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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFVC Newsletter
March/April 2010



“It Is Better to Give than Receive”



President's Letter

I can't believe this is the last Pine Tree Notes that I will be writing for as your GFWC/MFVC President. We have covered a lot in the last two years. The MAINE Federation has done many things to make the President's Project, The Food Pantry (with the Good Shepherd Food Bank), a success. We have given money, brought food to the state meetings and our local club meetings, and some have volunteered their time working with the food pantries in their local communities. Maine did very well at the GFWC 118th International Convention last year with awards. Our state may have few clubs, but our women know how to make things happen. I am thrilled to have served as your president; what an opportunity it has been to travel all over the United States and meet so many wonderful ladies from all around the world. Thank you so much. Thanks to all the clubs and their members for everything you have done during this administration. I look forward to

seeing all that can attend our Spring Convention in Orono at the Black Bear Inn on May 6 & 7. Thanks to all the clubwomen that have helped me during the last two years. I wish Suzanne and the 2010-2012 Administration the BEST.

Yours in Federation,

Jane L. Shaw

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SPRING CONVENTION

is right around the corner!

Registration deadline:
April 23

Register early to SAVE!!

Early bird deadline:
April 16

Don't be left out as
we celebrate our
successes!

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Officers



President-Elect

Can you believe that Spring Convention is just around the corner??? Can you believe that we are all writing our final articles for this term??? Can you believe that this officer has been busy getting things in gear for the next administration??? Of course you can!

Preparations are being made, the groundwork is being laid, and thankfully many of the positions for the next administration have been filled. There are some positions open, some requiring a sizable time commitment but others not so much - - I continue to make phone calls (and emails) and I'm always glad to hear a positive response. However, sometimes it just isn't possible to accept a position at this time, and some of you have made suggestions that have lead me to call on someone else - and this has proved to be very effective!! So thank you! There are many ways we all help to make this a thriving organization. Thanks for your willingness to take on leadership roles, for without you we cannot be successful in our endeavors to reach out to enhance the lives of others.

GFWC obviously thinks leadership is very important to us and to our future, to the extent of investing in leadership training!

Each year one club woman from the State of Maine is selected to join with other clubwomen from across the entire country to attend LEADS. What an awesome opportunity! I am very pleased to announce that at the winter executive board meeting in February, Nancy Ames of GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club, was selected to be our candidate to participate in LEADS 2010 in June at Omaha, Nebraska. This is held in conjunction with GFWC International Convention. Nancy has been active in her club in many capacities, as well as serving on its board of directors. Among other things, she was very involved in the past in developing the sports program in her town, as well as being active with the Boy Scouts (received the Outstanding Service Award from the Canaan Boy Scouts), served as chairman of the Fun and Business Fair, to name a few. Many of you will remember Nancy from our 2008 Fall Conference. Remember our fun banquet and the gal who was crowned "Fancy Nancy?!" Her enthusiasm was seriously contagious!! CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY AMES!!!

Plan to join us at Spring Convention in congratulating Jane for a very successful term serving as President of GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs 2008-2010. She has much to be proud of. It's quite remarkable - it's no small thing that with all her responsibilities leading us, she has maintained her poise and kept focused with some serious health concerns that she has needed to take care of. Come offer your heartfelt

congratulations to her!

So much has been accomplished and there is much to boast about! Please, come share your success stories and hear of others. And please, come offer loads of support to the next administrative team as we forge ahead into the next term. I'm looking forward to doing what we do best - - VOLUNTEER! See you in May!

Suzanne T. Raymond
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Vice President

Well ladies, so far in central Maine, this winter has been a piece of cake! However, you know what they say about March! Lamb or lion and when? Time will tell!

I have finished reading all the marvelous reports and narratives submitted by the Clubs for 2009. Wow!! You should all pat yourselves on the back!! I am pleased to announce that twenty-three out of twenty-six Clubs reported this year. This is an increase of four Clubs from last year. The reports and narratives were mailed to the State Chairman for each Department on February 22, 2010. They in turn, will submit their reports to their GFWC counterparts by March 15th and send a copy to GFWC/MFVC President Jane Shaw as well.

I would like to express my gratitude to the GFWC/MFVC Club Presidents, or their designees,

nees, for sending these annual reports to me in a timely fashion. It makes my job ever so much easier. Now I can sit back and look forward to hearing at Spring Convention on what has been going on in each Department or Special Committee.

Come join us in May at the Black Bear Inn and rejoice as your Club receives all the awards it is so deserving of! I offer my congratulations to all of you on a job well done through your volunteer efforts. Lives are forever changed and enhanced because clubwomen take the time to care and share. It has been an honor and privilege, as GFWC/MFWC Vice President, to read and learn about all of your Club's accomplishments.

I shall look forward to seeing in May in Orono as we renew old friendships, form new bonds and unite as Clubwomen through our volunteerism.

Anne H. Cress
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Recording Secretary

Hello to members of MFWC. I have enjoyed being your Recording Secretary for the past two years. I am going to miss it. I will still be active as I will be chairing a committee for Suzanne, so I will be seeing you. I didn't think I could do this job but now I can see that you can do most anything if you put your mind to it. I

want to thank my review team, Suzanne and Anne. They have been terrific. With help like that, it was a piece of cake. Good luck to the new officers.

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Treasurer

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Corresponding Secretary

My heartfelt thanks to those who submitted columns for this issue - and apologies to Pat Smith and Ruth Dietze, who got left out of the previous one.

Reminders to club presidents:

- **Carolyn Lombardi Award** entries (found on page 141 of your Directory) say they must be postmarked by May 1, but earlier would be better. This date is a Saturday, and if anything gets hung up in the mail it might not give this officer enough time before convention to compute the results.

- **Data Sheets**, which are found on page 143 of the Directory, should be mailed to the new

Corresponding Secretary no later than May 20th, but as soon after she is announced as possible would be helpful to her.

It has been a privilege to serve as Corresponding Secretary, but the time has definitely come to pass the torch - new face, new changes, as time marches on.

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EC at winter board 2/13/10

L to R: Gloria, Kathy, Minnie, Jane, Suzanne, Anne, Libby

FYI, for those with print edition, we are all dressed in red/pink for Valentine's Day.

District News



District 1

Can it be that this is the last newsletter of this administration??!! The women of District One have continued to be busy and are looking forward to many spring activities. One of which will be the **GFWC/MFWC High School Art Contest** which will be held at the **Limerick Public Library on Wednesday, April 14th**. We will arrange the art in the morning and have the judging at about 6PM with an explanation from the judges about their choices following the judging. Everyone, including the high school students who participate and their families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club is busy with the planning stage for their up-coming Scholarship Luncheon which will be held April 23rd. This is their major fund raiser and hopes are high that it will bring in at least \$2,000. With only 23 members this year, the luncheon means plenty of work for all. Anticipating that spring

is not far off, the speaker scheduled for March, a Master Gardener, will talk about patio gardening. The final regular meeting before the summer break will focus on supporting the schools. It will include the High School Art Contest and a talk from Gorham High School's representative to the Maine Youth Leadership Conference. At the annual meeting in May, new officers will be installed to direct the Gorham Woman's Club for the next two years.

GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath have begun the work on their clubhouse's roof and fixing the chimneys. They are in the beginning stages of gearing up for a capital campaign for the clubhouse. They are raising \$100,000.00 for 100 years. All the donations received will be put in a fund for clubhouse maintenance. No membership meetings in January and February 2010, although the Executive Committee met several times regarding the capital campaign and repairs to the clubhouse. The following programs are scheduled for March and April: Bath—Cool Community, CSA and how to do local food in the

off season; Pets in need, help us help them - Rescue Services. May is a very busy month, everyone is invited to their Bath May Day Yard Sale & Bake Sale, Saturday, May 1, 9-2PM at the clubhouse. May 12th is their Annual Banquet and installation of officers and May 16th is their Annual Senior Tea for graduating seniors from Morse High School. Think Spring!!!

In January, the **GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club** gathered at Keeley the Caterer for their mid-winter luncheon. As was suggested from GFWC, they did take up a collection for Haiti and sent in a \$300.00 donation. They enjoyed being entertained by a club member's son and his musical trio. Many guests joined them for their February 2nd meeting where they heard member Marge Eames' grandson, Jacob LaViolet speak about his experiences while serving at Mother Teresa's home in Calcutta, complete with pictures. It was most interesting and enlightening and he returned the next day for another 4 month missionary stay. With lovely Valentine decorations, husbands and guests joined them for a dinner party on

February 12th. Door prizes were given and all enjoyed the piano playing of John O'Hara. Because of a storm cancelled meeting, the Westbrook women will meet March 2nd for their High School Art Show and fill 30 Sunshine Baskets for shut ins and rehearse for their 90th Anniversary Celebration of being federated, which will be held on March 16th. Their very successful club year will end with their annual meeting and the installation of new officers on April 13th.

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** does not meet in January and February, but they are looking forward to their High School Art Contest in March and will also celebrate the 90th birthday of long time member Ruth Floyd. They will also serve refreshments at the annual Limerick Town Meeting on March 6th as a group fundraiser. In April they look forward to a program called "Pretty Blooms—Pesky Bugs". In May they will hold a Brown Bag Auction, which will entail members bringing a surprise, placed in a brown bag and decorated to give a hint as to the contents. June will be a Progressive Supper, annual meeting and

installation of officers.

The **21 Club** is busy planning their first art night at the Kezar Falls Library in hope of better participation for the MFWC art contest. They will be learning about hospice care and celebrating their club's history in March. April will bring their annual meeting and a fun program of "match the club woman to her mother's picture". The CIC committee will be selling Springhill plants to raise money for their project of landscaping at the Kezar Falls Library. Members sent money off to Haiti and Chile, their thoughts and prayers go out to both countries. They will wrap up their club year with the Spring Indoor Yard Sale and Lilac Festival booth. And they will again salute community members with a "21 Club Salutes" article in the newspaper and by honoring those recognized at their end of year pot luck.

Sally E. Manchester
President



District 2

The District 2 co-presidents traveled to the coast to visit the **Waldoboro Woman's Club**. After enjoying a wonderful lunch, a program about the old "Waldoboro Button Factory" was given by Randy Gross. Samples of buttons, bracelets, dominoes, office supplies, and old photos told the story of the factory that was once a vital part of the town.

While we enjoyed "buttons", members of **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** were enjoying snow. As a part of the Winter Carnival at Lake George Regional Park, they served "smores" to the participants. What a fun ...but chilly... job! The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** had it a bit easier as they learned all about Lake George, the Winter Carnival, and what is being planned for the future of the park during their January meeting. **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** participated in the Skowhegan "FAB Fair" where they held a "Movie Basket Raffle"; as did the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club**... they also held a raffle, sold baked goods, and had crafts for sale. "Mamma Mia" was the "event" in Skowhegan as the three Skowhegan clubs...**GFWC/The Dove Society, GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club, and GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club**...held a special showing of the movie as combined fundraiser to earn money that will go toward the expansion, renovation, and restoration of the Skowhegan Public Library.

The **Livermore Falls Women's Club** enjoyed their an-

nual Doris' Brunch at the La Fleurs Restaurant in Jay. The meal was topped off by a lesson in Ice Dancing by Marion Hogan. She told members of her early days at the rink, how she moved up to award winning performances in ice dancing, and shared stories of the famous skaters she met along the way. Her explanation of the equipment and a video of her dancing with her partner, got all of the members into the "Olympic mood". This was followed by a "Scotch Auction" of items brought by members. February was a busy month for other clubs as well. **The Livermore Falls Women's Club** traveled south to Westbrook to visit the **GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club** where they heard a program given by a young man who had spent time in India volunteering at Mother Teresa's orphanage and the Death and Dying House. He was leaving the following day to return for another round of volunteering. Members reported that it was heartening to see that some young people are still on the right track!

In January, members of **GFWC/The Dove Society** had a great time as they held an auction to raise money for scholarships. They hosted another Longaberger basket party in February which will provide the baskets necessary for their week long "Scholarship Basket Event".

So... what is coming up?

The Livermore Falls Women's Club has a workshop scheduled to stitch towels from flour sacking to replace kitchen and hand towels that were lost in

the fire at Norlands. "We are all looking forward to Spring and warm sunshine!" according to Co-President Gail Slade.

In March, the **Waldoboro Woman's Club** is planning their International Luncheon (where members bring a dish which represents their own family's country of origin) and, in April, the program will be on the Maine Youth Leadership program. "Wishing all Maine Federation members a Happy Spring!" is the word from President, Judy Nichols.

GFWC/The Dove Society reports that they plan to participate in the Dr. Seuss' Read Across America program by reading Dr. Seuss books to classrooms in the Skowhegan area.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis members are looking forward to the visit of MFWC President, Jane Shaw, at their March meeting. They have a Mother's Day Plant Sale coming up and, if spring ever comes, they will be planting a "Domestic Violence Awareness Garden" in Coburn Park using flowers in shades of purple. They are also getting ready for the "Step for the Roses" Program...remember, they recorded over 4 million steps last year!

The GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club has a "Who, What, When, and Where...Our History" program scheduled for March and an update on the Skowhegan River Run for April. Members are also getting their entries for the photography contests ready...so, be sure to visit

the Photography Exhibit at the MFWC Spring Convention!

Last...but not least...the "Skowhegan Three" are planning a "Bunco Party" for members of all three Skowhegan clubs as a fundraiser. This event will give members a chance to meet & interact with members of the other clubs! Sound like fun? Want to come play?

Wilma (Billie) Sherman
Marjorie Black
Co-Presidents



District 3 **(and 5!)**

Patawa Club in Bangor had Pink Papaya come in and had some relaxing foot soaks. It was so nice on a cold night in January. They all brought in items for Spruce Run which helps women affected by domestic violence. Proceeds from purchasing items that night went to Spruce Run in the form of Pink Papaya products. In February, they made heart pillows for the Cardiac unit of Eastern Maine Medical Center. They were all cut and stitched by the meeting. So that night, they stuffed them with fiberfill and put in the final stitching to close them up. They made 40+ pillows which will be distributed to people who have heart surgery at the hospital. In March, they will have a speaker from the homeless shelter, as well as hold a collection for them. Jane Shaw, MFWC President, is also scheduled to visit at this meeting. April will bring their last fundraiser - Casino Night. Looking like that will be a real fun time.

The **GFWC/Newport Women's Club** entertained Newport area Senior Citizens with a valentine party at the Newport Inn. This event was begun in 2001 and has been well attended ever since. Games were played, prizes awarded, and festive refreshments were available. Newport's Cub Scouts were also present to visit and serve the guests. They presented the Seniors with a super sized Valentine made by the Scouts to hang in the Inn.

The **GFWC/Miosac Club** ladies have started 2010 off with a bang! The first meeting in January, the club heard about the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society and the fine work they have been doing in preserving our town's history. A major project being undertaken with many civic organizations is the campaign to save Central Hall. It is an historical building that is presently unoccupied and slated for sale or demolition. 'Friends of Central Hall' was organized to save the building and bring it back to its original glory and the Historical Society is a major player in this effort. A snowy day postponed the second meeting and it was rescheduled for the next week in January so plans could be finalized for the club's involvement with the 3rd Annual Valentine's Ball to profit WomenCare Aegis, a domestic violence awareness and resource agency in Dover-Foxcroft. The Miosac gals provided appetizers of all kinds for the evening's dance and Carol Kilpatrick, a club member and florist, arranged the centerpieces that adorned the 15 tables. Tickets were sold by members that amounted in a donation in kind of

\$525 and the entire event raised over \$2000 for this worthwhile organization. Four members of the club attended the Ball and deemed all the appetizers delish! Also at that meeting, the club heard news on the Charlotte White Center from Dick Brown, CEO, and enjoyed learning of the many diverse services offered by this non-profit organization. At the first meeting in February the club was treated to a delightful program on The Linus Project by Penquis area coordinator, Merlene Sanborn. This group provides handmade blankets and quilts to the children in our area who have undergone a trauma. There are over 400 chapters of Project Linus throughout the U.S. and they have provided over 3 million blankets worldwide. There are many reasons a child can be given a blanket - from personal illness to a death of a family member or friend, being displaced by fire or flood and, after Hurricane Katrina, 18,000 blankets were delivered to the New Orleans area within 5 days. Several Miosac club members attended the Linus Blanket Day held in late February where the goal was to make and donate 100 blankets. That goal was met by 10:00 a.m. and then surpassed by over 60 blankets more. A delightful slide show presentation was given by Rev. Heather Kurtz and her mother, Sandy, on their trip to China last summer. All members were impressed by the diverse and vast scope of China. Upcoming events sponsored by the club are the 4th Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo to be held on March 7th. This event, along with the ongoing

Ice Out Contest, are the club's two major fundraisers. Plans are being discussed to provide a lunch for the Senior Network, a gathering of senior citizens for socialization and a meal in Dover later in March. The cookbook Committee is hard at work compiling the club's collection of treasured recipes. The Art Committee is hard at work planning this year's local High School Art Show in April. The club lost a valued, long-time member this February, Lillian Herring, associate member and mother of Anne Cress. We are all saddened by her passing and feel so honored to have known such a wonderful lady.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** met at Raejean Hersey's home in January. Tom Roberts, a local farmer, gave the members much information with his program of "Buy Locally Grown Food." The club will meet in March to hear from the "Kind News" recipients' teacher at the local elementary school. In April, each member will be giving a report on the Maine book she has read during the Winter.

The **GFWC/MFRC Pittsfield Arts Club** held their January 2010 meeting at the Pinnacle Ski Club's rustic clubhouse. The ski club president Jen Siter was guest speaker and enthusiastically told of the Club's recent rejuvenation. The ski slope has been open since 1956 and is run by dedicated community volunteers. Many of the Arts Club members have enjoyed the facilities with their families over the years, so it was especially interesting. In early February, members gathered at the

Cianbro building and assembled colorful Valentine Baskets. Member Connie Theis brought them to the local boarding home and distributed them to residents during their Valentine celebration. They look forward to receiving these each year. Some of their members volunteered at the Pittsfield Public Library in February replacing books on their shelves. The library's new addition has been one of the club's community projects for the last several years. The million dollar plus addition is nearly completed and our March meeting will be held in the new conference room.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Presidents



District 4

The annual Winter Harbor Holiday Shopping Night, the first Thursday in December, proved to be a great fund raising opportunity. **The Acadian Community Women's Club** members hosted a chili supper as well as a craft fair earning the club roughly \$900.00. The club is proud of its contributions to the communities of Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro during the holiday season. Coordinating and fundraising a gift giving campaign which included sixteen families and thirty-three children. The club collects gifts for all of the children and delivers them. Very little club money is spent as so many club members and members of the community are eager to contribute to this effort. The club also donated forty children's

books to a local Harbor Lights Festival for Santa to deliver. For the second year, The Acadian Community Woman's Club donated \$500.00 to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Brewer as a credit for our local food pantry, Lifeline Food Pantry in South Gouldsboro. The members voted to increase scholarships to two \$1,000.00 scholarships this year. March will bring a bread baking workshop to our club members. The spring will also lead us into plans for our annual Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor.

The **Hancock Woman's Club** reports that they had such a good time at their business meeting in February that they never got to the "Game Night" they had scheduled. Much discussion centered on use of the clubhouse with new groups asking to use the facility. Written guidelines for use of the building were generated, issues of maintenance, cleaning, and expenses were also discussed. Some members had not seen each other over the winter months. This meeting was a good opportunity to enjoy each other's company and to catch up with everyone's news over refreshments. The March meeting is the annual AFS foreign exchange student night, when local high school students, with their advisor, share their country's background and their experiences living in Maine and the United States. In April the program will focus on gardening and will be presented by a local woman who runs a gardening center. The members will learn about gardening, some gardening techniques and land-

scaping solutions to special challenges we face in their own yards. In April, the clubs holds its annual Indoor Yard Sale in the Hancock Grammar School gym. This fundraiser is used to raise funds for the club's building upkeep and for scholarships.

The club is making sure all members are aware of the upcoming Spring Convention and is taking the opportunity at each meeting to discuss the convention with their members. The club is hoping to entice members who have never attended, or who haven't attended recently to come to the Spring Convention. The members attending will surely bring back plenty of experiences to share at their annual banquet which will be held the week after Convention.

The **GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club** met in January at "Bayside Chocolates" where the owner, Gene Greenlaw, demonstrated making "Bailey's" truffles. They also had samples of orange chocolate chips on the tables for the members to enjoy. They were also able to partake of freshly made orange/cranberry and blueberry muffins and their choice of beverages. In February, the club had two local Lubec women (who are both from away) demonstrate a new internet program which is part of "Maine Memories". Lubec was one of first eight communities in the state picked to pilot this program. Anyone interested in viewing this site can go to Lubec/History and the first listing should be the link to this program. The website contains old pictures; audible interviews; and other historical data. The club members found it to be very enjoyable and informing and

encourage other members to check it out! Only one of the four graduates the club chose for scholarships completed their first semester. The club divided the money available and gave two larger scholarships of \$500.00 to their successful candidate and another eligible and deserving student.

Thanks to Pat Treworgy, of the **GFWC/MFWC Narraguagas Woman's Club**, District 4 has organized plans for the high school art contest for Washington County.

Sherri Walsh
President

Departments



Arts

MFWC has an excellent art focus that each member club can participate in. Begin with your focus on MFWC and what the art department is accomplishing, and then focus on art advocate. Encourage members to participate in the contests offered. Do more fun activities with your club. All work and no play makes for a dull day. I plan several fun painting days each year. Backyard Habitat Plein Air Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Pine tree State Arboretum, 153 Hospital Street, Augusta. This

plein air workshop is inspired by trees & flora specimens on location where there are several beautiful and educational places to appreciate nature, while painting. This would make a good outing for artists & members and attendee can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy time taking photos. FMI: bhaway@myfairpoint.net

*Photography Contest: deadline to tell art department chairman your intent to enter is April 15, 2010. Remember you just have to bring you photo to the MFWC spring meeting.

*A Year in Pictures Calendar Contest: clubs send one photo to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: Calendar Contest, by May 1, 2010.

Speaking of MFWC Spring Convention, I say again, let's Celebrate Art, be a part and look the part. Share your talent. Tell someone you can write, paint, sing, play an instrument or take photos. Let's hear and see what you can do. We are here to encourage you and are proud of what you can do. Be An Artist!

Barbara Hathaway
Chairman
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Education

Congratulations, everyone.....the numbers are just in and I am happy to share with all of you. Totals for Education (both programs, Focus on Literacy and Education in the Community): 102 projects –

587 members participated - 2,979 volunteer hours - \$35,376 total of earned, donated or in-kind....WOW!!!

In ESO we have 5 members working on their second century... already recognized for reading 100 books. We have about ten new pledges who are working on becoming members. Just want to remind you to get your book reports to me at least by the end of April to allow me enough time to prepare awards before convention.

Give yourself a big pat on the back, put a big smile on your face and glow in your achievements..... a job well done.

Again I want to thank each of you for supporting the Education program. It has been a pleasure to serve you and GFWC/MFWC.

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International Affairs

Well, it's that time again - Annual GFWC Department Reports are soon due. Anne Cress just sent me all your narratives and I am stunned about the innovative International programs some clubs have come up with. It will be a difficult choice which of the clubs to recommend to the GFWC Int'l Chairman for consideration of an award.

Your hearts (and monies) have been given to so many good causes. And what is really special,

you haven't only given but, as so often is the case, you have also received - some in the form of fine crafts, some furthered their education, or found more wisdom (W.I.S.E.), and some gained a better understanding of some parts of the world. I'm really so proud of you!! I will tell you more about some of the programs at the upcoming Spring Convention.

It is so heart-warming to read about your efforts - thanks to you all! This makes my job really worthwhile and I'm glad Suzanne is keeping me on for the next administration. I hope I can look forward to many more of your interesting narratives and also learn about some new adventures in the future.

I am certain that first and foremost all of us, whether within our clubs or as individuals, have tried to help the devastated people in Haiti. Here I would like to single out the Livermore Falls Woman's Club. They decided to send \$100.00 to Haiti through Doctors without Borders and spontaneously the women at the meeting collected among themselves ending up with \$383.00 instead. Bravo! My club, the Hancock Women have again donated to Plan USA, which also does work in Haiti, by the way. We still hope to be one day in their raffle for a chance to travel with them. Remember, they offer each administration a chance in their raffle to any club that is able to donate a minimum of \$300.00 to them.

I should mention that CARE also has an award program for a chance to travel to a country

witnessing their work. However, a club needs to raise at least \$5,000 to get a chance. We may want to leave that chance to some of the larger clubs down south. I'm pretty content with the work you all do and like to thank you again for your commitments. See you in Orono in Spring!

Oh, the first crocuses are up and it's only the 24th of February.

Ruth Dietze
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Committees



Delegate's Fund

I am still recovering from my broken shoulder. It is a slow and painful process.

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

GFWC/Gorham's Woman's Club
GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club

I hope you have had a good winter, and I look forward to seeing you this spring.

Juanita Pressley
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Educational Loan Fund And Maude MacKenzie Scholarship

Reminder to District Presidents and Club Presidents:

All Scholarship and Interest-Free Loan applications must be received by the Educational Loan Fund Chairman before Friday, April 30. Our committee will be meeting in Orono on Saturday, May 1, and at that time will determine the recipients of both the loans and the Scholarship.

Again, thanks for your help with this very important and rewarding service to our Maine high school graduates.

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Endowment Fund

A special thank you to my committee members for their contributions (both in basket items and assistance) to the Endowment Fund Raffle at the fall conference. An extra special thanks to my fellow Research Club members Jean Farrais and Mary Langlois for their many donations to the raffle baskets. Also thanks to all who bought raffle tickets. The total earned for the Endowment Fund was \$156.00. We're now working

on ideas for the Spring Convention table.

I have received a really interesting way for clubs to earn money for the Endowment Fund - or whichever fund suits the interest of your club. This was submitted by Roberta Morrill, President of the Westbrook Woman's Club. Here it is, in her own words: "THE HAPPY-SAD BASKET" "As part of our club meetings at the GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club, we have enjoyed and are still enjoying, using our 'Happy-Sad Basket'. Members are invited to share either a happy or a sad moment that has happened to them recently. They donate one dollar or more to be placed in the basket. The members' sharing their moment and money has a dual purpose. We clubwomen have an opportunity to hear what special happenings are going on with our friends and we therefore get to know each other much better. The money that is collected is forwarded to the GFWC Endowment Fund. Another added plus is that this helps members practice public speaking skills. Members who wouldn't dream of speaking to the group just love to talk about their grandchildren, etc." Thank you, Roberta, for what sounds like a great idea. It must work, as Westbrook Woman's Club has sent a donation to Endowment Fund which included \$50.00 from the Happy-Sad Baskets.

Got an idea? Just send the chairman an email and it may be included in Pine Tree Notes.

Another thank you to the following Clubs for their donation

to the Endowment Fund since our last insertion:
 GFWC/Miosac Club
 GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club
 GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club
 GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club
 GFWC/The Dove Society
 GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club
 GFWC/Newport Woman's Club.

If you still plan to send a donation to Endowment Fund for this term, please try to get it to me by April 16th so I can forward it to Gloria.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Convention.

Patricia Smith
 Chairman
 patricias6@myfairpoint.net



Fundraising

The Fundraising committee has about 2 dozen cookbooks to sell at the Spring Convention (or before). We will be selling raffle tickets for the beautiful salt and pepper grinders with the drawing to be held at the conclusion of the convention. We hope to be able to present President Jane Shaw with at least \$100.....so please visit the Fundraising table and purchase at least one raffle ticket.

We are asking each club member that attends the Spring Conference to bring a paperback book to be left at the Fundraising table. These books will then be sold for a very "reasonable"

price with proceeds to benefit MFWC. (If you wish to donate more than one book, that is OK)

We have Domestic Violence shirts (from the Newport Woman's Club) and pins and cards (from the Skowhegan Woman's Club) that will be for sale at our table. We appreciate these clubs assisting us in our Fundraising endeavors and we truly appreciate all members who purchased items from our table. Thank You!!

Marjorie Goodwin
 Raejean Hersey
 Co-Chairmen
 dgoodwin@gwi.net
 lupinehill@gwi.net



Membership

We are winding our way to the completion of another term. As we reflect over the last 2 years, we are grateful for our new members and the successful projects that have been completed. Act in Oct resulted in 5 new members for Livermore Falls Women's Club. Congratulations, you did it again..... Looking forward to seeing all of you in May at Convention.

Nancy Kenty
 Chairman
 Nanknty_1@msn.com



Maine Youth Leadership (MYL)

Leadership
– Volunteerism –
Character

www.maineleadership.org

How are you investing in the future? The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow and at MYL, we help to prepare high school students for future leadership through immersion in a four-day seminar held at the University of Southern Maine, Gorham Campus.

At MYL, we are proud of our ability to bring together students from all over the state each year to foster life-enduring relationships. We are proud of the camaraderie created and maintained by the participants and the commitment of each student to give back 100 hours of community service. Mostly, we are proud of the students who return to their respective schools with an invigoration to succeed and go on to apply the leadership traits we seek to instill.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to the following clubs for their gifts:

GFWC/Dexter Women's
Literary Club
GFWC/MFVC Narraguagus
Woman'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/MFVC Westbrook
Woman's Club
GFWC/The Dove Society
GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's
Club

In the effort to continue our Leadership Seminar free of charge to students, we are asking for as much help as can be given. We recognize that the economic market and long-term financial outlooks are not as positive as in years past. However, Maine's high school students are not going anywhere and they need help and nurturing at this most critical time in their development.

**Thank you again for
your generous involvement.**

**A full scholarship is \$250, but
any amount given is greatly
appreciated.**

Contributions and questions may be directed to:

Gloria Tewhey
MYL Chairman
3 Valley View Drive
Gorham, ME 04038
(207)839-4157
gtewhey@maine.rr.com



Necrologist

Club Presidents: Please send me the names of your members who have died this year. We hope they are few, but we want to remember those who have left us.

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



MFVC President's Project

**“The Food Pantry:
Partnering with Good
Shepherd Food Bank”**

We are gearing up to present to President Jane the grand totals for this 2-year project: money donated locally, money donated directly to GSFB, value of in-kind donations, volunteer hours by members. Club Presidents will find the report form on page 15 of the previous issue of Pine Tree Notes; space limitations meant there was no room in this issue. I will also be mailing a copy to Club Presidents shortly. Please, please return these forms with totals from July 2009 - May 2010 (or the whole two-year period if you have not previously reported) by **May 1**.

Thanks are extended to the following for the most recent donations received:

GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's
Club
Gloria Leveillee and
Libby Wiers, for donations in
memory of Lillian Herring

There will be one last monetary collection at lunch on Thursday, one last 50/50 raffle, and maybe even a raffle item at this convention. Come celebrate our success!

Libby Wiers
Kendra Chubbuck
Co-Chairmen

Tidbits



Thank You

Dear Friends,

My family and I thank all of you from across Maine for your letters, sympathy cards, and donations on the recent loss of my mother, Lillian Herring. Mom was a member of the GFWC/MFWC for seventy-one years through the GFWC/Miosac Club. I am proud to be following in her footsteps as a second generation member of the Club. As a nurse and Miosac gal, one of the things Mom was always most proud of was spear-heading the Capital Campaign for building a Maternity Wing onto Mayo Memorial Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft. While losing Mom has been difficult to accept, we know she has fulfilled her goals as a Christian in every respect.

With Gratitude,
Anne H. Cress



Meeting Dates

2010

May 6-7 - Orono
Spring Convention
June 12-15 - Omaha, NB
GFWC Convention
Mid-July - TBA
Summer Advisory



Update

Hi Everyone,

I know that it has been a long time since you have heard or seen me. These past two years have been terrible and I am starting to feel much better. On Jan. 18th I was in an automobile wreck (slid on the ice) and my car was demolished. I didn't have any broken bones, broke my front teeth off and had to have them pulled, was very bruised, and my left arm and knee really bothered me. I am very lucky to be here but I know that someone up above is looking out for me and I am very thankful for that. I will be going back to work full-time on March 1st and I am looking forward to that. If I start to feel bad again, I will just cut my hours.

I have been keeping track what is going on in federation and I hear from Jane and Lynette and they keep me up to date. I am planning on coming to one day of the Spring Convention and it will be great to see everyone. It has been too long. I have nothing but wonderful comments about the job that Jane as done as your President and I knew that she would do a great job.

I am ready for nice weather and to see the sun. We have had enough snow.

Will see you soon,
Kay G. Warren
Past President
1996-1998

Call to Convention



Nominating Committee Report

At Fall Conference, the Nominating Committee was pleased to present the following slate of 2010 -2012 officer candidates for member consideration:

President-Elect: Anne Cress
Vice-President: Marjorie Goodwin
Recording Secretary: Laura Neal
Treasurer: Gloria Leveillee

There will be an election at Spring Convention for these officers. Nominations from the floor are possible in accordance with the steps outlined in our bylaws.

As our current President-Elect, Suzanne Raymond automatically becomes the 2010-2012 GFWC/MFWC State President. She will announce the new Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentary Advisor, which are appointed positions, at Spring Convention.

Gloria Leveillee
Chairman
gleveillee@roadrunner.com



Hotel
Registration
Information



GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Spring Convention - Thursday & Friday, May 6 & 7, 2010
Black Bear Inn Conference Center - Orono, Maine



"It Is Better to Give than Receive"

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

2:00 PM GFWC/MFVC Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2010

8:30 AM Registration - Coffee and Tea Available
Marketplace

10:00 AM Business Session
Reports & Awards

12:00 PM Bless This Food Luncheon
Honoring our District & Club Presidents
Speaker: Dr. Rick Small, Good Shepherd Food Bank

1:30 PM Business Session Reconvenes
Reports & Awards
Endorsement Speeches for Candidates

Polls/Marketplace/Art Exhibit open following session

6:00 PM Social Hour/Processional

6:30 PM Bless Our Roses Banquet
Honoring our GFWC/MFVC Past State Presidents
Entertainment - Six Basin Street Band

Reception in President's room following entertainment

Friday, May 7, 2010

7:30 AM Memorial Breakfast/Inspirational

8:00 AM Registration - Coffee & Tea available
Polls/Marketplace/Art Exhibit open until 9:15

9:30 AM Business Session
Reports & Awards
Speaker: Jan Coates, Island Readers & Writers

12:00 PM Bless This House Luncheon
Honoring Department, Program and Project Chairmen

1:00 PM Business Session
Reports & Awards
Installation of New Officers

3:00 PM Adjournment

Receiving Line to welcome new officers

Black Bear Inn Conference Center
4 Godfrey Drive
Orono, ME 04473
207-866-7120

Guest Room Rates:
\$96.25 (tax included)/night
(for 1 or 2 people; each extra person in a room is \$10.00 extra)

Reservations must be received by April 7, 2010

Early reservations are encouraged, particularly if you have special requests. Late requests will be subject to room availability. Refer to Maine Federation of Women's Clubs when making your reservation. Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received by 4:00 PM on arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

Check-in time 2:00 p.m.
Check-out time 11:00 a.m.

Visit
www.blackbearinnoronono.com
for more information on this hotel or a map for directions.

Directions:
On I-95, take exit 193 (Old Town/Stillwater); - from north, turn left **or** - from south, turn right at Stillwater Avenue; turn right on Godfrey Drive.

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Spring Convention - May 6 & 7 - Black Bear Inn Conference Center - Orono, Maine**

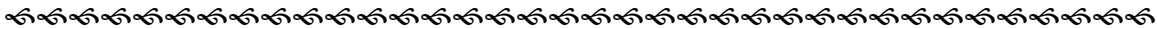
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Name for nametag: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail _____
Name of Club/Position: _____
GFWC/MFMC Position: _____

Registration Fee - [] Thursday \$15.00 or [] Friday \$15.00 or [] Both days \$25.00
(Register early for Early Bird Discount - see below...)

IMPORTANT

1. Make check payable to GFWC/MFMC 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 23, 2010** to: Barbara Austin, 838 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, Phone 564-2281, Email: mrsmoore2@aol.com.
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after April 28**.
5. **Early bird discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before April 16th** and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!



Thursday Lunch:

Chef's Salad \$16.00 _____

Thursday Dinner:

Baked Haddock with herb crumb topping \$22.00 _____
Baked Boneless Chicken with apple stuffing \$20.00 _____
Vegetarian Lasagna \$19.00 _____

Friday Breakfast

Lumberjack's Breakfast \$14.00 _____

Friday Lunch:

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad \$16.00 _____

Please note that meal prices include tax and gratuity.

Registration Fee _____

I qualify for **Early Bird Discount!** (deduct \$10 or \$5) _____
(see above)

TOTAL _____

Please indicate any special dietary need and we will try to accommodate you:

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



117 years of Volunteer Service



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

Libby Wiers
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