the state and national levels. This is the only way you have "to toot your own horn" and let everyone know the good you do. Your outreach, programs and projects are so important to your communities. So, keep up the good work and let GFWC Maine and GFWC know who you are and what you do by submitting your reports.

Spring Convention is being planned as an in-person meeting. We all know this may change. The new Omicron variant of Covid-19 is running rampant. Things are changing daily and will continue to do so until this variant has run its course. I am trying to be optimistic hoping this will be the last variant to hit us. I hope you have taken what you believe to be the best course of action for you and your loved ones. Life is a journey, and, like the dragonfly, we must adapt to the day-to-day offerings it provides. This administration has been one of adaptation and you have all handled it very well. Change is not easy especially when it is forced upon you. Keep up the good work you do. It is so appreciated and so needed.

Stay safe, my friends. Living the Volunteer Spirit with You – Carol

Stay connected!

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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



A happy and healthier New Year to each of you!

As we leave 2021 behind us and head into 2022, let's hope that this new year will be an upward turning point in all our lives, and we can look forward to a promising future. Even though our winter months will be with us for a bit longer, we need to be thinking about spring! Spring for many of our clubs reminds us that soon it will be time to be planning for our annual art event to honor our

high school art students. We have been having our art shows virtually during the pandemic and it has worked out very well, so that our young artists can still enter their artwork and be recognized for their creative talent as well as be rewarded.

We, in Westbrook, are most fortunate to have dedicated art teachers at the high school level, which is a plus, and hopefully you all do too. They have been most helpful in showing the art pieces on zoom and thank goodness our judges are tech savvy and can view the artwork and discuss them just as they would do in person. They have invited me to join them and this year the art contest will be on zoom, once again, and I am in hopes that my committee will be able to join me as well. The first, second and third winners and many times an honorary mention winner have been selected and I have mailed them their certificate, ribbon, and monetary award. The art department recognizes all the participants by presenting them a certificate. It's not of course as personal as having them receive their rewards at our spring meeting, but at least they have been recognized, which during this pandemic is certainly a plus for them, and for us as well.

We look forward to our annual art show each spring and feel so very proud of each participating student. Hopefully this might give you an idea about how you could honor these students..

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HEALTH & WELLNESS



We all know that taking care of ourselves is important and especially so during this pandemic. To that end I would like to remind you that February 4, 2022, is **National Wear Red Day**. It is a program launched by the **Heart Truth** in 2002 to raise awareness that heart cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death of women in this country.

It is important that we remind ourselves of the tools we have at hand

to prevent heart disease and stroke, important for us and all the girls in our lives. We are role models and need to set a good example. Please check out the Health and Wellness section of the GFWC Club Manual for some tips. You know what they are; healthy, low-fat eating, exercise, stop smoking, get your checkups.

WEAR RED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022!!!!

Sally Manchester GFWC Maine Health & Wellness Chairman



EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON - ESO



Here we are the start of a new year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed bringing in the new year. So, what have you planned for this year for yourself? I hope it includes reading some wonderful books. Along with that I hope you will decide to take part in the ESO program. I am happy to say 27 awards in this program were presented in 2021.

If you have questions about the ESO program, give me a call or send me an email

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ARTS & CULTURE



Change...This six-letter word describes the year 2022 for this is a year of change!

This was how I started the first Pine Tree Notes I wrote as the current administration took office. Change has been made in how we approach one another, how we meet, and how we carry on our many voluntary activities.

I also asked that **we make 2022...the year of change...a year of growth as unique individuals...a year where we, as an organization, become a better "US"! Everyday...celebrate the wonder of being alive!**

Those things hold true today as we, once again, watch the numbers rise around the state of Maine. A reminder to all members, you are invited to consider entering the GFWC Creative Writing Contests for Club Women as outlined on page 83 of the GFWC Maine Directory 2021-2022! Explore the wonderful world of words! Communicate with those who surround you in today's world and in those who may discover your writing in tomorrow's world.

The same holds true for the GFWC Photography Contest for Clubwomen as outlined on page 84 through page 86 of the GFWC Maine Directory. When we capture a moment of time in a photograph, we capture a feeling or record an event, that will never occur again in the exact same way or with the same intensity. We are communicating!

Stay positive and stay safe!

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Be a Healthy Communicator...

Getting along with other people can be -- and often is -- difficult. However, barriers between and among different individuals can be overcome.

Healthy communication is so much more than talk. It's not experience or talent, but it is a skill that can be developed. Successful communication is about learning how to connect with people. While it may seem like some are just "born with it", the fact is anyone can learn how to make every communication into opportunity for a powerful connection.

The five practices to develop the crucial skill of healthy communicating through connecting include:

- Finding common ground,
- Keeping your communication simple
- Connecting through values
- Inspiring people
- Staying authentic in all your relationships

Brene Brown author, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, defines connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgement; and they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.

Engage your members by asking them what they like and what they dislike. Although we don't like to hear what our members dislike, you should remember you can learn as much from the dislikes as you can from the likes on the direction your club needs to go. Take it a step further and have your club's officers share what they think is going well and what they feel can go better. This open conversation brings members engaged as a vital role in the direction of their club.

Engaged members are more satisfied, will see more value in their membership, and will participate in more activities.

Taking the time to develop and execute a strong communications strategy, one that employs different ideas to effectively to engage your members.

Some ideas may include:

- Club communications
- Websites
- Social media platforms
- Public relations

Let me know how I could help you get started!

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman



Pictured: June Nickerson-Hovey and Billie Sherman

The Delegates Fund Raffle at Fall Conference was a fun table full of homemade and homegrown delights. Jams, pickles, breads, a pie, pumpkins, squash, peppers, apples, 2 bottles of wine and much more. We are pleased to report \$201.00 was earned for this fund dedicated to assist in sending the immediate past president to convention.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM



Blessings and Welcome to 2022!!!

As I am enjoying the sunshine and warm temps here in Florida, I am reminded that this is another year for us to share our blessings with those who are not as fortunate as we are. The work we do supporting the GFWC Maine Signature Program has made a huge impact on our communities so far, but we still have a long way to go.

January 1st- 31st is Human Trafficking month. If your Club has not checked out

how you may be able to help in this important area let me ask you to check out ways you can by looking in your club manual. One way we can support this program is to purchase jewelry from the Starfish organization. GFWC has partnered with the Starfish Project to help those women affected by Human Trafficking. The jewelry is beautiful and made by the survivors.



Or maybe you would be interested in having a speaker come to one of your meetings to inform you on what is happening right here in your community. It is in all our communities, and we need to be aware on what we can do to help.

February 1st - 28th, is Teen Dating Violence awareness month. The theme for TDVAM 2022 is “**Talk About It**”. Talk About It is a call to action to young people and those who support them to engage in meaningful



conversations about healthy relationships and navigate what may be unhealthy or even abusive.

This would be a great project for your Club to plan a teen dating violence forum.

Work with your school or other organizations that would bring the information to our teens. **WE NEED to TALK ABOUT IT** to learn and hopefully give our teens the information they need for healthy relationships.

There are many ways and areas in our Signature Program that we can make a difference. Check out all the possibilities and engage in the one or ones that will work for your membership and communities.

Our State-wide Elder Abuse Essay Scholarship is looking good for our \$1,000. for June. Thank you to all the Clubs and members that have sent in their donation. I am still accepting donations so please mail them to me: Kathy White, 932 Dean Way, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Wouldn't it be amazing if we had 100% participation from our Clubs!!!!

Thank you for all you do! YOU the GFWC Maine Clubwomen are the strength in making our Signature Program a success.

Never, Ever Is There An Excuse for Any Form of Abuse!!

Katherine (Kathy) White GFWC Maine Signature Program Chairman

LEADERSHIP

SET ACHIEVABLE GOALS AND CAST A COMPELLING VISION

I wish to share with you an article written by Suellen Brazil, GFWC 1st Vice President. This is one of the many valuable articles available in the **GFWC Member Portal** under the *Leadership Tool Kit*, available to all GFWC members.

MAKE OUR FUTURE EXTRAORDINARY: GFWC leaders carefully consider our organization's needs and potential leaders with knowledge and skills to move closer to realizing a shared vision.

Surround yourself with the absolute BEST dedicated leaders and volunteers willing to take risks! There are those who do not just want to be “good” - they want to be “GREAT!” So, find them and together forge your path. What makes that difference and how can you move to that level of excellence in Leadership?



GREAT LEADERS:

- Gain a deep knowledge and variety of experiences
- Demonstrate enthusiasm, energy, and creativity
- Are passionate about what they are doing
- Have a deep sense of commitment and responsibility
- Believe in goals and the team's ability to accomplish them
- Take the ordinary and make it extraordinary
- Equip and organize other for success
- Are supportive of the team
- Are flexible and can regroup
- Handle problems or disappointments respectfully
- Use feedback and evaluation as a powerful tool



TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER: Developing a strong vision and planning for success involves consistently sharing the vision with others on our team. Communicate your vision, gain feedback and insight from others, and refine it. Communicate the vision and thinking behind it regularly and remembering to get others on board. This will ensure a shared vision that belongs to everyone. If we want to lead to the next level, we must develop a plan of action. Consider these:

- **Formalize your goals.** Write out your goals. This helps formalize language and creates accountability. Focus on 3 – 5 goals that will ensure your team's maximum impact and then focus on them with great clarity
- **Write SMART goals.** Often goals are not accomplished because they are vague. Goals should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-Based. If goals are well defined, members will know exactly what is desired.
- **Prioritize Goals.** In considering all you want to accomplish; your list may be too long. Do not overwhelm your team by trying to do everything. This may well minimize your overall impact. Determine which goals are essential to achieving the greatest impact while strengthening your organization.
- **Develop Team Ownership.** When setting goals, it is essential to develop enthusiasm for and ownership by leaders. Engage them in discussions and brainstorming. This process will lead to stronger commitment and ownership of the goals.

CREAT UNSTOPPABLE MOMENTUM – VISION CASTING: Average results can be pretty comfortable. The question is: Do you want average results...or *the best* results possible? Vision casting is often considered the privilege of the top officer or leader. To make long-lasting impact, work collaboratively with the leadership team to take your vision to the next level. Define it and the steps necessary. A clear, powerful vision gives others a reason to jump on board. Consider these four steps to effective vision casting:

- **Brainstorm your vision**
- **Determine if it is possible**
- **Commit to a direction**
- **Create an unstoppable momentum**



Create the vision for our future. Connect at some level of the progression daily. Push the momentum, share outcomes, and inspire others to join you. Celebrate accomplishments and recommit to the vision. Take control of circumstances, cast a vision for our future, and move toward the GFWC we were meant to lead!

Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

Club women have been very busy these past couple of months. It has been such a pleasure to be meeting in-person again! Social distancing and wearing masks, we still are doing our part to meet safely, and we are happy as clams to have secured a meeting place for the year.



The MIOSAC Club participated again in the Miracle Tree Event put on by the Builders Club, however it was done differently due to Covid. The Builder's Club is comprised of young people at the local middle school and is affiliated with Kiwanis International. Typically, we supply a tree and decorate it with lots of lovely things and the community comes out and views the **many** trees that are placed there by



businesses and organizations. For safety purposes, this year they held the event on-line. We were glad to provide items to support their project and at one meeting we brought items to donate so they hold their event. We supplied everything from handmade hats, mittens, quilt, afghan, apron, to ornaments, coloring books, gift cards, etc. Collectively we donated \$450 worth of items to support this effort. The Builders Club members decorated ONE tree this year and provided opportunity to purchase tickets on an on-line platform. Ticket buyers hoped to win the tree and all the gifts. The young Builders Club members raised over \$2500 to donate toward their various local charities they support. We were so happy to be a part of their success! This ended up being the tree *that kept on giving*. The brother of one of our members won the tree so we became aware that he generously donated it back. A team of teachers planned and organized so that everything was re-gifted to those in need! Absolutely wonderful!

As shared in the previous Pine Tree Notes, we were in the beginning stages of doing our part in supporting the Kiwanis Club Christmas project. With Christmas behind us now, we accomplished what we had in motion. With money donated by members, we were able to adopt 2 children this year. A list was provided by the Kiwanis Club as to the needs and sizes of the children (warm coats and clothing is the priority – and of course a few toys are always added in, too). Several members adopted children on their own as well. At the latest count, it appears we adopted 5 children this year! Our very best news to share is that we have inducted two new members! What a thrill it was to perform the induction ceremony. Presented to our new members are the GFWC membership pin, our club program booklet, the GFWC Maine tri-fold as well as the GFWC tri-fold - to share that we are a local body of volunteers with an outreach and a sisterhood far beyond our little corner of the world. With that happy note, I sign off wishing everyone a great new year ahead.

Suzanne Raymond – President



GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS Club met in September for a pot-luck supper meeting at Raejean Hersey's home. Plans for the coming year were discussed.



Due to concern about Covid, meetings were not held in October and November. A Christmas luncheon was held in December and members brought socks and t-shirts to be given to the Homeless Shelter in Waterville. The club plans to meet during the day, rather than evening, in the months of January, February, and March.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President



GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

Our LWC members were busy during the holidays in November and December. At the November meeting, we were updated on the Pedestrian Crosswalk issue, and were informed that the signage was ready to be installed by the Maine DOT. It was also announced that one of our members had donated 6 face masks to the Club, and which would be handed out to those who wanted one with the caveat being that they contributed to our scholarship fund as payment for the masks. Under New Business, we approved the donation of three Turkey Dinner Baskets from our local IGA to 3 needy

families. Also approved was a donation of gift cards to the "Toys and Treasures" Christmas program in Lubec, which we support each year. Following the Business meeting, we worked on two projects: making Fall table decorations for the residents of the Maine Veterans Home in Machias and tying children's fleece blankets to be donated to local fire departments. At the beginning of December, our members joined with other Lubec organizations for the Community Christmas Dinner for Seniors and Veterans. We supplied desserts for the meal, and several members helped deliver meals, as the pandemic necessitated home delivery for the second year in a row, instead

of an indoor gathering. We had a brief meeting in December where we approved a gift and a presentation to the Lubec Masons for the 200th Anniversary of the Washington Lodge #3 on January 24, 2022. We also approved a donation to a local high school student, who was selected by Healthy Acadia to attend a National Leadership Convention in Washington, D.C. Our meeting concluded with members displaying a favorite Christmas ornament or decoration and sharing its special "history."

We wish all GFWC Maine officers and Clubs a safe and healthy new year as we "hunker down" in Lubec with no meetings until March.

Jeanne Drews – Communications Officer

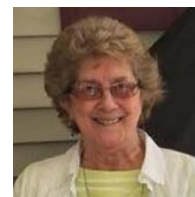


GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club – Northern District

Since the GFWC Maine Fall Conference, the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club has been making attempts at getting "back to normal" in this year of change as the Corona Virus continues to interrupt many of our daily activities. In November, we met for our monthly luncheon at the Heritage House. Since it was Keep America Beautiful Month, our speakers, from Main Street Skowhegan and the Americorps program, gave

us an update on what outdoor programs are available now in community and what is planned for future. I, for one, am looking forward to the “white water” adventures they see happening in Skowhegan on the Kennebec River! The meeting was available to our “snowbirds” and those who could not attend by ZOOM. Our December meeting was a “potluck” luncheon where members were asked to bring a dish that held a significant place in their family celebrations. They were asked to bring the recipe for their dish and a short story about their family gatherings. Lunch was followed with a gift exchange to the child’s story, The Night Before Christmas. Again, our members who were not present were able to join us by ZOOM! On a sad note, we lost a longtime member of the GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club in the passing of Darla L. Pickett on December 14, 2021. She served the Skowhegan area in many ways and was respected by all who she came in contact with. She was a respected reporter, panelist, and host for Channel 11, served as a Skowhegan Selectman and on many boards locally and at the state level. She set a high standard for us to follow and will be missed by many.

Billie Sherman – Co President



GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club held its first mini-LEADS meeting with members participating in various activities which brought much laughter to the room but instilling leadership qualities of ourselves, ending the evening with a strong power posing segment!

The Skowhegan Backpack Program is very important providing food to the area families. Members participated in their ‘November Days of Giving’ and filled 10 boxes of food for families to use over the winter break. Also supporting 2 families at Thanksgiving, providing a holiday meal and a family of 4 boys were sponsored at Christmas, showered with toys, clothes and goodies.

We are continuing to collect wine corks to be sent for recycling and will assist the conservation of forests and oceans. We have fun with this one!!



The Thanksgiving Pie Sale continued its annual run, poinsettia sales, RADA cutlery fundraising, and a new project ‘Paws for a Cause’ was implemented! Paw print ornaments were made when community members brought their dog to Bigelow Brewing where we were set up for print making for a \$10 donation along with pet food for the local animal shelter. Proceeds raised were divided with the shelter and Canine Companions. Take



home kits were provided and photo ops were made available that day. A worthwhile project that we feel will continue to spoil our furry friends!

Ending our year was the annual Christmas Celebration with great food, wine, laughs, gifts, and welcoming 7 new members! Looking forward to 2022; committed to making a difference in the lives of others!

Maureen Provencal – President





The Castine Woman's Club is hunkering down these cold winter days while supporting community projects and needs. CWC has continued to postpone holding meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recent Omicron variant outbreak.

As during past holidays, CWC contributed to "Light Up Castine" in support of the Castine Merchant's Association. A giant tag with personalized message is placed on town lamp posts for each participating local business and organization. The CWC tag wished Happy Holidays from Castine Woman's Club. The funds raised by this project help operate the Castine Visitor's Center.

CWC ended 2021 with annual contributions to community groups such as Families First, Next Step and Shaw Institute. CWC was also pleased to donate funds to the GFWC Maine Elder Abuse Essay Scholarship. In addition, CWC received a donation specifically to support local groups such as Blue Angel (food project), Castine Educational Foundation, Kidspeace, and the Ark Animal Shelter. CWC will continue to distribute hand sanitizers within the community.

As always, CWC continues to spread "Sunshine" with cards, calls, food, and flowers to members experiencing isolation, health, and family challenges.

CWC wishes you all health and happiness in 2022 along with a speedy end to this pandemic! Stay safe out there!



Val Taub – President

Patawa Club – Northern District



The women of PATAWA have tried to be flexible and innovative in how we reach our goals this year. In December, we moved our annual Holiday Auction online with Bidding Owl. This allowed us to continue

the tradition of an auction and share the experience with our family and friends while remaining healthy during a particularly high incidence of COVID.

The ladies of PATAWA also "adopted" two families through WINGS to purchase Christmas gifts for. We were sure to collect items for the children but also to include items that might make the holiday a little warmer for the adults in the households as well. At our December meeting, we had



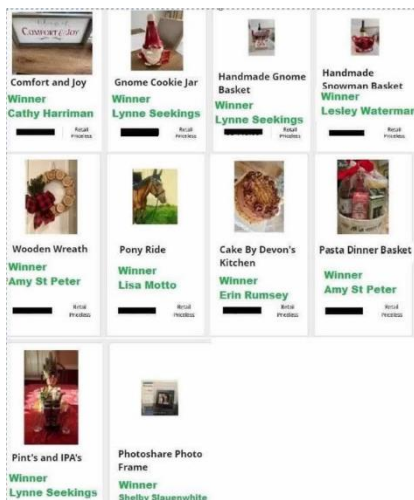
Jenny Gage, of WINGS come to speak to our group about the work that they do and the individuals that they serve.

This month, January, PATAWA is collecting toiletry items to donate to the Shaw House, which is a local organization meeting the needs of homeless, and at-risk

youth in our area.

At our January meeting, Shawna Oliver, a Licensed Life and Wellness Coach, came to speak to the ladies about setting goals for themselves, really thinking about the reasons we select the goals that we do for ourselves, and what might be motivating the reasons we set the goals we do. Although our focus remains on our community and what we can do to give back, we acknowledge that the past two years have also been challenging for the ladies of our group. We have tried to reflect a bit on how we can ensure that we are caring thoughtfully for ourselves as much as those in our communities.

Amanda Cupps –President





The GFWC Newport Woman's Club met in October for the kickoff of the 2021-2022 year. Our September yearly kick-off potluck meeting was postponed due to the Covid surge, and our October meeting was



Deb Ferrell and Sharon Wing

moved to a venue where we could spread out and mask up. The club was anxious to meet and discuss our agenda for the 2021-2022 calendar. Members socialized, and reviewed club business including our successful raffle basket ticket sales at the August Riverwalk Festival. Our ongoing planning for the centennial celebration of our club's 1922 beginning was reviewed. The yearly budget was approved which includes donations to many charities. A lively discussion ensued with Ideas for fundraising both for our yearly needs and for the upcoming 100th celebration of our club's federation.

In November our club met again to discuss our business. Linda Lougee, Club President, let the group know how the Juniores were doing, and more news was shared about the 100th celebration committee progress. Our guest speaker, Maine State Women's Club President Carol Jarvais, inspired us with her personal and club related history, and spoke about her special project, the Pine Tree Camp program on the shores of North Pond in Rome Maine. Members brought wrapped gently used jewelry to donate to our blind auction planned for this meeting. After our formal meeting competitive bidding began and we all had fun exhibiting the jewelry we won. Funds raised will be used to help defray our birthday celebration expenses.

December saw us meeting for our monthly business meeting including planning for our spring Art Contest with Sharon Wing again leading and Jane Briggs and Sandy Allen volunteering to assist Sharon. Afterwards we enjoyed refreshments and an ornament Yankee Swap with oohs and aahs and some swaps too. Everyone left wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deb Ferrell – Secretary



Ann Harwick and Dee Terrio



The Westbrook Woman's Club started the club year with a lunch social at DiMillo's restaurant. We were able to catch up with each other about our summer break. The yearbooks were passed out.

We have programs at our meetings. We have had the following programs, a report from our LEADS representative, Toni, service therapy dogs with Christy Gardner, the Westbrook Animal Refuge League, silent auction, Christmas Baskets for shut-ins, a Holiday tea, and a Christmas social at Bruno's restaurant. Happy New Year to all!

Vivian Newton – President





GFWC Gorham Woman's Club had a great Fall. They had 3 friends join them for their October Potluck Open House meeting. Two ladies joined the club, and the other is very interested.

November's meeting involved making dog toys for a craft fair. The club had a table at a local craft fair with a great turn out by members. Some worked the door as greeters and others manned the table. Members donated handmade crafts to add to the items the club made which created a full table and a good fundraiser.

December Holiday Luncheon at Nancy Kenty's home was also well attended with two of our members being "released" from the Gorham House joining the others.

The club is hoping Winter weather and health conditions allow for continued in-person meetings.

May all stay warm and healthy.

Wendy Bowler –President



21 Club of Kezar Falls – Southern District



21 Club enjoyed a limited return to meeting this year after a year apart. The Club decided to scale back to once-a-month meetings and the church vestry, rather than at members' homes.

Members started the year celebrating its centennial year with a gathering of memories, song, and, yes, cake!

Club was successful in holding its first fundraiser in over a year with an outdoor yard sale in October.

In October, members gathered at History House in Porter to celebrate Maine's Bicentennial and followed up in November with a "So You Think You Know Maine" quiz challenge.

In December, we gathered for a Christmas tea and ornament swap.

21 Club continues to navigate the challenges Covid presents but looks forward to welcoming new members and being able to enjoy each other's company in a more relaxed manner.

All the best to our fellow clubwomen!

Jean Stanley – President

GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers

* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *

The GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trailblazer's participated in the giving tree at the Nokomis High School for the 3rd year. Two names were chosen, and members shopped together for them. One 'need' item (warm coat, shoes, or boots, etc.) and one 'want' item (toys, coloring supplies, etc.). Wishes were filled and their needs were satisfied along with much more.... Two shopping bags overflowing later, we indulged ourselves with hot chocolate, chocolate chip cookies, and great conversation mixed in with a few laughs!

Linda Lougee – Co-Advisor



LEADS – Leadership Education and Development Seminar

It's time to start thinking about attending LEADS. If you are interested in increasing and developing your leadership skills; if you are interested in creating good bonds with fellow club women throughout the country; if you are interested in going to New Orleans & having some of the expenses paid for you - then submit your application to LEADS. Each year one person from each state is selected to attend this great seminar. Why not you?

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman or myself regarding the application and details about this great seminar.

Check out the directory of prior LEADS attendees and talk to them about their experiences.

Apply to be the next LEADS candidate from GFWC Maine - you will learn much & enjoy it!

Thank you
Wendy Bowler - GFWC Maine President-elect



GFWC Maine President's Special Project – Pine Tree Camp

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the iPad Mini raffle, benefiting our Presidents Special Project. Congratulations to our winner, Gail Pooler! Ticket sales totaled \$775.00 for this raffle which all will go to a Pine Tree Camp campership as the iPad was generously donated by my employer Cory Dow at H&R Block Skowhegan. Donations are still rolling in from various Clubs.

If your Club has a donation to make, please mail to:

Karie Watson
40 Jewett Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976.

Thanks again for your generous support!
Karie Watson – GFWC Maine Presidents Special Project Chairman



Please note phone number correction for **Sally Manchester**, member of GFWC Research Club of Limerick

→ **Her phone number is: 207-298-9058**

Please note new email address for **Debra Burnham**, GFWC Maine Recording Secretary

→ **Her new email address is: 197debb@gmail.com**

The snowbirds have landed in a sunny warm location! Please take note of their addresses during the winter months.

→ **Gloria Leveillee**, GFWC Maine Treasurer
726 Stokely Ln
Lakeland, FL 33803



→ **Kathy White**, GFWC Maine Signature Program Chairman
932 Dean Way
Fort Myers, FL 33919

From your GFWC Maine Treasurer:

I would like to thank all the clubs who sent in their dues on time as requested. It may be one of the biggest checks your club issues every year, so I would just like to remind you of some of the benefits that your dues bring your club as a GFWC member.

1. Contribute to the quality of life in your neighborhood and community
2. Gain a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in doing good
3. Explore and sharpen skills that can lead to professional or personal advancement
4. Expand your network of contacts - professional and personal
5. Clubwoman Magazine, a quarterly electronic magazine available for download in the GFWC Member Portal under C Resources for Clubwoman
6. Secure resources both for your personal development and for your club
7. Compete and apply for GFWC awards, contests, and grants
8. Sign up for club officer, event, and general insurance liability coverage
9. Access to GFWC Mediators Program, member-only discounts, and a no annual fee GFWC credit card
10. Access to the Women's History Center to learn about what women have contributed throughout the past century and more
11. Build lifelong friendships
12. Have fun

It's all part of the "benefits of belonging", and when you think of it - it's quite a bargain. I wish you the very best personally and in your club work, as we head towards spring.

Gloria Leveillee – GFWC Maine Treasurer

A MAINE POEM



**IT'S WINTER IN MAINE
AND THE GENTLE BREEZES BLOW
SEVENTY MILE AN HOUR
AT THIRTY-FIVE BELOW**

**OH, HOW I LOVE MAINE
WHEN THE SNOW'S UP TO YOUR BUTT
YOU TAKE A BREATH OF WINTER AIR
AND YOUR NOSE GET FROZEN SHUT.**

**YES, THE WEATHER HERE IS WONDERFUL
SO I GUESS I'LL HANG AROUND
I COULD NEVER LEAVE MAINE
CAUSE I'M FROZEN TO THE GROUND**

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January 1–31, 2022: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January 20, 2022: GFWC Maine Reports Due

January 17, 2022: Martin Luther King, Jr Day

February 1–28, 2022: Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

February 1, 2022: LEADS Application Due (postmarked January 31)

February 4, 2022: National Wear Red Day

February 14, 2022: Valentine's Day

March 2, 2022: Dr Seuss Birthday

April 2, 2022: GFWC Maine Northern District Meeting & Art Show

April 9, 2022: GFWC Maine Southern District Meeting & Art Show

May 5-6, 2022: GFWC Maine Spring Convention
Hilton Garden Inn
Freeport, Maine

June 25-28, 2022: GFWC International Convention
New Orleans, Louisiana



Building a brighter tomorrow... Supporting children today!



Pine Tree Notes submission dates:
March 6, 2022
to:
Maureen Provencal
GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary
mrprovencal81@gmail.com