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# PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC/MFWC Newsletter  
March/April 2011



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



## President's Letter

Dear Federation Friends,

Who sped up the clock? Who flipped the calendar months ahead? Can you believe it?!?! As we prepare this issue of Pine Tree Notes, our focus is on coming together to share, to learn, and to celebrate – at spring convention!!! Awesome! That also means that completion of one year of this two year term is fast approaching! I find *that* very difficult to believe. It's a wonderful experience all the way around. It has been my pleasure to visit many of our clubs; I'm looking forward to having a chance to visit some of the other clubs in the coming months and into next year.

The Call to GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention is included in this publication. I am so excited about the plans that have been set. As I shared in a previous issue, we will have a special guest join us - this is our

opportunity to honor our own *home* grown gal! Born in Bangor, Maine, our New England Region President - Kathy White! She is such an inspiration – please join me in showing her how proud we all are!

Spring Convention is always a special time to hear the great reports from our state chairmen – it's time to celebrate now, as we hear about work that has been done to help improve our schools, libraries, cemeteries, shelters, the arts, parks, hospitals, nursing homes, and on and on the list goes. One thing is for sure – we are united in our conviction to improve the lives of others through community service –

Home Sweet Home. . . .  
Reaching Out Beyond Our Own!

I am so very excited about the opportunity that is available to us and I hope many will take advantage of our planned excursion to visit the *home* of our Maine state history. It seemed foolish to simply invite

someone to come in as a *speaker*; how much more fitting to have our group go explore the collections and exhibits. Our *home* state is rich in history – so let's go support our state museum with our enthusiasm and our curiosity. As plans were being formed for this meeting well over a year ago, while perusing the museum's website, what did my wondering eyes discover? The newest exhibit at our museum is "***At Home In Maine.***" How coincidental is that!? I can't wait to see it.

We will be taking care of business at our annual meeting as well. Please read over the proposals to revise some of our By-Laws. It's important to periodically review them to remain current. **In an effort to conserve our natural resources and to use our finances wisely, we ask that you bring this issue of Pine Tree Notes with you to the meeting.** They will not be printed again in the Spring Convention Program, so it is important that you bring this issue with you! (*Yes, we will*

*have a few extra copies of the proposed revisions available, but your help is most appreciated!)*

A sneak peek into our future state meetings: when we meet in So. Portland at the Merry Manor Inn, October 13-14, 2011 we will be honored to have with us, GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Babs Condon! May 10-11, 2012 we will be honored to have with us, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sheila Shea! Both of these women are awesome ambassadors for GFWC – you won't want to miss your chance to meet them and to be inspired by them.

Coming right up, is the Rustic Overtones Concert in Bath – sponsored by the GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath – to benefit Operation Smile. What a colossal undertaking this has been for a club – and I have to smile every time I think about it. Weather permitting, my husband and I will be there!! I hope they will have a huge turnout – their generosity in time, talents and dollars to provide this event are immeasurable [but ladies, do be sure to count up the hours and report on it next year!!!] **My hat is off to you – President Kendra Chubbuck, Chairman Megan Libby and all the members of the Bath Cosmopolitan Club!!!**

What's on the docket for summer? Well, nothing less than the 120<sup>th</sup> GFWC Convention in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin – June 18-20. Just prior to the convention kick off - this officer will be attending the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to it. Thank you all, for this awesome opportunity!

With love to my  
federation friends,  
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#### President's Schedule

March 8 - Waldoboro Woman's Club  
  
March 23 - GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club

## Officers



### President-Elect

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By the time you receive this copy of the Pine Tree Notes, whether by e-mail or snail-mail, I do believe it will be looking a little more like spring!

It is a great pleasure and honor to let you know our 2011 LEADS ambassador is Sheri Walsh from the Acadian Community Woman's Club in Winter Harbor. As you know, Sheri is currently serving as our GFWC/Maine Corresponding Secretary.

In June, she will be attending the 120<sup>th</sup> GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She will enjoy a reception for LEADS candidates on Thursday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The LEADS Seminar will be held the following day. The LEADS Graduates Breakfast will be Saturday. It is hoped she will stay for the entire Convention which adjourns Monday evening the 20<sup>th</sup>, following the Banquet.

This is a wonderful opportunity for any LEADS ambassador to return to their state with the information they have learned and pass it on to the general membership. Congratulations Sheri! We are all so proud of you!

President Suzanne and I have recently visited the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta to finalize the plans for our GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention which will be held at this location on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. What a beautiful site President Suzanne has chosen for us! You will find the registration form for this Convention in this issue of your Pine Tree Notes. Please don't delay in securing your room reservations at this low rate for this beautiful hotel. This Convention promises to be an event you won't want to miss! Hope to see you all there!!! Thank-you for your continued support of the President's Special Project, "Operation Smile". It is the goal of this administration to change the life of a child "one smile at a time"!

In closing, May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

In Federation,  
Anne H. Cress  
President-elect



## **Vice President**

Marjorie Goodwin

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the clubs that submitted their year-end reports to me. I received reports from 21 out of 25 clubs. It is a pleasure to read about what the clubs are doing in their communities. I have forwarded the reports to the State Chairman for each Department and I am sure that some of the narratives were sent on to GFWC for consideration for an award. Maine clubwomen do some amazing things in their communities!

I look forward to seeing you in Augusta in May, at the Spring Convention. This is when the Department reports are given by the Chairman of each Department, giving every attendee news of what has happened in communities throughout Maine this past year.

This has been a very snowy Winter but it is almost Spring! It is time to start planning for the coming Club year. Just a thought.....Collaboration and Partnership ideas offered by GFWC can be found in their manual and can be used by any

club. Having the manual "on-line" and available to everyone is a first-step to furthering these ideas.

As we plan the year ahead, let's remember to study the three R's...not reading, 'riting & 'ritmetic, but Review Reorganize & Rejuvenate. Review what progress your club has been making. Reorganize your priorities & your standing committees. Rejuvenate your meetings. In doing so, we may just Rekindle our own enthusiasm. Remember, not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

In Federation,  
Marjorie Goodwin  
GFWC Maine Vice President



## **Recording Secretary**

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Before you know it, spring convention will be here! Just a reminder to those who will be reading a report at spring convention, please make a copy of your report to turn in to me so I can put it in the Recording Secretary's notebook. Thanks so much.

Laura J. Neal  
GFWC/MFWC Recording Secretary



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Sheri Walsh

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I am out of state the two weeks prior to Spring Convention. I will be working in a frenzy the weekend before convention preparing to meet my duties as Corresponding Secretary and meeting with the Educational Loan Fund committee to select the Maud MacKenzie scholarship recipient. I ask your assistance to make things easier. Please make note of the following information:

The **Carolyn Lombardi Travelling Trophy** score sheet is on page 158 of your directory. Your submission **must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2011** to be eligible for consideration. The winner will be announced at Spring Convention.

The **data sheet** on page 159 of your directory must be filled out by each club and **sent to me by May 20, 2011** (whether your club's officers change or not). This is to verify the information that I currently have on file and to correct any erroneous information. This is also the contact information for your club which will appear in the new directory this fall. If you know this information by Spring Convention, submitting it to me there would be greatly appreciated.

The next submission of **the Pine Tree Notes** is **August 1st.**

While I know that is quite some time away, you would be surprised how fast the summer passes. Keep in mind as well that there is no wiggle room on this submission date due to Fall Conference and posting requirements for the Call to Conference.

Order sheets for directories and Pine Tree Notes will be available at Spring Convention for the upcoming year. The cost for each is \$5. Payment should accompany form. If you would like the Pine Tree Notes via email, you must also fill out a form so that I know the correct email address is correct and I can build the distribution list. The forms are also available on the MFWC website.

I look forward to seeing you at Spring Convention.

Sheri Walsh  
Corresponding Secretary

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## **CLUB NEWS**

### **District 1**

The District I meeting and Art Show will be held Saturday, April 16 at the Gorham Methodist Church. Club Presidents will have all the

details. We are hoping for a large turn out.

**Westbrook Woman's Club** was pleased to welcome 2 new members, Carole Ronco and Peg Morton. The mid winter luncheon was held despite a cancellation and a snow storm. It was held at the Fireside Inn and everyone enjoyed the lovely meal and fellowship. Upcoming events include the art show and a program by WISE.

Kelly Osbourne, president of the **Research Club of Limerick** tells us that the club held a shower for the Ronald McDonald House. They received household items that are needed. They also welcomed a new member and collected valentines for the Maine Veteran's Home.

The women of the **Gorham Woman's Club** had a meeting on identity theft - a most relevant topic, and a meeting on the offerings of the Gorham Adult Education.

**The Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** is in the final countdown to their benefit concert for Operation Smile. The concert features Rustic Overtones. Their April meeting will focus on literacy.

### **District 2**

The clubs in District 2 are busy as ever with meetings, preparing items for sales, soliciting donations for auctions, ordering bulbs for spring planting, as

well as all the other things we clubwomen do at work, for our families and communities.

Did we mention spring?! It is just around the corner and we can't wait. It is time to look out the window and see grass sticking up through the snow. Can't you just imagine it?

All our clubs have given a collective "sigh of relief" as they have finished and submitted their Reporting to GFWC. Now they can sit back and reap the rewards of all their work.

District 2 is also busy preparing for its annual High School Art Show and Contest to be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at Skowhegan Area High School. We are hoping to showcase the art work of students from 10 different schools. We extend a warm invitation to one and all to attend.

REMEMBER – Think Spring!!  
Now on to news from the clubs

Even though they do not meet often in the stormier winter months, the clubwomen of **GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club** have been very busy to say the least. There are plans for several spring projects and the winter months are perfect for all that sewing and knitting that needs to get done. They met for brunch in January. They enjoyed the fine food and held a Scotch auction to raise funds. This is a great way to get rid of things taking up space and make room for those new items



from Christmas. The Club's "Stuffing" party workshop was postponed due to weather. Reporting for 2010 is done and what a wonderful group of ladies! So many hours, dollars and "in kind" gifts to help out others in this world!

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** is tireless in their work to help out the community. They had a very successful collection of baby things including diapers, wipes, lotions, knit items, and all sorts of layette pieces at their February meeting. Those items were donated to KnoWaLin Coordinator of Volunteers and will be put to good use by the organization.

The club members are looking forward to their March meeting which is the annual International Luncheon featuring food from around the world. They also have a silent auction to raise funds for UNICEF and members bring either food items or cash to donate to the local food pantry. They are pleased to be having a special guest, GFWC/MFWC President Suzanne Raymond, join them at this meeting. Members will be bringing items to donate to President Suzanne's special project, Operation Smile.

The April program will be about chiropractic and alternative medicine.

Always up to something, the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** has been visited by the Police and a President. The

January meeting program centered on home safety and guest speaker, Officer Blodgett of the Skowhegan Police Department, reminded everyone of precautions they should take to keep themselves safe at home and in public places. "Smiles" were the center of the February meeting. Special guest, MFWC President Suzanne Raymond, presented a program on Operation Smile, the project for her administration. President Suzanne was presented with dolls and smile bags made by members to send to Operation Smile and a special charm bracelet just for her.

February is always a busy month for the club and this one was no exception. Members helped with GFWC/Skowhegan Three's Sing-Along Fundraiser, the movie Grease, on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Members participated in the annual FAB Fair on February 26<sup>th</sup> selling coffee, cookies, crafts, and raffle items and also had a table available for children to make beaded bracelets.

The March and April meetings will be highlighting history. Members will delve into personal history and the history of the club.

**GFWC/ The Dove Society** held two major fundraisers, selling Rada Cutlery and Christmas wreaths. They were very successful again this year thanks to the time and effort put in by the ladies. Always at it, they are now preparing for a new fundraiser. The club will

be hosting a "The Luck of the Draw" auction on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Skowhegan Area High School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Drawings start at noon. Many items will be offered, raffles are planned, and good food will be on sale. The club has met numerous times getting ready for this fundraiser and is anticipating a great turnout. Proceeds from this sale will help fund the club's scholarships. Come join the fun!

"Grease" is the word! What a terrific time was had by all who attended the movie sing-along fundraiser hosted by GFWC/Skowhegan Three. The movie was great, the company was better, and the singing was super.

A few ladies from club will be traveling to the elementary schools in the towns of Skowhegan and Norridgewock to read the book, "Oh Say Can You Say", in celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The books will be donated to the school's library. This has been a tradition for the club for many years and is enjoyed by all.

Busy as a hive of bees the **Semper Fidelis Club** ended their fall with an amazing tour and demonstration at Kathy Perelka's art studio in Canaan. She specializes in pastels, and within minutes turned a blank canvas into a work of art! All her art work was on display as she was having a home art show the following weekend. Many members returned for the art show and several members

purchased pieces from her. The club's annual Thanksgiving pie sale was a success, selling all of their pies!

The club annually offers crafts for the kids in the Skowhegan Downtown Stroll. For their own Christmas party, they held a Yankee Swap, which was enjoyed by all.

The Festival of Trees was brought back to the Goodwill Hinckley School this year after an absence for a year, so members were able to decorate a tree this year. The club decided to go with the theme of "Old Fashioned Christmas." Members got together and strung popcorn and cranberries, members baked gingerbread men and cinnamon scented hearts, and one member tied over 100 red checkered gingham bows to decorate the tree. Not only did the tree look beautiful, it smelled wonderful too! They topped it off with a homemade cloth angel and underneath the tree with the book "The Night Before Christmas" along with a doll cradle, rocking horse and a toy train. Many members attended the Festival of the Trees and what a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit!

January – well you know the story – snow, snow and more snow! Both of their planned speakers for January were cancelled, but members did manage to have one planning meeting, which proved to be very fruitful because they had time to get a little organized and came up with a new fund raiser!

For their February meeting, they had a guest speaker from Hardy Girls, Healthy Women out of Waterville. This is a group that promotes young girls feeling good about themselves and a wonderful question and answer period followed. The club participated in the Lake George Winter Carnival, providing s'mores to the many children who were there for the sled box derby. The club also participated in the Skowhegan FAB Fair, raffling off movie baskets for this event.

### *District 3*

The **Winterport Woman's Club/GFWC** has been busy this year with programs and fundraising. The major fundraiser the club has provided to the community is the Community Calendar. This year was the 50th edition of the calendar. They are proud of the support and hard work of the members and community leading up to the longevity for this project. The profit realized is well over \$2,300.00, but final numbers are not in. They also had a "Pampered Chef" fundraiser that was lots of fun and brought in a new member. The fundraiser's allow the club to supply a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a senior Winterport girl graduating from Hampden Academy. It also allows the club to continue the community work for beautification of the town, and school projects like Kind News as well as the Food Cupboard,

Oil Assistance and other special projects that arise during the year.

A very interesting program this year has been Financial Advisor and author of the book The Real Deal, Marion Syersen, President of Norumbega Financial. She was a wonderful speaker and with her humor and life stories, it made for an enjoyable evening. She also made the point that it is never too late to change your financial situation. It is in the priorities one makes.

December was the club's Holiday Party and Gifts for The Harbor Family Services, a home for boys located in Winterport. This year many gifts were donated by members and financial donations were given by members and another local service organization to provide MP3 players to each boy. A local electronic business gave us a good deal and also donated a MP3 as well.

January and February the club takes a winter break. Their next meeting will be in March with a Flower Arranging demo and instruction from a local florist. Members thought this would be the time to think Spring! April's meeting will be "The American Flag - history, flag etiquette and flag folding." It will be presented by the American Legion Auxiliary. The club year will end with the Annual Meeting in May at a local restaurant and the election of two board members.

The club was blessed with a generous "anonymous" donation to replace bulbs, berries and bows to the 20 Christmas Wreaths for next year. The wreaths are hung on the poles in the downtown area. The lights, bows and berries were well worn over the years and this will certainly improve the appearance of the decorations.

The **GFWC/MFWC Pittsfield A.R.T.S Club** met at the Cianbro Pittsfield Office building. During their business meeting, the club voted to give a donation to the local "Keep ME Warm" program which helps area folks in need of heating assistance.

At the February meeting Valentines bags were assembled and were distributed to the local boarding and nursing home on Valentine's Day.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Tuesday Club at the Library Warren room. The club will also provide a meal at the local Welcome Table on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Spring! **The GFWC/Miosac Club of Dover-Foxcroft** gals have had a bit of a slow start to 2011 with 2 of their meetings being cancelled due to the nasty white stuff that falls here in Maine. They did manage a wonderful meeting with President Suzanne in January with the topic of that meeting being, what else, Operation Smile! Then the snows arrived and 2 meetings in a row were cancelled! They

finally met again in mid - February and were entertained by a group of wonderful singers for the local Methodist Church. In between storms the club did manage to provide the appetizers for the 4th annual Valentine's Day Ball held in Dover -Foxcroft. This year's dance benefited Womancare, the domestic violence awareness agency in town and for the first time 3 other non-profits were involved. Our local YMCA, The Friends of Central Hall and the Chamber of Commerce all worked together to make this year's dance a huge success. An estimated 130 lively dancers enjoyed an evening of dancing in the towns historical Central Hall. The GFWC/Miosac Club is honored to be asked year after year to provide the refreshments.

A group of members gathered at Minnie McCormick's home prior to Valentine's Day and made Valentine's to send to service men overseas. Plans for upcoming meetings are in the works and again this year the club will be having their Longaberger Basket Bingo on April 3rd at the American Legion on Park Street in Dover-Foxcroft. The club members would love to see some of their sister GFWC members attend this fun day. Doors open at noon and games start at 1pm. So if you love baskets and a good time, come on over and join in the fun. Love to have you!! For directions or more information , call Barb Austin - 564-2281.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** held their January meeting at the Seabasticook Health Care Facility. Two of their Honorary members are residents there and were able to attend the meeting. They enjoyed the meeting and the refreshments afterwards very much. The February meeting was cancelled due to stormy weather. The March meeting will be held at the Pittsfield Library meeting room with the Pittsfield ARTS Club joining them for the evening. Information about the GFWC Maine President's project, Operation Smile, will be presented to the clubs by Marjorie Goodwin, GFWC Maine Vice President.

**GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** gathered to cut, paste, paint, and draw 72 valentines so that every resident in Assisted Living Facilities was remembered on Valentine's Day. Two quilts were created for Linus Quilts, one by Doris Scott and the other by Suzanne Raymond. Suzanne also made 12 Granny's Toys for the kids who have to go to Mayo Hospital. We don't know where she finds the time!

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** is on winter hiatus during January - March.

The **Patawa Club** cancelled their February meeting due to inclement weather. In January, they held a regular business meeting, discussing Operation Smile, etc. Bracelet making evening was postponed at the last minute. The March meeting



will include the presentation of a large donation to Camp Capella, a summer camp for special needs children. This is an ongoing project of the club.

### ***District 4***

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** is excited to report entering their biggest team ever in the Race for the Cure last fall. Thousands of dollars were raised with most of the funds staying in Maine.

The Club recently disbursed two \$1000 scholarships to the 2010 high school scholarship winners from their area.

April's meeting will include a talk by The Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Club is drawn to this project because dollars raised go back into local community food banks.

Also, the Club is proud of their ongoing Community Fund, mostly funded through donations. The Community Fund helps with emergent needs of persons from the community, such as paying rent, buying fuel, and purchasing Christmas gifts. The Club pointed out that there are increased needs during the winter months.

This spring, as a fundraiser, the Club plans to participate in the Winter Harbor Trade Day, a local multiple yard sale to be held on May 21. Also, once again this year, the Club will sponsor and organize the local Memorial Day celebration, including a parade, ceremony,

and reception as a free community service. The Club's bazaar, normally a spring event, will be held in the summer this year. The Club is extremely enthusiastic about these events!

President Sue Macdonald reported that in January the **Castine Woman's Club** held two successful events: the Winter Bridge Luncheon to benefit the CWC Scholarship Fund and the first of three Dinners-at-Noon to benefit the Community Improvement Project. In February, the club held the second Dinner-at-Noon. After a two-month hiatus, the Club resumed meetings in March with guest speaker Ruth Basile from the Conservation Trust speaking on the history and planned preservation of Castine's historic Town Hall. At the end of March, the club will hold the last Dinner-at-Noon and the Town Meeting Food Concession. The Concession will provide snacks, sandwiches and drinks to the community at the annual town meeting with proceeds benefiting the CWC Scholarship Fund. In April, the club's attentions will turn to thoughts of spring with an egg decorating demonstration to be held at the Wilson Museum's Mary Appleman House.

This winter, the CWC also introduced its members to Operation Smile jars encouraging them to pledge a donation of 25 cents per week (with a goal of \$19.50 total per person) to President Raymond's

Operation Smile Project. Twelve members have pledged to date. Yay!

Later this spring, the Castine Woman's Club will again host the District 4 Art Contest for area high school students. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Castine. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be served. All are welcome!

### **Hancock Woman's Club (No Report)**

The **GFWC/ Lubec Woman's Club** missed the February meeting due to this lovely weather!?! The Club's January meeting was held at the home of Jean Bookman, a member and local artist. The Club was surprised at the number of different media Jean works with. Many are family-related with pictures and fabrics of life. Jean's studio and home are filled with eclectic pieces inside and out. It was an experience that the Club will long remember.

Noni is doing well and glad to be getting out and around. Now, if the weather would only cooperate. Best wishes to all from the Lubec girls!

The Christmas Luncheon for the **GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club** was held at Barbara Kneeland's in Cherryfield. Instead of exchanging gifts, members purchased for a family of two children, a five-year-old girl

and a one-year-old boy. Washington County Children's Program provided the family needs. The children had a wonderful Christmas! The Club also supplied holiday gift bags to Milbridge Elementary School and donated to the Breakfast with Santa.

The Club gave to the Weald Bethel Food Pantry in Cherryfield. Additionally, the Club collected over-the-counter medicinal items for Judy Dakin to take to the Dominican Republic for the Haitian workers. Judy visits the D.R. several times a year with a group of medical people.

The Club's next meeting will be held March 21 with speaker Carol Dufour on Organic Gardening; business meeting to follow. This spring, the Club hopes to have an auction in April, but that is up in the air at the moment. A raffle for two Easter baskets is planned for this spring, one at the Milbridge Shop 'n Save and the other at the Columbia Four Corners Shop 'n Save. Also this spring, a field trip is planned to the Maine Sea Salt Company in Marshfield, followed by lunch at Helen's. A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held Saturday, May 7, 2011. The installation of new officers will take place during the Club's last meeting in May along with a collection for the Ark.

In order to attract new members, the Club has also voted to have some meetings on Saturdays.

At the Christmas Luncheon, the Club did sign up a new member, a working woman. The Club hopes that having Saturday meetings will help the membership.

## Programs

### EDUCATION

Time to put on your thinking caps and use your great innovative ideas for future meetings. To help you plan some interesting projects and events around days, weeks and months of celebration and commemoration in the GFWC Education Community Service Program are these suggestions to help you.

**March-** Read Across America Month

**March 2nd** - Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)

**April 10th-16th** National Library Week

**April 12th-** Drop Everything and Read Day

**May 2nd-8th** Children's Book Week

**May 1st-7th** - National Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 3rd-** National Teacher Appreciation Day

Good luck, and I'll be anxious to hear all about your special Education Programs.

Yours in Federation,  
Education Collaborations and  
Partnership Chairman  
Roberta D. Morrill

# Committees

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

"All the news that's fit to print"...We may overlook some things our Club does, because we do them every year, and we don't see them as a source of news. For example, the upcoming MFWC Convention in Augusta. But our Club's participation in the Convention is indeed newsworthy, for the efforts our members make to attend, and for the learning and sharing in the larger scope of the Federation which the Convention affords.

Submit your press release as soon after Convention as you can. Most newspapers are glad to accompany the story with a picture you send them. Include the names and topics of Convention speakers. Mention any award which your club receives. Tell about special activities, such as sightseeing tours, that were part of the Convention experience. Even if your club Clubs send only one member, that's news; make sure to include attendees' Club or MFWC titles if any. Be sure to describe the mission of the Federation to show that your Club is part of the unified Federation which promotes volunteer community service and education both in your home town and across the world. You will probably be impressed when you've put together your account of the

Convention, and so will your readers.

Finally, give prospective members a way to follow up, once their interest is piqued. Tell them whom to contact for more information. Include the date, time and place of your Club's regular meetings, and add that all interested women are invited to attend.

Even if you don't see tangible results, you will have accomplished something truly important: bringing your GFWC/MFWC Club to the public's attention. Your story will always be "news" to someone, even to some of your own Club members who may be really hearing it for the first time!

Jackie Nicholson  
Chairman

## **MAINE YOUTH LEADERSHIP (MYL)**

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

A gentle REMINDER is being sent to those clubs who have been great supporters of MYL over the years. The Seminar Program will be going to press earlier this year (late March) and I certainly would like all clubs to be recognized in the written program, as in the past.

MYL is hoping for your generous support of a student in your area high school once again. We have approximately

100 sophomores nominated so far and we are following up on schools yet to nominate. The seminar is scheduled for June 2-5 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham and we are anxious for as many sophomores to participate in this life-changing experience as possible, an experience he/she will long cherish and benefit from.

MYL hopes it can count on your support again this year.

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

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

**Gloria Tewhey,  
MYL Chairman,  
3 Valley View Dr., Gorham,  
ME 04038 (207)839-4157 or  
[gtewhey@maine.rr.com](mailto:gtewhey@maine.rr.com)**

**Gloria Tewhey,  
GFWC/MFWC MYL  
Chairman**

## **NECROLOGY**

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 allow time to finalize the memorial service prior to convention in Augusta. Thank you!

Nancy Kenty  
79 South Street  
Gorham, ME 04038  
839-7093  
[nanknty\\_1@msn.com](mailto:nanknty_1@msn.com)

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

Spring is getting closer and soon it will be warm and sunny. I hope you all had a good winter and can now look forward to spring. I hope you all got your reports in and on time.

Spring brings convention so I am letting you know that there will be another raffle at convention.

There will be purple teddy bears for raffle and for sale.

Minnie McCormick  
Domestic Violence Awareness  
Chairman

## **GFWC / MFWC EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND**

Just a reminder to District Presidents that all applications for the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship and interest-free loans must be received at my **address NO LATER THAN MAY 1**. I want to thank you for spreading the word to our high school seniors, regarding these opportunities for financial

assistance as they begin their first year of college.

Please call 866-2653 or email [coates.alida@gmail.com](mailto:coates.alida@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. The ELF committee will be meeting in Orono, on Saturday, May 7, for final decision on applications.

Alida Coates  
ELF Chairman  
17 Hamlin St.  
Orono, ME 04473

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **GFWC Membership Mysteries Revealed**

*By 2010-2012 GFWC Membership  
Chairman Patrice Booze*

*Contributions by GFWC Membership  
Committee and Regional Workshop  
Attendees*

GFWC Membership recruitment and retention can be very complex issues. We hope the following insights can help unravel some of the membership mysteries.

During the 2010 Regional Conferences, the members of GFWC Membership Committee facilitated two interactive workshops and the enthusiastic attendees were very forthcoming with their reasons for joining and staying in their GFWC club.

### **REASONS FOR JOINING A GFWC CLUB**

#### *How I Joined*

- o Married into a clubwoman family

- o Daughter went to a youth leadership conference where clubwomen were working
- o Had just retired; visited a club, heard their laughter and joined
- o Retired to a new town and joined club at a cookie exchange
- o Asked to do a program at a meeting
- o Invited to lunch and recognized GFWC logo; had belonged to a Junior club and wanted to be a part of a GFWC club again
- o Called the newspaper and asked for a contact to the club after reading an article
- o Went to a fundraiser

#### **o The number ONE answer: “I was asked!”**

- Knew a member and was asked
- A group of ladies invited me to join after I had moved from another state and the members assured me: “We’ll take care of you”
- Moved from another state and six days after moving into my house, I was asked to join a club
- New in town; asked to join by neighbor
- A good friend asked me to join a new group
- Postcard from local club invited me to join
- Moved to town and invited by my doctor’s wife to join club
- Moved from big city to rural area and invited by club to join

#### *Why I Joined*

- o To learn to do things I hadn’t done before
- o Leadership skills
- o Meet friends
- o Support group

- o To work to mold public opinion for betterment of community
- o Personal accomplishments
- o Had things to offer and could make a difference

Raejean Hersey  
Membership Chairman

## **LEADERSHIP**

### **What is a Leader?**

A leader is someone who -

Listens to everyone, uses some of everyone’s ideas and puts it all together to make it happen.

Energizes clubwomen with her passion for what she is doing.

Asks members to think outside the box and guides them toward their destination.

Does what she can to make a difference in her community by volunteering her services.

Educates members about possible projects and excites them about taking them on.

Rejoices at her club’s accomplishments and acknowledges them.

Think you fit the bill? I bet you do. Use your leadership qualities and you’ll be surprised at what you can do!!

Here’s wishing you an early Spring!!

Carol Jarvais  
Chairman

## **FUNDRAISING**

Hello everyone. We hope your winter is going well. We will soon be at Spring Convention and I will be tempting you with many fine things to purchase on behalf of the Maine Federation. For those of you who collect Lucinda pins we will be offering a variety of her one of a kind house pins. President Suzanne will have a homemade item for raffle, from her precious hands to yours it's also one of a kind! We still have some state cookbooks for sale along with President Suzanne's state pin. We will also have the bring a book buy a book for a buck table. So donate the books you have read and get some new ones for a buck! What a deal. Mom and I will have some special spring surprises for you so don't delay, head to our table right away!

Peace and Love,  
Ann Heald, Charlotte Withee

## **JENNIE AWARD**

### **Jennie June Award**

**107** days left, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, to get your nominations to me. Big day is June 15<sup>th</sup>- mark your calendar.

Did you know that Jennie June wrote the "History of the Women's Club Movement in America" in 1900 and 94 years later she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame? It is housed in Seneca Falls, NY, the same location of

the 1848 Women's Rights Convention.

Send nominations for this award to:

Barbette Schafer  
154 Seymour Cove Rd.  
Bowerbank, ME 04426  
Questions? 564-7252.  
[bschafer@mainestream](mailto:bschafer@mainestream)

## **PRESIDENT'S PROJECT**

### **OPERATION SMILE... MFWC 2010-2012**

Hi Everyone! I hope you have all survived the cold and snowy winter we have had here in Maine this year and as you read this you are enjoying an early spring! While I write this I am looking at a completely white landscape and can't imagine that it will ever turn green but each spring, it does!

I'd like to give you an update on Operation Smile and the money that has been donated to date. Through your generosity \$918 has been sent to Op Smile!! That amount is just shy of funding 4 smile operations!! We are on our way! Also the supplies donated at Fall conference were packed into 4 very large boxes and shipped to Operation Smile headquarters last October.

As you read this the concert sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club of Bath will be a fond memory and most definitely a successful fundraiser for Operation Smile. Once again,

thank you ladies for thinking outside the box and coming up with a wonderful way to raise money for Operation Smile. I'd love to hear from other clubs about their unique ways of supporting Operation Smile.

As you make plans to attend this year's Spring Convention I would ask once more for your clubs to collect the Smile Pledge forms from your members and also collect supplies needed for the Smile Bags and bring them to convention. As a reminder those items requested are sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, hotel size bars of soap, toothbrushes, new wash clothes, small mirrors and combs, 8 pack size of crayons and small coloring books. Also the Smile dolls - a copy of the pattern can be found on the website at [www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org) or by emailing me at [Mrsmoore2@aol.com](mailto:Mrsmoore2@aol.com) and I will send one off to you.

Let me close with a quote about smiles, "A smile is a light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home" ~ Author Unknown.

How perfect! Thank you all for all that you do to support Operation Smile.

Smiles of Friendship,  
Barb Austin  
Pres. Special Project Chair

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs  
Call to Spring Convention – Thursday & Friday, May 12 & 13, 2011  
Senator Inn and Spa - Augusta**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

Wednesday, May 11th		
	2:00 PM	GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting - Oak Room
Thursday, May 12th		
	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea / Marketplace
	10:00 AM	Opening Session/Business -
	Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Endowment Fund</li> <li>Delegates Fund</li> <li>Educational Loan Fund/Maude Mackenzie Scholarship Fund</li> <li>President's Project</li> <li>District Presidents Reports</li> <li>Membership</li> <li>Leadership</li> <li>LEADS</li> </ul>
	11:30 – 12:00	Marketplace/Review Scrapbooks/Art/Photography
	12:00 PM	Federation Pride Luncheon Honoring our District & Club Presidents
	1:00 PM	Finalize carpooling before we hit the road to Maine State Museum
	2:00 – 2:15	Whole Group Arrival -- Maine State Museum, Sign in, Orientation
	2:15 – 4:30	Self –Guided Tour (enjoy the collections, exhibits [ a great opportunity to visit the museum's newest exhibit – “At Home In Maine”])
	4:30 PM	Depart – return to the Senator Inn
	6:00 PM	Social Hour/Processional
	7:00 PM	Angels in Our Home Banquet Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Past State Presidents and NER President  Entertainment – Daniel Lesser, Cellist  Reception in President's suite following the entertainment
Friday, May 13th		
	8:00 AM	Memorial Breakfast / Memorial Service
	8:45 AM	Registration / Marketplace
	9:30 AM	Business Session Reconvenes Education ESO Maine Youth Leadership
	10: 00 AM	Speaker: New England Region President, Kathy White
	10:30 AM	By-Laws Proposals Reports and Awards: Community Improvement Jenny Award



Arts – including High School Art, Photography, Poem and Short Stories  
Conservation

12:00 PM      Peace In Our Homes Luncheon  
Honoring Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen

1:15 PM      Business Session Reconvenes  
Reports and Awards:  
Domestic Violence Awareness  
Club Scrapbooks  
Communications/Identity/Public Relations  
International Outreach  
Home Life  
Veterans Affairs  
Carolyn Lombardi Trophy / PTN & Directory

Final Reports

3:00 PM      Adjournment

**PLEASE NOTE: At this convention, tables in Marketplace are reserved for GFWC/MFWC Fundraising, Delegates Fund, Endowment Fund, Domestic Violence Awareness, Arts, and President's Project - Operation Smile. This is in addition to tables to display of the High School Art Contest, Photography, and Club Scrap Book Contest. Should you need some space reserved for your state office, call Suzanne at 564-8817 or email sraymond72@roadrunner.com.**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON OUR TRANSPORTATION TO THE MUSEUM: We will be arranging our carpooling when we are at convention . When you arrive to register, if you are willing to be a driver and transport others with you - there will be a sign up sheet at our registration table to be a designated driver and list how many passengers you can take. If you want to be a passenger - sign up on that sheet.**

**If you want to pre-register to drive - call Suzanne at 564-8817 or email sraymond72@roadrunner.com.**

**Instructions for directions to the museum and where to park the vehicles will be made available at our convention. What to expect to see at Maine State Museum:**

"The Maine State Museum shows the best of Maine - all under one roof. From beautiful nature scenes with live trout, to a dramatic three-story working mill, to objects created by Maine's earliest people, the museum's exhibits offer something for everyone. Rich in detail and appeal about Maine's history, environment, and pre-historic past, these long-standing favorites provide new discoveries with each and every visit

The over 500,000 artifacts in the history collections at the Maine State Museum range from silver spoons to a three-story, water-powered woodworking mill. These items can be seen in five long-term exhibits covering 30,000 square feet as well as several temporary exhibits Collection strengths include Maine-made furniture, wood-working tools, silver, ceramics, glass, and textiles, including rug stencils and patterns from the E. S. Frost Company; over 24,000 historic images; artifacts from Maine's industrial history, especially logging, ice harvesting and textile manufacture; and artifacts relating to Maine's participation in the Civil War. Our collection of Civil War flags is the first in the nation to have been conserved and exhibited.

Opened in November 2008, *At Home in Maine* is the museum's largest new exhibit in over twenty years. Its significant and varied domestic artifacts tell stories of Mainers at home throughout history. In *At Home in Maine*, discover the nearly-forgotten summer kitchen, hear traditional music, watch home movies, glimpse treasured possessions, experience the hard work of housekeeping, appreciate indoor plumbing, share memories, and learn about the many other, sometimes unique ways that life at home in the past has shaped today's Maine." Information is taken from the museum website - [www.maineastatemuseum.org](http://www.maineastatemuseum.org)

## **Senator Inn and Spa – Augusta Maine**

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs  
Spring Convention – May 12 & 13, 2011**

**Guest Room Rates  
\$89.95 (plus tax) / night, single or double occupancy**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN  
April 19, 2011 for the guaranteed room rate**

Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive contract rates, you must refer to "GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged.

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.

Hotel facilities include: FREE high speed wireless internet, use of fitness center, swimming pools, steam rooms, saunas, hot tub and cardio strength training gym.

Member rates for the Senator's Award-Winning Spa Services. Including: Massage, Facials, Manicures, Pedicures, and more.

In-room amenities: Cable TV, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, coffee maker, and daily newspaper

**[www.SenatorInn.com](http://www.SenatorInn.com)**

**Check-in time 3:00 pm - Check-out time 12:00 pm  
Senator Inn, 284 Western Avenue, Augusta  
(207) 622-5804 or 1-877-772-2224**

**Senator Inn is located just off I- 95 at exit 109-B from the North or Exit 109 from the South.**

Special notes to make this convention more memorable:

**Thursday daytime attire** - Bring out the emblematic attire. Wear all things **GFWC!!** After the luncheon we are heading to the home of our Maine history – Maine State Museum. **Please be sure to wear something comfortable on your feet!**

**Thursday banquet** – Bring out your best!! It's time to dress up!! This will be a semi-formal evening. In honor of our past state presidents and our very own "home grown" New England Region President – Kathy White! Come join the celebration!

**Friday attire** – business casual

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs  
Spring Convention- May 12 & 13, 2011 – Senator Inn - Augusta, Maine**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Name of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ GFWC/MFVC  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Guest [ ] GFVC Booster

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

\_\_\_\_ YES, count me in –  
 I will be going to the  
 Maine State Museum!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Make check payable to GFVC/MFVC 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, 2011** to: Libby Wiers, PO Box 159  
 Saint Albans, ME 04971 / Phone 938-4684 / Email: libbyw@tds.net.
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after May 3, 2011**.
5. **Early Bird Discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>** and qualify for a  
 \$10.00 discount for two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!

**Thursday Lunch:**

**[ALL MEALS INCL. REG. OR DECAF COFFEE AND TEA]**

- Maple & Ginger Glazed Salmon Salad (incl. soup, rolls, dessert) \$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad (soup, rolls, dessert) \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Banquet:**

- Homemade Fresh Vegetable Lasagna (incl. salad, rolls, dessert) \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Cordon Bleu (incl. salad, rolls, dessert) \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Memorial Breakfast:**

- Country Style Sit-Down (scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon,  
 Senator made organic whole wheat toast, orange juice) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Lunch:**

- Country Chicken Pie (incl. salad, rolls, dessert) \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Senator Spinach Quiche (incl. salad, rolls, dessert) \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Meal Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that meal prices include tax and gratuity**

**Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I qualify for **Early Bird Discount!** (deduct \$10 or \$5) (--) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write in any special dietary need and we will try to accommodate:**

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

The following revisions to the By-laws of GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs have been proposed by the By-Laws Committee and reviewed by the Executive Committee. They are presented here as required by the By-Laws to be voted on by the body at Spring Convention. Jane Shaw, Chairman; Libby Wiers, Kathy White, Leona MacBride

### **PLEASE REVIEW and BRING THIS ISSUE OF PINE TREE NOTES WITH YOU TO SPRING CONVENTION.**

**1.**

An editorial correction -- In all areas throughout the entire document change President-Elect to **President-elect**.

**Rationale: To conform to GFWC standard.**

**2.**

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as ~~the GFWC Maine Federation of Women's Clubs~~.

Delete the words shown with the ~~strike through~~ to read:

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as GFWC Maine.

**Rationale: GFWC is encouraging this type of expression of name for the states to provide uniformity and encourage identity with GFWC.**

**Upon acceptance of this change to ARTICLE I, editorial changes will be made to other instances of this wording.**

**3.**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 3. The GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs shall hold Universal Membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs [***and shall be a member of the GFWC New England Region***]. All clubs automatically become members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs [***and the GFWC New England Region***] upon their acceptance into membership of the State Federation.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND PARLIAMENTARIAN/PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR

Section 1. The State Federation elective officers shall be: President, who shall be a member of the General Federation Board of Directors [***and the GFWC New England Region Board of Directors***]; . . .

Add the wording in [ / ], to read as printed above.

**Rationale: To spell out the traditionally assumed membership and position in the GFWC New England Region.**

**4.**

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section 5. Annual State Federation dues plus GFWC per capita dues shall be based upon the number of club's enrolled members as reported to the ~~District President~~ **[GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary]** for inclusion in the MFWC Directory or Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) and shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than December 31.

Delete the words shown with the ~~striketrough~~ effect and add the words in [ ].

**Rational: To conform to GFWC/MFWC current practice.**

**5.**

**ARTICLE VII - ~~ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~**

~~The Officers, District President, Department and Program Chairmen, Standing and Special Committee Chairmen and Past Presidents of GFWC/MFWC shall constitute an Advisory Committee whose duties shall be to meet, at the call from the President, as soon as convenient following each Annual Meeting. They shall combine or discontinue lines of work and establish such committees as, in their judgment, are deemed advisable and discuss and formulate plans for the Federation.~~

Substitute a new ARTICLE VII to read:

**ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of: GFWC Maine Executive Committee (state officers), Club Presidents, District Presidents, Program Chairmen, Committee Chairmen, and Past State Presidents. All shall be voting members. Committee members may attend at the President's request, as non-voting members. The Board of Directors shall meet, at the call from the President, as soon as convenient following the Spring Convention in an election year. The Board of Directors shall discuss and formulate plans for GFWC Maine.

In the second year of an administration, only the Executive Committee and such working committees deemed necessary shall meet at the request of the President.

**Rationale: To better parallel the GFWC Board of Directors in makeup and to adjust meetings to what is actually being done currently.**

**Upon acceptance of this change to Article VII, editorial changes will be made in other articles to conform to this wording.**

**6.**

**ARTICLE IX – ~~DEPARTMENTS &~~ [COMMUNITY SERVICE] PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There shall be such ~~Departments~~, [Community Service] Programs, Standing and Special Committees as are required to carry on the work of the State Federation and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The structure of GFWC includes six (6) ~~Departments~~ [Community Service Programs], each with pertinent programs: The Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International ~~Affairs~~ [Outreach] and Public ~~Affairs~~ [Issues.]

Each GFWC administration offers and/or suggests resource material for projects and/or study within each ~~Department and each~~ [Community Service] Program.

Delete the words shown with the ~~striketrough~~ effect and add the parts in [ ].

**Rationale: to conform to GFWC By-Laws.**

**Upon acceptance of this change to Article IX, editorial changes will be made in other articles to conform to this wording.**

## 7.

**Section 7.** There shall be a **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of **(5) (five)** members. ~~A Chairman and one member of the committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board and announced at the first Advisory Committee meeting of the administration. One of these appointees shall be a Past President of the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Three additional members shall be nominated from the floor. No two members of this committee shall represent the same District. No members shall serve two consecutive terms.~~

ARTICLE IX, substitute a new Section 7:

Section 7. There shall be a **NOMINATING COMMITTEE of five (5) members**. The chairman shall be the immediate Past President, and there shall be four (4) other members, one from each District. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and announced at the first Board of Directors meeting of the administration. Two (2) additional members shall be nominated from the floor. No two members of this committee, other than the chairman, shall represent the same District. No member shall serve two consecutive terms.

**Rationale: To conform the appointment of chairman to tradition and to reflect the fewer number of current districts.**

### GFWC and NE REGION DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

GFWC/NER Conference  
September 23-25, 2011  
Connecticut

**Pine Tree Notes  
Next Deadline  
August 1, 2011**

### STATE MEETINGS DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

May 10 – 11, 2012  
Thurs/Fri  
Spring Convention  
Black Bear Inn, Orono



**GFWC/Maine Federation  
of Women's Clubs**  
118 years of Volunteer Service

**Operation Smile Statistics**

- Operation Smile was founded in 1982 and since then has given over 130,000 new smiles to children and young adults. That's 54,839 smiles in Asia, 10,573 smiles in Africa, 7,921 Smiles in Europe, 28,290 smiles in South America & 28,009 in North America.
- Operation Smile has given 46,454 children new smiles in the past 5 years and operates in 51 countries and coordinates in excess of 100 medical projects in 42 countries.
- Operation Smiles surgery is performed by over 5,000 medical volunteers who donate their time for free.
- Operation Smile have treated 2,964 patients in India but there are an estimated 1 million still suffering from a cleft and waiting for treatment. In India there are 25,373,884 children born every year of which 50,747 are born with a cleft.
- Clefts are the 3rd most common birth defect worldwide. The rate of incidence in the developing world is 1:500
- It is estimated that a baby is born every 2½ minutes with a cleft and 75% of cleft cases in the developing world go untreated.

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