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PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC Maine Newsletter
March/April 2012



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



President's Letter

Dear Federation Friends,

Here we come. . . heading into the HOME stretch! As we approach the end of this administration, it is definitely a bittersweet time for this officer. A couple of years ago I knew I was in for the long haul, hook line and sinker, totally caught up in GFWC! I looked forward to my long distance endurance run serving as your president. Now as I am in the process of planning our May meeting, I must share with you that though I am still as committed as ever, serving in this position has been an awesome two-year experience and it has been more like a sprint, hardly an endurance run! How time has flown by! I am pleased to say that we will be hearing about great accomplishments of our clubs at our annual State Convention in Orono at the Black Bear Inn.

When? May 10-11, 2012 -- Mark your calendars and come join us.

It will be a time of celebration and a time to witness the installation of the officers for the 2012-2014 Administration. Out with the old and in with the new!! I'm excited and hope you are too!

Sheila Shea, GFWC Second Vice President, will be our special guest! She will be bringing greetings from GFWC as well as speaking on leadership on Thursday, and on Friday she will be presenting a fun activity! Please don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be motivated by a very dedicated and inspiring GFWC clubwoman!

Entertainment is going to be very special at our evening banquet. Heart of Maine Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will be coming to share their talent with us. This is a fun group of ladies who share a common love for music and harmony.

There is still much to do, so please don't misunderstand me here -- but as this is my final article as GFWC Maine President, I would like to take this opportunity to say to each and every one of you- THANK YOU!

This has been a most wonderful time of my life and it has been a pleasure to serve you. Thank you so much for your encouragement, your participation, your suggestions ~ and most importantly, all you do for GFWC Maine. Truly, the world is a much better place for your being here and choosing to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

See you in May! It's going to be a very memorable time together.

In federation love,

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President-Elect

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Wow! I don't know where the months are going, but they have disappeared somewhere! I need a

couple of them back, I'm running behind!

It is with tremendous honor and great pleasure to let you know our 2012 LEADS Ambassador is Carol Jarvais from GFWC/The Dove Society in Skowhegan. Carol has been involved with GFWC for quite some time and has held many positions in Maine. She will be attending the GFWC International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The seminar will be on June 13th which is the day before the official opening of the Convention. I'm sure Carol will have much information to bring back to GFWC Maine. It is hoped she will attend much more of the Convention following the Leadership, Education and Development Seminar. What an opportunity and honor this is to represent our great state! Congratulations Carol! We are so happy for you!

As you can well imagine, this is a very busy and exciting time for your President-elect. Every day is a learning process. Again, I would like to thank all of you who have so willingly agreed to wear one or more "hats" during the next administration. Without your willingness to take on a leadership position, GFWC Maine would be less successful in our efforts to reach out and enrich the lives of others. We are a thriving group of women who are committed to improving the quality of lives for those who are less fortunate.

The GFWC Maine Spring Convention which will be held

May 10th and 11th at the Black Bear Inn in Orono, promises to be a spectacular time! Please plan to attend and congratulate President Suzanne on a successful 2010-2012 administration. She has done a remarkable job serving as our leader and much has been accomplished. Her President's Project, "Operation Smile", has been a major success. With her foresight to select this as her project, the clubwomen of GFWC Maine have helped change the lives of thirteen children and their families. This is also a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships, make new friends, and hear from your fellow clubwomen all their clubs have been doing to change the lives of others. This Convention is an event where we can, and should, celebrate ourselves and be proud of what we have accomplished.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

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Vice President

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As I write this message, it is snowing AGAIN! Oh well, it will be Spring in a few weeks, so then the grass should be green and flowers blooming. We can hope.

A very big "thank you" to all of the clubs that sent me their year-

end reports! What great things you have done in your communities. I wish I could publish a list of the wonderful ideas you have thought of AND implemented. Congratulations!

I hope that you have placed the dates of May 10 and May 11 on your calendars. These are the dates of the GFWC Maine Spring Convention in Orono at the Black Bear Inn. President Suzanne, has planned an interesting, informative and entertaining session for us. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old friends and to make new ones. We learn from each other and we are never too old to learn something different.

Looking forward to seeing you in May.

In Federation,
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A reminder to all club Presidents, the Data Sheet on page 151 of the Directory must be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary **no later than May 20th**. This information is needed in a very timely manner so the new Directory can be completed and the new State Officers need to have contact info for all the Club officers. The sooner the Corresponding Secretary can start on the Directory, the better, especially when there is a new administration. Please submit this page as soon as possible.

Clubs who wish to compete for the **Carolyn Lombardi Trophy** must fill out the form on Page 150 of the Directory and send it to the Corresponding Secretary. **It must be postmarked by May 1st in order to be eligible.**

Thank you,
Sheri Walsh

Parliamentary Advisor



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CLUB NEWS

District 1

January and February have been rather quiet in District 1 since

many clubs do not meet in those months. Westbrook Woman's Club had their annual mid winter luncheon at the Fireside Inn in Westbrook. Dr. Phyllis Rogers, the second Native American to receive a Phd. from Yale University, was the guest speaker. She gave an exceptional talk on women and the circus. The Clubwomen will be completing the "sock project" and filling sunshine baskets for the elderly.

The Gorham Woman's Club got ready for the Oscars by putting on the skit "The Red Shoes". Their audience loved it even though they weren't nominated for an Oscar. They are now gearing up for their annual scholarship luncheon, their major fundraiser.

The Research Club of Limerick will have a luncheonette for the Limerick Town Meeting. Their next regular meeting will be their art show.

The 21 Club of Kezar Falls started 2012 with a business meeting. Their second meeting in January, Jean Stanley (past president) presented a wonderful slide show on the history of Kezar Falls. It was enjoyed by all who attended. Volunteer hours were collected at our January meetings and Vice President, Mary Hannaford took on the task of this and did an excellent job completing this report.

Club members had a potluck in February which they incorporated a "shower" for the Ronald McDonald house. Each member brought something useful for the

guests of the Ronald McDonald house such as bath items, paper products, etc. Valentines were also collected for the Veteran's Home in Maine.

District 1 meeting and art show will be held in Gorham on April

District 2

The Waldoboro Woman's Club enjoyed their January speaker so much that they invited her back to their February meeting to continue her talk about her book "Citizens Who Heard the Call to Political Service". They are now happy to say that the author, Jean Lawrence, has become a new member of their club!

They are looking forward to their March meeting, the annual International Luncheon where club members bring food from all over the world. It is always fun to see what turns up on the table and it is always good! There will be a map of the world with pins to mark where their ancestors came from. They also bring items to auction with the benefits going to Care/Unicef. The local food pantry will also benefit from the items provided by the membership.

In April the Waldoboro Chief of Police will be coming to talk about the problem of bath salts in the community.

May brings the instillation of officers to be held at the Damariscotta Lake Farm.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club started the year off helping their newly adopted family consisting of mom, dad, and 5 children with some much needed support through friendship, and emotional support as well as financial support. This project has pulled the heart strings of many and is a great example of what the GFWC does and stands for.

They are busy preparing for the FAB Fair, getting items for their raffle and bakers for the food table. The fair will be held March 5th at Skowhegan Area High School. Along with the raffle and food sale, they will have a craft table featuring handmade jewelry, note cards, spice packets, and stained glass items. And as always, they will have a "Make and Take" table where they will help little ones make a bracelet.

At their January craft day at Redington Memorial Home, they helped residents make valentines for their loved ones and friends. The residents, in turn, helped club members make valentines for the veterans at Togus.

At their January meeting they had a speaker from Skowhegan's "Main Street" project. It was good to hear what is planned for the community, where we were and where we hope to go. Downtown Skowhegan is moving in the right direction with added businesses and updated buildings and landscape. As it's name implies, Skowhegan is "A place to watch".

At their February meeting the guest speaker was our own GFWC member and Recording Secretary, Crystal Tufts. She spoke to them regarding her new business venture in Home Care and Companionship. She stated this is becoming the way of the future as the elderly live longer and more of them wish to stay at home. Crystal has been in the health business for years and for the past 17 years, has been in charge of Redington Memorial Home. This was most informative to members.

They continue to be involved with the Skowhegan 3 Library Project as it winds to a close. Although much work and time was given to this cooperative project, the rewards were greater. Working together, they learned that a better bunch of women can not be found.

GFWC/The Dove Society of Skowhegan met recently to plan their 2nd Annual Luck of the Draw fundraiser. Last year's event was very successful and a lot of fun. The auction will be held again in the Skowhegan High Cafeteria on March 31st from 10am to noon. Participants buy sheets of tickets and place a ticket in a paper bag next to the item they would like to win. At noon, club members will draw a ticket from each bag and the winner announced and presented with their items. Members also provide several hot dishes that may be purchased such as chili, dynamites, and macaroni and cheese plus sandwiches and lots of wonderful dessert items such as Karen Nelson's famous

chocolate cake with peanut butter frosting. Cold beverages will also be available. Due to the generosity of our wonderful community, many gift cards and free services will be available as prizes. Other items include toys, clothes, jewelry, baskets, artwork, exercise equipment, dishes and many handmade items. All receipts from this fundraiser go into a scholarship fund which awards scholarships to graduating seniors during final ceremonies.

Also, on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday, some of their members go to local first grades and read a Dr. Seuss book to the classes. They will then present the book to the students for their classroom libraries. This year they will be reading one of their favorites, "IF I RAN THE ZOO".

GFWC/ Livermore Falls Women's Club gathered together in January for their annual "Doris' Brunch". Four local organizations who receive annual donations from the club were given the opportunity to tell new members what they do and what kind of impact they have on the local community. "Friends Together", "Spruce Mountain Ski Club", the area chapter of "Special Olympics" and the local food cupboard all brought information about their importance to the area. The brunch was delicious, as usual, served by "La Fleurs" Restaurant in Jay. After the program there was a raffle of a coffee basket with fresh scones, a tea basket, a kitchen basket, a bath and bubble basket, along with a large collection of books, a

Subway book of coupons and a hand painted barrel stave. Lots of happy ladies went home with something new!

The club completed their domestic violence "Step Away From Abuse" project and the socks went to Safe Voices (previously AWAP) in Lewiston. A workshop to prepare for the "I Feel Pretty" Domestic Violence Program meeting in May was held at Vice-President Linda Burdo's home. Thirty cosmetic cases with toiletries and goodies were packed as well as twenty children's bags and a half dozen men's bags to be presented at that meeting.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club wrapped up 2011 with a new fund raiser for their scholarship fund. They took orders for poinsettias and delivered the beautiful plants to customers three weeks before Christmas. It was a success and plans are underway to include this as an annual fund raiser. Members also participated in the Family Violence Project's Christmas program. They adopted a mother and three children who had been displaced from their home due to domestic violence. The mother provided them with a "wish list". Members donated items on the list plus club donated an additional \$150 for a member to shop for items on the list. Each family member, including the mother, received five gifts.

At their January meeting they welcomed a speaker from the American Cancer Society. There is a great need for drivers to transport patients to chemotherapy

and radiation treatments. Many patients in central Maine are skipping treatments because they don't have transportation. The American Cancer Society has a program where individuals offer their time, even if it is just a few hours a month, to drive patients to their appointments. They also met a second time in January to watch a power point presentation by Jen Olsen of Main Street Skowhegan. Jen informed the club of all that Maine Street Skowhegan has accomplished over the past few years and some wonderful projects they are working on for the future of downtown Skowhegan.

Waterville Hospice spoke at their February meeting on the growing number of Alzheimer's and dementia patients that this program is dealing with. The power point presentation was eye opening, as many of our members have and are dealing with a family member or friend that has this disease. The club was shown "activity aprons" that are being made for the patients that keep their hands "busy" with zippers, buttons and pockets. Apron patterns were provided and they will be purchasing materials to make a few of the aprons to donate to this cause.

Lake George Winter Carnival was on our agenda for February. We supplied a warm fire and made s'mores for the children and their families who attended this wonderful event. There was just enough snow to make the box sled race a success (99 entries), the day was sunny and beautiful and the event drew the largest crowd

ever. What more could you ask for?!

District 3

Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft, gathered at a nearby restaurant and celebrated the holiday season together with a luncheon and the fact that they had adopted an 18 month child for Christmas. This project is dear to their hearts! Mother Nature had it in for club members in January this year, on the 2 Fridays they were scheduled to meet- it was dangerous to be out and about-so they stayed home!!! In February club members met and made valentines for the residents of 2 assisted living homes in Dover-Foxcroft. Movie night was a success as members watched "The Help". The maid, Minnie, won best supporting actress- she deserved it.

Meetings of the GFWC/Outlook Club in Hartland have been well-attended this club year, with nearly three-quarters of the membership at any given meeting – well up from the five attending last spring. In November, the group was pleasurably entertained by an accordion player. The December meeting featured relaxing breathing techniques presented by member Dr. Kathie Clark, then a reading of the Christmas story and spirited singing of Christmas carols. For January, retired teacher and member Mary Helen Thorne read humorous excerpts from 'Owls in the Family', from an old fourth grade reader. Minor changes have been voted to our by-laws, a

creative way to deal with the GFWC Maine dues increase was proposed and accepted for trial, and continued financial support for Maine Youth Leadership, the state president's special project (Operation Smile) and our district art contest has been approved. Quarters continue to be collected for books read, adding to our library donation fund, and voluntary donations have been collected for CARE. Members have been encouraged to 'save the date' and plan on attending Spring Convention in Orono in May.

Newport Woman's Club is a club with busy hands. Many members are seamstresses. This is quite evident with the total number of items created for Project Smile. 220 Smile dolls and 280 hospital gowns. Another project is being entered into partnering with the Eastern Star. Pillowcases are being created for use by Veteran's families.

GFWC/NER President Kathy White joined the club for their February meeting. There are several new members in the club. President Kathy introduced them to the workings of the New England Region and her passion for such.

The March meeting will feature a tea party; "A Set Back In Time" with hats and gloves and good cheer.

The GFWC/Miosac ladies have been busy this winter planning the High School Art show to be held at the Center Theatre on March 25th. This is a collaborative effort

with our sister club in town, The Cosmopolitan Club. 4 area high schools participate in the show and the judge is a well-known local artist, Suzanne East. The first Jan meeting was a riotous evening of entertainment by local writer Tom Lyford who regaled the group with his witty prose and poetry. The clubs second meeting of the month was "iced" out and rescheduled for the next week where the ladies participated in an old fashioned sewing bee. Over two dozen loveable, snuggly critters were sewn and donated to the local hospital, Mayo Regional Hospital, to be distributed to young children in need. Quilts were also worked on for the upcoming Linus Blanket Day to be held in Dover-Foxcroft in April.

February found District 3 President, Reajean Hersey visiting the club with news from around the district. Club members who had not previously had the pleasure of meeting Reajean thoroughly enjoyed her visit as did those who have already had the pleasure of knowing her. An evening of fellowship and fun was had at the last meeting in Feb with members making their own personal pizzas and celebrating the milestone birthdays of members Minnie McCormick and Athalie Burke. No matter their age they both are forever young at heart! Aren't we all!?? The club's annual fundraiser, The Sebec Ice Out Contest, began on Feb 15th and runs through the month of March. For a small wager, a date is picked with the time the ice will "go out" and the person who picks the closest time

and date wins a cash prize.

A committee met and revised the antiquated by-laws of the club and brought them up to date with current terminology. A member survey was also distributed for gathering feedback about possible future programs, fundraisers and service projects the club might consider. One topic the entire club agreed upon was that winter has lasted too long and spring could not come fast enough!!

The Pittsfield ARTS club met January 9th at the Pittsfield Public Library. Their speaker for the evening was Hazel Mitchell, Author/Illustrator. Hazel has illustrated 6 children's books. She is from Yorkshire, UK. She gave a wonderful talk on how she got into illustrating and now writing children's books.

The February meeting found members making Valentine bags for an area boarding home and some area shut ins. Club member Connie Thies delivered the bags Valentines day and was greatly appreciated by the residents.

The March meeting will be held at the Pittsfield Community theater. The topic of discussion will be their ongoing Capital campaign, and the club continues to support their efforts.

District 4

The Castine Woman's Club does not have formal meetings during the months of January and February. However, during the winter months club members participate in several fundraising

events. On January 19, the CWC held its annual winter Bridge Luncheon. A delicious luncheon consisting of three varieties of chili, salad, cornbread and assorted pies for dessert was enjoyed by our bridge players.

On January 24, the Executive Board of the Club started on the "closet cleaning project" to organize old records. The Club will be celebrating its 100-Year Anniversary in 2013 and wants to have its history in order. It is such fun to read about past projects and activities. Learning our history does give us an appreciation of the Club and inspiration to try to re-invent some prior activities.

On January 31 and February 28, the Club held the first two of three Dinner-at-Noon meals. These meals are held at town hall and are part of the Club's Community Improvement Project started years ago by our dear departed Marge Wood. These events are always successful and bring people together in winter. The Club will host the last Dinner-at-Noon for this year on March 27.

In March, the Club resumed regular meetings. The speaker for the March 6 meeting was Laurie Stone who has traveled extensively in Japan. Her talk was "Letters from Japan: Life after the Earthquake." Various fundraisers will be held in the summer.

The **GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club** held its February meeting in the community room of the Quoddy View Apartments. The guest speaker was Melissa Lee of the Lubec Memorial Library. She

thanked the Club for all the years of support with RIF and Junior Literary Guild as well as all the volunteer hours by members of the Club in the library and on the Library Board. She read one of the books they receive monthly from the Junior Literary Guild. The story was delightful and her interpretation was superb with excellent sound effects.

The Club will be selling daffodils for The American Cancer Society in March.

The **GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club** delivered Valentine Party goodies and supplies to two adult residential homes in the area. Joyce Nash and Pat Treworgy were invited to stay and participate in the party at the Grace Home in Harrington. Jo-an Page and Pat furnished the goodies for the Sunrise Home in Milbridge. Pat delivered the goodies and supplies. The residents were very pleased that they were remembered on Valentine's Day.

Saturday, April 14 will be the first meeting of the Club for the new year. The meeting will be at the Henry D. Moore Parish House Library in Steuben. A representative from the towns of Harrington, Cherryfield, Milbridge and Steuben will make up the panel concerning recycling efforts in our area.

At the April 28 meeting, the members will travel to the Weald Bethel Food Pantry located at Sea Coast Mission in Cherryfield. The speaker will be Wendy

Harrington. She will give us a tour of the food pantry and then will explain the workings of the food pantry, how they purchase the items they need and whether it is better for the public to donate food or monetary donations. Wendy will be contacted in advance to see what the members can donate to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is one of the Club's community projects. Later the group will travel to Claire Babcock's home for a picnic lunch.

On May 5, the members will be given a tour of the Cherryfield Free Public Library by the librarian, Cara Sawyer. A Pot Luck Luncheon and the Election/Installation of Officers will be held May 19 at the home of Cathy Farrah in Cherryfield. Jane Shaw, Past President of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, will be installing the new officers.

A fundraiser is planned for June. Meetings will be recessed until September.

ARTS

It's getting exciting with the thought of the high school art shows being planned in each district.

Directory rules on page 76 should be followed. Please make sure the student art work is labeled on the back.

Let the Art Department Collaboration Chairman know the

information requested in rule #5 by May 1st. The four winning art entries are brought to the MFWC Spring Convention. Arrange for someone to return the art to your district and return the artists property in a timely fashion.

The GFWC Photography Contest rules are in the directory on page 78. Bring the photography to the MFWC Spring Convention and notify the Art Chairman, by April 15, of your intent to enter.

A Year in Pictures Calendar Contest rules are in the Directory on page 79. Clubs send one photo to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: Calendar Contest. Deadline May 1, 2012.

The Art Department is continuing the art fundraiser at the Spring Convention. Items are needed that can be any artistic, creative medium. It can be something you made. Please provide a 3" x 5" card with information about the item and approximate value. Please let me know if you have a donation for this project. The proceeds will go to help encourage art students to continue their education or provide funds to purchase more art supplies.

The art show will be set up at 8:00 a.m. May 10th and take down on May 11 at noon break.

I would like a couple of members, interested in the arts, to help with set up and take down of the art show. If you are interested in learning how the Art Department works and can volunteer your help, please email me:

If any one was pictures of Merna Dunham, please bring them to share. Thank you.

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HOME LIFE

As I compile the Home Life Collaboration report for GFWC, I am again much impressed with the hardworking and innovative clubwomen of GFWC Maine! I DO wish however that there were more narrative reports. There are some wonderful projects but the "nuts and bolts" of how they are implemented are often missing. These are the puzzle pieces that are so necessary for other clubs who may wish to copy-cat the ideas.

These ideas will now be reported to GFWC. One narrative will be chosen the "best of the best" and sent for consideration for the \$50 club Creativity Award. Come to MFWC Maine's Spring Convention to see if YOUR narrative was the "best of the best".

Thank-you to all the clubs that reported. Remember..."You have to be in it, to win it!"

Gerry Richardson

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

I have been working on reports for GFWC. Twenty-one clubs reported. I enjoyed reading your narratives. Will send one off to GFWC.

Spring will be here soon and we can get outdoors and maybe play in the dirt and grass. With spring comes convention. I hope to see lots of you at spring convention in Orono. I am proud that a Miosac member will be installed as President. I have been urging my club members to plan to attend for the installation.

PinWheels for PREVENTION

Another GFWC Project under Domestic Violence, Plant a pinwheel garden in the spring. clubs can do it and ask schools to do it. Information and directions can be found under DVA projects, www.preventchldabuse.org

Keep up the good work.

I have my reservations to International in June. Hope lots of you will be there.

Yours in Federation,
Minnie McCormick Domestic
Violence Awareness Chairman

ESO

There is a snowstorm today with more predicted within a few days. I hope each of you are treating yourself to a good read. Please keep a list of titles, authors and

send to me with a brief statement of your opinion of the books. To prepare certificates of recognition, please send now or at least by April 20th. Mailing address is listed below.

If you prefer E-mail:
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The Century members (read 100 books) are working on their next century marks....let's get some others to join them in this wonderful self-enrichment program. Latest book list is at GFWC.org, drop down menu lists ESO and gives directions.

Happy Reading!

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NECROLOGY

This is just a reminder that everyone needs to send me the Names of our sisters that have passed away this year, so I can include their names in my report.
Phone # 207-839-7093
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I will need this info by May 6.
Note; new email address!

Thank You
Nancy Kenty

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Seminar is just a few short

months away!!!

Here we are in March and MYL has 100+ sophomores chosen and ready to attend the best 4 days of their high school careers. I feel confident saying that because I've heard so many ambassadors express that on the fourth day of the Seminar, graduation day.

Thank you so much for your generous involvement of the past. Now, more than ever, our young people need the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs to continue supporting such an event. Your continued support is vital to fulfill the MYL mission. Our students need us to sustain our commitment to them in providing a successful 2012 Seminar.

THANK YOU - Clubs contributing to date towards the 2012 seminar:

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

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

LEADERSHIP

Have you ever noticed that the older you get the faster time seems to fly by? I am finding it hard to believe that it has been two years since I agreed to be leadership chair for President Suzanne. As this administration and my chairmanship come to an end I want to thank Suzanne and her officers for all they have done for our Federation. They have led us well and will continue to do so until the next administration takes over.

With a new administration comes change and, as with any kind of change, we will all be a little apprehensive at first, but, as in the past, I am sure this change will be smooth and flawless. We will go on with business as usual serving under new leadership and flourish. I wish the best to President-elect Anne and her officers as they begin their new leadership roles. They have had great mentors who have taught them well what their roles will be and those mentors will be right there beside them to help if needed.

I have heard people say, "This leadership thing is not for me." Well, I am glad all the leaders we have at the state, the district, and the club level decided at one time that it was for them because where would we be without them? Hats off to all of you who have stepped up to lead.

For one last time I want to let every clubwoman in this state know that I consider you all

leaders. You are volunteer leaders who lead the way in your communities. The difference you make is appreciated. Continue your volunteer efforts and consider the fact that even though you may not think of what you do as leading there are others who do. Take the plunge and be an officer for your local club. You just might find you enjoy it so much that you want to continue. There are many opportunities for leading at all levels. You will have someone to help and guide you all along the way. Just do it!! Thank you for the privilege of serving as your leadership chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position and I hope time slows down just a little.

Carol Jarvais

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

OPERATION SMILE... MFWC 2010-2012

As President Suzanne's term comes to an end so does the campaign to raise funds for Operation Smile. I would like to thank each club in the State who made a donation from their club's budget to this worthwhile project. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! This chair is vividly aware of the local demands on each club's resources during these tight financial times and truly appreciates every dollar donated to this international crusade. For this year, 2011/2012 the following clubs have made a contribution :

Livermore Falls Women's Club,
GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of
Bath, GFWC/Westbrook
Woman's Club, GFWC/Arts
Club, 21 Club, GFWC/Miosac
Club, GFWC/Newport Woman's
Club, GFWC Skowhegan
Woman's Club, GFWC/Lubec
Woman's Club, GFWC/Gorham
Woman's Club, and
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary
Club

A huge thank you goes out also to each individual member of the Maine Federation who turned in their pledge form and donation. You are too numerous to list but none the less appreciated!! More than 400 pounds of supplies have been shipped to the Operation Smile warehouse in Norfolk, VA over the past 2 years. These supplies consisted of the numerous smile dolls, johnnies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, mirrors, crayons, coloring books and other items needed for each mission. Thank you so much for your countless hours of sewing and collecting that went into the support of Operation Smile.

A Quarter For Your Smile pledge runs through the end of Pres Suzanne's administration so it is not too late to send in those pledges. Operators are standing by!! And there will be one last raffle at the Spring Convention and pledge forms can also be dropped off. So please plan on attending the convention in Orono where the grand total of donations will be announced and the number of children's lives forever changed for the good will be revealed!!

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work for such a noble cause – changing children's lives one smile at a time.

With a grateful and smiling heart,

Barb Austin
Operation Smile Chair
838 West Main St
Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

INMED Partnerships

INMED Partnerships for Children is an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to rescue children from the immediate and irreversible harm of disease, hunger, abuse, neglect or violence and to prepare them to shape a brighter future for themselves and the next generation. INMED formally became a GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program partner in June 2011, and we have since worked with clubs across the country raising awareness and financial support for INMED's programs. Please visit the website at <http://www.inmed.org/gfwc/> or call (703) 729-4951 to learn more about INMED and about what GFWC members can do to help.

Thank you!

Doris Girgis
Development and
Communications Specialist
INMED Partnerships for Children

**GFWC MAINE ~ CALL to Spring Convention
May 10-11, 2012 – Black Bear Inn Conference Center, Orono, Maine**

TENTATIVE Agenda

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

Wednesday, May 9	2:00 PM	GFWC Maine Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 10	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea / Marketplace
	10:00 AM	Opening Session/Business
		Reports – Awards – Speakers
		Fundraising
		Endowment Fund
		Delegates Fund
		Educational Loan Fund/Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund
		President's Project – Operation Smile
		Home Life
		Education
		Public Issues
		Conservation
		International Outreach
	11:30 – 12:00	Marketplace
	12:00 PM	"Leading Us Into to the Future" Luncheon Honoring our District & Club Presidents
	1:45 PM	Leadership Report LEADS Candidate 2012 Guest Speaker: GFWC 2 nd VP Sheila Shea: Leadership Matters
		GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
		Membership Report/Awards
		GFWC/Maine WHRC/History
		Community Improvement Contest
		Nominating Committee
		Nominating Speeches
	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Polls open / Market Place / Art Exhibits
	6:00 PM	Social Hour/ProceSSIONal
	7:00 PM	<i>Heart of Maine Banquet</i> Honoring our GFWC/MF WC Past State Presidents Entertainment – Heart of Maine Chorus- Sweet Adelines

International

Reception in President's suite following the entertainment to honor GFWC 2nd Vice President and the entire GFWC Maine 2010-2012 Administration!

Friday, May 11th

8:00 AM Memorial Breakfast – A Time of Remembrance

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Polls Open

8:30 AM Registration / Marketplace (bring your own coffee/tea)

9:45 AM Business Session Reconvenes
Maine Youth Leadership
Art Awards
Community Improvement Contest
Membership Concerns – led by Nancy Ames, 2009 LEADS Ambassador
Special Guest: GFWC 2nd VP Sheila Shea – A little morning fun - Ice Breaker
Invitation to GFWC NER 2012
Carolyn Lombardi Trophy/Directory Ad Commissions
Officers' Reports
Election Results
2010-2012 Finance Committee Nominations/Elections

12:00 PM “Reaching Out Beyond Our Own” Luncheon
Honoring Community Service Program and Committee

1:30 PM Business Session
Raffles
Final Figures - Fundraising, Delegates Fund, Endowment Fund
Final Report of Registration
Courtesy Committee Report
Remarks by Retiring President

Installation of Officers 2012-2014 Administration

Presentation of Gavel and President's Pin
Presentation of Past State President's Pin
Acceptance Speech

3:30 PM Adjournment

Receiving Line of newly installed GFWC Maine Officers, Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentary Advisor!!

Black Bear Inn Conference Center – Orono, Maine

GFWC Maine - Spring Convention – May 10-11, 2012

Guest Room Rates

\$89.95 (plus tax)/night, single or double occupancy

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
April 19, 2012 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" 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.

- **Free** Wi-Fi throughout the property (*Check out our upgraded system*)
 - **Free** local newspaper available Monday through Friday
 - Exercise facility
 - Sauna
 - **Free** parking
 - Handicap accessible

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

www.blackbearinnoronono.com

Check-in time 2:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 pm

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

**Directions: On I- 95 take exit 193 (Old Town/Stillwater). From the North, turn left.
From South, turn right at Stillwater Avenue, then turn right on Godfrey Drive.**

Attire for our gatherings:

Thursday and Friday during the day - business casual

Thursday banquet – Bring out your best!! It's time to dress up!! This will be a semi-formal evening.

A GARDEN FOR ALL SEASONS

In a garden for all seasons one must
first plant 4 rows of peas:

PRESENCE
 PROMPTNESS
 PREPARATION
 PERSEVERANCE

Next to these plant 3 rows of squash:

SQUASH GOSSIP
 SQUASH INDIFFERENCE
 SQUASH CRITICISM

 Then plant 5 rows of lettuce:
 Let us be true to our obligations
 Let us obey the rules & regulations
 Let us be faithful to duty
 Let us be loyal & unselfish
 Let us LOVE one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

 Turn up for meetings
 Turn up with a smile!
 Turn up with new ideas
 Turn up with determination to make
everything count for something good &
 worthwhile.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Carolyn Lombardi Trophy postmarked by May 1st

New England Region Conference September 14-15, 2012 Portland, ME

HOW TO AVOID MAKING A DECISION

Want to avoid making a decision?
Here are 20 ways..... we have
probably heard them before.

- 1)We tried that before.**
- 2)We've never done it that way before!**
- 3)I know another club who tried it.**
- 4)We've always done it this way.**
- 5)It is too radical of a change.**
- 6)We did all right without it.**
- 7)Our situation is different.**
- 8)We lack the authority to change.**
- 9)We don't have the time.**
- 10)Not enough help.**
- 11)It costs too much.**
- 12)It isn't in the budget.**
- 13)We are not ready for that.**
- 14)Let's put it in writing.**
- 15)We should test it first.**
- 16)A committee should study it.**
- 17)Let's give it more thought.**
- 18)You are right but.....**
- 19)Good thought but impractical.**
- 20)It can't be done.**



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118 years of Volunteer Service



**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
August 1, 2012**

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