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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
March/April 2007



Changing Lives - Woman to Woman,
Friend to Friend



President's Letter

Dear Ladies,

First of all, let me say what a pleasure it has been to visit with fellow clubwomen throughout the state by either attending individual club meetings or district meetings. It is such an opportunity for me to meet our fine clubwomen. I look forward to meeting more of you between now and Spring Convention with three more District Meetings planned and several invitations on my calendar from individual clubs. I would love to be able to visit each and every club in the state before the end of my administration, so please consider asking me to attend if you have not done so already. I would gladly conduct an installation, give a workshop, give a speech, or simply "stay quiet and smile" (hard for me to do, but I'd do it!) - in short, whatever would help you and at the same time give me the opportunity to get acquainted with the women from

your club. Don't think your club is too far away, or too small - ask, and if we can agree on a date, I'll be there...

I know you've heard this before, but I'm going to say it again - with conviction! You don't want to miss Spring Convention on May 8th and 9th at the Ramada Inn in Bangor. We will have the pleasure of having International President Jackie Pierce as our guest. She will be updating us on work that GFWC clubwomen have been doing with respect to domestic violence awareness, and will conduct a leadership workshop on Public Speaking which is NOT to be missed. The ability to speak in public is the most sought after tool for many of us. I don't know about you, but even to this day I need to quell those little butterflies in my stomach before I address a group. The more training we receive in this area, the more comfortable we are... I'm sure you will learn a lot from this opportunity, as well as have fun.

We will also be highlighting the Conservation and International Affairs Departments. Take a peak at the tentative agenda contained within to see what's in store for you in these areas. Add to this that we will be celebrating our achievements of the past year, meeting up with old friends, and making new ones and you know you have a "can't be missed" event! We had 100 members at the Fall Conference with all clubs represented. I would love to see

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Inside News

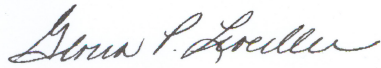
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us match this at Spring Convention, or increase attendance by at least 10%. We have tried to keep costs reasonable, and I hope you will make every effort to attend. Bring a friend or a new member with you... Share the cost and share the fun!

Hope to see you soon!

In Federation,



Gloria P. Leveillee

She has been a friend of my family for many years. There will be two district meetings in March. District #4 on March 24th in Hancock and District #1 on March 31st in Westbrook. Our last District meeting will be District #5 and will be held in Bangor on April 18th. The District Presidents have done an excellent job on planning these meetings. My hat goes off to all of you. I know all of you are workers in your communities. Thank you for all that you do.

Jane L. Shaw

what is going on. I cannot tell you what a thrill it is to read over the reports and see the astounding number of hours devoted and dollars earned and donated to make our communities a better place to live.

Before we know it we will be gathered together at Spring Convention in Bangor. If you can make it, even if for just one day, please come and renew friendships and make new ones! We learn so much from each other—and it's a good chance to give someone a nice pat on the back!! Better still, a big hug.

Think spring!

Suzanne Raymond

Officers



Vice President

THANK YOU for preparing and sending in your club reports. I am happy to report that I have received reports from 24 clubs! It is truly amazing reading through them — what an awesome bunch of women doing sensational things to enhance the lives of others! Anyone thinking volunteerism is a thing of the past should take a look at the GFWC/MFWC club reports.

Clubs still planning to report may send them even though the deadline has passed for the GFWC reporting. In fact, I encourage you to do so. Let us not overlook that *we* — GFWC/MAINE -- want to hear



President-Elect

Our MFWC Executive Board Meeting was held in the Cosmopolitan Club House in Bath. I was glad to see their club house. It is a beautiful home. Later on in February I had the opportunity to attend District #3 Meeting in Newport. Polly and Gerry had a very nice meeting. There were about 30 plus club women in attendance. It was wonderful to see Lorene Perkins receive her 50 year pin.



Treasurer

A special thanks to all the Clubs and the MFWC Committee Chairmen who have sent their checks in a timely manner. MFWC met the February 15 deadline to GFWC for the payment of dues. Your cooperation was appreciated.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the Spring Convention in Bangor.

Pat Treworgy



Corresponding Secretary

This secretary thanks you once again for your timely submissions for the newsletter. Each issue gets easier, thankfully.

A couple of deadline reminders for clubs:

- 1) The form for the Carolyn Lombardi Traveling Trophy (found on page 78 of the directory) must be post-marked by May 1 to qualify. There is some work involved to verify everything once entries arrive, and convention is early this year, so there is little leeway to get this accomplished. Early entry will be helpful.
- 2) Data Sheets (found on page 79 of the directory) should be sent to District Presidents by May 15. DPs should forward them to me by May 25. Please fill them out as completely as possible, even if your officers will not change this year. It will serve as a double-check when putting the new directory together for next year.

One final note, I will have directory ad forms as well as D/NL order forms available in Bangor. Advertising guidelines are reprinted on page 15. Call me if you have any questions.

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District News



District 1

One of the highlights for the **Westbrook Woman's Club** is the Mid-Winter Luncheon in January. They met at a local restaurant for a buffet lunch with entertainment provided by Sue Poulin, an award winning writer and performer. Her late mother was a member of the club, so her appearance was special. At the February meeting members worked on no-sew fleece blankets and presented nine blankets to Project Linus, which provides "hugs" and comfort to children experiencing trauma of some kind. Another project was filling "ditty bags" with toiletry items for a women's shelter in Portland.

In January, State President Gloria Leveillee was a guest of the **Gorham Woman's Club**. The February meeting was a speaker from Dragon Fly Farm, where they learned about "fiber arts" which includes, ceramics, sculpture, wood, etc. The ladies enjoyed a great afternoon. This Club is working with local businesses to pur-

chase holiday banners to be displayed along Main Street at appropriate times.

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** does not meet in January and February. They are, however, active in their community by serving refreshments at the Town Meeting.

The **21 Club of Kezar Falls** mourned the death of the founder of Safe Passages. They have contributed to her worthy cause in the past. They have put together another batch of 'Books for Babies' bags for the newborns in the community. Members chased away the winter chills with a potluck dinner and had their annual shower for the Ronald McDonald House at the meeting on Valentine's Day.

The **Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** does not meet in January and February but does take care of business through Executive Board meetings. They are preparing for their Spring activities such as May Bake Sale and annual Senior Tea honoring graduating seniors and their families.

Evelyn L. Meserve





District 2

At a recent meeting of the **Waldoboro Woman's Club**, Mike Hall from Hall Funeral Home in Waldoboro, spoke to the club about funeral and cremation services and options. They received a lot of good information and many had their questions answered. Members Jane Littman and Mary Lee Merrill will select books to be donated to the Waldoboro Public Library and the Friendship Library in memory of two of their members who passed away. The Helping Hands Committee met on February 13th and made valentines for the patients at Fieldcrest Manor. At a recent meeting they enjoyed a speaker, John Osier, who spoke on growing hardy roses in Maine climates. He indicated that he will donate one of his 200 rose bushes for their Whale of a Sale fund raiser in June. On April 24, 2007, the club members will celebrate their 100th anniversary, having joined the Federation in 1907. Their celebration will take place at the VFW Hall in Waldoboro from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

At the January meeting of the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club**, Laura Tucker spoke on Child Care Options. She was very informative and a wonderful speaker. The month of February found several of the women gathering at the Remington Memorial Home helping the residents make valentines for a loved one. This was a very successful and pleasant experience. The speaker at their

February meeting was their own member, Katie Ouellette, who spoke on the Three Phases of the Main Street Program. There are three levels to the program and she explained each level and spoke on how well Audrey Leveling was doing for Main Street. The club was also active at the FAB Fair selling coffee, sandwiches, and pies and also having a raffle craft table which was very successful.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club got off to a good start in the New Year with a speaker from the area hospital on "Good Nutrition". During February members worked at the Lake George Park Winter Carnival serving hot chocolate and making samoas over a bonfire. They also had a table at the annual Fun and Business Fair where they sold raffle tickets for Longaberger products and a great children's movie basket with items donated by members. Many members volunteered to work and enjoyed socializing with the fairgoers. Their next fundraiser is a member auction which is always lots of fun and very profitable for the club.

Madison Woman's Club celebrated the club's 65th birthday at their January meeting with a special cake and fond memories. The club was organized on January 8, 1942, and the club still has an original member as an active member today. In February the ladies dug out all the scrapbooks that have been saved over the past 65 years and had a conversation on what should be done with them to preserve them as they can no

longer be stored at the Madison Public Library due to extensive renovations. The ladies continue to collect items for the Somerset Domestic Violence Shelter and bring in items such as detergent, fabric softener, wash cloths, paper towels, etc. to each meeting.

The **Livermore Falls Women's Club** met on January 25th for their winter meeting and annual Doris Brunch. A variety of quiches and coffee cakes were enjoyed by all. On February 8th, the club held a workshop where they sewed and filled 10 bags for shut-ins. These bags have since been delivered to local friends and neighbors. An additional 20 bags were prepared for future filling for veterans at Togus. Members of LFWC have been generous in their donations required for these bags. More bags will be sewn at a future workshop and all will be filled and delivered to Togus. Some members worked on finishing the crocheted edges of the "Nose to Toes" afghans that will also be brought to Togus.

GFWC/The Dove Society started the year off with a guest speaker who shared her story of surviving a devastating stroke. Her story was an inspiration to us all and gave us a lot of useful information concerning the signs of a stroke. They have been busy with fundraisers, including dances for 5th-8th graders and their annual club auction with a twist - new or used purses were filled with surprises and auctioned for a great evening of fun. During Read Across America Week,

members will visit classrooms and read a Dr. Seuss book in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. After the books are read, they will be donated to the classrooms. They are also gearing up for many spring events including their 3rd Annual Bake Sale planned for April 16th at Bangor Savings Bank. If you haven't already done so, please visit their beautiful website at www.thedovesociety.org for more information about their club.

Since St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner, and there is a little Irish in us all on that fun and festive day, I would like to leave you with an Irish blessing: May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.

Warm Regards,

Karen L. Nelson
President



District 3

District #3 continues to be busy and productive. Our GFWC/MFWC District #3 meeting was held in Newport, with five state officers, District #3 Co-Presidents, seven Club Presidents and 28 club members present. The Newport Woman's Club hosted the meeting and all enjoyed the remarks of the state officers, the speakers' presentations on teenage dating domes-

tic abuse, which included time for many questions, and a silent auction. A member of the Newport Woman's Club donated the use of their beautiful banquet room at their restaurant and provided all with a lovely luncheon.

GFWC/Miosac Club meetings since Christmas included a speaker from Woman Care Aegis, an informative evening about spinning and using your own wool, and a Fun Night. Several projects are underway including Basket Bingo, an Ice Out Contest and plans for a summer yard sale.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** is having a member's only photo contest and the winning photo will go to state at the end of the year. The club paid dues to belong to the Maine Women's Legislative Council and some members have already gone to a meeting. President Laura Neal, MFWC Public Relation Chairman, encourages all clubs to make an informational brochure for their individual clubs, this being a very easy way to let people know about their clubs.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** continues to visit a local nursing home and collect monies for a local domestic violence shelter. Many of the members of this club are in their nineties, so plans are underway to recognize these members for their many years of volunteer work by giving them a Tea in April.

The **Pittsfield ARTS Club** continues to support their local library expansion project and other projects such as Valentine bags for a local boarding

home and an Early Bird Breakfast at a local festival this summer. In January a speaker presented a program on "food preparation and safety", members learned a lot and most went home and cleaned out their own refrigerators.

GFWC/Newport Woman's Club also continues to be very busy. They also have visited with residents in a local Community Care facility, put on a Valentines' Party for seniors at a Seniors Inn, with local girl scouts helping and sharing in conversation with all present. Members also hosted the GFWC/MFWC District #3 meeting in February, well done ladies!

The **GFWC/Outlook Club of Hartland** continues to support their local library and will be participating in Fun Days this summer, dressing in character costume for the parade and later at the library to read to children. They continue to support Y.A.R.D, a supervised Friday night gathering place for teens, Somerset House, a safe house from domestic violence and to display posters in key locations to alert victims of domestic violence of the opportunity for safety and support. They also have a member attending the Woman's Legislative Council meetings.

Polly Michaud
Gerry Richardson
Co-Presidents





District 4

The District Meeting and Art Show will be held at the Hancock Woman's Club Community Building, Saturday, March 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and get acquainted with other club members from the "new" District 4.

GFWC/MFWC President Gloria Leveillee has been invited to attend.

Acadian Community

Woman's Club President, Sheri Walsh, reports that the club is on hiatus from Christmas until the first of April. Some of the members met in February to discuss the feasibility of their fundraising idea. They will follow up with the members as more information is generated. They have one new member who will become active with the group this year when they return to regular meetings in April.

GFWC/MFWC Narraguagus Women's Club President, Jo-an Page, reports that programs for their two November meetings consisted of some interesting speakers. In early November, the two students from Narraguagus High School who had attended Maine Youth Leadership Conference came and talked about their experiences at the conference. Sending students to the conference every year is one of the projects to which the club contributes. At the second November meeting, they had an interesting and entertaining speaker whose topic was called "My Life in the Sardine Factory". She acquainted them

with the changes in this industry which has all but disappeared from Maine as there is now only one sardine factory left. In December they prepared for their winter hiatus with a Christmas party at a local restaurant. Entertainment was provided by club member Christine Fredenburg and her husband, Frank, who provided wonderful music. They exchanged gifts and looked forward to being together at their next meeting in April. On Valentine's Day, the club provided a Valentine party for the residents of the Narraguagus Health Care Facility in Milbridge. The party included music and refreshments. They do this every year, and the residents seem to enjoy it very much. They also took refreshments to another residential facility in Milbridge. For their next meeting on April 3, members have been asked to wear a self-designed hat. Following the meeting, they will go to the Health Care Facility again and put on a hat fashion show for April Fool fun.

Hancock Woman's Club President, Eunice Phillips, suspects most members are trying to keep warm and staying upright on their feet when out. Activities are in the works for the Annual Art Contest to be held on March 24 in Hancock. The club appointed a committee to devise a calendar as a money making project featuring the people of Hancock and its organization and businesses. They anticipate a good success. At the upcoming March meeting, members will hear from two AFS students; one is from Nor-

way and one is from Germany. This is an annual occurrence in this club; there is much to be learned from visiting teens from across the pond. And of course, they completed the annual report once again! If anyone is interested in obtaining tees, sweatshirts or long sleeved shirts featuring a map of Hancock and Sullivan, please contact them. They also have pecans available.

Lubec Woman's Club

met in February at the home of Jane Dore for an informative and interesting program. The speaker for the meeting was Phillip Avery. He has an extensive collection of Native American artifacts which he has collected since he was a young boy in the South. He displayed some of his collection and told interesting stories about where he found the various pieces. He also explained how many of the items we used as tools. The Senior Social for January was cancelled because of the storm, and our valentines program at the nursing home was cancelled because many of the residents had the flu. Members did present a music program at the home later in February. Hopefully, with the coming of better weather, they will be able to resume a normal schedule.

Juanita Pressley
Lo-An Flettrich
Co-Presidents





District 5

I will hold my District meeting on Wednesday, April 18th in conjunction with the judging of the district 5 high school art. I hope to see many of you there. My speakers will be members of the Maine Women's Fund board in my area and they are excited to be able to share their local activities with you. More information will be sent to District 5 Clubs and state officers in the next few weeks

Old Town Women's Club entertained three international students from the University of Maine at their February meeting. These young people were from South Korea, Ireland and Germany. March's speaker will be the Bangor Daily News' "Shop Girl." For those interested in attending she will speak at 2pm at the Old Town YMCA. Please call Helen Girard at 827-5562 or e-mail hgirard@adelphia.net.

Patawa Club of Bangor donated blood in lieu of a January Meeting. In February the club participated in a sing-along at Bangor City Hospital and Rehab Center. They voted to provide funding for books for the club's teachers to celebrate National Reading Month in April. A silent auction of donated items concluded the meeting. Members will be making fleece lap blankets for the rehab center at the March meeting.

Lillian Zanchi
President

Departments



ARTS

Get out your scrap book-ing materials, turn on your computer and check out diy network for helpful art hints and templates. It is an easy site to use and easy to download templates for many different projects. Just type in diy network.

There are many art related website that give free art lessons. Try a few of these: www.schoolofcolor.com, www.ArtCafeNetwork.net, www.ArtistsNetwork.com, www.PaintersKeys.com, www.WetCanvas.com and www.WorldofWatercolor.com.

The Photography Contest deadline is April 15, 2007 and entries should be sent to Barbara Hathaway. Entries must be matted. No frames or glass.

Calendar Contest deadline is May 1 and these entries should be sent to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: Calendar Contest.

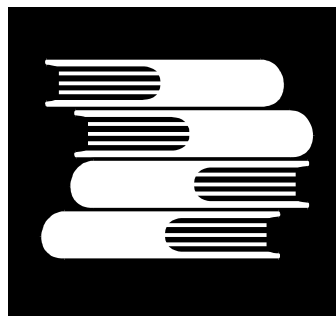
High school student art shows need to be planned well

in advance to compensate for the unexpected. Involve at least one club member to plan the show with the District President. This person could also help with setting up the MFWC Spring High School Art show. Get a report to the MFWC Art Department Chairwoman as soon as your art show is over. She needs time to make her report also. Include: How many students participated, schools participating, who won and from what District, how many members volunteered, volunteer time and any amounts donated as well as any other comments.

One last reminder: Space is an issue when exhibits are set up. Smaller, lighter frames are easier to transport and set up where space is limited and display racks are fragile.

Thank you to GFWC Cosmopolitan Club for their art donation. If your club hasn't donated yet, please consider donating now. Any amount is appreciated and goes to a worthy cause.

Barbara Hathaway
Chairman



EDUCATION

Have you forgotten my address? You must have been reading through some of these frigid winter days and nights. A snow day is an absolute invitation to pick up a book and read...it's a present you give yourself. So, ESO pledges, members and those who are thinking about the program, my address is PO Box 6, Skowhegan, 04976.

The results of our reporting are in and I congratulate each of the clubs. 15 clubs reported in Education/Literacy with 33 projects, 194 members participating, 1306.5 hours and 46762.00. Only 3 clubs sent in narratives, which was disappointing.

20 clubs reported under Lifelong Learning with a wonderful 11 narratives. There were 68 projects by 352 members for a total of 2759 hours and \$21,667.00.

Perhaps these terrific totals are why you haven't been reading....you've been too busy. Keep up the good work, but don't forget to relax some and READ.

Maxine Russakoff
Chairman



HOME LIFE

One of the action plans under the heading of Helping Hands Program is Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). I was personally involved with a HFHI unit when I lived in the State of Washington so I know first hand that there is a great need for new homes for needy people. I believe there are three HFHI programs in the State of Maine. My husband built complete kitchens for two homes that were built in the 90's here in Maine. At the present time there are 20 homes being built for Katrina victims. To get a Habitat home, a family has to meet certain criteria: have a job, pay their bills, and have a good standing in the community. They have to put three hundred hours of sweat equity in another home or in the community. Because of the donations and volunteer hours given to each home, the house payment is very low. Habitat Help Line is 912-924-6935 ext.351.

Easter is coming up and a time for Easter Seals and the E-mail is:

jfishman@easterseals.com.

Heavenly Hats is a non-

profit organization that donates New hats to cancer patients who lose their hair. Patients prefer soft "bucket" or "newsboy" style hats, although baseball caps and other hat styles are acceptable as well. If you read this letter, why don't you bring a hat to convention?

I am still growing out my hair for Locks of Love.

Corinne Neal
Chairman



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

How can I, in a few words, describe to you my impressions of Honduras?: Impossible!! The beauty of the lush, green countryside, the open friendliness of the people, the delicious climate! The landslides still visible from hurricane Midge, where thousands lost their lives and even more their homes, many persons still unaccounted for and thousands homeless, or living in shabby little, windowless Quonset huts, some crowded on a river bank, with bridges still in deer need of repair, or stuck on mountain sides, not reachable by car, old and young all cramped together, often without running water, thereby depending on private vendors. (No money no water!!) In the cities, youngsters hanging out with nowhere to go, unemployment unbelievably high. Schools are there, but most don't have the means to pay for

their books, never mind computers, and teachers are not always available. A lack of general basic education, but particularly health-related education. There are many teen-age single mothers (Aids and HIV), as well as drug-related crime, on the rise. The many maquilas – sweatshops, at the outskirts of large cities, may provide jobs to earn a few lempiras, but don't improve the economy in any way. Emaciated dogs on the streets - no trash pick-up anywhere – street vendors, from very young preteens to pitiful old hunched women, selling anything from cut up fruit in plastic bags, or bananas, to newspapers and shoelaces, for a little pocket money. It all makes one feel ashamed of the luxuries we are used to and take for granted in our daily lives. We have everything we think we need and many things that we do not need but wouldn't want to be without.

Plan USA, Care and numerous others including world relief organizations of the churches and Red Cross have dedicated volunteers traveling to Third World countries to build housing projects and wells, provide education and medical assistance, and set up micro businesses, especially for women so they can be empowered and help their communities and children. We visited an HIV clinic, where patients received medications from USA, and meals, breakfast and lunch, were provided for 25-35 walk-ins in a tiny kitchen on a small burner. There was a micro business where patients can

find a job and friends and where they can feel safe and regain their self esteem.. Much is being done, but it's still just a small percentage that can be reached.. We saw bilingual schools, an orphanage and technical school, an educational farm and much, much more. But it's all only a drop in an ocean of needs.

PLEASE OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND WALLETS AND CONSIDER DONATING GENERAOUSLY to Plan USA or another International organization of your choice. Have a fundraiser, do a silent auction, PLEASE HELP wherever you can. It's not only Honduras, but all over the world!!! Send your

checks to me, NOT to the Treasurer. I am supposed to record and then forward them to the treasurer on a monthly basis. Remember, Plan USA has a raffle going towards a trip for two to a country where they operate.

And last not least, A BIG Thank YOU to all of the clubs that completed their annual report forms. Hope to see many of you at the Spring Convention in Bangor, where I will try to bring many photos of my trip and also a video.

Ruth Dietze
Chairman



Showing off sample from
new micro-business in
Honduras.

Committees



Delegate's Fund

"Thank you" to the following clubs which have donated to the Delegates Fund since the last Pine Tree Notes was published:

Madison Woman's Club
GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of
Dover-Foxcroft

Please send your club donation to me as soon as possible so I can get them to Pat before Spring Convention. Any donation, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

Think SPRING!

Juanita Pressley
Chairman

Do what you can,
for who you can,
with what you have,
and where you are.

- Anonymous



Educational Loan Fund

Club Presidents:

Application forms for both our interest-free loans and the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship have been mailed to your District President for distribution to the high schools in your area. All applications for loans are due by May 1, 2007, also the final selection, from your District, for the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship -- selection to be made by committee appointed by your District President -- should be received by May 1.

The Educational Loan Committee will be meeting in Orono, the first week in May, to determine the recipients of the loans and the scholarship. Please mail all applications for loans and your selection for the scholarship to me at 17 Hamlin Street, Orono, ME 04473. If you have any questions, or perhaps need additional applications, please let me know, either by phone or e-mail -- phone 866-2653, e-mail alida.coates@maine.edu.

"Happy Spring"

Alida Coates
Chairman



Endowment Fund

Raffle tickets for the kayak raffle keep coming in. We thank all who have contributed and sent tickets and money. We have more tickets if you need them and will also sell more at convention.

We would like to thank the following clubs for their donations to the Endowment Fund:

GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club
GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of
Dover-Foxcroft.

We appreciate all your support for this very important fund. Will have more news for you at convention.

Have a nice remainder of the winter and look forward to a great spring when we will meet again in Bangor for Spring Convention.

Minnie McCormick
Chairman





Historian

March is GFWC History month, to check on activities please go to www.gfwc.org.

Spring will be a MFWC Historical Season of Rebirth, of course we need your help!

I. Spring Cleaning Members, please search for materials (photos, programs, newspaper clippings etc.) at local rummage sales, libraries, historic societies, closets and files, and keep an informal record. You can e-mail flettrichnyc@yahoo.com the information or bring it to Spring convention.

Our valuable collection at Fogler Library Special Collections at UM at Orono is expanding. We are donating collected materials, and trying to search for missing official documents and add other categories of human interest.

II. To be discussed at Spring Convention A) Each District to appoint a District Historian to work with the state historian, whose duties would be to collect materials during a State Presidential Administrative block of time. B) Each district would contribute to MFWC Historic bibliography for Historic awareness. C) Discuss various strategies/user friendly methods for achieving prioritized goals.

Lo-An Flettrich
Chairman

Successful people use their strength by recognizing, developing and utilizing the talents of others.

- Anonymous



Maine Youth Leadership (MYL)

MotivateME
Leadership
– Volunteerism –
Character

www.mainejuvenileleadership.org

Nominations are in and 110 high school sophomores from all parts of Maine are scheduled to attend the four-day MotivateME Seminar at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham on May 21-June 3. This very thoughtfully planned event is designed to recognize and develop personal leadership skills. These bright young minds begin their experience as a diverse group of strangers. Within hours, they become a cohesive group of civic-minded teenagers. They grow even closer as they are taught practical skills of planning, decision-making, facilitating and reasoning – helping to bridge understanding and fostering lasting friendships. What a worthwhile and life-changing project we are a part of. Be proud! Let me

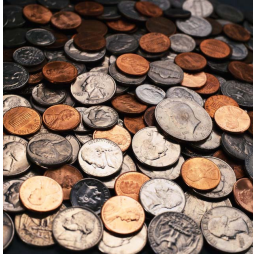
know if you'd like to drop in sometime during the weekend to observe your \$\$ in action!!!

Thank you so much to the following clubs for their generous and dedicated support:

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
Newport Women's Club
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Skowhegan Woman's Club
Waldoboro Woman's Club
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
Old Town Women's Club
Madison Woman's Club
GFWC Cosmopolitan Club

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

Gloria Tewhey
MYL Chairman



Save your small change!



MFWC President's Project

The last time we spoke, I said I would be sending out a packet of information about the Maine Women's Fund, purchasing a Butterfly and participating in the club competition, "Make Big Changes with Small Change Painlessly". In the packet, I asked each club to give me a holler so I would know that the club received the packet and have an idea what each club would be able to do to support the project. Has your club given me a holler yet???? Not all have, so get on the phone, send me a note, or e-mail me with information about what your club is doing to support the state president's project. I don't just mean monetary support either; let me know what kind of projects you're doing. I would also like to know if your club is participating in the competition.

I want to take this time now to thank all the clubs that have sent in a flat donation as of March 1:

Winterport Woman's Club
Pittsfield Arts Club
Miosac Club
Dexter Women's Literary Club
Newport Women's Club
Dove Society
Westbrook Women's Club-
Lubec Women's Club
Skowhegan Woman's Club
Old Town Women's
GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of
Dover-Foxcroft.

We have raised \$980.10 as of March 1, 2007. Keep up the good work, and don't forget to send your money, ideas and accomplishments to the chairman.

Peace and Love,

Ann Marie Wtihee-Heald
11 Summer Street
Madison, Maine 04950
696-3662
withit68@yahoo.com



Necrologist

****Important Deadline ****

Club Presidents - please send the names of your deceased members (who died since last spring convention) to this chairman no later than **May 1**. This will give me time to finalize the memorial service prior to convention in Bangor. Thank you.

Ethelyn Chase
30 Liza Harmon Drive #407
Westbrook, ME 04092
854-6721
josiejohn@juno.com





Public Policy

Below is the first policy alert I am sending to GFWC/Maine members. I would very much appreciate it if you would share this with your members at your next meeting. I have worked to pass legislation for the past 20 years on a variety of topics, and it really does make a difference

when our elected senators and representatives hear from us.

Thank you for consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Lacey Sloan
Chairman
207-793-8188



Public Relations

Lisa Jumper, the GFWC Materials Center Coordinator, wants everyone to know that the GFWC road signs are now available. They are \$75, and this includes shipping and handling. You can pay by visa, mastercard, check, or money order. This is a great public relations idea for Maine clubs. To purchase one for your club, please contact Lisa Jumper, GFWC Materials Center Coordinator, 1734 N. Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. (202)347-3168; Ljumper@gfwc.org

Laura Neal
Chairman

MASTECTOMY HOSPITAL BILL IN CONGRESS

Olympia Snowe has sponsored the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act which will require insurance companies to cover a minimum 48-hour hospital stay for patients undergoing a mastectomy.

It's about eliminating the 'drive-through mastectomy' where women are forced to go home just a few hours after surgery, against the wishes of their doctor, still groggy from anesthesia and sometimes with drainage tubes still attached. Lifetime Television has put this bill on their web page with a petition drive to show your support. Last year over half the House signed on.

This is important legislation for all women. This is an important time to have our voices and choices heard. It is very easy to let our Maine senators and your Congressman know that you support this bill.

Club members, please share this with your club members. They may sign the petition by going to the web site below. You need not give more than your name and zip code number. This takes about 2 seconds.

<http://www.lifetimetv.com/breastcancer/petition/signpetition.php>

Or, you can always call:
Olympia Snowe at 202-224-5344
Susan Collins at 202-224-2523
Mike Michaud at 202-225-6116
and Tom Allen at 202-225-6306



New Leads Candidate Selected



LEADS

(Leadership Education And Development Seminar)

I am please to announce that our LEADS candidate for 2007 is Marjorie Goodwin of the Pittsfield Tuesday Club. She was chosen to represent Maine at the LEADS seminar the day before the GFWC International Convention in Philadelphia in June. Marjorie has held many offices in her club and is always there to lend a hand. We wish you the best and hope you have a great time!

Congratulations,

Ladies!

Club's Volunteer of the Year

ENID CURRIER AWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR GFWC/SKOWHEGAN WOMAN'S CLUB

Enid Currier was surprised at the February meeting of GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club, receiving a shower of cards in celebration of her 90th birthday.

A resolution was read naming the GFWC/MFWC volunteer hours in our club as the ENID CURRIER Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is a stained glass replica (crafted by Wilma "Billie" Sherman with artistic license) of the Maine Federation Emblem. On the reverse side is a plaque reading: "ENID CURRIER AWARD, Volunteer of the Year, GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club, 2006 Enid Currier". This award shall be passed on annually to the next Volunteer of the Year, whose name will be added to the plaque. Mrs. Currier also received a certificate designating her as Volunteer of the Year and a copy of the resolution.



Tidbits



President's Schedule

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| March 13 | Waldoboro Women's Club |
| March 15 | Women's Legislative Council |
| March 24 | District 4 Meeting |
| April 9 | Old Town Women's Club |
| April 10 | 21 Club of Kezar Falls |
| April 14 | GFWC/NER Board Meeting |
| April 18 | District 5 Meeting |
| May 7 | GFWC/MFWC Executive Board |
| May 8 - 9 | GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention |
| May 9 | GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath |
| May 15 | Pittsfield Tuesday Club |
| May 21 | GFWC Narraguagus Club |
| June 7 - 12 | GFWC International Convention |



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...).
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.

Alternatively, a freshly typed or printed copy will reproduce nearly as well when scanned, if they prefer to give you the copy.



Directory Corrections

No further corrections were received prior to this issue of Pine Tree Notes.

You are reminded that changes in mailing address, phone number and/or email address should be sent promptly to President Gloria, so she can keep her list up-to-date, and to Libby Wiers, Corresponding Secretary for inclusion here to keep everyone up-to-date.

GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Call to Spring Convention - May 8 - 9, 2007 - Ramada Inn - Bangor, Maine

TENTATIVE AGENDA
"The Power of One"

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| Monday, May 7 | 2:00 PM | GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting |
| Tuesday, May 8 | 8:30 AM | Registration Finance Committee Meeting |
| | 10:00 AM | Opening Session - "The Power of ONE" |
| | | Business Meeting Greetings and GFWC Update GFWC President's Project Report GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Report GFWC Resolutions Committee Report Women's Legislative Council Report GFWC Community Improvement Contest Report Clubwoman Report Delegates Fund Report Endowment Fund Report Fundraising Committee Report |
| | 12:00 PM | Luncheon - Honoring our District and Club Presidents - "The ONES Who Lead the Way" Speaker: Beth Stickney, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project GFWC/MFWC President's Project Report |
| | 2:00 PM | Business Meeting District Presidents Reports Public Affairs Department Report Home Life Department Report Awards for Directory Commissions GFWC/MFWC Officers' Reports |
| | 4:00 PM | New Club Formation Committee Meeting Other Committee Meetings |
| | 6:00 PM | Social Hour, Receiving Line, Processional |
| | 7:00 PM | Banquet - Honoring our Past State Presidents - "The ONES Who Led Us Well" Speaker - Julie Heinz, CARE, Northeast Field Organizer Kendra Chubbock, Cosmopolitan Club of Bath International Affairs Department Report Entertainment - TBA |
| | 9:30 PM | Reception - Honoring International President Jacquelyn Pierce "Our Number ONE Clubwoman" |

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| Wednesday, May 9 | 7:30 AM | Breakfast - Honoring Our Members "The Importance of Each and Every - ONE" Jennie June Bear Report Members-at-Large Report Membership Report and Awards Carolyn Lombardi Award Memorial Service |
| | 9:30 AM | Business Meeting Empowering Women Report WHRC/Historian's Report Jennie Award Report Public Relations/Website Report Education Report and Awards Maude MacKenzie Scholarship/ Educational Loan Fund Report and Awards Leadership Report Maine Youth Leadership Report LEADS |
| | 10:30 | Leadership Workshop - Public Speaking "The ONE Thing We All Can Learn To Do" Presenter: Jacquelyn Pierce, GFWC Int'l President |
| | 12:00 | Luncheon - Honoring Department and Program Chairmen "The ONES Who Stepped Up" Speaker - Joan Saxe, Sierra Club - Global Warming Conservation Department Report and Awards |
| | 2:00 | Business Meeting Arts Department Report and Awards Raffles Final Report of Registration Other Business Courtesy Committee Report Announcements |
| | 3:00 | Adjournment |

Note: You are asked to wear something PURPLE on Tuesday since we are highlighting Domestic Violence Awareness and the International Affairs Department. You are asked to wear something GREEN on Wednesday since we are highlighting the Conservation Department. Thank you in advance for your spirit of cooperation. Remember you don't have to be dressed COMPLETELY in purple or green on Tuesday and Wednesday - just have SOMETHING on in that color!

AT THE EVENING BANQUET on Tuesday, please consider coming in evening attire representative of a particular foreign country to reflect our focus on the International Affairs Department. It's that opportunity to wear that kimono, that sarong, or that flamenco dress. In a quandary as to what to wear? Remember Canada is a foreign country, too, and its evening attire for women consists of a cocktail length or formal dress. We all have these, or something close. Have fun with this!

Bangor Ramada Inn

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Spring Convention - May 8 - 9, 2007

**"The Power of One"
Ramada Inn - Bangor, Maine**

**Guest Room Rates
\$79.00/night, single or double occupancy**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN APRIL 25, 2007

Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive contract rates, you must refer to "Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR, so if mobility is an issue please specify a first floor room.

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to arrival in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

To expedite check-in, you should give the hotel the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates
- Estimated time of arrival
- Room preference (first floor/second floor, single, double/double, smoking or non- smoking)
- Credit card type to be used for payment, including number and expiration date
- Home address

Hotel facilities include: High Speed Wireless Internet, cardio fitness center, shuttle to local area attractions

In-room amenities: coffee maker, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, 27" televisions, free local calls

Check-in time 2:00 pm - Check-out time 12:00 Noon

**Bangor Ramada Inn, 357 Odlin Road, Bangor, Maine 04401
(207) 947-6961**

Visit www.Bangorramada.com for more information on hotel.

Directions to Ramada Inn from Interstate 95:

From I-95 N or S, merge onto I-395 W via Exit 182B toward US -2W/ME - 100W/ Hermon. Go for a half mile to traffic light. Turn right onto Odlin Road. Ramada Inn is on your left.

Registration Form

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Spring Convention - May 8 - 9, 2007 - Ramada Inn - Bangor, Maine

Name: _____ Name for nametag: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Club/Position: _____

GFWC/MFHC Position: _____

Registration Fee - ☐ Tuesday \$10.00 ☐ Wednesday \$10.00 ☐ Both days \$15.00Please indicate any special dietary needs, and we will **try** to accommodate you: _____

Tuesday Lunch:

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| Chicken Breast | \$15.00 | _____ |
| Pasta Primavera | \$15.00 | _____ |

Tuesday Dinner:

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| Mesquite Sirloin Tips | \$24.00 | _____ |
| Oven Roasted Turkey | \$20.00 | _____ |

Wednesday Breakfast:

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| Eggs Benedict | \$11.00 | _____ |
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Wednesday Lunch:

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| Business Lunch Buffet | \$15.00 | _____ |
| Registration Fee | | _____ |
| Total | | _____ |

IMPORTANT

1. Make check payable to **GFWC/MFHC** for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check by **April 25, 2007** to:
Pat Treworgy, PO Box 411, Milbridge, ME 04658-0411 (Telephone - 546-2584).
4. Please note that no refunds will be possible after May 1, 2007.

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



114 years of Volunteer Service



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

Libby Wiers
Corresponding Secretary
PO Box 159
Saint Albans ME 04971-0159

Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
August 1, 2007