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# PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter  
January/February 2007



Changing Lives - Woman to Woman,  
Friend to Friend



## President's Letter

Dear Maine Clubwomen -

It's 2007! I hope that you experienced joyous holidays, and that you are well on your way to accomplishing your New Year resolutions! Did you think to make a resolution concerning your club work? Well, if you haven't, I would like to suggest a few... Challenge yourself to choose just one - because even accomplishing "just one" will make a difference!

### *Why not...*

1. ...resolve to personally be responsible for bringing in one new member to your club. No you don't have to plan some big "membership event" - just say that you yourself will succeed in getting one of your relatives, one of your friends, or one of your acquaintances to join your federated club. Just think what would happen if each member succeeded in attracting "just one"

new member in 2007? *We would double our membership by December 31, 2007.*

*and/or why not..*

2. ...resolve to challenge yourself to do "just one" new thing by volunteering for a club role you have *never* had, or one that you *have not done for a long time*. It's amazing what you can do when you set your mind to do it... why not accept that nomination to be club president? why not challenge yourself to head that committee? why not consider becoming a candidate for state office? *We need your talents - whatever they are - to make this a viable organization.*

*and/or last but not least...*

3. ...resolve to attend, (or to get at least one other person to attend, if you are already a "regular"), a district, state, regional or even an international meeting... Some members attended their *very first* region

meeting this past fall at the Samoset... for others it was their *very first* state conference... talk to any who has gone, and I don't think you'll find anyone who wasn't pleased to be there...*you can do it - and it will be worth your while!*

So, ladies, I challenge you to choose at least one of the above resolutions, or to make up one of your own! Make this resolution a reality as this club year unfolds...

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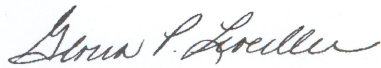
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I wish you all success not only in this resolution, but in the resolutions you have made for yourself in any area for 2007. Stay positive, stay connected and may you be blessed in this upcoming year with peace, prosperity and good health!

In Federation,



Gloria P. Leveillee

# Officers



## President-Elect

Hello Everyone! Christmas has come and gone and still no snow. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. Here are some informational tidbits:

- The LEADS deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope we have a few people apply to attend the LEADS Seminar at the GFWC International Convention in June.
- Club Presidents need to send the news for the Pine Tree Notes to the District President instead of the Corresponding Secretary. I was pleased to see so many dis-

tricts had reported in the last Pine Tree Notes.

- There are two upcoming District Meetings, one in February and the other in March. I am looking forward to attending both meetings. Three other districts have either had their meetings or will be having them in the future. I am in hopes the remaining districts will be able to schedule their meetings as well.

The fact our clubs have been recognized both in our state and by the GFWC demonstrates how much we have done in the last few years. Keep up the good work!

Jane L. Shaw



## Vice President

Today is December 31, 2006, and as I type this article, it is a beautiful, sunny day - the perfect setting to reflect on the past year!

By the time you receive this issue of *Pine Tree Notes*, clubs will have tallied the figures to report the number of volunteers involved, the hours of time and talent donated, the dollars raised . . . and also shared some stories in narrative form of **the many amazing accomplishments of federation club women in the State of Maine**. Although previously printed, (Nov-Dec issue) it is

worth repeating, **Club Presidents** (or other designees) need to send reports **postmarked no later than February 6, 2007**. FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE REFER TO THE NOV-DEC ISSUE. It shall be exciting to read what our clubs are doing - - the many ways we enhance the lives of others!

Soon I will be separating the club reports to send on to the **State Chairmen** so they can prepare a report for their respective department or special project. Chairmen can expect to receive their packet of reports by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairmen's reports must be **postmarked no later than March 15, 2007 and sent to their GFWC counterpart**. Again, for more details, see the Nov-Dec issue of *Pine Tree Notes*.

Serving in this position has allowed me to receive some of your questions about reporting. I hope I have been helpful. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I have dedicated a fair amount of time to trying to sort through the maze of instructions in an attempt to make it a little easier. No way around it though, it still can be very confusing, but please, always remember, we are in this together!!

May we all experience peace, happiness, and much success in all our endeavors! Happy New Year!

Suzanne Raymond





## Treasurer

**Happy New Year to all and Best Wishes for a Healthy 2007.**

Twenty-three clubs have sent in their Club dues. Let us hear from the other six clubs. Most of the members-at-large have sent in their dues. Your cooperation in meeting the deadline is appreciated.

**Club Presidents and/or Treasurers:** Please make out all checks to GFWC/MFMC and then state what project that you wish the funds be credited to: Example: GFWC/MFMC, Care Project. This process would help me to enter the donation in the right account.

**Committee Chairmen:** Please send me the donations you receive for your committee project once a month. The donors will appreciate prompt attention to their checks. Upon receipt of the checks, I will see that the checks are deposited promptly.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Pat Treworgy



## Corresponding Secretary

My thanks to all contributors for your timely submission of articles. Additional thanks for sending submissions by email (either in the email or as an attached Word document). This allows me to cut/paste/edit without having to re-type each article - a definite time-saver for any corresponding secretary.

Again, there are a few Directory corrections. These will be found on the Tidbits page. Keeping all this information as current as possible is appreciated, so continue to send changes to me as they occur.

A tutorial for those gathering the ads that help defray the cost of the Directory is included on Page 18.

A happy and productive 2007 to all!

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## Parliamentary Advisor

A new year has begun. We look fondly back on the past; we look forward to new opportunities and dreams for our future; all the while we realize that we must make today the very best it can be ... as today is really all we have. What a tremendous gift GFMC Maine Federation is to each of us. Think for just a moment what you would miss if you no longer belonged to your Club and the GFMC Maine Federation. Let's remember in this New Year, we have a gift of membership to extend to others with whom we come in contact every day. Let's strive to ensure the life of our Maine Federation by recruiting, retaining and rebuilding our membership. What a wonderful way to begin 2007!

Reminiscing about the past, I would like to share with you a message that was written by Maude MacKenzie when she served as Leona (Noni) McBride's Parliamentary Advisor in 1966-1968. Noni shared this with me and I am grateful to have the opportunity to share Maude's message with our membership today. It shows the wit and humor of our dear Maude.

### **'Rest in Peace'**

"Hearty Greetings are extended to you all from your Parliamentary Advisor. May we, unitedly working together, make our organization stronger



Jennie June Bear with  
Treasurer Pat Treworgy and  
Recording Secretary Marjorie Burton  
at the Marine Museum in Quantico, VA.

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throughout the world from the individual clubs to our State and International Federation of Women's Clubs.

We look to our club presidents for proper leadership in carrying on our business meetings, but we as individuals must also understand the correct motions to make if we are to participate in those meetings and not simply "rest in peace."

The following lines from Alice Sturgis' book on "Learning Parliamentary Procedure" illustrate two of my points:

### **BIG MOMENT**

A brilliant thought has come to me,  
I now recall the rule.  
I'll show them up .. I'll make them see  
That I am not a fool.

My tied-up tongue is loose at last,  
My heart has ceased to pound,  
My momentary fright has passed,  
I calmly look around.

I know precisely how to say  
The thing that in me burned,  
But oh, alas, alackady,  
The meeting has adjourned!

### **REST IN PEACE**

Indefinite postponement is  
A clever little dodge.  
It's often used to do the biz  
In club as well as lodge.  
There's just a trace of hope in it,  
It's surely not the end.  
It seems to live and breathe a bit,  
And yet, my trusting friend,

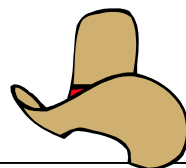
The motion thus postponed that's still  
As something sick in bed,

Instead of being merely ill  
Is just as good as dead."  
- Maude E. MacKenzie

Maude's message that was written 39 years ago still rings true for us today. Parliamentary Procedure holds the test of time. A club that follows the guidelines of their bylaws and procedures is a club that will also hold the test of time. Parliamentary procedure is designed to assist leaders involved with organizations to have quality meetings that result in decisions, not more meetings. Continued success is wished to all Maine clubs with all your meetings being a model meeting ... "Participated in by everybody.. Monopolized by nobody ... and Where everybody is somebody."

HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!!!!

*Kathy White*



### **Cowboy Wisdom...** (... For Leaders?)

If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

- Todd and Jedd Hafer

# District



## **District 1**

We extend a Happy New Year to all club members. May your year be healthy and prosperous. Our clubs have been busy with fund raisers and special Christmas projects. Here is what's going on in our area.

**Cosmopolitan Club of Bath:** They had a successful Yankee Candle fund raiser with proceeds going towards coats, hats, mittens and boots for primary school children in Bath. All members worked very hard for the annual Gingerbread Social and Baked Food Sale held on November 25th. The Club House was decorated beautifully and many people commented on how they enjoy coming to this event. Adding to excitement of these holiday festivities, Emily McMann, a long-standing member of the club, was Mrs. Santa Claus in the Holiday Twinkle Parade. What a great day for Club members and the community at large.

**21 Club of Kezar Falls:** A lovely Christmas party was enjoyed by all. A delicious meal catered by another local club was served and they were entertained by a trio who sang madrigals. For the 3rd year, 21 club helped the Sacopee Valley Health Center pack bags of toys for local families. This has become a favorite event for many of us.

**Research Club of Limerick:** At the 24th annual Christmas tree lighting and sing-



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along, the club served festive cookies and hot cocoa. A children's Christmas gift table was provided by club members where children could purchase inexpensive gifts for their family. The red bow sales netted one thousand dollars which will benefit Caring Unlimited in Limerick. Another favorite project is providing gifts for Veterans. Following these activities the club enjoyed a Christmas Party with a Yankee swap.

## **Gorham Woman's Club:**

During the Holiday Season this club gave to the program called Connection To Kids (a home for six teenagers). They collected art supplies which were on their wish list. Also, money was donated for sports equipment. They are looking forward to their visit with State President Gloria Leveillee in January.

## **Westbrook Woman's**

**Club:** Another successful Lobster roll boxed lunch fund raiser was held in November. Funds will provide for three scholarships. During the Christmas season our club hosted a day at the Festival Of Trees, a community event. We served refreshments and entertained with our own club chorus under the direction of Marion Rich. Again this year, we rang bells for the Salvation Army and presented gifts of fleece blankets and games to Spring Harbor Hospital. We collected donations for the local food pantry.

Evelyn L. Meserve  
President



## **District 2**

The New Year is a time for reflecting on our many accomplishments of the past year and for setting goals for the coming year. Recent activities and fundraisers from the clubs in District 2:

In November **Livermore Falls Women's Club** worked on bone pillows, bags for shut-ins, and squares for afghans. They also started work on an afghan. The club's annual Christmas Lunch was held in conjunction with the local historical society where a "Music Around the World" program was provided by Jerol Ellis and enjoyed by all in attendance. They also collected money and food products for donation to the local food pantry at that time.

The **Madison Woman's Club** focused on literacy in November by sharing their favorite books with the club. In December the Town of Madison celebrated the 100th birthday of the Madison Public Library with the unveiling of the cathedral ceiling that had been hidden with a drop ceiling for over 50 years. The club catered the event with punch, healthy snacks, and some sinful goodies for all to enjoy. The ladies also helped out in December with cookie decorating and caroling with Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies. They ended the year with their Christmas party and made a donation to the Domestic Violence Shelter located in Madison.

For their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year **GFWC/The Dove**

**Society** has a special fundraiser that they want you all to know about. They have designed a Longaberger® basket in honor of Margaret Chase Smith, an Honorary Member of their club, which will be marketed and sold until February 15, 2007. The proceeds for this fundraiser will be going to teacher Larry Ross at the Margaret Chase Smith School in Skowhegan to help defray the expense of an annual trip to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. On this trip Mr. Ross and his students help lay wreaths on the graves of fallen service men and women. The price for the basket is \$65 and a picture of the basket can be viewed on their website at [www.thedovesociety.org](http://www.thedovesociety.org). If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please call Lynnette King at 474-7133 (days) or 474-2926 (evenings).

## **GFWC/Semper Fidelis**

**Club** once again had a successful Thanksgiving Pie Sale. They are now in the process of selling raffle tickets for Longaberger Pottery. The club also adopted a family from the Domestic Violence Shelter and gave a mom and her daughter a very special Christmas.

## **GFWC/Skowhegan**

**Woman's Club** held their December meeting, "Views of the Holidays", at the Heritage House with their Christmas spirit in abundance. Members prepared teddy bears and outfits with special notes attached;

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these special bears were presented to the Emergency Room at Redington-Fairview General Hospital to be given to children. During the month of December, members also had a great time making ornaments for the "Meals on Wheels" recipients at Senior Spectrum.

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** November meeting was a presentation by the Medomak Valley Land Trust about how they protect the special areas in Lincoln County and how to get involved with the group. They had members volunteer at their local food bank and held a bake sale on voting day. In December the club had their annual Christmas party with presents handed out by Santa and a moment of silence for a long-time member, Betty Kimminck, who passed away.

Best wishes for a  
Happy, Healthy, and Wonderful  
New Year!

Karen L. Nelson  
President



### District 3

Our clubs have been very busy throughout the Holidays with projects, speakers, meetings and Christmas parties; but we have also focused on many volunteer activities, both financially and physically. Just this past couple of months, new projects for our Clubs have included: the **GFWC/Outlook Club in Hartland** voted to support Y.A.R.D., a supervised, teen-oriented activity center that has newly opened in the area; **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** collected change each month to help the Domestic Violence Shelter in Madison and supported their local community Christmas project; **GFWC/Newport Woman's Club** has supplied Christmas gifts to a needy family in Newport, helped serve a public Christmas dinner at Pando's restaurant, and wrapped Christmas gifts at Togus Veterans Hospital; **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** adopted three children for their Christmas project and donated soft toys to their local hospital; **GFWC/Miosac Club** adopted

two children through the Kiwanis Community Christmas campaign and insured they had a wonderful Christmas; and the **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** provided a meeting that saw Dr. Ben Kittredge, chairman for the Piscataquis County pandemic flu committee, speak and answer questions about the pandemic flu probability and they also supplied gifts for local teenage children. All of this was accomplished in addition their regular club works. Well done everyone! Domestic violence continues to be a major topic of each club even more so with the loss of a young man in the area who was killed literally by domestic violence.

Jennie June has left our District #3 with our State Recording Secretary, Marj Burton, and is currently on tour of the East Coast with hopes of a visit to Washington DC, WTG Jennie June!

Polly Michaud  
Gerry Richardson  
Co-Presidents

"I can give you a six-word formula for **SUCCESS**:  
Think things through - then follow through."

- Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker,  
WWI Congressional Medal of Honor winner.



## **District 4**

### **The Acadian**

#### **Community Woman's Club**

has supported a local food pantry for the past two years and conducted food drives on their behalf. This small community had 37 children (21% of their school population) utilizing the pantry. The club decided to adopt these children as angels; each member agreed to purchase Christmas gifts for one or two children. The club president sent an e-mail to club members who live away during the winter months inviting them to participate in the project. She and another member sent similar e-mails to their local contacts. When the project was completed, they had received over \$2,000 in cash and many donations of toys and books. They were able to fill the shelves of the pantry with food and personal hygiene items and provide each child with several gifts. This heartwarming project had wonderful results and showed that the Spirit of Christmas was alive and well in their community.

Club members carried on the tradition of decorating roadside trees for Christmas, taking over at the request of the member who could no longer do it alone, with several members each adopting a stretch of road in the community. This has been a wonderful surprise and mystery to residents in the community for years, as no one knew who had been decorating the trees.

The club sold out of cookbooks and has another wonderful fundraising idea in the works. They were pleased to have Gloria Leveillee, GFWC/MFWC President, as a guest speaker at the October meeting. In November, they learned how to make homemade greeting cards, and the December meeting was their annual Christmas party with gift swap, cookie exchange and revealing of secret pals.

In November, the **Hancock Woman's Club** held its annual fundraising Craft Fair which was great for those looking for gifts for family and friends. At the monthly meeting in November, the guest speaker from Hospice was warmly received. December started with a Yankee Swap at the monthly meeting, followed by the annual Mitten Tree at Hancock Grammar School for grade school students K-3. This event was started by the club president's aunt in 1973 and continues to provide mittens to students who happily receive them. Lastly, the Santa Fund provided presents for more than 70 needy children in Hancock. Club members and others from the community participated in shopping, wrapping and finally delivering the gifts on Christmas Eve day.

The **Lubec Woman's Club** enjoyed a wonderful portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt by Betty Duzen at a recent meeting. Since some of this history took place at Campobello Island,

which is their neighbor, it was of special interest to the members.

Members meet in December at the home of Juanita Pressley for their annual potluck luncheon. Instead of exchanging gifts, they brought monetary gifts for the Ronald MacDonald House. At the Senior Social, LWC member Doris Robinson was honored on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Music was provided by local musicians Peter Murphy and Jim O'Neil.

Deb Echart of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension was a recent guest speaker, presenting a program entitled "Share the Germs or Not." She divided the members into three groups and had them wash their hands after they were coated with baby oil and cinnamon. One group washed with cold water, one with hand sanitizer, and one with soap and hot water. The judges decided that those who had used the hot, soapy water had the cleanest hands. She also spoke about food-borne illnesses and stressed the important of safe food preparation.

The **Ursula Penniman Club** has donated more books to the Veterans Home in Machias. They do not meet in January and February.

May you all have a healthy and Happy New Year.

Juanita Pressley  
Lo-An Flettrich  
Co-Presidents





## **District 5**

I had the pleasure of hosting a meeting in December to discuss the possible loss of Our Neighborhood Club of Old Town. District 5 club presidents Glenda Whitney and Fran Savoy joined Cora Paradis, Alida Coates, Katherine White, Nancy Kenty and myself for a brainstorming session on maintaining members and adding new. Hopefully our discussion will lead to a new young women's club in the Old Town-Orono area. Cora is exploring this possibility and we will all help with her effort. It is indeed sad to see one of our oldest clubs disband but with most members in ill health it was inevitable. It would be wonderful to see a new club "rise from the ashes."

**Winterport Woman's Club** had a holiday progressive dinner on December 13<sup>th</sup> at club members' homes. There was so much fun and laughter that two guests want to join the club. Comment from one of the guests was, "We never went out with a group of ladies for a fun time." The January meeting will

be a business and social meeting with a short workshop from Fall Conference. In February, the club will have a spokesperson from Spruce Run. The ladies collected gifts for the boys at Harbor School and their lighted wreaths were up in the Winterport Village for the festive season.

**Patten Women's Club** held its November meeting in the newly constructed Reception Center of the Lumberman's Museum with 18 member and 2 guests present. A craft show of members' Arts and Crafts was held with many beautiful and varied exhibits. A percentage of the sale proceeds was sent to the Elementary School Library. Members each brought gifts or money for "Toys for Tots" in our area. Three more boxes have been sent to local soldiers in Iraq. Raffle tickets were sold on a Christmas tree decorated with \$100 in \$5 dollar bills. Proceeds went to the scholarship fund. Christmas was celebrated at a member's home with a white elephant gift swap and luncheon. Each member brought a gift for the Battered

Women's Shelter in Houlton. A wonderful assortment of gifts and clothing were sent and much appreciated. The shelter manager will attend a future meeting to educate them in the fight against domestic violence

**Patawa Club of Bangor** held another successful holiday dinner and auction December 6<sup>th</sup>. Our President, Gloria Leveillee, attended with her husband. Members voted to contribute some of the proceeds from the auction to Camp Capella. At the November meeting several pairs of fleece mittens were sewn by the members to be given to our teacher-members for those children who might have need of them. Bags of food were collected for Manna's Food Kitchen. Clothing and toys will be donated to several needy families at Christmas. Several members manned the Red Cross booth at the Bangor Mall to wrap gifts. The January meeting will be at the Red Cross Blood Donation Center where members will donate blood.

Lillian Zanchi  
President

"I stopped whining about not having enough time when I realized that we all have 24 hours a day."

- Wanda Rosseland, columnist

# Departments



## ARTS

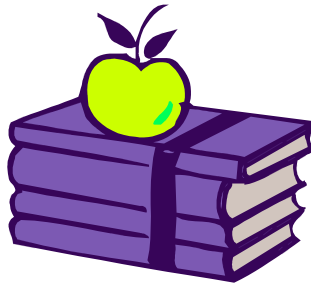
As an artist and art instructor I have been able to see the value of art in each person's life. I have seen the emotions art can evoke and how it can be therapeutic. It can put a smile on your face or a tear in your eye. Clubs from each district have donated to the MFWC Art Department. Your support is much appreciated. Please keep the checks coming. Many thanks to the following clubs: Dove Society, Gorham Women's Club, Lubec, Miosac, Patawa, Semper Fidelis, Westbrook and Winterport Women's Club.

I have asked each District President to ask for one volunteer to help in the Art Department. Please get involved and help with arranging the photo and art exhibits at the spring convention. If you have an interest in the arts, you can put your talent to work and encourage your club members in their pursuit of the arts. E-mail: [bhaway@prexar.com](mailto:bhaway@prexar.com).

District Presidents have guidelines for each Art Department category and should inform

each club. Guidelines are also in the directory on pages 74 through 77 and include deadlines in each category. Put those thoughts on paper, in painting, photography and writing. Let's see what Maine Club Women can do!

Barbara Hathaway  
Chairman



## EDUCATION

EDUCA-

TION....many club members and at least one

club are very active in supporting libraries. Remember school libraries and historical libraries as well as public libraries need our support. Don't forget READ ACROSS AMERICA during the month of March, celebrating the wonderful Dr. Seuss books. These nonsensical words and illustrations created a whole new generation of readers.

ESO... you will be happy to know that the NEW booklist is ready and may be easily accessed by going to

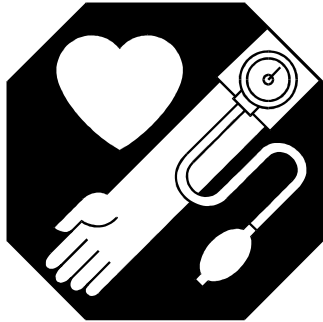
[www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org), scrolling down until you locate the listing...print it off and read the winter away. The old lists are still appropriate and if you have a book suggestion, please let me know.

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Check out [www.SeniorNet.org/books](http://www.SeniorNet.org/books) - an opportunity to discuss books with others, get first-hand suggestions and even a book exchange.

These long winter days after the holidays just beg for self-indulgence. Leave the candies and other treats of the holidays, select a couple good books and involve your mind in life long learning. I promise you that you will not regret it and will probably even enjoy! Happy New Year with lots of good books.

Maxine Russakoff  
Chairman



## **HOME LIFE**

It is the last day of the year and the snow has finally found us. I like the snow for one reason only - it covers up the dust. We will be much healthier in the days to come.

The biggest news: two boxes have been mailed to me on "Know the Sudden Signs of Stroke." These boxes include brochures to pass on to those interested and a video, all you need to present a program at a club or community forum.

Make a New Year's resolution to keep healthy, eat less and smile more!

Corinne Neal  
Chairman

Laughter is God's  
sunshine.



## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

A sincere, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the clubs that sent in their contributions to me for "CARE" and "UNICEF" - and you know who you are, too many to list, but you are just wonderful, caring people. Any contribution, in any amount, for organizations helping out worldwide is greatly appreciated!! Keep'm coming!!! All the fundraising we do locally in our own communities is important, but it's great that you also ACT GLOBALLY for the women who are less fortunate than we are.

Please let me know if any of you would be interested in welcoming a guest speaker from those organizations or from "Plan USA" or "Heifer". A silent auction could be part of such an occasion benefiting the plan of your choice.

Remember, that Plan USA has a contest going on for all federation clubs within their various categories, to donate a minimum of \$ 300.00 thereby being eligible to have their club

put in a drawing, where the winning club can send two women on a trip to any of the countries where Plan USA operates. Coincidentally, Honduras is one of those countries and in a few days I happen to be going there on a mission trip for our church. I hope to find out a little more about the work other organizations do while I'm there. I'm very excited about this trip. Check the next Pine Tree Notes for an overview of my travel experiences.

If someone out there has been on an interesting international trip, perhaps you have a story to share! It could be published in one of the next Pine Tree Notes. Perhaps you have information about Cultural Exchange Programs of any kind, or have stayed in an Elder Hostel overseas. It's not all about donations. Through shared personal experiences we can all learn about different cultures, economy, living conditions, history, and so on..

On Care's website, ([www.care.org](http://www.care.org)) you can order promotional material, there are t-shirts, "I Am Powerful", among the items. Check it out, or let me know if your club is interested.

Contact me with ideas and questions, please, let's make this a lively, successful, educational, year for the Int'l Affairs Department.

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy, Peaceful, Prosperous New Year,

Ruth Dietze  
Chairman  
422-3806

[rdietze@verizon.net](mailto:rdietze@verizon.net)



## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Public Affairs is divided into two programs, Citizenship and Safety. Citizenship includes Veteran's Affairs, Citizen Participation and Historic Preservation. The Safety program includes Community Safety, Home Safety and Vehicle Safety.

At convention we focused on Veteran's Affairs and Citizen Participation. We hope some were able to help wrap gifts at Togus and thank you for purchasing raffle tickets to help sponsor veterans to attend the National Veteran's Golden Age games. A big thanks for the clubs that have donated money for Veteran's Affairs:

GFWC/Miosac Club  
GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club  
GFWC/The Dove Society  
Lubec Woman's Club  
Patawa Club  
Westbrook Woman's Club  
Winterport Woman's Club

We would encourage each club to have a program on safety, especially for the elderly. Proper safety devices help our seniors, which many of us are or are becoming, keep us healthy and allow us to stay in our own homes longer.

After a discussion with a local EMT we would like to offer a safety tip – write a list of your medications and a brief pertinent medical history to place in your purse in case of an accident or illness away from home. This is valuable information for medical responders.

We hope you have included Public Affairs narratives in your reporting. One club in the nation will receive a fifty-dollar (\$50) prize in each division for the most creative project.

Keep safe and be a good citizen. Remember citizen participation is the key to **democracy**.

Muriel Bowerman  
Ruth Gammon  
Chairmen

Dear Lord, please give me...

- A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
- A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;
- A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;
- An understanding heart;
- A sense of humor;
- Time for quiet, silent meditation;
- A feeling of the presence of God;
- The patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

Amen.

- Anonymous,  
A New Year's Prayer



# Committees



## Delegate's Fund

"Thank you" to the following clubs for donating to the Delegate's Fund:

Dexter Women's Literary Club  
Gorham Woman's Club  
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club  
GFWC/The Dove Society  
Lubec Woman's Club  
Skowhegan Woman's Club  
Westbrook Woman's Club  
Winterport Woman's Club

Thanks to your support, the fund has grown by over \$95.

Juanita Pressley  
Chairman



## Educational Loan Fund

### **Note to District Presidents:**

In February, I will be mailing to you information and applications for both the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship and our Interest-Free Loans. I ask that you please distribute these to the high school guidance offices in your district. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me or a member

of the Educational Loan Fund Committee.

Thanks for your help.

Alida Coates  
Chairman

[Alida.Coates@Maine.edu](mailto:Alida.Coates@Maine.edu)

866-2653



## Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is growing all the time. I just get checks out to Pat and more come in. Keep them coming!! I try to get them out once a month so if you haven't received your thank you or canceled check, it will be there soon.

I would like to thank the following clubs for their donations (All are appreciated, large or small.):

GFWC/Miosac Club  
Winterport Woman's Club  
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club  
Lubec Woman's Club  
Westbrook Woman's Club  
GFWC/ The Dove Society  
GFWC/Newport Woman's Club  
GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club

May you find peace, joy, happiness and love in the new year.

Minnie McCormick  
Chairman



## GFWC President's Project -

### Domestic Violence

The color that represents Domestic Violence is purple. Please wear a purple ribbon or bracelet so that you can spread the word about Domestic Violence.

I am asking each club to do something on Domestic Violence in their community and make their members aware of this social ill. I have material such as posters and pamphlets to give away to clubs that want them. I also intend to get more which are specific to our State.

At Spring Convention I will make myself available to answer questions. I will be distributing reading material. I am willing to attend one of your meetings to help disseminate the articles on Domestic Violence and help you with your project. I would be very proud to deliver, to the International President, at our convention, a list of local club activities that have taken place or will be done in the next year. President Jackie will be speaking to us about Domestic Violence.

Statistics tell us that with any group of women, some members are victims of Domestic Violence. If we can help one woman at a time to realize that she is abused and in her own way seek help, we would have met one goal of our project.

Thanks to generous donations from club members supporting the GFWC President's



Special Project : Domestic Violence, GFWC has six \$ 100 Domestic Violence Club Grants available. For an application, see the GFWC Web site or contact the Program Department at (202) 347-3168 or [pnolan@gfwc.org](mailto:pnolan@gfwc.org). I encourage you to apply. You never know, you might be a lucky recipient.

Phyllis Anctil  
Chairman

[pm.anctil@verizon.net](mailto:pm.anctil@verizon.net)

(207) 786-2693

32 Orchard Circle

Lewiston, Maine 04240



## Historian

On 11.25.06 Suzanne Raymond (who brought a trunk load of collected materials, some from Libby Wiers), Alida Coates, and myself met at Fogler Library, Special Collections. We owe thanks and gratitude to Director, Richard Hollinger, and Librarian, Brenda Howitson Steeves, who are advising MFWC on the collection. We contacted WHRC (Women's History and Resource Center at GFWC Headquarters), Women's Studies at Fogler Collection, and various Historical Societies in Maine. **We need your help!**

- Log onto [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org), see WHRC, or email [whrc@gfwc.org](mailto:whrc@gfwc.org), for info on your rich cultural legacy.
- Activate YOUR MFWC LEGACY in the back of your mind. When spring cleaning, scrapbooking, club meeting, have photographs

or find diaries or tapes **make a note of materials** to be donated .

- Step up to the plate to **pass the legacy on** to the next generation. **Bring materials to Spring Conference** to be donated, or have someone bring them.
- We need your concerns, suggestions, and **dedication to preserve our legacy.**

President Gloria

Leveillee, Alida Coates, and myself will meet on 1.20.07 at 10AM at Fogler to view MFWC's Collection and set up 6 month work priorities through Spring convention.

Lo-An Flettrich  
Chairman

768 Ninth Ave.

NYC, NY 10019

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## Maine Youth Leadership (MYL)

MotivateME

Leadership

– Volunteerism –

Character

[www.maine-youth-leadership.org](http://www.maine-youth-leadership.org)

A Freeport High School administrator recently expressed the following to one of our MYL board members:

"Of all the programs made available to our students, Maine Youth Leadership is the most life changing and positive

experience. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from all the returning sophomores over the years and the fact that it is free to the student and to the school is an added bonus. We are very grateful to MYL and to those who work so diligently and generously to make this happen."

What more is there to say? As proud members of GFWC/MFWC, we are supporting a program that is making a major difference in the lives of approximately 120 students each year. The 2007 Seminar will be held on May 31-June 3 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham and there is an open invitation to any club member who wants to drop by during the weekend to observe the impact of our giving.

### **Thank you to:**

Gorham Woman's Club  
Winterport Woman's Club  
Cosmopolitan Club/Bath  
The Arts Club/ Pittsfield  
Dexter Women's Literary Club  
Lubec Woman's Club  
GFWC/The Dove Society  
Research Club of Limerick  
Westbrook Woman's Club  
Newport Women's Club  
Our Neighborhood Club

**... for your generous and dedicated support of this year's ambassadors!**

A full scholarship is \$175, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to:

Gloria Tewhey  
MYL Chairman  
(207)839-4157

[gtewhey@maine.rr.com](mailto:gtewhey@maine.rr.com)



## **Membership**

A new year has started, but Wow, where did 2006 go?

Congratulations go to Waldoboro Woman's Club for 10 New Members and to Lorene Perkins of the Newport Woman's Club who is a 50 year member. These are shining examples of a new beginning - like a Butterfly Cocoon to a beautiful and lovely Butterfly; from seed to maturity. May the new members find volunteerism exciting and satisfying in GFWC/MFWC.

I am looking forward to hearing from each club for membership news.

Have a great spring and I'll see you in May.

Nancy Kenty  
Chairman



Take time to laugh, for it is the music of the soul.



## **MFWC President's Project**

During the 2006-2008 administration, President Gloria is asking clubs to join her in raising \$5,000.00 for the Maine Women's Fund. She also wants you to get involved with organizations and projects that support the work of the Maine Women's Fund. Chances are you may already be doing something.

The Maine Women's Fund is a nonprofit grant making foundation that advances women's rights in Maine. They are a network of women, men, and businesses that care about human rights and social justice. The Maine Women's Fund raises funds and makes grants to women-led organizations that promote the safety, health, economic security, education and leadership of women and girls in Maine.

The Maine Women's Fund mission is "To create a just society by supporting programs, policies, and practices that empower Maine women and girls."

To learn more about this fantastic organization log on to their website at [www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org) or call them at 774-5513. Their office is located in Portland, but the money they raise reaches the far corners of Maine.

There are many ways in which the women of the Maine Federation of Woman's Clubs can achieve the goal of raising \$5,000.00 for Spring Convention 2008:

1. Flat donation from clubs

and/or members.

2. Buying raffle tickets at spring and fall state meetings.

3. Purchasing a Butterfly in honor of a woman or girl in your life.

4. Club participation in the contest entitled "Make Big Changes with Small Change - Painlessly!!"

Information packets were sent to each club president on January 5, 2007. All the details of the above information is in the packet; if your club president did not share this information with your club, ask her for the packet so you can share the information with the other ladies in the club. If further information is needed then call, email, or write me and I will chat with you.

Remember all money and information about the President's Project is sent to me and the checks are made out to MFWC. Have a great New Year and do something special just for you today. Peace and Love to all!!

Ann Marie Wtihee-Heald  
11 Summer Street  
Madison, Maine 04950  
696-3662  
[withit68@yahoo.com](mailto:withit68@yahoo.com)

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If procrastinators had a club, would they have a meeting?

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# Other Information



## The ME in MEetings

Ever wondered what are the benefits of attending your district meeting, the state convention, and/or international convention? Ask yourself "just what's in it for ME?"

Here are just a few things to think about next time your club president asks for members to attend and participate:

### **Training**

Your district and state executive committee members, as well as your department chairmen, are constantly looking for ways to introduce leadership training to new members and prospective leaders for your club, your district and at the state level. These conferences and conventions can be invaluable learning experiences to assist with YOUR club's future.

### **Networking**

Meeting other members from other clubs in your district, around the state, and in our federation, has been the greatest benefit of belonging to GFWC. Finding clubs with problems similar to what you are experiencing, new ideas for projects and programs in your own club and community, and making friends for the future make any meeting a success.



## More Benefits of Belonging

GFWC has partnered with many organizations that will provide free materials to clubs upon request. This is a great way to help the community and save your club money! Listed below are just a few of them! Look in the Club Manual program guides to find more!

### Junior Special Project -

Visit the SunWise website ([www.epa.gov/sunwise](http://www.epa.gov/sunwise)) to download free materials about Kids and Cancer. You may also call 1-800-490-9198 to get printed copies of materials.

### Junior Special Project -

Order 250 free "Suicide in Youth and What You Can Do About It" brochures and 250 "Be a Friend for Life" suicide prevention bookmarks from the GFWC Materials Center. Distribute to schools in your area.

### Home Life - Dollars and

Sense Program - Request GFWC ID Theft Fact Sheet from GFWC Headquarters. Make copies and distribute to your community.

### Home Life - Women's

Health - Order the "My Medicines" brochure, which makes women more aware of safe medication use. Clubs may order 1 - 500 free copies from the Food and Drug Administration

by calling 1-888-878-3256 and asking for item 640F. Available by mail from Consumer Information Center, Department 640F, Pueblo, Colorado 81009, or website [www.fda.gov/womens](http://www.fda.gov/womens).



## "KNOW STROKE"

Community Education Kit  
FREE from GFWC

Every Club President received a copy of this important educational tool provided free from GFWC and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

### **Please open it and use it!**

Use the facilitator's guide found in the kit to plan and publicize stroke programs within your community.

Observe Stroke Awareness Month (May) by showing the video (found in the kit) to your club and community.

Order free materials from NINDS. See your GFWC Club Manual (Home Life Section) for more information.

KNOW STROKE.  
KNOW THE SIGNS.  
ACT IN TIME.



## **Advertising Guidelines**

1. Please do **not** photocopy from a previous directory. Each time you copy, then the secretary scans, the copy quality deteriorates; very small copies, and those not cut perfectly square, are difficult to scan and the edges show on the page. (See pages 97, 103, 106 and 111 for examples.)
2. Some light colors do not copy well in black/white (see pages 94 and 113).
3. Have the business attach computer-generated copy to an email - this can be pasted directly and cleanly into the program (see pages 86, 91 or 122). Have them email it to me with "MFWC directory ad" as the subject line (so it won't get deleted...). Alternatively, a freshly typed or printed copy will reproduce nearly as well when scanned, if they prefer to give you the copy.
4. Most business cards scan well (see pages 99 and 129) unless they have dark-colored cardstock, and most businesses could provide you a card.
5. Please fill out the ad form (there will be new ones at spring convention for 2007-2008) for each advertisement. Enter business and club info at the top, indicate ad size and paperclip form together with payment and ad copy.
6. Each ad for 2006-2007 was scanned separately, so this copy could be copied into the next edition as long as no changes or editing is needed.

# Tidbits



## **Membership Idea!**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Mohnton shares this wonderful membership recruitment idea. They have teamed with a local real estate agency. Each new resident is given a "Welcome Kit" containing information on the club, a letter from the town council, a community map, and so much more. As needed, the club is contacted to provide the kit. This lets new women in town know that there is an organization that is active and wants to meet them.



## **President's Schedule**

January 11 - Gorham Woman's Club  
 February 3 - Winter Executive Board Meeting  
 February 17 - District 3 Meeting in Newport  
 March 12 - Joint Meeting of Old Town Woman's Club and Our Neighborhood Club  
 March 13 - International Luncheon at Waldoboro Woman's Club



## **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards, notes, phone calls and emails following my stroke in October. You are all wonderful.

I realize we have discussed heart and stroke problems in women at our state meetings, but I truly did not intend to be the poster girl to illustrate.

I am doing just fine and I am looking forward to seeing you at spring convention.

Yours in Federation,  
 Muriel Bowerman



## **Directory Corrections**

Phyllis Ancil now has her own email: [pm.ancil@verizon.net](mailto:pm.ancil@verizon.net). Please change this on pages 23, 25 and 26.

On page 32, two emails for the Livermore Falls Women's Club are incorrect:

Lucille Lavoie's should be: [lucilleatcamp@localnet.com](mailto:lucilleatcamp@localnet.com), not ".net"

Gail Slade's should be: [dardena@juno.com](mailto:dardena@juno.com), not "dardina"

On page 59, Member at Large Application: the dues are \$27.00, with \$13.00 to GFWC. (The amount on page 64 is correct.)



## The Margaret Chase Smith Basket

To Commemorate 10 years of volunteer service of GFWC/The Dove Society.

To Honor the first woman elected to both Houses of the United States Congress.

To Support Skowhegan, Maine's Margaret Chase Smith School's yearly trip to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

To Praise Wreaths Across America and the Worcester Wreath Company.

This one-of-a-kind basket is available for a limited time only from The Longaberger® Company through Dove Society Members and coordinated by Independent Longaberger® Consultant Robin Florence. The Margaret Chase Smith basket wears rose tack covers the way Senator Smith wore her red rose on her lapel daily, and is trimmed with a pink trim band topped with red. The MCS Basket comes with a plastic protector insert perfect for housing floral arrangements or office pens, and dons a brushed nickel engraved weave that reads "Margaret Chase Smith, 1897-1995". A commemorative booklet entitled "A Centennial Remembrance" is included with your basket purchase and highlights the 100th Anniversary of Senator Smith's life.

ALL funds raised from the sale of this basket will be donated to support The Margaret Chase Smith School's yearly trip to Arlington National Cemetery hosted by Teacher, Larry Ross. Support Mr. Ross and his red-hatted entourage of students so they may lay wreaths on our soldiers' graves in Virginia; remembering, honoring, and teaching that Freedom is not Free.

**Margaret Chase Smith Basket with protector ... \$65.00**

(Basket measures 4 1/4" diameter by 4 1/4" high)



Orders can be accepted by any Dove Society Member or by calling (207) 474-8132. Preorder yours today complete with payment by Cash or Check (made out to The Dove Society). Orders will be accepted until February 15th, 2007 and should arrive in time for Mother's Day. To learn more visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org> and [www.thedovesociety.org](http://www.thedovesociety.org)

An order form is found on the next page.  
Don't miss this very special opportunity.



**MARGARET CHASE SMITH BASKET ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name Area Code

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street / Apt. #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip Code

**YOUR BASKET CAN BE MAILED FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5 SHIPPING & HANDLING FEE  
PER BASKET!**

☐ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ basket(s) x \$65.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ basket(s) mailed x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will arrange to pick up my basket(s)  
from a Dove Society member = \$\_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

**TOTAL DUE** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to GFWC/The Dove society.**

**Mail Completed Order Form To:**

GFWC/The Dove Society  
PO Box 381  
Skowhegan ME 04976-0381

~ Or ~

Give order from to any Dove Society Member



To Be Completed by GFWC/The Dove Society:

**PAID:** CASH ☐ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ CHECK ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

**GFWC LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**  
**SUBMIT TO STATE FEDERATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

***ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONCEALED DURING  
JUDGING PROCESS***

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List positions at district/state/national level in which you are interested\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to:

- defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- return to the state and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION (date determined by state Federation): **February 1, 2007**

\* If more space is needed, please attach an additional page.

**Return this form, along with 2 letters of support from active GFWC club members to:**

*YOUR DESIGNATED STATE FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE:* **Jane Shaw, President-Elect**  
19 Church Lane  
Marshfield, ME 04654

# GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



114 years of Volunteer Service



*"Changing Lives - Woman to Woman, Friend to Friend"*

Libby Wiers  
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**Pine Tree Notes  
Next Deadline  
March 1, 2007**