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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC Maine Newsletter
March/April 2013



Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others



President's Letter

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Wow! I really don't know how we finally made it to spring, but I am pleased we did! I thought about hunting down *that* groundhog, but since I am an animal lover, I thought better of it!

This is a very busy time of year. The GFWC Maine Executive Committee met in Augusta for our winter meeting on February 16th. It was nice to get together and discuss future plans for our organization. Much was accomplished.

The GFWC Maine District Presidents are gearing up for their District Meetings and High School Art Shows. This is an exciting time for our art students, and a great time to come together as fellow clubwomen. I look forward to attending as many of these events as possible this spring.

Can you believe the "Call" to GFWC Maine Spring Convention is included in this edition of your Pine Tree Notes? Some plans have been made, while other plans are still in the "works". What would Convention be without a few surprises? It is always a special time to celebrate what we have accomplished during the past year, as individual clubs and collectively to enhance the lives of others. We are doing a great job as, "Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others". Please plan to join us on May 9th and 10th, 2013 at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn located in South Portland.

Included in this "Call", please take a few minutes to review the proposals to revise some of our By-Laws. It is important to review these By-Laws from time to time, and propose changes as needed to remain current. **We would request you remember to bring this edition of Pine Tree Notes with you to Spring Convention, as they will not be reprinted in the Convention Program. This is asked in an effort to reduce expenses and conserve our natural resources.**

It has been a joy to be invited to so many of our GFWC Maine clubs since September. It has been a wonderful experience meeting all the women in our State we don't often have the opportunity to get to know. Many new friendships have been forged as a result of these visitations.

It has been an honor and privilege to see the annual reports and read the many narratives the clubs have submitted for 2012. It has made my job much easier to do the statistical and annual report requested of all the State Presidents. This valuable information garnered from all the clubs will be forwarded on in my report to our GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this effort.

The 2013 GFWC Annual Convention will take place in Hollywood, Florida June 30th through July 2nd. I will be flying to Florida on June 27th for the Everglades Adventure Tour by airboat on June 28th. Can't miss that event! The State Presidents will meet in the morning of June

29th, and the Board of Directors will meet in the afternoon. The GFWC Florida State Night Banquet will be held in the evening. The Opening Ceremonies will begin Sunday morning, June 30th. Come One, Come All! All GFWC clubwomen should experience at least one GFWC Annual Convention in their lifetime! It isn't difficult to get hooked!! Thank-you for allowing me to be your President! It has opened doors of opportunity I would have otherwise never had.

The President's Special Project, "Newborns in Need", is continuing to thrive! Many thanks to all who have so graciously donated baby items and gifts of money to this very worthwhile charity.

I hope to see you in South Portland in May!

In Federation Love,
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President-Elect

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What is that old saying "Rain, rain, go away, come back again another day"..... it should be changed to "Snow, snow, go away, come back again some other day". We have had enough "yucky" weather!

Spring will be here before we know it and with it comes the District Art Shows and meetings.

This is a great time to share with our communities the talents of our artistic young people. There is much untapped talent in our High Schools. Sports take up such a big part of a student's life that the Arts seem to take a back seat sometimes. Music and Art are two things that people can enjoy all of their lives while participating in sports is short-lived in most instances. Let's travel to the District Art shows and see the remarkable talent that some students have.

Remember, "April showers bring May flowers." In May, the Spring convention will be held in South Portland and by that time, good weather should be with us. Our Spring and Fall events are great times to re-connect with women that we rarely see at any other time of the year. This is a chance to find out what GFWC Maine is all about. Please come and see what our events have to offer.....you will leave saying " a good time was had by all".

In Federation,

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Another gloomy day is upon us. We haven't seen any significant sunshine for a week, and more stormy weather is forecast. Soon

we will be in mud season and everything will look grey and dirty.

You are right. I have been working myself into a magnificent pity party. My outlook on this atrocious weather is lifting since I spoke with Pres. Anne. Yes, she is a cheerful, caring person who makes you feel good just by talking with her. This conversation was very special because Anne told me that she was experiencing a significant snow storm. She had periodically been without television and the internet had been down for two days. Suddenly cloudy days didn't seem so awful. We all have so many beautiful, wonderful things in our lives, even when the skies are gloomy.

One thing I am particularly happy about is this year's club reporting. I received reports and narratives from 23 out of 25 clubs. That's a 92% return. Thank you to all who put time and effort into compiling the reports together and wrote narratives. It was astounding to see the total state statistics. You have done an impressive job with projects, volunteer hours and dollars raised. The numbers of Maine club women may be small, but we are mighty in our work !

As pleased as I am with the reports, I see areas that need improvement. Those areas fall on me. I feel that the form could stand some re-working to make it clearer. I would love to get your ideas. Feel free to email me with your thoughts (mklubby@yahoo.com). I will

have a suggestion box at Spring Convention too.

I know that this is the season for student art shows and district meetings. I would be willing to attend. It is so inspiring to see the work of so many talented high school students from Maine.

Have a wonderful spring. See you at the State Convention.

In federation,
Mary
GFWC Maine

Recording Secretary



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It's hard to believe the first year of becoming GFWC Maine Recording Secretary is winding down. This has been quite a learning experience for me, but I am getting the hang of things! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Libby, Sally Manchester and Sheri Walsh for proof reading the Minutes and to President Anne for putting her finishing touches on the Minutes.

I would also like to remind everyone who is giving any type of presentation at GFWC Maine Spring Convention to bring an extra copy so that I can add them to the records. This way I won't have to bother you afterwards for copies.

Hope to see most of you in May!
Nancy Ames
GFWC Maine
Recording Secretary



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Hello everyone,
I would appreciate it if you would send correspondence to my Florida address until I return to Maine:

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Corresponding Secretary



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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 State Officers need to have contact info for all the Club officers. The sooner the Corresponding Secretary can start on the Directory, the better. 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
Corresponding Secretary

Parliamentary Advisor



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Hi Ladies (on yet another snowy day),

I hope this finds us with a little bare ground and warmer temperatures!!!

This is just a quick reminder to ask you to bring your copy of your newsletter with you to spring convention as it will have the proposed by-laws change printed in it and you may wish to have it to refer to before we act on it.

We are looking forward to having a large turnout and lots of fun as we celebrate all the very good things we do!!

CLUB NEWS

District 1

Southern Mid Coast Women's Club, after breaking for January and February, is working to put together a Craft Fair in October. They would love to have other clubs join them to sell things and every one raises some funds. More information in a future issue.

They are also doing a bottle drive to benefit Newborns In Need in March.

Westbrook Woman's Club held a silent auction at their annual Christmas party and members donated money received to the

recruiting new GFWC Newtown, CT Woman's Club to help with their efforts to raise funds for the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims.

At the first meeting in January, District 1 President Sally Manchester spoke to members about ovarian cancer. She distributed informative booklets provided by the CDC entitled, "Inside Knowledge", This is a new GFWC partnership, detailing all gynecologic cancers. Perhaps Sally's most important message was if you have a concern - don't wait - speak to your doctor.

Their January 22 meeting was three-fold. Members enjoyed a power point presentation with pictures of birds often seen in southern Maine. These photos were taken by the speaker. She had incorporated the sounds of many of the birds into her presentation. Next on the program was the impressive young woman from Westbrook High School who had attended Dirigo Girls State. She spoke to them in great detail about her experiences there. Judith Reidman, their Parliamentarian, who is a board member for the Family Crisis Services in the Greater Portland area, spoke to the club about the great need for socks for women and children. Their Community Outreach Chairman surprised her by presenting her with 144 pairs of socks they had been collecting for the shelter.

Members enjoyed a mid-winter luncheon in February at the local Fireside Inn. They were entertained by Roger Griswold, Channel 8 Meteorologist, who

spoke about Weather Folklore. At the second meeting in February, they received an update about the success of the Recycling program in Westbrook.

The 21 Club started out their new year with a very interesting presentation on the Titanic. It was given by Patricia Turner who has been a Titanic buff for many years. Also at this meeting, they voted to donate to the Sacopec Valley Health Center's dental expansion program.

The Community Improvement Committee presented their plan for a beautification project in Kezar Falls. With Valentine's Day around the corner they gathered Valentine's cards to be brought to the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough to brighten their day.

Their February meeting, a potluck, is the perfect way to chase away the winter blahs. For many years this has also been the meeting when they hold a 'shower' for the Ronald McDonald House in Portland. Their club women's generosity is evident in the pile of paper towels, detergent and personal care items collected.

The first meeting in March will be open to the public. Two of their club members will do a program called "Theater Curtains - The Art of Marion Fracher". The presentation will be at the Porter Town Hall where one of these old theater curtains still hangs.

The Gorham Woman's Club had an informative meeting with author and end of life tour guide, Lenora Trussell, RN. Lenora spoke on ways to maintain our

memory as we age. She said it was very important to keep your mind active and interacting with people will help to keep the mind active - volunteering is good! The group learned every time a person smiles it stimulates the brain and exercising and eating well were factors in maintaining a healthy mind. Lenora's final message was to talk to your family about what you want while you are still able. The February meeting continued the same healthy theme with Anne LaPierre, a nutritionist from Hannaford stores. Anne said the key to healthy eating is to be mindful; when reading a food label, the most important thing to check is the serving size; the less processed the healthier the choice; and the body needs good fat (mono-unsaturated).

Club members are going to be participating in the Flower Power fundraising program. It is a partnered program found in the GFWC manual and several members enjoyed the idea of thinking about spring while reviewing the colorful brochure.

March is be a busy month for them. The March 14th meeting will be with our State President, Anne Cress. Anne will be introducing the members to the Newborns in Need Project. The club is then planning a workshop to make their tatted stationary and will have a booth at the Gorham Marketplace on March 30th. This will be their third year at the marketplace and they have been increasing their community awareness, fundraising and recruiting new members each time.

The Gorham Woman's Club has had an excellent start in 2013 and is looking forward to continued success as the flowers of spring start to bloom.

The GFWC Research Club of Limerick does not meet in January and February and they have had enough snow!!! It is with heavy hearts that they report the passing of two of their club sisters, Rita Baltas and Carolyn DiValerio. Their dedication, unfaltering good cheer and willing contributions made to their club makes them sorely missed.

They had a good response to the Red Bow sales at Christmas and raised \$800.00. This was very good for the little time they actually had to sell bows.

The Research Club members currently have a display in the library with information and scrapbooks. They look forward to welcoming new members as a result of that effort. The display will also be up at the Town Meeting. Current members will be available to answer questions and gather in a few new members.

Their first meeting of 2013 will be March 5, 2013 and will feature their high school art contest. They will also be providing refreshments at the Limerick Town Meeting the following weekend, always a reasonable fund raiser. A 'wish list' for Newborns in Need will be available for ideas for the baby shower that is being planned for State President, Anne Cress' attendance at their April meeting

where the 21 Club of Kezar Falls has also been invited.

District 2

GFWC/The Dove Society. In January, the club met at the Margaret Chase Library with guest speaker, David Richards, the Director of the Library, who spoke in great detail about Milton Bradley, "the man who taught Americans to play." For February, we met at the Skowhegan Recreation Center where Denise LeBlanc, Skowhegan Recreation Director, gave an overview of current and future plans for Skowhegan recreation opportunities including the ongoing Run of River Project. It's a great facility and provides many wonderful things for our community. On March 1 in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, several club members will read *The Lorax*, a Dr. Seuss book, to the 1st graders in Skowhegan and Norridgewock. We wear big red and white hats and have a great time. The books are then donated to the classroom libraries. The club is busy planning a "Luck of the Draw" Auction on March 23. This is a major fundraiser for the club and provides scholarship money for qualified, graduating seniors. We gather items from local businesses and from club members for this event and sell hot and cold food, and home-baked goodies and give a wonderful door prize.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club. January 2013, a time to wrap up loose ends from the past and start anew. We added up those volunteer hours, wrote the reports, looked at our

accomplishments and were amazed at what we had done! Never underestimate your value ladies! It takes many grains of sand to make a beautiful beach, many drops of water to fill an ocean, and many wonderful women like you to accomplish our endeavors. At the January meeting, SWC was very fortunate to have our own Julie Kosch, speak on a subject most of us have given little thought. As a member of the Somerset County Animal Response Team and Pet Preparedness in an Emergency, Julie discussed how to prepare for evacuation or care of our pets in an emergency and gave us examples we could all relate to, but not thought much about. Who would feed your pet or give them needed medicine if something happened and you could not get home? Do you have an emergency kit packed with veterinary records in case your pet had to be moved elsewhere in an emergency? Julie covered all these topics and more. Many of our members have pets and she certainly gave us plenty to think about, but also solutions. At our February meeting, Linda Williams spoke to the club about Hospice Care, the need for volunteers and the services that are provided. Hospice not only provides care for those facing death, but also provides help for the caregivers and bereavement follow-up. Hospice can provide much needed information on the services and assistance available. We all felt the information received was most helpful. The newly formed committee for the Skowhegan Interfaith Preschool Daycare Center reported that the churches

were enthusiastic about the endeavor which is a result of a speaker we had in September from Educare. The SWC women heard the need and responded by setting up a meeting with area clergy. It only made sense to involve the churches because that is where facilities are unused and available most weekdays. The speaker from Educare spoke with the clergy at the joint meeting. Raffle tickets were passed out for our FAB Fair Raffle. Each year we raffle off a large number of items to help raise money for scholarships. This year we have over 20 items being raffled including many gift certificates, jewelry, stained glass, and the beautiful afghan Fran Savage makes every year. The members also voted to purchase the General Liability Insurance from AH&T after looking into obtaining this coverage from other companies. The club is going to try a few new things in 2013, we hope to report our volunteer hours in a book at each meeting and we also will have the vice-president keep us up to date on GFWC News and Notes and legislation GFWC feels is important.

Waldoboro Woman's Club. In January, after a short brown bag lunch augmented by our hostesses for the month, the meeting was called to order by VP Linda Gagnon who was standing in for President Judi Lawrence who was in the hospital following surgery for a broken shoulder. The Club enjoyed a very informative and gratifying presentation by one of our scholarship recipients and it was a real treat to learn of his furthering education endeavor and

expression of gratitude for his scholarship award from the Club. January birthdays of club members were recognized. In February, following a chili and fixings luncheon, our speakers were two physical therapy doctors who explained the various programs at their office and gave a very informative talk on "Balance Issues and the Aging Patient." Although we do not consider ourselves "aging" (don't we get younger every year?), we recognize that simple steps taken now can mean that we could avoid a nasty fall which could lead to a long recovery period and much pain. The members were reminded to provide their international donations for the International Luncheon in March where we will welcome GFWC/Maine President Anne Cress and her President's Project Chairman, Minnie McCormick. Members were also reminded to bring in Silent Auction items with the proceeds going to CARE, and also to bring Food Pantry donations and items to be donated for Newborns In Need.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club.

To start off the new year in January, SFC had a fun meeting learning how to make sea glass soap which was demonstrated by Joyce Noonan, President of the Skowhegan Woman's Club. At that meeting, we voted to donate funds to: Somerset Woods Trustees to help purchase and preserve an island in the Kennebec River; Crisis and Counseling; American Cancer Society Daffodil Days for the purchase of daffodils for residents at local nursing homes; and

Skowhegan High School Area Golf Team in memory of Past President Charlotte Sprague. In February, we made s'mores at Lake George Regional Park's Winter Carnival which included skating, sledding, ice fishing derby and other activities. A fun time was had by all. In February, our scheduled speaker canceled due to illness. At our business meeting, we voted to donate funds to: Project Graduation and Kind News for two of our members who are teachers. In March, we will be participating in the annual FAB Fair in Skowhegan where businesses and organizations set up booths to advertise, and individuals bring their crafts to sell. Club members put together three large "movie" baskets filled with many fun items, including DVD's, books, games, snacks, hot chocolate, candy, etc. Several members volunteer to tend this table, sell raffle tickets for the baskets and inform people about our club. Our next meeting in April will be a "Baby Shower" for Newborns in Need with President Anne Cress attending, as well as Minnie McCormick, Project Chairman.

District 3

Patawa Club's focus for this year's events and fundraisers is on children's services. Patawa members were pleased to present Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bangor with proceeds totaling \$1,033.50 from our annual Wine & Beer Tasting event, which represented half of the evenings' total proceeds. The February meeting featured a presentation from Hardy Girls, Healthy Women detailing the

organization's work with adolescent girls and self image and self-esteem. Continuing the children theme, there will be a "Baby Shower" at the March meeting with all items donated to a local shelter benefitting woman and children.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** is on hiatus for the winter, activities will pick up again come spring.

In preparation for Valentine's Day, in January the **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club** of Dover-Foxcroft spent time doing one of their favorite things. There's nothing like getting the creative juices flowing and spending time together making 64 beautiful and unique valentines for the 2 assisted living facilities. Although one of the February meetings was cancelled due to forecasted bad weather, the next meeting proved to be a very productive business meeting followed by a hands-on project in support of the GFWC Signature Project - "Step Away From Abuse Sock Project." Members got right to work attaching the prepared labels and filling the individual baggies with a new pair of socks. These will be donated to Womancare. Some of the members have been very involved with organizing the local high school art contest to be held in March. This is in collaboration with GFWC MIOSAC Club and, at last report, things are shaping up and members are looking forward to this annual project that supports the artistic talents of the high school students. Selected art

work will later be displayed at the District 3 Art Contest in April.

The **GFWC MIOSAC Club** went right back to work immediately after the holidays, learning about our community and finding ways to help improve it. The Club's first meeting of 2013 was Jan. 1st, New Year's Day. After the business meeting, Club members made valentines which were sent to the USO to be distributed to our troops. The January 15th meeting saw a presentation by Penquis CAP, the social services agency serving Piscataquis, Penobscot and Waldo counties. Most Club members did not know that Penquis CAP provides seventy-five unique services to approximately 30,000 people. Services range from transportation to autism services and financial counseling. On February 5th, the Club met at Vicki Moschella's "Doll House". Ms. Moschella is the MIOSAC Club's Vice President, and her home is filled with delightful dolls as well as family heirlooms and antiques. As a doll collector, Ms. Moschella is able to offer information on the restoration and repair of antique dolls. February 19th brought a presentation on the services offered by the Piscataquis Regional YMCA. It's a great place to meet with friends to socialize and get a little exercise indoors where it's warm!

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland was honored in January to have GFWC Maine President Anne Cress as our speaker. In February, member Dr. Kathie Clark presented a program on chaga, a medicinal mushroom that grows on birch trees. Members

tried the beverage that is brewed from these mushrooms to go along with their cookies after the meeting.

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** has been blessed with travel weather and able to hold their scheduled meetings. Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Recording Secretary, spoke to the club about "Women and Strokes", sharing her own personal story. Libby Wiers, GFWC Maine District #3 President spoke to the Club at their February meeting and encouraged all to be aware of future dates and meetings to participate in, such as the District #3 meeting in Brewer, April 13th, and Spring Convention to be held in South Portland May 9-10. The club's knitters and sewers have been busy indeed. Two large totes of tiny baby items were gathered at the February meeting to be presented to Minnie McCormick for "Newborns In Need." Maine's winters are conducive to "hand work."

The **Patten Woman's Club** February 12th and had a speaker on Hospice volunteering. Also discussed was the big fundraiser now in the works which is a new telephone card. The next meeting will be a card making class.

The **Pittsfield ARTS** (Always Ready To Serve) club enjoyed a performance of the Warsaw chorus at the school library on January 14th. Approximately twenty students along with their director Marisa Weinstein performed for the club members, parents and friends in attendance. Refreshments provided by club members were enjoyed by everyone present. The club met on February 11th to make Valentine

bags for residents of a local boarding home and some shut in who are friends of the club. Club members Connie Thies and Marilyn Lloyd presented the bags on Valentine's day. The club sponsored a meal at the local Welcome Table on February 15th. A menu of chowders, stews, breads and desserts were enjoyed by more than forty people who attend a meal every week at a local church. Club members prepare the food, serve it, and clean up after the event. The club tries to provide meals at least four times per year. The speaker for our March meeting will be Michelle Carr, a local Girl Scouts leader, who will tell about the many projects and events the girls scouts are involved in now. The ARTS club is working on a few fund raisers ideas the club can do in the spring in order to continue their support of their many worthwhile causes.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** is in recess during January and February. They will be meeting at the Pittsfield Library at 1:00 pm on Tuesday March 12.

The members of the **Winterport Woman's Club** will be returning on March 13th, after having two months hiatus from meetings. The board members did meet in January to prepare the clubs' reports to be mailed to GFWC Maine Vice President, Mary Libby by the due date. At the March meeting the members will have a speaker on Newborn's in Need, the special project Maine State President Anne selected to be a focus during this administration. The meeting will be held at President Kathy's home at 7:00 P.M. During the business

portion of the meeting President Kathy will promote the fun and fellowship that is had at District meetings and work to get a good number of members from the club to attend the April 13th district meeting in Brewer. The reservation form will be given to members at the meeting. The members attending the meeting will be selecting a recipient for Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for 2013, from Winterport. The Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME to encourage volunteerism and it allows the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute to be presented in the name of any Maine municipality. The Foundation has requested the Club to pick a local person, project or group to receive the 2013 award. Winterport Woman's Club GFWC was the town's first Spirit of America recipient in 2011. In 2012 the Club received the Silver Distinction Award for conscientious efforts helping with outstanding volunteerism. President Kathy will be delivering the information/forms on the Art Contest to Hampden Academy's art teacher this week, along with the Maude MacKenzie Scholarship and the Educational Loan Fund applications to the school's guidance office. The April 10th meeting will be a general business meeting at the home of Jackie Watson at 7:00 P.M. The May meeting is the annual meeting and dinner. The selection of the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School Good Citizenship Award will be discussed as well as the \$1,000.00

Hampden Academy Scholarship recipient. These awards are presented at recognition night for Wagner School and graduation day for the Academy in June. The club members continue to encourage membership and leadership for and within the club. Members are encouraged with recent requests from women in the community to attend a meeting next month to check us out.

District 4

The **Castine Woman's Club** has been busy knitting away the winter months for "Newborns in Need."

The CWC also held a number of community and fundraising events during the winter months. On January 24, the CWC hosted a successful winter Bridge Luncheon.

During the cold months, the community looks forward to CWC's Dinners-at-Noon on January 29, February 26, and March 26. These events are always fun to help beat the winter doldrums and mix with the community while also raising funds for scholarships and community projects.

The Club's first general meeting of 2013 was held on March 5 with members eager to hear from speaker Sue Walsh on "Economic Development in Castine." The Club's April 2 meeting will be held at the Wilson Museum with Director Patricia Hutchins whipping up a springtime surprise. On May 7, Cathy Mellow of the Maine Community

Foundation will brief members on her organization. The final meeting of the 2012-2013 year will be on June 4 with an annual meeting and pot luck luncheon.

A spring Bridge Luncheon is planned for May 23. On June 1, the Club will hold a food sale at the annual town meeting. Various fundraisers will be held in the summer including a July 4 pie sale.

The Club is hatching a number of plans to celebrate CWC's Centennial this year including a Flash in the Pans concert on the evening of August 19 on the Castine Town Dock. CWC hopes to honor past scholarship recipients during the concert. Mark your calendar... hope to see y'all there!

ARTS

The excitement is building and the ideas are flowing. Creative works showing the talents of student and members art are in progress. Soon student art shows will be exhibited in the four GFWC Maine districts.

Districts are not competing but are collaborating on a theme that each club can work towards efforts that contribute to advancement of the arts. Please report your efforts to the Art Department. Information reported by each District about their art show helps to develop the annual spring report that's for the Art Department.

The art show set up on May 9th, will be open at 7:00 a.m. for early risers to sign in the four art items from their district. Please leave a

name of the person who will pick up the art, after the show, and return it to the artist.

The judges will start at 9:00 am, so leave your art and photography at the exhibit table as soon as you can. Remember that every artist, writer and photographer was first an amateur. Those of you that entered photos before, please submit again and encourage a member to enter this time. Remember to tell the Art Department that you will be entering the photo contest and how many photos, so there will be enough exhibit space for all of the photos.

Anyone interested in helping set up the exhibit, please email:

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Educational Loan Fund

Educational Loan Fund and Maude McKenzie Scholarship Dates to remember:

All applications for the Maude McKenzie Scholarship(s) must be received by District Presidents before April 15. Interest-free loan applications must be received by the Chairman of the Educational Loan Fund Committee by May 1.

ELF Committee to meet in Orono at 9:00 a.m. on May 4th.

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LEADERSHIP

Leadership can be defined as one's ability to get others to willingly

follow. Every organization needs leaders at every level. Leaders can be found and nurtured if you look for the following character traits.

A leader with vision has a clear, vivid picture of where to go, as well as a firm grasp on what success looks like and how to achieve it. But it's not enough to have a vision; leaders must also share it and act upon it. Jack Welch, former chairman and CEO of General Electric Co., said, Good business leaders create a vision, articulate the vision, passionately own the vision and relentlessly drive it to completion.

A leader must be able to communicate his or her vision in terms that cause followers to buy into it. He or she must communicate clearly and passionately, as passion is contagious.

A good leader must have the discipline to work toward his or her vision single-mindedly, as well as to direct his or her actions and those of the team toward the goal. Action is the mark of a leader. A leader does not suffer analysis paralysis but is always doing something in pursuit of the vision, inspiring others to do the same.

Quote by John Quincy Adams;
If your actions inspire, others to dream more, learn more, and become more, YOU ARE A LEADER.

Raejean Hersey
Leadership Chairman

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Newborns in Need

President Anne and I have been busy assembling gift bags of clothing. We have 15 complete Burial Ensembles, several newborns outfits, blankets, quilts, afghan's and sleepers. Now we would like you to concentrate on sizes 3-6 months, 6-9 and larger sizes.

We Care-Maine has sent several complete sweater sets, socks, mittens and quilts. We were gifted with a large box of fabric and I am working hard to get that sewn into items.

Would you please make a list of items when you send them or bring to convention telling what the items are and the sizes. It will help us when we inventory them.

There will be a diaper drive at Spring Convention, any brand ,any size. This will help to complete the gift bags.

Clubs continue to send donations, totaling \$470.00. The Assistant Director of Customer Relations at Will's Shop and Save in Dover-Foxcroft chose Newborns IN Need for the collection jars resulting in \$79.85 making a total of \$549.85

Clubs that have contributed since the last PTN'S are Livermore Falls Women's Club, GFWC/ Newport Woman's Club and GFWC/MFWC Westbrook

Woman's Club. One individual donation from Christine Judd of Livermore Falls Woman's Club.

Piscataquis County Chapter of Newborns In Need will hold an informational meeting March 13 and hopefully soon after that, it can be in full swing.

Thanks to all who have contributed. I know you are busy and will have many more items at spring Convention.

Have a warm and safe rest of the winter and remember spring is just around the corner.

See you at Spring Convention.
Hugs, Minnie McCormick

Love to all,
Minnie McCormick
budmin@myfairpoint.net

MaineYouth Leadership
www.maine youthleadership.org
Leadership – Volunteerism – Character

I've recently been asked by several clubs when their MYL contributions should be sent. My answer is that we gratefully accept your generous contributions to this important program anytime during the club year but **before April 1** is ideal. The funds are needed in the early Spring to ensure that the 4-day seminar in late May is properly organized and provided for. We certainly hope your club will be among the GFWC/Maine clubs who are on board with this life-changing opportunity for a high school sophomore from most Maine high

schools. The 2013 seminar is to be held May 30-June 2 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. Make an immense difference by supporting MYL!!!

Thank you to the following clubs for their generous contributions:

GFWC/MFWC Miosac Club
GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club
GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club
GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club
GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman's Club
Waldoboro Woman's Club

Thank you in advance to the clubs who have yet to contribute. (See **p. 63 in new Directory**).

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**

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

NECROLOGY

At Spring Convention, we will hold a memorial service for clubwomen who have passed away this past year. Please be sure to send me their names.

Nancy Kenty

Necrologist
nankey59@maine.rr.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A win-win situation!...We all know that everything your club does has a public relations component. I see it when I read about your club in the local newspaper (with photos)

highlighting the latest club meeting, fundraiser, membership drive, or special event. Why not go one step further and reach out and invite a local TV or radio personality, or someone in your community who knows about computers, websites, face book or twitter to come speak at one of your club meetings? That person can explain how the media works, and at the same time, get a better understanding of your club, its

activities, and history. The connection's been made, and that speaker will be your future contact person for your club's next special event!

Laura Neal,
GFWC Maine
Public Relations Chairman
ljgneal@gmail.com

GFWC MAINE ~ CALL to Spring Convention May 9-10, 2013 – Best Western Merry Manor Inn South Portland, Maine

TENTATIVE AGENDA

"Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others"

Wednesday, May 8

2:00 PM GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting - Forest View Room

Thursday, May 9

8:30 AM Registration (Please bring your own coffee or tea)

10:00 AM Opening Session/Business -

Reports – Awards – Speakers

Delegates Fund

Endowment Fund

Fundraising

Educational Loan Fund/Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund

President's Project – "Newborns in Need"

Education

 ESO

 Home Life

Conservation

Public Issues & Veterans Affairs

GFWC Maine WHRC/History

Community Improvement Contest

11:45– 12:15 Marketplace – Art Exhibits

12:15 PM "Celebrating Our Leaders" Luncheon
Honoring our District & Club Presidents

1:30 PM Leadership Report
LEADS Candidate 2013
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
Membership Report/Awards
Women's Legislative Council
Speaker – Val Walker - “The Language of Comforting”

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Investment Committee Meeting
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Market Place / Art Exhibits

6:00 PM Social/Cocktail Hour
6:45 PM Processional

7:00 PM ***"Spring Is In The Air" Banquet***
Honoring our GFWC/Maine Past State Presidents

Entertainment – “North Country Strings Duo”
Reception in President's suite following the entertainment

Friday, May 10th

8:00 AM **Memorial Breakfast – Memorial Service “A Time to Remember”**

8:45 AM Registration / Marketplace / Art Exhibits
(Please bring your own coffee or tea)

9:30 AM **Business Session Reconvenes**
Maine Youth Leadership
International Outreach
Art Awards – Includes High School Art, Photography,
Poem and Short Stories
Morning Break - Fun with Nancy Ames
District President Reports
Jenny Award Update
Invitation to GFWC NER 2013
By-Laws Proposals

11:45 – 12:15 **Marketplace**

12:15 PM **“Let There Be Peace On Earth” Luncheon**
Honoring Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen

1:30 PM **Business Session Reconvenes**
Public Relations
PTN & Directory Updates
Carolyn Lombardi Trophy & Directory Ad Commissions
Club Scrapbook Awards
Officers' Reports

President's Report
Final Report of Registration
Courtesy Committee Report
Drawings & Raffles
Announcements
"Wings of a Dove"
Adjournment

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC MAINE BYLAWS IN 2013

The following are proposed revisions to be presented for consideration at the 2013 Spring Convention in So. Portland, Maine.

Item 1.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

GFWC Maine shall be operated for charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its object shall be to bring together the various women's ~~literary and educational~~ clubs of the state for mutual benefit and helpfulness to others.

Strike out "literary and educational" and insert "federated."

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ -

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GFWC Maine shall be operated for charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its object shall be to bring together the various federated women's clubs of the state for mutual benefit and helpfulness to others.

Rationale:

To clarify. As a charitable non-profit group, (with the good fortune to be under the umbrella of GFWC's tax exempt status), also noting that IRS is getting stricter all the time, this will position us to remain in that standing. It also better describes us as a service/volunteer organization. By inserting the word "federated" we clearly state that we are a membership of federated women's clubs, as opposed to various women's clubs that are not, (for example, the ABC Quilt Group of Mytown, Maine.)

Item 2.)

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE ~~BOARD~~

The Executive ~~Board~~ shall conduct all necessary business of the State Federation during the interim between meetings, except amending the bylaws or modifying any action of the Federation.

Strike out "Board" and change to "Committee."

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ -

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall conduct all necessary business of the State Federation during the interim between meetings, except amending the bylaws or modifying any action of the Federation.

Rationale:

To clarify. Since changing the terminology of “Advisory Committee” to “Board of Directors” in 2011, there has been confusion when saying “the Board.” This would be clearer. Executive Committee means the executive officers, and Board of Directors is the full board, which includes “GFWC Maine Executive Committee (state officers), Club Presidents, District Presidents, Program Chairmen, Committee Chairmen, and Past State Presidents.” as stated in ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

If approved, “Executive Committee” would be placed throughout the bylaws, replacing all mentions of “Executive Board.”

Item 3.)

ARTICLE IX – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

~~Section 4. There shall be a HISTORIAN who shall collect and have custody of all State Federation Directories, Club histories, State Spring Convention (Annual Meeting) programs, Fall Conference programs, and files of the Federation Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) and such records as the Executive Board shall require. She shall give her successor an itemized statement of all properties held by her. She may give an annual report to the Annual Meeting.~~

Strike out the entire section and reword:

Section 4. There shall be a **HISTORIAN** whose responsibility is to file the collection of important papers at the end of an administration. These will be placed in the Special Collections Room at the University of Maine in Orono. This will include the Directories, Club histories, State Spring Convention (Annual Meeting) programs, Fall Conference programs, and files of the Federation Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) and such records as the Executive Board shall require. She may give an annual report at the Annual Meeting.

Rationale:

To clarify and update. This is more in line with the current practice and gives much better guidance.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ as printed above.

If ARTICLE IX – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES Section 4 is revised, we will need to revise duties of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 4: The Recording Secretary:

- a. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the State Federation and of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.
- ~~b. Once a record book is completed, it will be filed in the Special Collections Room, University of Maine in Orono. Other records, such as awards, may also be filed in this room so long as it is satisfactory with the University and the Executive Board of GFWC Maine.~~

Strike out Section 4b. and reword:

b. Once a record book is completed for the 2-year administration, the Recording Secretary will give the records to the Immediate Past President, who subsequently will review the records before passing them on to the Historian. The Historian has the duty to then file the records in the Special Collections Room, University of Maine in Orono. Other records, such as awards, may also be filed in this room so long as it is satisfactory with the University and the Executive Board of GFWC Maine.

Rationale:

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Item 5.)

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5: The Corresponding Secretary:

- a. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the State Federation, as directed, and shall keep a correct list of all clubs belonging thereto.
- b. The Corresponding Secretary shall collect all data for the Directory and furnish typewritten or digital copy of same to the printer. It shall be her duty to edit the Directory, but it shall be the duty of the incoming administration to compile the Directory at the beginning of its term of office.

Add a new c.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ -

- c. The Corresponding Secretary shall collect and have custody of all State Federation Directories, State Spring Convention (Annual Meeting) programs, Fall Conference programs, and files of the Federation Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes; at the end of the administration she shall give them to the immediate Past President for her review.

Rationale:

This is the current practice which was established during the 2010-2012 Administration. The Corresponding Secretary is the one whose duty it is to create these documents, therefore, she can be sure to save the extra copies that will end up in the archives. The immediate Past President will surrender the complete package of records to the Historian for her to deposit at the University.

Item 6.)

**ARTICLE IX – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES
STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 2. There shall be an **ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE** of three (3) members whose duties shall be to further awareness of the purpose of the Fund. The interest accrued from funds raised through the promotion of sales items and from endowments and from donations by clubs, provides GFWC Maine with operating funds. (See Endowment Fund History in GFWC Maine Directory).

Add the sentence:

In the event the interest generated is less than 3% in any given fiscal year, the Executive Committee may withdraw from the fund up to its total of 3% per annum in order to maintain sufficient operating funds for the organization.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ -

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Rationale:

This will protect the Endowment Fund while at the same time help the organization to operate during a difficult economic time.

IMPORTANT NOTE: BRING THIS ISSUE OF PINE TREE NOTES TO CONVENTION for the review of proposed bylaw amendments.

GFWC Maine Spring Convention
May 9-10, 2013 Merry Manor Inn – South Portland, Maine

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail _____
Name of Club/Position: _____
GFWC Maine Position: _____ [] Guest [] GFWC Booster
Registration Fee - [] Thursday \$15.00 [] Friday \$15.00 [] Both days \$25.00



EARLY BIRD get's the worm!! Register early for Early Bird Discount - see #5 below...)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Make check payable to **GFWC Maine** 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, 2013** to: **Suzanne Raymond, 935 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 phone 564-8817 e-mail: sraymond@roadrunner.com**
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after April 30, 2013**.
5. **Early Bird Discount** - *Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before April 15, 2013** and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for a two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!!!*

Registration Fee..... _____

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

_____ **Registration Total**

MEAL SELECTION: [prices include tax, service charge and gratuity]

Thursday Lunch:

Deli Buffet - turkey, ham, roast beef, cheeses, potato salad, cole slaw, breads, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookies, beverage **\$23.00** [__]

Thursday Banquet: select one

Cordon Bleu **\$29.00** [__] **OR** Vegetable Lasagna **\$25.00** [__]

Friday Memorial Breakfast:

Downeast Complete Breakfast Buffet **\$18.00** [__]

Friday Lunch:

Seasonal Salad Plate Buffet **\$20.00** [__]

(chicken or tuna salad, fresh greens, tomato, cucumbers, potato salad, cole slaw, chocolate mousse and beverage)

_____ **MEAL TOTAL**

_____ **TOTAL**

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

Best Western Merry Manor Inn – South Portland, Maine

GFWC Maine - Spring Convention – May 9-10, 2013

\$85.00 (plus tax)/night, single or double occupancy

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
April 20, 2013 for the guaranteed room rate. Reservations after April 20th,
will be based on 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 **1 week** prior to arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

Hotel facilities include: Pet friendly if requested at time of booking, free high speed wireless internet, use of fitness center, outdoor swimming pool, hot tub, free parking, handicapped accessible, 24-hour free coffee in lobby.

In-room amenities: Cable TV, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, coffee/tea maker, complimentary newspaper, clock radio, and air conditioning.

www.merrymanorinn.com

**Check-in time 1:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 am
Best Western Merry Manor Inn, 700 Main Street, South Portland, ME. 04106
(207-774-6151)**

Directions: Going I-95 South, take exit 45 and go clear around the loop. Turn right onto the Maine Turnpike Approach. Continue straight until the end. The Merry Manor Inn will be directly in front of you. Coming I-95 North, take exit 45 onto the Maine Turnpike Approach. Continue straight until the end. The Merry Manor Inn will be directly in front of you.

Suggested attire for our gatherings:

Thursday during the day - Casual wear, GFWC apparel if possible.

Thursday Banquet – Bring out your fancy wear! This will be a semi-formal evening.

Friday – Business casual



Maxine Russakoff at Skowhegan Woman's Club
130th Anniversary Celebration



Minnie McCormick, Chairman President's Project
and Ann Palmer, Newborns in Need

*Sheri Walsh
GFWC Maine
Corresponding Secretary
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GFWC/Maine
120 years of Volunteer Service

**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
August 1, 2013**