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PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
January February 2011



Home Sweet Home.....Reaching out beyond our own



President's Letter

Dear Federation Friends,

Let me first begin by wishing each of you a Happy New Year – a year filled with good health, prosperity, and joy!

As I prepare these words of greetings, I'm well aware that all clubs are currently right in the middle of preparing the annual club reports. It is a wonderful opportunity to present the statistical aspect of all that is accomplished by the various volunteer activities - better yet, **to brag about some of the accomplishments** by providing a narrative to go along with the statistics. I do hope you will expound upon some of them!! There's a much better chance to get acknowledged or awarded for what you do!!

In the first six months of my tenure, *one* of the fascinating things I have truly enjoyed is the opportunity to visit a number of our clubs! Thank you so much for extending an invitation to me.

It is absolutely fascinating to meet with you on your "home" turf. Everywhere I go, clubs are doing fantastic things and it is such a joy to sit back and listen to the wonderful reports of things recently accomplished as well as hearing members share thoughts and ideas on projects in the works. It is wonderful to meet members all across the state who share in the common goal of enhancing lives of others through community service! Thank you so much for the hospitality extended to me. I look forward to the opportunity to visit all our clubs during the 2010 - 2012 administration. If for some reason, due to scheduling conflicts, it is not possible for *me* to attend, perhaps one of the other members of the executive board can attend in my stead.

It has been my pleasure thus far to visit with these clubs:

- Castine Woman's Club
- GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
- Pittsfield Tuesday Club
- GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of Bath
- GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club

- GFWC/The Dove Society
- GFWC/Newport Woman's Club
- GFWC/MIOSAC Club

President-elect Anne Cress and I were both extremely impressed by the District 2 Presidents' Meeting we were invited to attend in November. Co-presidents Carol Jarvais and Gail Pooler prepared and presided over a wonderful meeting. It was a joy to listen as the club presidents shared about "what's happening" in their corner. *[Thanks so much, Carol and Gail - it was a great time together!]*

It's not too early to mark your calendars (May 12-13, 2011) to come join us at our annual meeting. . . it will be here before we know it. Come hear about our year in review, come network with fellow club women. . . come partake of the great things being planned!

I'm really excited about our entertainment - through the help of Alida Coates', it's in the works to enjoy the musical talents of a cellist (who happens also to be a Maude McKenzie recipient!) Now, how great is that?!?! I am pleased to let you know that we

will also have a special guest with us for the convention. This is our opportunity to honor our New England Region President - Kathy White! I've invited her and she accepted!!

A few words about the president's special project - The outpouring of support for Operation Smile has been sensational! Together we are making a huge difference. I appreciate all that is being done to promote and support the work that Operation Smile does. I know many of you are making dolls and hospital gowns. What a thrill this is! Add to that, Chairman Barb Austin informed me that some **clubs** have recently sent in donations, in addition to **some individual members** sending in a check with their "a quarter for your smile" pledges. Thank you all so very much!! Keep up the great work. The way you have embraced this project has encouraged me in a tremendous way and renews my energy.

In closing, I would like to share a quote by Mother Theresa, "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

Thank you - for your loving smiles!

Suzanne Raymond, President

President's Schedule

Feb. 9 - GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club

Feb. 2 - GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Mtg. - Augusta (snow date Feb. 19)

March 8 - Waldoboro Woman's Club

March 23 - GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club



President-Elect

Anne Cress

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Happy New Year everybody!!! I hope your holidays were wonderful and filled with cheer! May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

The deadline to submit a LEADS application was November 15, 2010. While it was disappointing to receive fewer applications than anticipated, I am pleased with the candidate who has been selected to be the 2011 Maine ambassador. This wonderful opportunity to attend this informative seminar will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June the day prior to the start of the GFWC International Convention. Keep reading your Pine Tree Notes and come to our Spring Convention at the Senator Inn in Augusta in May, to find out who our LEADS ambassador will be!

President Suzanne and I were invited to attend the District 2 President's meeting in November. Carol Jarvais and Gail Pooler conducted a wonderful meeting held at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. All the Club Presidents in District 2 are having a blast leading their clubwomen into an assortment of projects to help their communities and fellow citizens.

The food was good too!! District 2 has a great project in the works, which I am sure they will be sharing with you soon!

How is your Club coming along with discussions about incorporating GFWC into your Club name? Wouldn't it be great to see all Maine Clubs with GFWC in their Club name by Spring Convention? Be PROUD of who we are!

I am very much looking forward to attending my first GFWC International Convention this year. June will be here before we know it and so will the warmer days and balmy nights! Before that BIG event happens, I will see you all in Augusta in May!

As Confucius says, "To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right."

God bless you all and thank-you for all you do!

In Federation,

Anne H. Cress

GFWC/Maine President-elect



Vice President

Marjorie Goodwin

Now that the holidays have come and gone it is time to get all those "jobs" done that we had put off. The annual reports should start arriving in my mail box before

long (by January 31). I hope to get all the information to the respective program chairmen by Feb. 15. Their reports have to be sent by March 15 to their GFWC counterparts.

Most of our GFWC/MFWC clubs will be resuming their monthly meetings in January. I hope that the meetings will bring members together with a desire to make their communities aware of what clubwomen can do for the betterment of the community. I have read the yearbooks and find that there are many interesting programs planned. This would be a good time to invite prospective members to meetings....a good opportunity to get out of the house and see what energetic and innovative women are planning to do to make their community a better place to live in.

Keep in mind that the Spring Convention will be held in Augusta at the Senator Inn on May 12-13. Let's have a really big turn-out of members at this Convention. (Living near Augusta, I can vouch for the fact that there are many interesting places to shop and visit there). If each Club would send five members to the Convention, that would mean over 100 women would be in attendance. What a chance to network and perhaps learn something new to present to fellow club members who didn't attend!

In Federation,
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The next submission date for Pine Tree Notes is **March 1st**. This is a FIRM date because of Spring Convention and the timeline that the Pine Tree Notes need to be distributed.

Parliamentary Advisor



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District 1

Happy New Year from District 1. All of the clubs have been busy and are continuing with their projects. Plans are underway for the District 1 meeting to be held April 18 in conjunction with the district art show. The meeting will be held in Gorham. Club presidents will be receiving more information soon.

The Cosmopolitan Club of Bath were delighted to have State President Suzanne Raymond at their November meeting. I was also honored to be a guest speaker at that same meeting. It was a very delightful meeting. In November, the Club also hosted their annual Gingerbread Social. I can personally attest that the gingerbread was fabulous. So was the whipped cream !!!!! The club held a Christmas party with members bringing gifts for the clubhouse.

Club member, Samantha Ricker, has designed a website for the club. It is up and running so check it out at <http://bathcosmopolitan.com>.

The Rustic Overtones concert is fast approaching – March 5 at Morse High School in Bath. Tickets are \$20. and can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com. Let's all support this project by attending. I understand that a member of the club with the initials of mb (who shall remain anonymous) may be planning a pajama party for concert attendees!! For more information about the concert contact Megan Libby at cosmopolitanconcert@gmail.com

Westbrook Woman's Club hosted the Mad Hatter's Tea Part during the locals Festival of Trees. The party founded and chaired by Marion Broaddus was very successful. Over 100 guests from area nursing homes attended. Club members served them tea, in china cups, and

cookies. It is always a very joyful time for everyone involved.

Members have also made blankets for P project Linus and dolls for Operation Smile.

In January, the club's annual mid winter luncheon will be held.

The 21 Club of Keezer Falls showed their hard work and generous spirits during the Christmas season. They set out toy collection boxes in various locations in the community. When they were collected members packed the toys for children of needy families. At the club's Christmas party, members brought new stuffed animals to be given to the health center.

That is most of the news from District 1 ! Take care.

In Federation,
Mary Libby, District 1 President

District 2

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It is the beginning of another year. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to get back into the swing of things. District 2 has a new Presidents' Project – "Pennies for Porkers". During this administration all our clubs will be collecting pennies (silver coins and green paper also accepted) at their meetings. These pennies will be used to purchase pigs through Heifer International who distributes them to needy families worldwide. The pigs can be

purchased as a gift for \$120 and they provide hope, food, and income to the recipients. We are hoping to fill our piggy banks many times. More information on the project will be available at Fall Conference and donations will be gratefully accepted. Now, to the news of our clubs...

The GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club wishes all GFWC/MFWC members and their families a very Happy New Year!

Past President and current Fund Raising Chairman, Lucille Lavoie, headed up a fantastic Election Day Bake Sale dedicated to supporting the Livermore/Livermore Falls Historical Society. Our joint Holiday Luncheon with the Historical Society was held December 7, 2010 at which time we presented them with over \$ 600.00 made at that sale. It will be used to finish their upstairs room at the History House and that will complete the restoration of the building so the collection can be moved in and catalogued. Our Luncheon was dedicated to a collection of money and packaged goods for the Tri-Town Ministerium Food Cupboard and resulted in a total over \$300.00 in cash donations as well as packaged goods. That, combined with good food and wonderful music by Jerol Ellis, made a great start to the Christmas season.

The Waldoboro Woman's Club held their Bake Sale on Election Day and we did fairly well. It

was felt that the low turn out at the polls due to absentee balloting hurt sales somewhat this year.

The December meeting was held at 995 Main where we had a delicious luncheon prepared by our own Linda Gagnon. Instead of a gift exchange we made or donated mittens to Head Start and brought in toys and gifts which were donated to the Waldoboro Fire Department to give to children whose families needed help this year. We also baked cookies for residents of the Lincoln Home and the Waldoboro Food Pantry.

In January the committee chairmen will have a reporting meeting and also a membership brainstorming meeting. Our January speaker will be the Director of the Waldoboro Library and in February the Volunteer Coordinator of Kno-Wal-Lin will speak to us of their programs and we will be donating items to their Baby-O-Baby closet for new mothers.

The GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club has been busy as they close out 2010. Our November Meeting featured Amber Lambke, a local business woman who is involved in turning the old jail into a local market which will feature bread made from grains grown locally, processed at the jail, and baked on the premises. Other art items, such as pottery, will also be available.

Members volunteered at the Redington Memorial Home where we helped the residents create Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. We were also involved in the decorating of a Christmas tree. The theme of the tree was "Let there be peace on Earth" and featured doves and red and white flowers.

Other members made craft items which were sold at local craft fairs. The money earned went toward our scholarship fund. Crafts were also sold to benefit the GFWC/Skowhegan Three Project...The Skowhegan Library Restoration Fund.

The December meeting had members bidding against one another for items donated by the membership. We also wrote Christmas cards to veterans letting them know how much we appreciate their past service to our country. We also delivered 15 purses filled with necessary personal care items to the local domestic abuse shelter.

In January, we are looking forward to a program on Home Safety. We are also involving our members in the District 2 project...Pennies for Porkers. A piggy bank was distributed to each member to collect change that will go toward the purchase of a pig for a family in need in another country.

District 2 wishes all of you a healthy and happy 2011!!

Carol Jarvais

District 2 President

District 3

The **Patawa Club** met three times so far this fall. They collected food supplies to be donated for Thanksgiving baskets; also had a speaker in Nov. on literacy volunteers. The director, Mary Lyons presented a very informative program. On Nov. 13th. the Patawa Club held their third annual fundraiser, a wine tasting night with raffle, etc., which brought a big crowd. The money raised was for Camp Capella. The club is busy planning their annual Christmas Auction and supper set for Dec. 1st. at Kosta's Restaurant. It is always very well attended and the club was looking forward to a wonderful time to kick off the holiday season!! The club year has started off in a very productive fashion! The club members "adopted" a family to give gifts to, so that the children would have a Merry Christmas. The Jan. 5 meeting will be held at the Beaded Moose to make bracelets, along with our regular meeting. The Feb. 2 meeting will feature a program with Denise Sullivan speaking about Women and Heart Disease.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held a bake sale on election day at the polls at the Dexter Town Hall. This is the third year that the club has done this fundraiser and this year they made \$235.25. At November's regular meeting, members brought unwrapped Christmas gifts for teenagers which were donated to the Sunshine Club. The club voted to increase its annual donation to the Maine Youth Leadership fund from

\$100 to \$250. They will also find out if the local Kiwanis Club will continue to donate money to this worthwhile program as well. After the regular meeting, President Laura initiated a new member to the club ...her name is Elizabeth Polnicki. MFWC President Suzanne Raymond and other club members enjoyed the initiation ceremony as well. Afterwards, President Suzanne did a brief talk and showed a short video on her President's Project "Operation Smile". On a very sad note, one of the club's honorary members, Mary Flynn, passed away on November 19th at the age of 103. Although the club records do not indicate exactly when Mary became a member, it is believed she was one for over 75 years!

There was no formal meeting in December, however, members did attend a Christmas party at President Laura Neal's house. Members signed Christmas cards which were delivered to the local nursing home and boarding home. Members enjoyed a "Yankee Swap", good food and refreshments, and played many Christmas games. A good time was had by all!

The GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club does not meet January through March, however, the Executive Board will meet to discuss plans for a local high school art display at the public library, details for the district art contest, and to go over the details for a workshop in April to make items for Operation Smile.

The **GFWC/Miosac Club** started the new club year off with a Souper Supper in early October. Plans were made at this meeting for their calendar year and many new projects were discussed.

The sales of the first club cookbook have been so successful the club was able to fund donations to two special projects they have supported in the past. A \$500 donation was given to the local food pantry and an additional \$500 went to the domestic abuse prevention agency, Womancare, in Dover-Foxcroft.

Plans were made to do the annual fall clean up of the Marion Doore Park in town, a previous Community Improvement Program from 2000/2002. The park is named after a former teacher and dedicated Miosac member and is a green space in town for all to enjoy.

The club's first service project for the year was supplying the refreshments for a community wide Day of Remembrance held jointly through Pinetree Hospice and CHCS on Nov. 7th. It was a celebration of life for those loved ones who have passed on. Members were enlightened on the wonderful program Newborns in Need.

In November at the second meeting that month was a "Come dressed in a Thanksgiving Theme outfit" with a yankee swap Thanksgiving item. It was a hoot! Several Indians and Pilgrims

along with cooks and scarecrows were in attendance.

December saw club members shopping for children to benefit the Kiwanis Christmas Project. Each year families in need list the warm clothing items their children need and the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft provides these items.

The GFWC/Miosac Club "adopted " 3 little ones and provided warm coats, boots and clothes for those three children and then served as "Shopping elves" for those children who did not get adopted. The Christmas Party was held in mid- December where gifts were exchanged in a rousing yankee swap, carols were sung and wishes for a healthy and happy new year were shared. The club has several major projects scheduled in 2011 and are eager to get to them.

Hurry, hurry, hurry-then stop and drop! That is the way Nov/Dec feels for a lot of people but not if you are a GFWC Cosmopolitan Club member. For them it's shop, wrap, celebrate with family and play, laugh and give with Cosmo friends! Playing was done at thier annual Christmas Party where "The Christmas Trivia game" was won by Doris Scott. She even knew that the Grinch was "cuddly as a cactus"!! Laughing together as we attempted to smash peppermint Christmas canes with a rolling pin. This is an American tradition begun in the late 1800's in Sarasota, Fl by a group of retired women. They would smash a peppermint pig

and, it is said, everyone who ate some had good luck in the coming year. Arline Bishop, our oldest member who joined in 1979, won by unanimous vote that she hit the hardest. She then grabbed the rolling pin and threatened to chase the President around the room! Barbette was saved by the discovery that they had left the cellophane on the canes and had to pick out all the little pieces before we could eat it. We ended the playing with the "Ring around the presents" and at a predetermined signal all opened a gift only then to have "show and tell".

On to the food--- the club had their first cookie exchange, it won't be their last. Giving was the best part of the celebration. Club members were able to provide warm clothes and other goodies for two of the community's children in need. Once again we thank the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft for organizing the "Adopt a Child" event. In closing, the club celebrated and welcomed a new member, Ellen Rainsford. Now it's on to write the annua reports-then drop!!!

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 14 at the home of District 3 President Raejean Hersey. A delicious turkey pie dinner with all the fixings was enjoyed by the members. After the dinner, a very enjoyable game of "Spoons" kept the members entertained. The Club will be meeting at the Sebasticook Valley Health

Center in January. After the meeting, a musical program and refreshments will be presented to the residents. The February meeting will be held at the Library with a book review of Maine books read by members during the Winter. In March, a joint meeting with the Pittsfield Arts Club will be held on the evening of March 8 at the Library.

(For anyone's information who has the club yearbook, the dates are one day off.....they meet on the second Tuesday.)

On November 21st the **Pittsfield Arts Club** held their annual Christmas Craft Auction to raise funds for their many local charities.

The honorary members provided lovely refreshments for the more than 40 that attended the event. More than \$400 was raised and some fun bidding was enjoyed by everyone.

On December 13th a Christmas party was held at the home of Vice President Donna Chale. A lovely buffet of Chinese foods was enjoyed and gift exchange among members. The club contributed gifts to the local community Christmas project. Also, members bought and wrapped gifts for the area Women's Shelter and they were delivered in time for Christmas.

The next meeting will be held Monday January 17th at the Pittsfield Public Library and the

topic will be the literacy program in the area.

District 4

President Sue Macdonald reported that the December 7, 2010 General Meeting of the **Castine Woman's Club** coincided with the 69th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. So after reading the *Collect for Club Women* and reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*, members sang *America the Beautiful* to commemorate and honor those lost on that fateful day. During the meeting, members were given jars for donations of a "quarter a week" in conjunction with supporting Operation Smile. After the meeting, Innisbrook gift orders were distributed by Chairperson Sharon Biggie. This successful fundraiser contributes to the CWC Scholarship Fund. Cheer and camaraderie were shared as the club made holiday centerpieces to take home and to give to honorary club members who are unable to participate in meetings. Finally, titles of enjoyable books were shared and discussed to encourage members to read during the long winter months.

On December 13th, the club donated and presented three handcrafted benches to Castine's Adams School. The versatile benches may be used inside or outside to help enhance the learning experience at the school. Each year, Sharlene Daly, CWC's liaison to Adams School, informs the club of the school's needs.

CWC will not have formal General Meetings in January and February 2011, but the club is far from inactive. On January 20th, CWC will host a Winter Bridge Luncheon. Members will contribute lunch items and serve the bridge players. Proceeds from this popular event support the CWC Scholarship Fund. On January 25th, the club will host the first of three Dinners-at-Noon. They are held at Town Hall on the last Tuesday of January, February, and March. Proceeds from the lunches benefit the CIP (Community Improvement Project). This is a wonderful social event for those in the community feeling shut in during the winter months. Marge Wood initiated this event and continues to plan it each year. The CWC still depends on our dear Marge.

The Christmas season is always a busy time for the **Hancock Woman's Club**. The December meeting featured a Yankee Gift Swap, festive decorations and refreshments. The week before school vacation, members hang hand-knit mittens on the tree at Hancock Grammar School and present the mittens to K-2nd graders after reading **The Mitten Tree** to them. The annual Santa Fund Project, which begins in October with a letter soliciting funds from the community, ends on Christmas Eve day with Santas delivering bags of warm clothing, school supplies, books and toys to area children. The year the club was able to help nearly 100 children. At January's

meeting the executive committee will meet to fill out the GFWC annual reports. February's meeting, traditionally Game Night, will be held in the afternoon this year, making it easier to attend during daylight hours. A Bananagram tournament of sorts is planned. The Community Crafters groups, held in the Community Center every other week, offers members as well as women from far and near the opportunity to work on crafts while fostering new friendships.

At the November 2010 GFWC/The Lubec Woman's Club meeting, MFWC President Suzanne Raymond's "Operation Smile" CD was shown. Everyone was impressed with the wonderful work done by these dedicated people and the joy they bring to those beautiful children.

The club held the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Raffle the weekend before Thanksgiving. The club was able to provide baskets to four families and also add some proceeds to the Scholarship Fund.

In December, club members met at "Monica's Chocolates" and enjoyed a delicious luncheon, including specialty coffees, hot chocolates and scrumptious desserts. Noni was able to attend both meetings which added to the enjoyment. The ladies also had the opportunity to shop in this beautiful shop. Everyone should

make sure to visit when they are in Lubec.

Happy New Year to one and all from the Lubec girls!
Ceil Gardner

Community Service Programs

ART COLLABORATION

A. Appoint an Art Department Chairman for your club. Why? She will be able to coordinate and work with your club members to accomplish what is needed for a successful high school student art show and help with other art opportunities for your club members to participate in and enjoy.

R. Rewards are great when you see what the arts do for the students. Reward the students for their accomplishments. Reward your members for their talents as well.

T. Tell the community, the newspapers and GFWC/MFWC about your art programs and projects. Tell the MFWC Art Department Chairman about your District high school student art show. She will be able to use that information in her annual report. Treat art as something special for all individuals to enjoy.

Thanks to all the clubs that donated to the art department for 2010. We are going into another year where those donations are

needed. Please donate again and consider that every dollar you share with the arts is making a better quality of life for some individual, student, club member or the community.

*District Presidents need to make sure the high schools in their area receive the high school art contest rules early as it takes time for the art teachers to inform the students and for the students to create their art work. Please keep contact with the MFWC Art Department Chairman so she knows how you are progressing.

*Helpful Tip: An easy art work size is 16" x 20". Frames are easy to find for this size, the art is easier to display and is easier to move around and transport. (This size or smaller.)

*The Art Department could have a marketplace table if members would donate art items for a fund raiser. This would be a good way to show your own art work and help a worthy cause. Art items might be designer stationery, small matted watercolor paintings, tole-painted items, wearable art, fabric art or crafted items. Please help with this effort. Thank You.

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CONSERVATION

Remember to recycle and reuse and encourage your towns and schools to do the same.

Have fun with reporting and don't forget that "Kind News" falls under Conservation Partnership!

I have a new e-mail address - jalpgl@tidewater.net

Have a happy and healthy new year!

Judi Lawrence

The GFWC Conservation Department is now known as the Conservation Community Service Program and has two Chairmen – **The Partnership Chairman and the Collaborations Chairman.**

I am the **Collaborations Chairman** and will handle any community service project that your clubs conceive, develop and implement that do not involve the two GFWC partnerships with the Humane Society of the United States or Keep America Beautiful.

This will make reporting so much easier for all of us. As we all know, the hardest part of reporting is not our projects, but where to put them.

The State of Maine has a slogan "Maine, the way life should be." We, as a volunteer organization, work on projects geared toward the preservation of our heritage, beautification and conservation of Maine's natural resources.

In the GFWC Conservation Community Service Program-Collaboration, clubs will:

- Research, plan and implement projects programs, and advocacy based on the interests and needs that your club members believe are important. This is your opportunity to think out of the box and do it your way.
- It is imperative that we report the projects that we have developed so that GFWC can better see where your interests lie and those statistics can be used in working with and recruiting new GFWC Partners, grants and advocacy opportunities.
- Reporting is also very important so that we can highlight and share your clubs' activities and interests with other GFWC members so they can also be inspired to either implement a similar project or use it for inspiration for their own. This way clubs won't have to "reinvent the wheel."

Let's work together to Keep Maine – the Way Maine Should Be. I look forward to reading all of your reports and sharing your innovative projects and programs. If I can be of any help, please give me a call. Thank you.

Davida Barter

Committees

Public Relations

In the last Pine Tree Notes, I shared some ideas from the new

GFWC manual about using a "boilerplate" or standard mission statement in every press release.

Some clubs in Maine have adopted another idea which is discussed in the new manual - prefacing the local club nae with GFWC or GFWC/MFWC, such as: GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath, and GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club. The manual points out that all individual clubs have a responsibility for the federation's overall success, and that by identifying your club as a GFWC member, you add to the federation's collective impact. Using GFWC as your club's "first name" demonstrates that your local unit is part of a reputable international organization.

Currently, 16 clubs in Maine use GFWC in their name and 9 do not. The manual advises that if your club was not chartered with GFWC in its name, you fon't have to change all of your records, You can operate under a D/B/A (doing business as).

What a simple and easy way to boost your club's image and your national and state federation's effectiveness, every time your club is mention - in press releases, on bulletin boards, even in conversations.

Jackie Nicholson
Chairman

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Maine Youth Leadership inspires today's youth to think about their impact on the community in hopes they will become an active member of Maine's positive change for the future. Our mission is simple. It is to inspire high school sophomores to make good choices, become leaders in their communities and to make volunteering a part of their lives.

**“Maine Youth Leadership was life changing for me. It was the point at which I realized I could be a leader, and that it was a special gift that would allow me to make a difference in the world.”
-2010 ambassador**

As you know, high school sophomore ambassadors from across Maine are hosted free of charge for a four-day seminar each year. We are able to do this as a result of active fundraising by the Board of Directors and by generous donations from individuals and organizations such as ours, the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Thank you so much to the clubs listed below and, to those clubs who have yet to participate this year, please continue your much needed support of bringing more students to this amazing seminar. Also, please contact your high

school's Guidance Dept. – still lots of high schools not in.

THANK YOU -

Livermore Falls Women's Club
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club
GFWC/MFW Westbrook Woman's Club
GFWC/Newport Woman's Club
GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club
Waldoboro Woman's Club
GFWC/The Dove Society

A full scholarship is \$250, but any amount given is greatly appreciated Contributions and questions may be directed to:
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Chairman

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Now, after the Christmas hullabaloo, we can start looking forward to spring. As we head into that season, I know all clubs are working hard on their projects. I hope you all have done something for Domestic Violence and Operation Smile. Women Care Aegis in Dover-Foxcroft will be having a Valentine Dance in February and GFWC/Miosac Club will be

providing refreshments for that event.

Don't forget to do your reporting. Get them in on time!! I know how much work it is for the person compiling reports.

I wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year, good health and peace.

Minnie McCormick
Domestic Violence Awareness
Chairman

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Thank you to the Westbrook Woman's Club for their recent donation.

Tina Anzelc, Chairman

ENDOWMENT FUND

A big **Thank You** to the following Clubs who gave donations.

GFWC Lubec Womens Club
Newport Womens Club
GFWC Dexter Womens Literacy Club
GFWC Gorham Womens Club
GFWC Mosaic Club
GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Womens Club
GFWC/The Dove Society

Have a very happy and successful Club year.

Nancy Kenty/ Chairperson

LEADERSHIP

I wish to share some information I found on the internet. Listed are 5 Leadership Traits/Qualities and some facts about each.

Honesty - Always be truthful with your membership. Don't be afraid of failure. Learn from it, own up to it, and move on from it. Members will respect that. As a leader, showing members that you are honest even when it means admitting to a mistake shows a key trait that members look for in their leader.

Forward-Looking – A leader figures out where to go from where you are now. A leader has a vision for the future of your club, shares that vision, and with the help of the members moves the club forward while using proven methods and trying new ones.

Competent – People want to follow someone who is competent. A leader needs to demonstrate competency and show members that you can get the job done. A leader must be careful not to put too much attention on her own accomplishments. A leader gets where she is through the hard work of all her club members and by acknowledging that.

Inspiring – Members want to be excited about what they are doing. A leader passionately express her vision/projects for her club and excites members in the process.

Intelligent – A leader demonstrates intelligence by gently guiding members toward understanding what it is you want from them. A leader focuses on helping others learn – not on demonstrating how smart she is. One of the greatest signs of someone who is truly intelligent is humility. Members will pick up on their leader's intelligence through her behavior and her actions.

One's skill at exhibiting these 5 leadership traits/qualities is strongly connected with the willingness of members to follow your lead. Exhibiting these traits/qualities will inspire confidence in your leadership.

I find this information interesting and I hope all you future leaders do as well. We all have these traits. Now we need to work on exhibiting them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Carol Jarvais
Chairman

JENNIE AWARD

More About Jennie June

Jane Cunningham Croly, the founder of GFWC, wrote Jennie June's

American Cookery Book in 1870 containing over 1000 recipes including a chapter of Jewish Recipes such as "White Stewed Fish" and "Pickled Cucumbers". In the chapter entitled "Favorite Dishes of Distinguished Persons". She wrote that Louis Napoleon loved chocolate and

during the battle of Solferineo, he ate nothing but chocolate cake for the 3 days of the conflict. Queen Victoria loved "Boiled Mutton Caper Sauce" and ate this everyday at 2 pm with her children. In a chapter entitled "Secondary Meats" she includes "Fried Cow Heel", "Sheep Trotters" (I don't have a clue) and "Calf's Head Cake".

Now --- do I have your attention?

Did you find your star? Congratulations if you did but if you are still seeking it, that's O.K. because the deadline is June 15, 2011. Send nomination materials to me at:

Barbette Schafer,
Jennie June Award
154 Seymour Cove Rd
Bowerbank, ME 04426-5405
or call me at (207) 564-7252 if you have questions or need some help.

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

OPERATION SMILE... MFWC 2010-2012

OPERATION SMILE - PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Happy New year everyone. I am happy to report several clubs have made donations to Operation Smile so far this year. Many thanks go out to the Castine Woman's Club, GFWC Miosac Club, GFWC Gorham Woman's Club, GFWC Newport Woman's Club, Westbrook

Women's Club, Dexter Literary Club, and Lubec Women's Club. In addition to these generous donations several members have already sent in their Operation Smile pledge forms with payment in full! In this new year, please re-dedicate yourself to this very worthy cause. Are you collecting that spare change at meetings or at home in a mug on your dresser? Those bits of loose change sure do add up fast!

I was researching quotes about smiles the other day and would

like to share a favorite of mine. The author is unknown but the words touched my heart and I hope they do the same for you. " A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he cannot get along without it and none is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it. Yet a smile cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is

of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give."

We can do great things together through Operation Smile. We know the cost of a smile. It's \$240. To change a child's life.....forever

Smiles of friendship,
Barb Austin
President's Special Project Chair

STATE MEETINGS
DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 12-13, 2011 – Thurs/Fri
Spring Convention
Senator Inn, Augusta

October 13 – 14, 2011 – Thurs/Fri
Fall Conference
Merry Manor Inn,
South Portland

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of Women's Clubs**
118 years of Volunteer Service

Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
March 1, 2011

GFWC and NE REGION
DATES TO REMEMBER:

GFWC 120th Convention
June 18-20, 2011
Milwaukee, WI

GFWC/NER Conference
September 23-25, 2011
Connecticut