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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
January/February 2010



"It Is Better to Give than Receive"



President's Letter

We have made it through another Holiday season. As I write this, another year will be ushered in shortly. It is hard to believe that there are only a few months left before there will be another president of the GFWC/MFWC Federation and a new administration.

Some clubs do not meet in January and February. Remember to report and we may win an award at the GFWC 119th Annual Convention in Omaha in June.

You have all been such a joy to work with during the past two years. It has been wonderful to look forward to the different meetings, GFWC, state, and local club meetings. I only have a very few clubs to visit and I will

have been to see every club and meet those members that I did not know. All the clubs are very community oriented and have done some great work in their communities.

Also, we have been pleased with all the work in the food pantries, donations of food at all the club meetings each month, and the monies that have been given to the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. They have been great to work with. Also thanks to Libby Wiers and Kendra Chubbuck for their hard work on the President's Project, the Food Pantry.

I visited the GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath. They have two men as members of their club. I will be visiting the Patawa Club in February and The Winterport Woman's Club/

GFWC and the GFWC/
Semper Fidelis Club of
Skowhegan in March.

Work and enjoy the reminder of the club year. We can learn a lot by being members of such a large world wide organization. Stay warm.

Yours in Federation,

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Officers



President-Elect

First things first: Happy New Year! Tick tock, tick tock. . . who sped up the clock?? Suddenly 2010 has arrived, Christmas has come and gone, the tree and wrappings are all put away . . . and this officer is busy getting ready for our next administration. As the saying goes, "Out with the old, and in with the new," . . . but not so fast, there's still much to be accomplished under President Jane! Let's not rush it!!

I am very pleased to report that it was an amazing time: the immense training that was provided at *the 2010-2012 Administration Orientation Meeting* was absolutely wonderful. November 11-14, 2009, I was in Arlington, Virginia with GFWC officers, executive committee, region presidents, state presidents and directors of junior clubs, chairmen of the community service programs, along with many others, to help us all be better prepared for our upcoming positions. I enjoyed sitting in on some fantastic training sessions including topics from "public speaking" to "organizing for the future." We worked hard and each of us left with our heads spinning; new friendships were formed and we all brought home wonderful memories. It was delightful touring GFWC Headquarters, includ-

ing the Women's History and Resource Center. As a grand finale to our special time together, many of us joined Carlene Garner, 2010 - 2012 International President, for dinner at historic Gadsby's Tavern. I would never in my wildest imagination have thought I would one day eat at a place where George Washington once dined. It was wonderful - the whole experience!! I'm very grateful for the opportunity.

As I write these words my thoughts include hoping that there are some applications being prepared by some of you in hopes of being Maine's LEADS candidate. I am wondering who our next ambassador will be?!? It is such a great opportunity for someone to attend the Leadership Education and Development Seminar which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 11th. Good luck!

In closing, thanks so much for those who have already accepted a position in the next administration. Things are shaping up, but there are openings still!!! Please don't hesitate to call me or send me an email! We can find just the right thing for you! "Many hands make light work" isn't my planned slogan, however it does seem to be ever present in my thoughts lately.

Again, Happy New Year to each and everyone. May we continue to do our part to help this wonderful organization be stronger and healthier as we forge ahead by bringing in new

members to enjoy what we cherish - - good friendship, fellowship, and dedication to make the world a better place! Peace!

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Vice President

Time passed very quickly in 2009 and the holiday season is over. This time of year brings renewed thoughts of those who have touched our lives in so many wonderful ways throughout the years. It is my hope that 2009 treated you well, and has held many pleasant memories and good health for you and your family. May 2010 bring you many quiet and peaceful moments to fully enjoy the wonders of our winter wonderland, and the promise of a bright and warm spring.

Annual Club reports need to be postmarked no later than January 31, 2010. Please send one copy to me at P.O. Box 623 Dover-Foxcroft, Me. 04426. Send a second copy to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: Program Dept. 1734 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-2990. A third copy should be kept in your club files. The state chairmen can expect to receive their packet from me by February 25, 2010. The chairmen in turn will need to send their report to their GFWC counterpart, postmarked no later than March 15, 2010. There is NO wiggle

room, so please do not procrastinate! If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call me at 717-7576. Reporting forms can be found in the back of your GFWC Club Manual, or downloaded on your computer by going to www.GFWC.org/Forms. You may also report online at www.GFWC.org/Reporting. My e-mail address is jkhbranch09@gmail.com. Narratives are optional, but enhance your clubs chances of recognition at the state and national levels. Narratives are so enjoyable to read and learn from, as we find out what our sister clubs are doing in Maine. If possible, please consider taking the extra time to write down your accomplishments.

Now that the holidays are over, please remember those folks around us who are hungry, cold and in need of a friend. I encourage you to do what you can for your neighbor personally, or as a club, to make their winter days more comfortable. You will be as rewarded in your giving as they are in receiving.

Have a happy and safe winter! I look forward to seeing you all at Spring Convention!!

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Recording Secretary

Happy New Year from your recording secretary! I hope you are wintering well and look forward to seeing you in the spring.

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Corresponding Secretary

Well, here we are in a new year. My wish for you is that this is the best year ever!

It has been suggested to me that the publication deadlines are not entirely clear. While it is nearly the end of this administration, I will list below and will pass on your suggestions to the next Corresponding Secretary.

The deadlines have been August 1, November 1, early January (right after the holiday), and March 1 for as long as I can remember. Club Presidents should send things to the District President for her district summary prior to those dates to give her time to do her job. Additionally, the next deadline is always printed on the address page of the current issue. Hope this clarifies a bit.

For the next issue, that March 1 deadline is “etched in stone”. The printer is busy with town reports and has little leeway if I am late. Spring Convention is early, so newsletters must be in the mail by the March 25. Between the 1st and the 25th, I must edit, she must print, then I must fold, label, stamp and mail. Your cooperation is anticipated.

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District News



District 1

The **GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club** held a Christmas auction and was moderately successful in bringing in needed funds. Their next effort will be selling goodies at Gorham's New Year celebration which they hope will give them more exposure to the community, one of their goals this year. Programs lined up for Jan. and Feb. include a talk by a Gorham police officer on abuse in our schools and community and a talk on Community Supported Agriculture. They continue to fill their food cupboard basket at meetings each month with each member contributing something. Unfortunately, their membership continues to shrink and they need to focus on attracting new members, but there remain many loyal and supporting members.

The **'21 Club** celebrated the New Year with their annual Christmas party catered by the Friends of Parsem. They were entertained by "Maven", four talented local women who play a variety of classical instruments. They played several carols from medieval times. Club members also celebrated the season by packing toys for needy families, donating a Christmas food basket, helping with the Men's Prayer Group Christmas project, and donating stuffed animals to the local health center for kids in crisis. The Community Improvement

committee had a very successful candle sale, raising over \$300.00 and members pitched in to cater the local craft fair and raised nearly \$400.00. '21 Club is looking forward to a program on Katrina Relief and one on Bobbin Lace making. Members bring valentines to send to the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough and hold a "shower" for the Ronald McDonald House in February.

The **GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club** held their annual Lobster Roll luncheon on November 4th and it was once again very successful, raising over \$4,000.00 for their scholarship fund. On December 1st they welcomed Kathy White, our newly elected NER President and GFWC/MFWC Domestic Violence Chairman who presented a most interesting and informative program on that topic. On December 8th, as part of their 9th Annual Westbrook Festival of Trees, they sponsored the Mad Hatter's Tea Party which was initiated by Marion Broaddus 9 years ago. Local nursing home clients are invited for coffee or tea (in bone china cups), cookies and entertainment. This year 86 residents came. Entertainment was provided by the Jubilee Singers. Their spouses and guests joined them on December 15th for their Annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon and they were entertained by the Westbrook High School Jazz Band, led by Phil Rich, and enjoyed wonderful Christmas melodies. The next week they are looking forward to a presentation by

Megan Libby on the Musical Wonder House in Wiscasset. They are also planning an "Appreciation Night" on February 12th with dinner for members, spouses and guests.

The **GFWC/Research Club** of Limerick had a very busy month of December. Their calendar raffle was very successful, raising around \$500, and the Red Bow sales for the gazebo Christmas Tree netted over \$600.00 for their community project of purchasing flags for Washington Street. They also raised over \$2000.00 on the "Beadforlife" program to help the women of Uganda. The club served hot chocolate and cookies at the Village Christmas tree lighting and carol sing and sponsored a Children's Gift Table of donated items for sale at this event. Items were also donated to the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough and to the Homeless Student program. Jan. and Feb. are "off" months for them, but a Happy New Year is wished to all!!

The **GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** has had a very busy fall with many interesting programs and activities. They are always challenged with the running of their clubhouse, which houses a few renters to help meet expenses. They had a successful Gingerbread Social in November and a wonderful holiday party in December with State President Jane Shaw attending. Instead of doing a Yankee Swap member bought needed items for the clubhouse. They made up a "Wish List" of items the clubhouse needed and the members

purchased what they thought was appropriate. Members took turns opening a gift and it was a total blast seeing the creativity of selections. They received lots of cleaning supplies, bake ware, money, and gift certificates. They are in the beginning stages of putting on a new roof and fixing the chimneys, and are in the process of gearing up for a capital campaign for the clubhouse. They will have owned the clubhouse 100 years in 2011! So they are raising \$100,000 for 100 years. All the donations received will be put in a fund for clubhouse maintenance. To date they have received over \$9,000 in donations and pledges. We were all saddened to learn of the passing of their long time and very devoted member, Yvette Small. Her presence, dedication and influence will be greatly missed.

Peace, health and delight are wished to everyone in this new decade.

Sally E. Manchester
President



The Mid Coast Area Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (MCAC IAAP) presents the Cosmopolitan Club of Bath with a check for \$300 in support of the Club's capital campaign.

Left to right: Jane Shaw, President, Maine Federation of Women's Clubs; Kendra Chubbuck, President, Cosmopolitan Club of Bath; Marilyn Reed, MCAC IAAP; Lorraine Burke, President, MCAC IAAP; and Pam Hull, MCAC IAAP.



District 2

Pumpkin and pies...toys and trains...Yoga and caroling...eye-glasses and games...nothing is ever simple for District 2 Clubs.

On November 14th, the **District 2 Meeting** was held in Skowhegan where we received an up-date of the "Sun-glasses for Senegal Project" from Charli Spearrin and held a "Baby Shower for the Newborns in Need Project". Those who were able to attend, including the MFWC State President, Jane Shaw, and the District 3 Co-President, Marge Goodwin, had a very nice time!

The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** invited GFWC/MFWC President Jane Shaw to be their guest at their November meeting where members received information on St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen which serves the Skowhegan area. Since the meeting was held on Veterans Day, members were reminded to take time to honor our servicemen and women by adding a personal note to a Christmas card to be given to veterans. At their December meeting, members held their annual "Yelling Auction" which is a fundraiser for local scholarships. They also participated in the Skowhegan Holiday Stroll where they set up a table at the local Grange Hall.

GFWC/The Dove Society welcomed Charli Spearrin as the guest speaker at their No-

vember meeting. She spoke about her dental/eye mission in Africa and they reported that "Her compassion for the African culture is definitely an inspiration to us all!" The Dove Society held their annual RADA and Wreath fundraisers with great success. They also held the Polar Express movie event in December at the Strand Cinema again this year and they participated in the Family Violence "Adopt a Family for Christmas Project" which was "very rewarding." At the December meeting, they held a Yankee Swap which is always fun!

The **Waldoboro Women's Club** ended 2009 with a 'Wonder of Christmas' luncheon which was provided by club members, Linda Gagnon and Korbi Clement, who are also the owners of "995 Main St." The dining area was beautifully decorated for the holiday season and, instead of the usual \$5.00 gift exchange, members gave money to the local food bank and to Toys for Tots. The Waldoboro Food Bank received over \$135.00 for the December donation. In January the guest speaker will be Waldoboro Fire Chief, Paul Smeltzer, and Randy Gross will give a presentation on the "Button Factory" in February.

The **Livermore Falls Women's Club** reported that three members attended the District 2 meeting and brought with them donations to both projects...sunglasses and items for newborns. Thanksgiving dinners and thoughts of Holiday things usually slow down the Club activities a little...but, not so this year! They

joined with the Livermore/Livermore Falls Historical Society for a Holiday Luncheon which was held at LaFluers. As customary, members brought in both food and monetary donations for the Tri-Town Ministerium Food Cupboard. Entertainment was provided by Gerol Ellis with Christmas selections from around the world. In addition, Norlands had a Christmas program with many of the members participating by cooking, leading a carol sing, reading old 1800 writings and teaching the public about life in a bygone era. The children had fun making ornaments and decorating the trees. On December 12th, members decorated a room with Santas in the Maine Heritage and Paper Museum for the open house which was held on December 13th. At the open house they sold crafts and "goodies." In the meantime, members have made candles for custom orders, trying to get them done in time for the holidays. The club members are also working on some computer projects and are looking forward to Doris' Brunch and Scotch Auction in January (and, no...it does not involve imbibing left over holiday spirits!).

The **GFWC/Semper Fidelis** club reported that November was a busy month that started with Yoga. Two yoga experts spoke and they were given a chance to participate in learning some of the fundamentals. The speakers, who donate their time to the Somerset Jail, assist inmates as they are introduced to yoga. The program has been received very well and they are in hopes of expanding the program to include others. In addition to yoga, the club members

were busy making pies for their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. They sold 40 pies! In December, in spite of the cold and rain, members participated in the annual Skowhegan Holiday Stroll. Children of all ages visited their booth and made ornaments and cards. This event, along with being a lot of fun, served to involve over 100 children in a creative way! A family (single mother and 2 children that were staying at the Homeless Shelter) was helped through Christmas by providing them with items from their "wish list." Semper Fidelis members finished the year with their own Christmas Celebration including delicious food, punch, and a "Yankee Swap." They are looking forward to the first meeting of the New Year that will include a "skype" connection to Italy. Member Nancy Ames' daughter, Nicole, will speak live from Italy telling members of her adventures studying abroad. Their report ends with "Bring on winter! We have plans to participate in the Lake George Winter Carnival and potential skating party"!

Wilma (Billie) Sherman
Marjorie Black
Co-Presidents



District 3 **(and 5!)**



The **GFWC/MIOSAC** members have been busy this fall with community projects and planning for winter fundraisers. Marjorie Goodwin graced the meeting in late October and shared the news from the many diverse clubs in District 3/5. They were informed at a November meeting about the Head Start program in the area and the many ways it helps support families with children. The second meeting in November found members hard at work on two service projects. The first was making soft, whimsical cuddly toys for the Mayo Regional Hospital auxiliary to have on hand for young children who visit or are treated at the hospital. At last count 44 critters were lovingly sewn for this project. They also bought Maine theme material and made 22 beautiful pillowcases for a Maine Reserve unit that is to be deployed overseas in the spring. A member heard from a woman who was requesting these so our soldiers could have a little touch of home to brighten their days and nights. In December they enjoyed the annual Christmas Party with honored guest, Jennie June Bear, in attendance. They "adopted" 2 little girls from the Kiwanis Christmas Project, a multi-organizational endeavor to fill the needs of children in the greater Dover-Foxcroft area. Over \$200 was collected from club members to use for the shopping to provide warm winter clothing for these little ones. The club also served as "elves" for the Kiwanis club by

shopping for the additional 44 children who unfortunately did not get adopted. Six members donated countless hours shopping for the Kiwanis Club so no child would be disappointed come Christmas morning. The next project for the club comes in February as co-sponsors for the WomenCare Valentine Dance to be held February 6th in Dover-Foxcroft. This dance is a fundraiser for WomenCare Aegis - a domestic violence awareness and support agency in town. "So we are very busy in our little club. We don't have a lot of money this year to donate to worthy causes but we do have our time and talents to donate and that is our focus this year."

The **GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** has been active, even if they haven't contributed an update to Pine Tree Notes recently (Let's blame those pesky computers!) The club year began in September with a wonderful potluck luncheon, with President Jane Shaw as honored guest. She not only gave a nice presentation, but also drew the winners for our fundraising raffle of food cards and a gas card. The raffle was very successful and they're planning another for next year. Members Arline Bishop and Ruth Nason received their 25-year membership pins. Other programs this fall included presentations on screening for colorectal cancer, on ballot issues by State Representative Paul Davis, and on the history of their club booklets by Suzanne Raymond. They continue their traditional projects of making soft toys(they call them "Granny's Toys") for the local hospital, sup-

porting a child for the annual Kiwanis Adopt-a-Child Christmas program, donating to the local food cupboard, and making valentines for local nursing home residents. In December, they had a gift exchange party. "We may be few in number, but we have fun and do a lot."

In November, the **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held their 2nd annual election day bake sale at the polls in Dexter. What a success! In just a few hours all of the baked goods were sold! At the November regular meeting, the speaker was Bobbi Tardiff, an art teacher and one of last year's judges for the District 3 high school art contest. What an amazing job she did explaining to the club members what to look for in art, how it makes you feel, and she showed the different mediums of art, as well. Corinne Neal shared photos and a journal from Jennie June Bear who recently traveled to the Poconos. Jennie June Bear went home with Elaine Larsen from the Miosac Club. Members also brought teenage Christmas presents to be given to the Sunshine Club, items for the Penquis Journey House, and non-perishable food for the local food bank. Members also brought a lot of photos for viewing that will go on for judging for The Great States Photography Contest, too. On a sad note, it was announced that a club member, Beverly Ashley, had just recently passed away after fighting a long battle with cancer. In her memory, the club made a donation to the American Cancer Society. A

Christmas party was held in December at President Laura Neal's house, where members enjoyed a ton of food and played Christmas games, including a Yankee Swap, What's in the Christmas stocking? and Christmas carols Pictionary. Members also signed Christmas cards for the residents in the local nursing home and boarding home. A good time was had by all.

The **Patawa club** has been busy since September. The September meeting was a Tea social. It gave members a chance to catch up with each other after the summer. At the November meeting, members brought baby gifts that were shown off and wrapped. It was like having a baby shower. The gifts were donated to the Good Samaritan Agency and First Step pregnancy. They planned their second annual wine tasting event scheduled for November 14. Half the proceeds will benefit Camp Capella. The Christmas Silent Auction was scheduled for December 2. Hopefully, the second half of the year will be just as busy and successful.

The **Winterport Woman's Club/GFWC** started off with a membership "welcome back" social in September. The membership survey that was conducted last spring has caused the club to make several changes. One major change was to have two meetings a month instead of one. One meeting is the membership business meeting and the second meeting is either a hands on program/project or an outing to a special interest place. The second meeting in September, they held a community-wide public forum on

the new Cancer Care Center being built in Brewer. Two excellent speakers informed them about the building and how it will benefit the area communities. The club donated \$1,000.00 to the Champion the Cure Campaign to help reach the communities' goal of naming a null infusion bay at the center the "Friends and Families of null". The club also supported the Healthy County National Family Day "Dinner Makes a Difference Day" September 28 by creating and donating over 400 bookmarks to local school children in grades K-8. This program supports the need that what kids really want at the dinner table is you! It is a national day to eat dinner with your children that is happening all over the country since 2006. This program supports the education and prevention of substance abuse. In October, they held an Historical Walking Tour of the downtown area of the old homes and the history behind them. Their own club woman, Teddy Weston, was a wealth of knowledge on the tour. She told of some of the history and the historical homes. Members felt that if Teddy hasn't written a book she needs to. She was excellent. The club donated \$100.00 to help bring home a local young man who was injured in a bicycle accident while visiting in CA. He will need to be brought home by air ambulance when stable. Many fundraisers are going on town wide to support this family. This family has given to the community for many years, now is the time to return the help in their time of need. The Mom of this young man organized and has been the force behind the

"Neighbors Cupboard" - our local food pantry in Winterport. The November meeting was a business meeting, followed by a hands-on "No Sew Blanket" activity. The blankets made will be donated to Project Linus. At December's meeting they are sponsoring a Community Christmas Tree Lighting. The tree will be put up on the Memorial Library lawn and decorated with colorful lights. They invite the community and will provide refreshments. It will be an evening of caroling, hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Wagner Middle School kids will be attending and selling candy canes to support the Champion the Cure Campaign..."Canes for the Cure." They continue to reach out in their community for new members. "Our numbers may not be as large as in the past, but the enthusiasm and commitment from the members we have keep us going in the direction to help make our community a better and special place to live."

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** met in November at the home of Barbara Jones. Plans for the upcoming year were discussed. As the Welcome Table project was so successful, plans are being made to put on a luncheon in January. This luncheon has been put on by various organizations ever since January of 2009. A good meal and social interaction has been provided for many people this past year. A delicious Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by members at Raejean Hersey's home in December. Games were played

and then centerpieces for the dining room of the Seabasticook Valley Health Center were made by members. For those who know her, Marietta Fletcher, a long time Tuesday Club member, is a resident at the SVHC.

The **GFWC/Newport Woman's Club** had their Christmas party at Alice Peck's home. Members attending wrote notes to send to the soldiers serving overseas. Food items were collected and taken to the local food cupboard. A "fun" gift exchange was enjoyed. The January meeting has been changed to be held at the Newport Cultural Center with a speaker on women's heart health.

The **GFWC/MFWC Pittsfield Arts Club** met October 26th at the local Seabasticook Valley Hospital. Members toured the women's health unit and viewed the new digital mammography machine. In November, our guest speaker was Lori Glidden, who discussed renovations needed for the community theatre and how local groups can assist her group. Several members donated their services at the Pittsfield Public Library. They packed books and assisted in moving them to another part of the building in anticipation of the completion of the new addition. Their annual craft auction was held the last of the month. Lovely items were donated and it was very successful. On December 14th, members gathered at Valory Slymon's home for a Christmas party and pot luck supper. Each brought a gift to swap and a wrapped gift for a woman. These were donated to the shelter for abused women in Skowhegan.

The GFWC/Outlook

Club met in December for a Christmas-themed meeting. A local crafter brought samples of her varied work to show, making all members wish they were as talented. The club will be on winter recess until March.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Presidents



“Motivate those around you and they will eventually live up to the expectations. Put them down and they have no reason to be any better.”

- James Zollicoffer,
Arkansas



District 4

The **Hancock Woman's Club** really celebrates the Christmas season. Their December meeting featured a Yankee Swap of gifts among members, and a collection of supplies and personal care items for the Emmaus Homeless Shelter. For many years, the club has brought Christmas to the community through their Mitten Tree and Santa Fund projects. Members knit mittens, and hang them on the decorated tree at the grammar school. A member reads the book, *The Mitten Tree*, to grades K-2, and then the children choose a pair of mittens from the tree. They really appreciate them! The Santa Fund project begins in the fall, with a letter to townspeople requesting donations. Shoppers are recruited from club members. On Christmas Eve day, bags of presents, which were wrapped by members, helpers, and the PTA, are delivered to children in town who might not other-

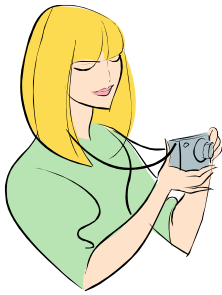
wise have a lot under their trees. In January, the Executive Board (only) meets, to prepare the annual GFWC reports. In February - cabin fever time - the meeting is a Game Night, with members bringing their favorite board and card games to share.

The **Ursula Penniman Club** held their November meeting with Geneva Frost speaking about Thoreau and his time. In December they had a Christmas story entitled, “A cup of Christmas Tea” read by Betty Duzen. Wilma “Billie” Ingalls and Leona “Noni” MacBride were honored by the Down East Community Hospital for all their dedication of service to the hospital from the beginning. Noni was honored by the community of Lubec for her 60 years on the Library Board. The Club will recess until March.

The **GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club** has adopted two new community projects which

club members can support by volunteer activities or monetarily. The first is “SOS” (Save our Strays), our local division of a group that feeds, neuters, and cares for stray cats, promoting adoption, etc. The second is “Apple” (Association to Promote and protect Lubec Environment). Volunteers can be tour guides and provide any other things needed in Lubec for tourists and locals. They held their annual Thanksgiving Basket Raffle and gave three baskets this year due to the increased need in the community. They collected money for the local food pantry at the annual Christmas pot luck and wrote out Christmas cards to send to troops overseas to thank them and wish them a safe return. Treasurer, Juanita Pressley, fell and broke her left arm early in December but continues to keep busy with the help of her devoted husband, David, who has turned out to be a great nurse.

Sherri Walsh
President



Departments



Arts

Art Department information can be found on pages 76 to 79 in the red directory. Please check the rules to be sure of deadlines and correct procedures. Note page 77, poetry or short story entries give GFWC full right to use the work in any way they want, even for commercial purposes.

Merna Dunham will be assisting the art department art show at Spring Convention. Anyone else that would like to help and learn how the art show is set up, may contact the Art Department Chairman: Barbara Hathaway, bhaway@myfairpoint.net or 207-645-3449.

A big THANK YOU to the following clubs for sending donations to help support the art show: GFWC/Miosac Club, GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club, GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club and GFWC/The Dove Society. Will the remaining clubs please follow suit and donate, as this year more ribbons and supplies will need to be purchased. It is so important to continue the student art show and members' creative arts.

Let's see those photos.

Let's see how creative your writing is with short stories and poetry. Let's see a narrative at reporting time. Remember to make 2010 an ART CELEBRATION.

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Education

Were you snowed in? Will you be snowed in? Do you have a pile of books always at hand? Do you keep a book in the car? Do you take it with you for appointments with your doctor, etc? If not...START... the New Year right. It's amazing how time that would be otherwise wasted develops into a great new habit and stimulates your mind at the same time. The ESO reading program of the GFWC is al-

ways looking for new members....no responsibilities, no committees, just commitment over any length of time.... to read and enhance your personal life. How can you lose?

By the time you receive this, it will be time to plan to celebrate Dr. Seuss Day, March 2.... How about visiting a school, nursery school, library, or pre-school and volunteering to read some of those beloved books in his memory in the month of March.

April 12 is D.E.A.R. Day..... Drop Everything and Read Day. This is not age related... it is designated to honor another beloved author, Beverly Cleary. Some school teachers find this a wonderful day to be spontaneous and encouraging students to read on their own. See what you can do to support it.

It has been a pleasure to serve GFWC/MFWC in this capacity over the years and I thank you all for participating and your support.

Maxine Russakoff
Chairman
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Committees



Delegate's Fund

I fell December 11 and broke my left arm just below the shoulder, so things are quite challenging right now. I'm healing well.

"Thank you" to the following clubs for your generous donations:

GFWC/MFWC Westbrook
Woman's Club
GFWC/The Dove Society
Waldoboro Woman's Club
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club
GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club

My new e-mail address is djpressley@wildblue.net. May you all have a healthy, peaceful New Year.

Juanita Pressley
Chairman



Domestic Violence Awareness

I am glad to have this opportunity to thank each club that has participated in the work of Domestic Violence Awareness. I am asking all of our clubs to continue your work and report everything that you have accomplished in this two year administration. If you didn't report last year on what you had done you can still do it this year. Remember our goal ... 100% clubs reporting in 2010.

I know that by the time you receive your PTNs the reporting deadline will most likely be passed, or very close, so I want to ask you to send me a report even if it didn't get in on time for our state deadline. The late reports will not be eligible for awards, but I still would love to have the reports and figures for my report at our Maine convention in May. Remember, as club women you are playing a vital role in providing support services and educational materials to those in need. Our local communities need to know what is available to help in the pre-

vention of domestic violence. I have said in my presentations, the first step is to educate ourselves ... then provide the information to our communities. Domestic Violence is a community issue and we can take the steps to ensure every home in Maine is a safe home. Let me hear from you on what you have been doing and tell me what you may be doing right up until convention in May. It will be a time to celebrate and shine on the good works done in MFWC. I want to be able to share with our members what every club did in the prevention of domestic violence.

"Together we can give the gift of hope. We make ourselves and everyone stronger through our compassion, courage and commitment." These are words from Sheryl Cates CEO, National Domestic Violence Hotline. To me, that is what GFWC Maine does every day. Thank you for all your hard work. It has made a difference.

Wishes for a safe, happy and joyous 2010!

Katherine White
Chairman
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"The past is gone so it cannot be undone; all we can do is learn from it to help for a better future which is yet to come. A New Year is another new beginning and new directions to follow where you are destined to be."

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"You should not wait; the time will never be 'just right'. Start where you are, work with whatever is at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.

- Written in 2010 by Ybonette Gonzales, Philippines

"We learn more about ourselves when we fail...so, don't be afraid of failing. Failure is a part of the long process of success. People who do not fail are those who do nothing."

- Esther Hicks



Educational Loan Fund

With the holidays behind us, it is time to think about spreading the word of our interest-free loans of \$600.00 and the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship of \$1,000.00, which are available to any 2010 Maine high school graduate.

I will be mailing further information and application forms to our District Presidents later this month, for distribution to the high school guidance offices in their district. With the state of our present economy, I am sure students will be exploring every opportunity for assistance in meeting college expenses.

We appreciate your assistance in this GFWC/MFWC special service offered to our Maine youth as they pursue further education following high school graduation.

Alida Coates
Chairman
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Fundraising

Nearly all of the cookbooks have been sold! There are just a few left if anyone wishes to purchase one. Call or e-mail Rae or Marge if you want any.

Another reminder.....if your club did not have any recipes in the cookbook, please send some to Marge as a small supplement to the cookbook is being planned for sale at the Spring Convention. Also, if you bought a book and the recipe for Earth Bread on page 66 does not have "2 T. yeast (mix to water & honey and let stand" please add this information to the recipe.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the Lighthouse Salt and Pepper Grinders, with the money going to President Jane's project.....tickets will be mailed to all clubs before the Spring Convention. Let's try to raise as much as possible!

Thanks to all members for their help in making the cookbooks project such a success!

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Chairmen
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Maine Youth Leadership (MYL)

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As we have heard so often recently, we are living in challenging times. This is also the time for coming together, which the Maine Federation has always done so well. Your past support made an impact on so many of our high school sophomores. Your continued support is vital to fulfill the MYL mission. Our students need us to sustain our commitment to them in providing a successful 2010 seminar.

“Thank you so much for offering this wonderful program. Our students all come back positively changed.”

A. Smith – Guidance Counselor

Thank you to the following clubs for their gifts –

GFWC/Dexter Women’s Literary Club

GFWC/MFWC Narraguagus Women’s Club

GFWC/Lubec Woman’s Club
GFWC/Newport Woman’s Club
Livermore Falls Woman’s Club
Waldoboro Woman’s Club
GFWC/Gorham Woman’s Club
GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club
GFWC/The Dove Society

Our Maine Federation clubs can be proud to be a part of an institution that is dedicated to reaching out to tomorrow’s leaders, hoping to make them resilient thinkers and responsive to the road in front of them.

Thank you for your generous involvement. . . . and please feel free to check in with your respective high school guidance office to be sure they submit a nominee.

A full scholarship is \$200, but any amount given is greatly appreciated.

Contributions and questions may be directed to:

**Gloria Tewhey
MYL Chairman
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Gorham, ME 04038
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They’ll go far
on the road
ahead!

“A small movement or change in the right direction now, enables you to make giant advances in achieving your future goals, dreams, successes and purposes in life.”

- Trevor Farley
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“... words. They can bring joy or sadness. They can create smiles or frowns. ... Spoken or written, ... Words are free but should be spent wisely. They can inspire or they can destroy. Never, never underestimate the power of words!”

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MFWC President's Project

"The Food Pantry: Partnering with Good Shepherd Food Bank"

My apologies to Muriel Bowerman for the 'brain cramp' in November!! She was the 50/50 winner at Fall Conference.

Several donations have been received since Fall Conference. The checks have been sent on to the Treasurer - at long last, for those that came in November. According to our treasurer, who is better organized than yours truly, the clubs who have donated so far this club year are:

'21 Club of Kezar Falls
Livermore Falls Woman's Club
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club
GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club
GFWC/Newport Woman's Club
GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club
GFWC/The Dove Society
GFWC/MIOSAC Club

Our thanks for your generosity!

Continue to send club donations to Libby; but be sure to see the Report Form on p. 15 and let us know by the deadline of any other direct or in-kind or volunteer donations your club has contributed. Continue being neighbors helping neighbors.

Libby Wiers
Kendra Chubbuck
Co-Chairmen



Public Relations & Website

I know it is hard to imagine now, but remember, spring will be here before you know it! Soon, the district art contests will be underway, and there is no better opportunity to use a little PR (public relations) to spread the word about this great event and your club, too. Besides notifying the public by using posters and the local paper, don't forget to contact your town office (most towns have a website) and the school, and of course, don't forget to forward the information to me so it can be posted on our own state's website! Speaking of schools, district and club presidents, please do not forget to mention to the guidance office that our Educational Loan Fund and Maude MacKenzie Scholarship form applications can be downloaded from our MFWC website (www.gfwcmaine.org). We hope this will make it more convenient for those who want to apply. I hope to get many great reports for the public relations department!

Laura Neal
Chairman
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Tidbits



Meeting Dates

2010

February 13 - Dover-Foxcroft
Winter Board
May 6-7 - Orono
Spring Convention
June 12-15 - Omaha, NB
GFWC Convention
Mid-July - TBA
Summer Advisory



E-mail Corrections

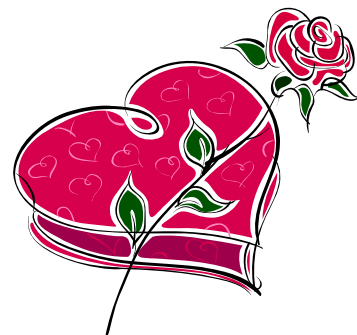
Directory corrections to note:

Juanita Pressley - pp.24 & 33:
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Laura Neal - p.27:
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Any other corrections received by March 1 will be printed in the final issue for this term.

Happy
Valentine's
Day!



GFWC/MFWC President's Project - Club Reporting*

Club donation to GFWC/MFWC President's Project \$_____

Club donation to local food-assistance program \$_____

Individual members' donations
to GFWC/MFWC or local programs \$_____

Value of in-kind donations to local programs \$_____

Volunteer hours on behalf of local programs _____hours

Name of Club _____

Name of person reporting _____

Phone No. of person reporting _____

Date sent: _____

- Send a form after each donation/collection/program **OR**
- Send one with totals for this club year (July 2009-May 2010)

Please note that donations via MFWC/GSFB website will be tallied separately by them for purposes of our final totals and should **NOT** be included here.

Send form to: Libby Wiers, PO Box 159, Saint Albans, ME 04971

DEADLINE: May 1, 2010

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.

- Tim McGraw
Grammy Award-winning country singer

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



117 years of Volunteer Service



"It Is Better to Give than to Receive"

**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
March 1, 2010**

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