



PINE TREE NOTES

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

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Helloooo, Maine!!

Can you tell by my greeting I am excited! Why? Because it looks like we are actually going to get to meet in-person in Atlanta and get to see all our GFWC sisters we haven't seen in more than a year. GFWC National Convention is a time of rejuvenation for me. I get to hear what ladies from across the country are doing and bring those projects home to use here. Just to be in a large room filled with like-minded individuals stimulates me to want to do more. The energy is bouncing off the walls! The cancellation of the 2020 national convention meant GFWC President Marian St.Clair missed her installation ceremony. It also meant the fifty state presidents (me included) missed being officially installed. Well, the installation ceremony is going to happen in Atlanta, and I am really looking forward to it.

My excitement doesn't end there. Due to not having the summer Board of Directors meeting in July of 2020 we decided to hold one this year. COVID had loosened her grip and we were able to meet in-person. It was so nice to see everyone and give and receive hugs. The turn-out was super with thirty-six members in attendance. Members of the Executive Committee with help from Leadership Chairman Nancy Ames put on a very informative report writing workshop full of helpful hints to make the process easier.

I am now in the planning stage for Fall Conference. Excited, again! Hope you plan to attend as I would love to see you all. Details of GFWC National Convention and New England Region Conference will be shared. You will hear from our two LEADS graduates. Guest speakers will include a young lady who was the victim of bullying and what she did to turn it into a positive and you will also hear from a teacher who started a foundation to help her community and she will share what it has evolved into. I can't wait to hear their stories. Oh, did I mention the special presentation from our past presidents? And, we will have a visit from a special clubwoman telling us about her club meeting – can't tell you anymore. You will have to be there to hear what she has to say.

The only downer I am experiencing has to do with that dreaded "C" word we have been dealing with for what seems like forever. Just when things are on the uptake and feeling more like normal, COVID lets us know she is not done with us yet. The new Delta variant is spreading through the country like a wildfire. Our young people and the unvaccinated are being hit hard. Please keep them in your thoughts and hope we all come out of this healthy. That being said, plans are moving forward for an in-person conference in October. I will remain positive and keep you informed if plans must be changed. I hope your clubs can meet in-person this coming year. We have been apart for far too long. I know, however your club year goes, you will accomplish wonderful things for your communities. Continue to enjoy the beautiful Maine summer. Stay safe and healthy.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You – Carol

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GFWC Maine 2020-2022 Executive Committee

(picture available when available)



Look inside!

- Community Service Program information
- Our State Clubs news
- Convention updates...
- Dates to remember!
- And more!

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JENNIE AWARD

The 2021 GFWC Maine Jennie award recipient is
GFWC Semper Fidelis member Nancy Ames!



The GFWC JENNIE AWARD honors one club woman from each GFWC region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. Club members are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, region, and national

levels for the Federation's highest honor. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Hi everyone, Just as we thought the pandemic was under control, we all are experiencing a set back with this Delta Variant. As parents are preparing their children to return to school this fall, perhaps you have heard or read how the cost of school clothes and supplies have all greatly sky rocketed. I imagine many of you are still teaching or have retired. I am a retired fourth grade teacher and taught English as a second language to immigrants in our Adult Education program. Every year, I purchased folders and school supplies for my students. If any of you can

shop at Dollar General, Walmart or Staples, they all are offering great sales for school necessities. You

might suggest to your club members to purchase scissors, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, composition books, erasers, rulers, and scotch tape and to take them to your first meeting so these supplies may be used in your local elementary school. If you have slightly used Children's books, which are no longer used, include these as well, as most teachers have a reading corner in their classroom. Depending on your school districts' guidelines, check with the schools to see if volunteers will be welcome this year, and should this be possible, please encourage your members to volunteer. It is truly rewarding to read to children or assist a teacher with projects that need some extra hands. There are so many ways in which we all can help.



Roberta Dutton Morrill GFWC Maine Education Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

What is Public Relations?

- **Activity or job of providing information about a particular person or organization to public so that people will regard that person or organization in a favorable way**
- The relationship between an organization and the public

Has your community 'heard' of GFWC and your Club? Is there an awareness of the accomplishments?

What role do you play in your community?

Does your club have a public relations person or committee? Use your media sources, become involved in legislative business, inform your community who we are...

Use the GFWC Boilerplate in all your communications:

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

Webster Dictionary Says...Public Relations is selling your message and your mission to the public in a positive way.

We do it as volunteers with great rewards and no monetary motivation – it is all from the heart.

Let me know how I could help you get started!

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman



EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON - ESO



ESO On May 20th I attended the GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club meeting at the La Fleurs Restaurant to congratulate and give recognition to two of their members.

Ruth Gammon was presented with a GFWC Hanger Pin with Grosgrain Ribbon and a First Century (100 books read) Certificate and charm and a Second Century (200 books read) Certificate and charm. Well done Ruth!

Muriel Bowerman was presented with a GFWC Hanger Pin with Grosgrain Ribbon, First Century charm, a Second Century charm, a Third Century (300 books read) Certificate and charm, a Fourth Century (400 books read) Certificate and charm and a Fifth Century (500 books read) Certificate and charm. Outstanding Muriel! Needless to say, I was very pleased to be able to do this. For those who are interested in taking part in this program give me a call and I will be more than happy to send you the materials for the program. As we head into the fall and winter seasons think about making time in your schedule for yourself to do some reading.

Marjorie Coburn-Black ESO Chairman – 207-612-6072 - mhb770@outdrs.net



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



It has been reported that the World Health Organization has flown in urgently needed medical supplies to Kabul. There may be other world or national organizations that are working to assist those in Afghanistan with needed supplies. UNICEF USA and Islamic Relief USA are both accepting monetary donations. Islamic Relief USA has offices across the nation where volunteers can assemble boxes of necessities which are then sent to teams for distribution in Afghanistan.

GFWC has several Resolutions on our books that we can use to support refugees and those still in Afghanistan. Those Resolutions are:

015-945 – Refugees RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges all governments to: • Find effective means of reuniting refugee families through the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations; • Provide protection and assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors; • Take actions to provide for the safety and security of refugees, especially women and children.

015-930 – Human Rights RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs calls upon all nations to end human rights abuses and genocide by promoting the rule of law, peace and understanding among all peoples.

015-970 – Totalitarian Aggression RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support efforts to prevent aggressive actions by totalitarian regimes and to implement sanctions against such actions. 015-975 – United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs supports immediate ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); and further RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members and



member clubs to become active supporters of CEDAW ratification by contacting their United States Senators and the White House to urge their support for U.S. ratification.

The full Resolutions can be found on the GFWC website, in the Digital Library.

We can work with each other, national and world organizations, and our government to assist those who remain in Afghanistan. We CAN make a difference

ARTS & CULTURE



This photo says it all! Oh, what stories he could tell!

Shari Carter, GFWC Photography Contest Chairman invites all GFWC Clubwomen to **“Tell Your Story with Photographs.”** In a letter explaining the changes in the Photography Contest for Clubwomen, she quotes Ansel Adams who said: “You don’t make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of

photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved.”

The Rules for the Photography Contest are described in the new GFWC Maine Directory.

Explore **Our World Up Close** as you focus in on a tiny world. For the **Natural Wonders** section, using wide angle lenses, capture panoramic views as you explore magnificent landscapes. For **Reflections**, capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or a mirrored surface that brings back poignant memories or feelings.

And, while you are exploring the world through the lens of a camera, take time to reflect on the past, the present, and the future. Write down your thoughts. Play with words and ideas! But, most of all, WRITE, WRITE, WRITE! Let your thoughts flow on to the paper. You might surprise yourself!

TELL YOUR STORY!



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DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM



Another Club year has begun and as we look back on all our accomplishments from last year, it is time to look ahead on what we can and will do to make an impact with our Signature Program. Returning from the GFWC convention in Atlanta and attending the Signature Program workshop, your Chairman, has lots of information to share. I will be sharing some of the highlights in this PTNs and more will be coming in the future. Let's start with the three most unreported categories in the 2020 reports. They are Military Sexual Assault, Campus Sexual Assault and Elder Abuse. 1. Military Sexual Assault: The

Department of Defense's most recent report estimates almost 21,000 service members were sexually assaulted in 2018. Despite repeated efforts to end sexual harassment and sexual assault in the military it is still on the rise. It is revealed in a study that survivors of sexual assault and harassment are twelve times more likely to suffer retaliation than to see their offender, if in the military, get convicted. Thousands of military careers are lost or destroyed due to this lack of justice. What can we do: • Educate and prepare

members. Get the Information out. • Organize members to contact their Senators and Representatives to encourage them to support reform of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by moving the prosecutorial authority out of the chain of command and vote in favor of Senate Bill 1520, and the Vanessa Guillen Act. Activate letter, postcard or calling campaigns. Maine does not have a Senator that is listed that supports Military Justice Reform. • Go to: protectourdefenders.com website and join for free. Click on ABOUT, scroll down and click on Get Involved. Download and distribute copies to members of: FACTS Sheet on UNITED STATES MILITARY SEXUAL VIOLENCE updated May of 2021. • Organize club members to register and participate in GFWC Legislative Action Center. 2. Campus Sexual Assault (CSA) is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. More than 1 in 4 women attending college are victims of CSA. Almost 7% of college men and 23% of gay/lesbian/transgender students are also victims. What can we do: • If you have a college/university near your club work with the school's Greek Sororities and Fraternities to host a discussion and video viewing on Sexual Assault awareness and Consent Education 101 using the discussion guide and video at https://www.itsonus.org/educational_tools/workshop-materials/ • Coordinate with your local domestic violence shelter/hotline to support their efforts regarding Campus Sexual Assault • If you do not have a college/university near your club: Host a workshop/discussion for parents of high school graduates discussing the need for them to talk honestly with their children, both daughters and sons, about healthy relationships as they begin college. • Educate club members, college bound students and their parents by hosting a screening of "the Hunting Ground", a documentary about the inside story of sexual assault on American College campuses. 3. Elder Abuse: This Chairman is proud of the work that GFWC Maine members have done in the past, supporting the GFWC Maine State-wide High School Essay Scholarship. We are in our 5th year of raising the funds for the \$1,000.00 scholarship that is awarded on World Elder Abuse and Prevention Day, June 15th each year. The scholarship started as a State President's Project in the last year of Marge's administration and ended that year. The following year I continued as the Signature Program's State Chairman. Working with Judy, at the Maine Council on Elder Abuse Prevention, and Jill, at Legal Services for the Elderly, we knew what a wonderful project this would be to have as a state project for the GFWC Maine Signature Program, so it started as a project for the Signature Program and continues today. Please know it no longer continues a state President's Project. For the past five years this is a project we support in our Signature Program and is reported to this chairman as such. This chairman's goal is to see our Clubs include the funds in their annual budget. I ask that you consider this when working on your budgets. • Your chairman is asking once again for your support. Your donation for the scholarship is greatly needed so we can raise the \$1,000 for the 2022 high school essay scholarship. I look forward to the checks filling my mailbox!! I have lots more information to share with you on our Signature Program! I plan to have handouts at our Fall Conference in October so please stop by my table and pick them up. It may give you the information you need on new ways to begin a new and exciting project in your community. Let's get creative!!



Katherine White, GFWC Signature Program Domestic & Sexual Awareness & Prevention Chairman

LEADERSHIP

**SURROUND YOURSELF
WITH THE DREAMERS
AND THE DOERS
THE BELIEVERS
AND THINKERS
BUT MOST OF ALL
SURROUND YOURSELF
WITH THOSE WHO SEE
GREATNESS
WITHIN YOU**

Setting the tone for your organization can be difficult at times, as leadership roles inherently come with demands and a glaring spotlight that can be unforgiving if not handled properly.

Be a leader that you would want to follow.

When setting the tone for your organization always remember to put yourself in your team's shoes first. If you know that members look forward to coming to club meetings, you have taken a great first step in establishing a culture of success. If the opposite is true, your club cultural climate could be headed in the wrong direction. Assess your club's activities and how club members interact

with each other. Do they respect each other's ideas and opinions and work together as a team? Are they invested in the club's projects? Should a new format or ideas be introduced at meetings to increase interest and engagement? Recognize challenges and do not be afraid to propose changes when needed.

Always be accessible.

In setting the tone for your club it is always a good policy to make yourself as accessible as possible to your club members. A collaborative atmosphere where people feel comfortable providing their input on any given topic fosters trust within the club, which contributes greatly to a culture of success.

Always maintain your composure.

Maintaining your composure at all times is a key component to setting a positive tone for any organization. If the leader of a club regularly succumbs to the pressures around her and often loses her composure, you can bet the team around her will follow suit. A cool and levelheaded leader helps to foster a calm, steady culture within the organization.

Stay positive when adversity hits.

It is a given that every club is going to experience adversity. The pandemic of 2020 taught us that! However, maintaining an eye to the future, keeping a positive outlook, and realizing that every setback is only temporary will have a direct impact on how the members around you react. Showing confidence that brighter days lie ahead, which they always do, imbues that confidence in the members around you and goes a long way towards building a positive culture for your club.

Make the mission bigger than yourself or the club.

As the leader of any club, you have the power to inspire. One of the most effective ways to do this is to clearly articulate the mission you have undertaken and what it contributes to the world around you. Whether serving in your club, District, or State Federation, when members fully understand the lasting impact their efforts **will** have, there's a buy-in and a passion for fulfilling the mission that goes a long way towards creating a sustainable culture of success.

In leadership roles, it is impossible not to contribute to the culture within the organizations we serve. Setting the right tone and staying focused on maintaining it over time can, and should, ensure that leadership efforts have a lasting impact.

Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

Membership



The General Federation of Women's Clubs is one of the oldest and largest women's volunteer organization. One of the most notable goals we have is to ensure this noble tradition continues. 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. Getting new members takes

enthusiasm, creativity, determination, and a very good plan.

Recruiting new members should be an ongoing activity. However, some clubs may choose to focus on a single event to invite interested women to learn about the club and GFWC. Ask every member to provide contact information for at least one friend, focusing on bringing in women from different groups within your community. All members of your club must be involved in the recruitment of new members.

How to get the word out – If your recruiting event is public, utilize social media to get the word out. Post to your community's Instagram and Facebook page. If you have a local newspaper, ask them to share the information and to possibly attend the event and write a story on its success! Create flyers to

be posted at your library, community bulletin boards, hair and nail salons, etc. Brainstorm with your members and you will be amazed at all the places you will come up with to share your flyer. A Membership Recruitment Event should be just that – an EVENT! It should be devoted exclusively to the purpose at hand – enticing, encouraging, enlisting potential members to your club. It should not be part of a regularly scheduled club business meeting. The possibilities are bound only by your imagination. Clubs have held teas, high teas, cocktail parties, “Chick Flick” movie nights, paint parties, pool parties, etc. The time will depend on who you are trying to attract to your club. If you are looking for the younger woman, remember she may work outside of the home so an evening event or weekend event may be easier for them to make. If you are looking for retired women, a mid-day event would work perfectly. What about the stay-at-home moms? How about right after carpool drop off in the morning by hosting a “coffee” break event. Whatever is decided, remember the time frame should be reflective of when many club events and meetings may be scheduled. For more ideas on how to organize a Recruitment Event go to www.gfwc.org Member Portal > Resources > M > How to Recruit New GFWC Members.

GFWC has also initiated a Membership contest to encourage new clubs. Any new club formed between July 1, 2020 to February 15, 2022 is eligible to receive fifty dollars.

Elaine Brickman, GFWC Maine Membership Chairman

Delegates Fund



The GFWC Maine Delegates Fund was established to help defray the costs of the outgoing GFWC Maine President's Convention expenses. The money disbursed is from the interest earned from the fund. We will be having a lovely raffle basket at the Fall Conference, so.... come prepared to buy some tickets. If your club is able to donate to the fund this year, it would be greatly appreciated. Please have a good fall and stay safe. See you at the conference.

June Nickerson-Hovey

In the GFWC News And Notes!! August 12, 2021!! Congratulations!!



Volunteers in Action

This week's [GFWC Blog](http://www.gfwc.org) features GFWC Research Club of Limerick (Maine) and GFWC Yucaipa Woman's Club (California). Check out these stories of how clubwomen created fleece-tie blankets to be donated to a local women's domestic violence shelter and hosted a "Christmas in July" donation event to benefit children at Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Have a success story to tell?

Email PR@GFWC.org to have your club project considered for the GFWC Blog.



Living the Volunteer Spirit

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District



This will be short and sweet! I cannot believe that we are approaching the opening of another club year. Where has the summer gone?!? Having had a very sporadic club year last year we are hoping for a steadier schedule for meetings this year. However, since our usual meeting place is still closed due to Covid-19, things are still up in the air.

We held a successful yard sale in July and were thrilled to raise about \$700. We also were glad to share the remainder of our goods with the Kiwanis Club in Milo.

Our most recent project was to purchase school supplies and other items for teachers to have on hand to assist them as they reach out and support children every day. This was initiated by a community member and MIOSAC Club members jumped on board to support this effort. It certainly was a great way to support President Carol's special project as well! Our members generously donated items that were requested by the teachers,



so we know the items will all be put to good use. Pens, pencils, notebooks, plastic cups (water fountains

are not in use, due to COVID), binders, markers, sanitizers, spoons, face masks, etc. We donated over \$200 worth of supplies.

Plans



are being made to schedule our upcoming year. . . and whether we meet often or only once in a while, we will continue to work on projects that help make a difference!!
Suzanne Raymond – President



GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

News from the Easternmost - Our Club had it's first "in person" meeting in May, outside at the Cobscook Shores Red Point Park. All attendees had been fully vaccinated, and it was a very enjoyable meeting. In addition to the business part of the meeting, Art Smalledge, a member of the management team for Cobscook Shores, gave an informative presentation about the park system in Lubec. This was followed by a walk on the Park grounds after adjournment of the meeting.

In June, scholarships were awarded to 3 high school seniors who will be pursuing further education. Also, in cooperation with the Regional Medical Center in Lubec, Leona MacBride Nursing Scholarships were presented to 4 students who are seeking a degree in Nursing. In all, \$5,250 was awarded to local students.

Club members worked together in June and the beginning of July to publicize and organize our July 4th Yard Sale. The hard work paid off with proceeds from the Sale doubling our totals from previous years and helping us to fill the gap left by the pandemic with no major fundraising in 2020. We also started our “500 Raffle” fundraiser and will continue selling tickets until October. These two fundraisers help us support our community activities and scholarship fund. Our officers met in August to plan our programs and agendas for our coming year, September through July with the hope that we’ll be able to continue “in person” meetings.

Jeanne Drews - Communications

GFWC Castine Woman’s Club – Northern District

Fall is in the air! The **Castine Woman’s Club** plans to continue playing it safe this Fall while contributing to and supporting community projects and needs. CWC has decided to not hold meetings since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Club looks forward to resuming meetings when conditions are safer. CWC plans to continue to distribute donated face masks and hand sanitizers within the community. In these challenging pandemic days, CWC applauds all your good works and wishes you cozy and colorful days ahead!

Valerie Taub – President

GFWC Patawa Club – Northern District

Our club is looking forward to a robust year of speakers and civic engagement activities grouped with a drive for growing membership and spreading the word about the great work we do! We held our Annual Fall Social on Sunday to come together and reconnect with one another. There is an incredible energy among our group members to regain ground we lost last year during the challenges of a social group amidst the pandemic. Our first official PATAWA Club meeting will be on October 6th. Jessica Shaw from the Bangor Area



Recovery Network (B.A.R.N.) to come speak to us about the work they do, and we will be collecting items and putting together care baskets for KidsPeace residents. It should be a fantastic year!

Amanda Cupps – President





GFWC Semper Fidelis Club honored anniversary members at our Spring Banquet; Ellen Parker – 50 years, Davida Barter – 45 years, Tina Anzelc – 40 years, Paula Dore – 35 years, Maureen Provencal – 25 years, and Jessica Gilson – 20 years. Pins and flowers were presented.

Our continued commitment to the Education and Libraries program, members donated new or gently used children's books to the two laundromats in our community.

A very long hot summer day brought members to assist the Skowhegan Backpack Food Program, filling 300 food boxes!

The newly formed 'Wine Running Club', a virtual running club that



raised money and awareness to "Stand Up to Cancer" was fulfilled with a walk around the town's river walk and ending at member Billie Clark's new business 'Unwined' for libations

and laughter! Once again, we



helped fellow community organization Lions Club at the Skowhegan State Fair Food Booth.



And the annual appearance to enjoy a play at Lakewood Theater

where 22 of us met for appetizers before and dessert at intermission. The GFWC National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia was represented by GFWC Maine President and GFWC Semper Fidelis member, Carol Jarvais, Nancy Ames, Davida Barter, and Maureen Provencal.



Maureen Provencal – President

GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club – Northern District



The GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club was founded in 1882 and is a charter member of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, which was formed in 1892. The object of this Club, according to the BYLAWS written at that time, "shall be to unite the members for mutual benefit through intellectual cultivation, social enjoyment, and helpfulness to the community." Although we do not officially meet during the summer months, two of our annual fundraising opportunities take place during this time; selling homemade cookies, sandwiches, and drinks in Coburn Park for the weekly concerts during July and August which is followed by Riverfest activities. It is also during this time that



we visit local businesses to solicit ads for the Directory. With our 140th Celebration coming up in the fall of 2022, we are looking forward to a year of active engagement of our members. We have started the year with a “Fall Into Spring” Pie and Spring Bulbs Sale! We have had one “baking day” where 26 apple pies were made, baked, and delivered! Ten members, under the direction of our “master baker” (June Nickerson-Hovey), learned to make prize winning crusts which were filled with delicious apples. Deborah Burnham and Sue Ellen Lexier are chairing the project and their enthusiasm is wonderful as is their organizational skills!



In the meantime, we are offering to members the chance to come and learn new skills every Tuesday. Our emphasis is in on the environment and using resources that are available that can be “re-purposed,” “restored,” and “reused.” Do you want to come and play?

Realizing this is still a period of time when we ALL must be proactive and protected...WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO MASK, SOCIAL DISTANCE, AND GET VACCINATED. STAY SAFE

Billie Sherman – Co President

Waldoboro Woman’s Club – Southern District

During the summer, the Waldoboro Club has been busy selling raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-braided rug made from new woolen material by Club Treasurer Charlotte Gulezian. Since we could not have our usual Whale of a Sale which raises funds for our local scholarships for graduates and continuing ed students, Charlotte put her rug making skills to work and donated a rug, the proceeds of which have gone to the Club’s Scholarship Fund. Other club members have volunteered as hosts at the Old German Church afternoons during July and August and served a collation under the trees on August 1, after the annual church



service. Others have served from June to Labor Day as hosts at the Waldoborough Historical Society. In addition, two members Nancy Gault and Jean Lawrence, without being asked, got



down on their knees deadheading and weeding the garden in front of the Waldoboro Post Office. They shared these words, “We just couldn’t walk by and not start pulling when we visited to pick up our mail. You’d be surprised at the kind words that are offered when folks see two women down on their knees working!” Jean Lawrence – Secretary





The Gorham Woman's Club has been doing their best to stay connected and active.

The club had their annual meeting in May as an outdoor picnic and meeting with one member on the telephone during the business meeting. The June planning meeting was in-person and over the phone as they planned for the upcoming year.



The club had a card making workshop in August. Cards were created and collected that will be donated to a local nursing home, the Veteran's Home in Scarborough and people receiving Meals On Wheels depending on the number of cards made and

collected and whether each group will allow for us to donate the cards. There were cards for all occasions. The club's September meeting included a wonderful presentation by club member, D Brenda Caldwell, regarding cemeteries in Gorham. It was very informative and interesting to everyone.



Next up, a yard sale fundraiser and the October Open House Meeting. Happy Autumn!

Wendy Bowler – President



GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club – Southern District



The Westbrook Woman's Club had their first social gathering on September 7. There were 32 people in attendance at DiMillo's restaurant. We had a wonderful time!

Vivian Newton – President



Building a brighter tomorrow... Supporting children today!



The GFWC Research Club of Limerick did our first "in person" meeting in April 2021. After a 13-month hiatus, we met and made "Linus Blankets" which we then donated to our local women's shelter, "Caring Unlimited". We had a grand time making them, being together and the blankets were very gratefully received. Such a great project.

Sally Manchester – Co-President



GFWC Maine Board of Directors Meeting



July 14, 2021
Tewsbury Hall
Skowhegan, Maine



GFWC International Convention



GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvais with
GFWC Maine Past President Nancy Ames

August 26-30, 2021
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, Georgia



GFWC Croly Laureate – Suzanne Raymond



Nancy, Maureen, Elaine, Toni, Carol, & Deb



Davida & Nancy



Deb, Carol, Davida, Toni, Nancy, Kathy, Maureen, & Elaine



GFWC President Marian St.Clair, GFWC Maine President
Carol Jarvais, & Director of Junior Clubs Kristina Higbee



Dancing it up!



GFWC Leadership Committee Nancy Ames and GFWC
Leadership Chairman Shannon Bailey with GFWC
President Marian St.Clair

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September:	Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month
September 17-19, 2021:	GFWC New England Region Conference Westborough, Massachusetts
October:	Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 10, 2021:	Registration deadline for GFWC Maine Fall Conference
October 16, 2021:	GFWC Maine Fall Conference T&B's Celebration Center Skowhegan, Maine
June 25-28, 2022:	GFWC International Convention New Orleans, Louisiana



Pine Tree Notes submission dates are:

- **October 29th, 2021**
- **January 10th, 2022**
- **March 6th, 2022**



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