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# PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC Maine Newsletter  
March/April 2014



Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others



## President's Letter

Anne Cress

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Hopefully by the time this edition of the Pine Tree Notes arrives in your hands, we will all be seeing some bare ground! It has been a tough winter with many cold days and a tremendous amount of ice and snow. We all made the choice to live in Maine, so I guess we can't fuss too much!

As this 2012-2014 administration is winding down, there is still much to do. The GFWC Maine Executive Committee met in Augusta on February 15<sup>th</sup> between snowstorms! Much business was discussed and accomplished as our organization continues to move forward.

Reporting season is upon all of us. It has been a joy to read all Club reports and narratives of the many accomplishments our Maine clubwomen have achieved this past year. It is now my duty to take all the totals from all the

Clubs and form a statistical report for our GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. This report will be followed by the annual report to Headquarters, and finally a two year administration report which will be published in the July/August edition of Clubwoman Magazine. I look forward to celebrating all our Club's accomplishments during our GFWC Maine Spring Convention in Augusta.

GFWC Maine President-elect, Marge Goodwin, Kathy White, Davida Barter and I will be traveling to Westborough, Massachusetts on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to attend a fundraising event for our GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Sheila Shea for her projected administration in 2016-2018. Vendors will be present, and a luncheon served prior to a fabulous fashion show! This event is sponsored by GFWC Massachusetts. Marge and I will also be traveling to Meredith Falls, New Hampshire on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to attend the GFWC New England Region Board of Directors Meeting. In between these happenings, there are local High School Art Shows to attend,

District Art Shows and Meetings, and GFWC Maine Clubs yet to visit who have invited me to attend their meetings. There are Club installations coming up, and work to be done on the finalization of what promises to be a bang-up GFWC Maine Spring Convention!

As you can see, one day is sort of running into another at this point in time. My husband is beginning to ask, "Did I marry you, or do you just live here now and then?" My children say, "Mom who??" My grandchildren say, "You look vaguely familiar!" My great-grandchildren say, "Are you our Mi-Mi? We don't remember you!" (Note to self: Schedule a family reunion on May 10<sup>th</sup> after this administration is finished so I can re-introduce myself to my family!) Putting all this kidding aside, I wouldn't have missed this opportunity to serve as your GFWC Maine President for the world! It has been an extraordinary experience, and one of great personal growth. I am not perfect, and I know I have made some errors. We are fortunate God has given us all the ability to forgive one another.

Sheila Shea, GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, will be joining us for the GFWC Maine Spring Convention as our very special guest. Sheila has been GFWC Dean of State Presidents during this 2012-2014 administration. She is a remarkable lady! Please don't miss this opportunity to meet Sheila for the first time, or perhaps again, and see what a dedicated and inspiring GFWC Clubwoman she is!

Come and enjoy our, "Red Dress Banquet" Thursday evening, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Spring Convention as some of our clubwomen, "strut their stuff" in their own red outfits as Dr. Penny DeRaps of Canaan, tells their individual stories of how cardiovascular disease has affected their lives, or the lives of those they love.

Included in this edition of the Pine Tree Notes, is the "Call" to the GFWC Maine Spring Convention. Please make a copy of the registration form for your Club members. You will also see the hotel information in this newsletter. Please encourage the members of your Club to attend this function. It will be a wonderful experience for you and for them.

In this final article for the Pine Tree Notes as your GFWC Maine President, thank-you for everything you have done to make this administration successful. Our world is a wonderful place to be with women like you, who are, and have been, willing to serve your fellow man.

I hope to see you in May! It will be a memorable time together as we install a new GFWC Maine President and Executive Committee!

In Federation Love,  
*Anne H. Cress*  
GFWC Maine President



## **President-Elect**

Marjorie Goodwin  
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It is almost Spring!! That means that the Spring convention is just two months away. I have been busy preparing for the next two years. Believe me, it takes a lot of time and energy to tie up the loose ends. Everything seems to be "falling into place" though, and I am anxious to share my thoughts with you. I truly appreciate all who will be assisting me during the next administration. It takes many hands to accomplish much. My project will be announced at our Spring convention and I hope that it will be as successful as previous administration projects have been. It has been said that "change is the only constant thing in life". With a new administration, comes change. Let's embrace it and see what we can accomplish in the 2014-2016 administration.

President Anne has had a most successful administration. Her project, Newborns in Need, has been embraced by GFWC Maine. I, for one, did not know about this very worthy organization until I heard Ann Palmer speak about it at a District meeting in Skowhegan. It seems that when a

need is presented to GFWC Maine clubwomen, they do their best to fill that need. A big "thank you" to all GFWC Maine clubwomen and especially to Present Anne for promoting this project.

The GFWC Maine Spring Convention will be held at the Senator Inn and Spa in Augusta on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you attending the convention. This is a time to mingle with old friends and to make new friends. It is a time to share ideas with one another, to plan new projects and look to the future. Whether fortunately or unfortunately, there always seems to be projects in our communities that need to be addressed by someone. As clubwomen, we tackle many projects that make our communities a better place to live.

I look forward to the Spring convention and hope to see many of you there.

In federation love,  
Marjorie Goodwin  
GFWC Maine President-elect  
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## **Vice President**

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Isn't it just grand to live in Maine ? I truly love the quality of life we Mainers enjoy; however , enough is enough ! I don't think it is too much to expect temperatures at least 32 degrees some days. It is March ! We all will be grateful for that.

At the present time I would like to say "Thank you, thank you" to all club presidents who submitted their annual report. Only 3 clubs did not report. To those of you who reported, I am in awe of all you have accomplished again this year. You are amazing. I believe GFWCME is the best kept secret in Maine. Celebrate yourselves.

I look forward to the Spring Conference in Augusta. Let's have a big turn out to honor Pres. Anne and to congratulate our incoming president Marge Goodwin.

In federation,  
Mary Libby  
GFWC Maine vice President

## Recording Secretary



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Where has the time gone! It's hard to believe we are at the end of President Anne's administration. Having been the GFWC Maine Recording Secretary was a wonderful learning experience and I am looking forward to the challenges of becoming the GFWC Maine Vice President for the next administration. I want to thank all of you for your guidance to help mold and direct me to where I am today. I've made my mistakes – but haven't we all! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the GFWC Spring Convention!



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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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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. This is very important as we embark on a new administration.

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 me. **It must be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible.**

As I am working on this newsletter, I am thinking back over the last 4 years that I have served as your Corresponding Secretary. Some things I did well, some things not so well. I made mistakes but I learned from each of them. I want to take this opportunity to tell you, the members of GFWC Maine, Thank

you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, thank you for the learning experiences, thank you for your friendship and support. I have enjoyed serving as your Corresponding Secretary.

After 4 Directories and 16 newsletters, I am ready to pass the hat and the files over to the next Corresponding Secretary.

As we transition from Anne's administration into Marge's embrace the changes and help your fellow clubwomen in their new positions.

It has been a pleasure to work with Anne during her administration and I want to say thank you for your vote of confidence.

In federation,  
Sheri Walsh  
Corresponding Secretary

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## CLUB NEWS

### District 1

The **GFWC Research Club of Limerick** has had a quiet couple of months off as they do not hold meetings in January and February which is a good thing since most everyone has been a little snowed in! They have, however, been working on a

“Welcome to New Members” display which will be in their local library the last week of February just prior to their first meeting of 2014, the first Tuesday in March. The display contains scrapbooks to browse through and copies of upcoming meetings and contacts with the hope of increasing our membership.

The March meeting will feature physical fitness owner of “PARADOX Total Fitness” in Waterboro. Lisa DeMoss, also a personal trainer, will talk about diet and how to work off gained holiday pounds. Plans are also in the offing for our annual fundraiser, Lunch at Town Meeting, for which they supply sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks.

In January, the **21 Club of Kezar Falls** had Carl Landry, the Superintendent of Schools, as a guest speaker. He was very informative and helped them understand the changes going on in the school district.

February was the perfect time for a Valentine potluck, an evening of good food and good friends. The club women gathered valentines to be delivered to the Veterans’ Home in Scarborough. They also had a shower for the Ronald McDonald House in Portland. By the end of the evening there was an impressive pile of paper goods, detergent and much more.

Their first meeting in March will be open to the public. Their presenter, Donna Burke, will

show them exercised for people 9-99. Later in March they look forward to their meeting at the Kezar Falls Library where the submissions to the art contest will be exhibited and the winner will be invited to the meeting to accept their award and prize money.

April will bring the annual spring indoor yard sale and hopefully sunshine and daffodils!!

The **GFWC Gorham Woman's Club** had a fun January meeting with children’s author and illustrator, Cathryn Falwell. Her illustrating technique fascinated all in attendance, as every page is created like a collage with even the tiniest details being made of paper or other natural material. After speaking, Cathryn provided material for the group to make their own picture, card or bookmark.

Due to the weather, the February meeting was cancelled. Their next fundraising activity will be assisting the Gorham Knight’s of Columbus with their first Friday fish dinner of the season. Club members will be providing desserts and help with serving as well as other tasks. During dinner, the club will have membership flyers available and a poster displaying many of the activities it has done in the past.

Along with the rest of you, the **GFWC Gorham Woman’s Club** members are ready for spring to come and are looking forward to the March meeting where the speaker will be presenting on

gardening! Also in March the club will be at the Gorham Market Place where it will continue its fundraising and membership awareness.

The **GFWC Westbrook Women’s Club** had a great January with a baby shower for Newborns in Need. We were honored to have GFWC Maine President, Anne Cress present as our speaker. Lots of baby items were collected for a great cause. Later in January they had Nancy Crump, Westbrook Food Pantry Coordinator speak and lots of non-perishable food items were collected.

February started with their Mid-Winter Luncheon. Good food was served and they had a members arts and crafts show. It was amazing to see how much talent their members have working on knitting, sewing, painting, ceramics, stamping and many other things. Their second February meeting they had a speaker, Mary Bryce from the Southern Maine Area on Aging. She spoke on “A Matter of Balance”. She also included a lot of programs that are available in our area for ‘seniors’.

We hope to hear what the **GFWC Southern Midcoast Women’s Club** has been doing at our District One Meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 10:30AM at the Cressey Road Methodist Church in Gorham. We will be having our annual High School Art Contest, a delicious luncheon prepared by Nancy Kenty and your District One President plans to give a

short talk on "End Notes: Lessons learned at the end of life" to include "The Art of Presence". It is a work in progress and we hope to see you all there on a 'sunshine-y' day.

## *District 2*

**GFWC/Livermore Falls Woman's Club's** February meeting was held at Ruth Gammons home. There was a wonderful spread of homemade quiches, fruit salads and garden salad, plus desserts. The sit down brunch was even more pleasant due to the panoramic view of the mountains and being able to see Mt. Washington as well. It was picture perfect. The guest speakers were Kelly Herley for Hospice and Tina Anzelc Co-District President. Tina gave updates on what was happening in the district. A yearly Chinese Auction was held where \$65.75 was raised.

**Waldoboro Woman's Club** had a delightful program of gospel and other music in January presented by Pastor Tom Rawley and former Police Chief Leroy Jones. In February their speaker was Bill Michaud from Friendship who spoke to them on his hike along the entire length of the Appalachian Trail. He only managed to speak about the time through Pennsylvania (after 1 hour), but showed them proof of his arrival at Mt. Katahdin. Normally, their speakers are "on for 20 minutes but they were so caught up in his adventure they let him go on. Snakes, bears and other creatures were encountered

and a few hints - don't take along quanoia (takes 20 minutes to cook and uses up all your fuel ) and make sure the boots you wear are well broken in before the long trek. March brings their International Luncheon, always a highlight of the year, and their silent auction for CARE/Unicef - always a fun time! This year they are looking forward to having their District 2 co-Presidents (Tina and Davida) with them. In April the Waldoboro representative of Maine Youth Leadership School will tell of his experience. May will bring the installation of their new officers for the 2014-2016 administration and the GFWC Maine Convention. Mark your calendars for their annual "Whale of a Sale" on June 28 from 9-1 at the VFW Hall on Mill Street in Waldoboro. They would love to see you there. Attic Treasures, Books, Puzzle, CD's, Bake Table, Crafts, Silent Auction, Raffle and good food!

**GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club's** January meeting found members so happy to see one another after the holidays. President Joyce Noonan shared that the "reports" were done! Everyone was pleased to hear the "numbers" of projects done, volunteer hours put in, and amount of money raised and donated in the past year to worthwhile causes in their community. Much is accomplished when goals are set and all work together!

At the January meeting, Speaker David Richards, from the Margaret Chase Smith Library, presented a program titled

"Milton Bradley, the man who taught America how to play". Milton Bradley spent his early life and later years in Maine. His schooling and work years were spent mostly in MA. Milton Bradley attended the Lawrence Scientific School, and worked at many jobs that took advantage of his great mechanical aptitude and skills. In the depression of the 1860's, he began to create games; the most famous one was the "Game of Life". He also created a box of games that could be sent to soldiers during the Civil War. At that time, it was believed that games should be educational and promote virtuous morals. The original Game of Life was created in 1860, with many more versions created through the years, including a centennial version and celebration in 1960. Milton Bradley should be remembered for his beliefs in "thrift, sobriety, and hard work", and that "life is about overcoming failure".

In February, the guest speakers were Marjorie Goodwin and Nancy Ames, on "Heart Health". Other guests were Maureen Provencal from Semper Fidelis and Lynette King from The Dove Society. Nancy Ames spoke about her stroke and an amazing recovery. Marjorie Goodwin spoke the warning signs of heart attacks, what to do, and how to work to improve each person's "Heart Health. She shared many ideas for club activities to help members in this area. The SWC members wore red items to show solidarity in this important message.

SWC welcomed new member Sue Ellen Lexier, and were pleased when she immediately volunteered to work on crafts with the residents at the Redington Memorial Home.

SWC members are busy planning for the Skowhegan FAB Fair. (Fun and Business) to be held on February 22 at Skowhegan high School. Many items have been donated for a raffle, and tickets were passed out to sell. The tables will include a food table, a craft table, featuring jewelry, note cards, spice packets, and mice pin cushions, and a children's free "make and take" craft table. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the March meeting.

### *District 3*

**The GFWC Cosmopolitan Club** reports the annual club report was completed on time! The next accomplishment was the creative beautiful valentines that were made and distributed to two assisted living facilities in Dover-Foxcroft. Bad weather interfered and caused one of their meetings to be cancelled, but next on the agenda is a workshop for another session to create "Granny's Toys" for Mayo Hospital. The goal will be to have completed 18 soft toys including stuffed cats, trucks, and hearts! In April, the half dozen quilts that the club members have been working on will be donated to Project Linus. This small club concentrates on several hands-on projects which target areas of need in the community that their service can perhaps bring a bit of cheer to the recipients.

January and February have been tough months for the **MIOSAC Club of Dover-Foxcroft**, just as this winter has been tough for everyone. The Club has cancelled two meetings as well as a "make-up" meeting because of ice. The other two meetings have been lightly attended, with some members traveling and others not wanting to venture out in the cold.

During the only January meeting, MIOSAC members discussed fundraising ideas for 2014. The early February meeting was the Club's "Craft Night", where members brought knitting, etc. and/or items that they had made. During that meeting, the member in charge of the annual Ice Out Contest passed out tickets to sell as well as the dates and times of the ice leaving the Sebec lake Narrows back to 1879 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)! Anyone want to buy a ticket and guess when "ice out" will be this year?

**The GFWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland had a meeting cancelled in January due to the recurring inclement weather. The February program was presented by member Mary Helen Thorne, who gave us a bit of her personal history as she presented the history of the painting on her living room wall, painted by an ancestor over 100 years ago. Fascinating look into that time period. Reports were filed, though not quite on time, and preparations are in the works for the club's participation in Spring Convention.

**The GFWC Newport Woman's Club** meetings have, like everything else this winter, been

rescheduled, BUT they have forged onward. ...and... have gained a new member! In January they met for lunch, which surprisingly always brings out a good number of members! Hospice Nurse Maureen Griffin joined them with much helpful information on the Hospice services available. She also encouraged members to prepare Health Care Directives if they haven't already done so.

In July of 2014 Newport will celebrate its Bicentennial. Town Manager Jim Ricker addressed the group as to what the Celebration Committee hopes to see happen and how the Club can be of assistance. A small coverlet is being fashioned by the Woman's Club to sell that will feature some of the historic buildings in town. Members also agreed to sell tickets for a town sponsored raffle. There will be many opportunities for civic organizations to make their presence known and, as they have done in the past, the GFWC Newport Woman's Club will work to make that happen once again.

In spite of all the snow, the **Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club** has been very busy this winter. FWC District 3 President Libby Wiers was the guest speaker at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Pittsfield Public Library. She gave a very informative overview of the GFWC /Maine District 3 clubs and what is coming up this spring in the district. The ARTS club hosted a meal at the local Welcome Table on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The Welcome Table provides a free meal every Friday at a local church. The club usually provides

at least four meals each year. During the business meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the club voted to give \$200 to the local Historical Society. The Historical Society is the club's community service project. The ARTS club also made a donation to help a local young lady go to Nicaragua. The donation will help her meet the cost of travel and staying in Nicaragua with a group known as GIVE. This group focuses on assisting, educating, and empowering the local population to foster sustainable growth. Also at the February meeting club members put together Valentine bags for the local boarding home, the Skills Pittsfield Community Support Program, and some friends of the club. The club is sure they were enjoyed very much. On a sad note, the ARTS club lost a much loved member Janet "Midge" White. Midge had fought a two year battle with cancer. Midge was a very talented artist who made all sorts of crafts, wood carvings and beautiful paintings. Midge would donate items for our yearly craft auction so many members have some of her work which will be cherished for years to come. The club will donate a book on art to the Pittsfield Public Library in memory of Midge. Our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at MCI and will enjoy two speakers from the MCI Bossov Ballet. Club members look forward to a busy spring.

**Winterport Woman's Club GFWC:** After two months off ... Members will again come together for the March membership meeting. At this

meeting one of our members, Cindy Seekins, will present a program on "How Toxic Chemicals Affects Our Health." They look forward to this being a very interesting and informative subject. At the April meeting, members will be planning the upcoming Plant Sale fundraiser to be held in May or first of June ... the date will be determined by the weather. The Annual Meeting, in May will be held at the Bacon Tree Restaurant, Winterport with the election of new officers and board members. The Club donated \$300.00 to the local Neighbors Cupboard for food and supplies. Another \$400.00 was donated to the town's fuel assistance program. In December a donation of gifts was made to the local "Gifts for Kids" that included toys and clothing requested by families in the community. Donations of craft, and art supplies were given to "Harbor Family Services", a group home for boys and girls ages eight to eighteen. New Hope for Women, Waldo County's Domestic Violence Agency, received a donation of \$250.00 to continue the work the agency does in their education and awareness programs. The club continues to strive and live the new GFWC slogan "Living The Volunteer Spirit" in the community!

One final note from this District President: **District 3** will hold a District Meeting and HS Art Contest on April 5, from 10-2, at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. Registration forms have been mailed to club presidents, but if anyone would like to attend and does not have a form, just email me at libbyw@tds.net.

Registration deadline is March 25 and the cost is \$14.00. Come join us!

Spring will be here before we know it (we hope!).

### ***District 4***

**GFWC/NARRAGUAGUS WOMEN'S CLUB** met in January to make Valentine cards to give to the residents of two local healthcare homes.

On Valentine's Day two members went to Grace Home in Harrington and gave a party to the thirteen residents. Later in the afternoon the two members visited the Sunrise Home in Milbridge and held a party for the six residents. Club members furnished each healthcare home with punch, decorated cupcakes, cups, napkins, and a Valentine Balloon arrangement. Each resident was given a Valentine Cards made by the Club Members.

The March meeting will be a surprise program put on by two new members of the Club. Our club membership is really small during the winter due to members going to a warmer climate for the winter or the local weather not being cooperative for those remaining in Maine.

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Per the Bylaws, "The report of the Nominating Committee shall be mailed with the official call to the Annual Meeting in the election year." On behalf of the committee, it is my pleasure to report the following candidates for the 2014-2016 Administration.

President (automatic): Marjorie Goodwin  
President-elect: Mary Libby  
Vice President: Nancy Ames  
Secretary: Carol Jarvais  
Treasurer: Sheri Walsh

The new GFWC Maine President will appoint her Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentary Advisor. Elections will take place at Spring Convention in Augusta, Maine at the Senator Inn on May 8th and 9th. Nominations may be taken from the floor in accordance with the GFWC Maine Bylaws. All dues paying members may vote.

Please come and vote!  
Suzanne Raymond  
Nominating Committee Chairman

## DELEGATES FUND

"Thank you" to the Gorham Woman's Club for your donation to the Delegate's Fund.

We will have a table at Spring Convention in Augusta. Start saving for our next raffle. Mary Libby has donated a **diamond** necklace. That should make for an interesting raffle.

The days are getting longer; and, after this challenging winter, let's look forward to spring and good fellowship in Augusta.

Juanita Pressley, Chairman

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

I recently read a very interesting article (recommended by GFWC's News & Notes, February 8<sup>th</sup> edition) that I believe every club member should read. It is called "Bridging and Bonding: How Can We Create Engaged Communities in a Time of Rapid Change?" This article tackles the problems that every club and civic organization is currently dealing with...how to get individuals involved with their communities,

and better yet, provides solutions. Please print or download this free issue guide by going to [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and go to the Program Partners page, or go to the "Site Search" and type in "Kettering Foundation". The Kettering Foundation is a GFWC Program Partner. There you will find an Issue Guide, Moderator Guide, Video, and Questionnaire. If your club is seriously interested in increasing its membership, this is your go-to guide!

Laura Neal  
Public Relations Chairman

# GFWC Maine

## (Who We Are)

In 1868, Mrs. Jane Cunningham Crowley, a newspaper woman in New York City, writing under the name of “Jennie June,” wanted to attend a banquet to honor Charles Dickens. Mrs. Crowley was denied entrance because she was a woman. She felt it was unfortunate men could participate in such interesting and cultural experiences, but not women. She founded the *Sorosis Club*, which was for women only to “represent the active interests of women, and create a bond of friendship between them.”

A few years later, women’s club members from all over the country were invited to meet in New York City, where on April 24, 1890, the first president of GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) stated, “We look for unity, but unity in diversity.”

The GFWC is one of the world’s largest and oldest women’s service organizations. Working locally through thousands of clubs in the U.S. and globally in more than 20 countries, GFWC members support the arts, preserve natural resources, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress civic involvement and work toward peace and understanding.

In June of 1892, Maine formed a state federation and in 1894 GFWC Maine became the second state to become affiliated with the GFWC. We have two charter clubs still in existence, the GFWC/Skowhegan Woman’s Club and the GFWC/Dexter Women’s Literary Club, both of which are part of District 3. The 24 clubs in the state are spread from Patten to Westbrook and Lubec to Kezar Falls. These clubs are divided into four districts with approximately 650 members in the State.

In its early years, GFWC Maine was influential in promoting the passage of legislation establishing State Traveling Libraries and the passage of an appropriation to develop a Forestry Department at the University of Maine. In 1910-1911, its clubwomen worked for AND against Women’s Suffrage. In 1911 they worked hard for the passage of the Child Labor Law in Maine. During World War I, they devoted many hours to the Red Cross. During World War II, much time and effort went into raising funds for the “Bomber Drive”. More recently, Clubs have joined together in support of such worthy causes as: Camp Kieve in Nobleboro, a science camp for girls, raising funds to publish the “Maine Breast Cancer Resource Guide”, making the book “Believing in Achieving” available to every school in Maine, supporting the Maine Youth Leadership program, raising funds to raise awareness of domestic abuse and violence and make programs available for alcohol and substance abuse. During the 2004-2006 GFWC Maine Administration, the President’s Special Project was “Go Red for Healthy Hearts in Maine”. We joined with the American Heart Association to raise awareness and provide educational materials to Maine women about cardiovascular disease risks, prevention and treatment. During the 2006-2008 Administration, we were involved in the “Maine Women’s Fund”. This is a non-profit foundation that provides women-led organizations with the abilities to empower Maine women and girls to create lasting change so they may reach their full potential and emerge as

confident leaders. In the 2008-2010 GFWC Maine Administration, we were very much involved with “The Food Pantry – Partnering with the Good Shepherd Food Bank. During the 2010-2012 term, we actively participating in the efforts of “Operation Smile” by donating monies and supplying this mission with much needed necessities. We changed the lives of thirteen children and their families by paying for the repair of their cleft lips and palates. In this current 2012-2014 Administration, we are supporting Newborns In Need, a non-profit charity that donates essential baby care items to hospitals, homeless shelters, family crisis centers, county health units, police offices and other organizations that provide for the needs of premature and newborn babies that are sick or in crisis.

The GFWC Maine’s many fields of work are incorporated in six community service programs: Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues which conform with GFWC. Special Committees within the programs cover major aspects of today’s living.

The GFWC Signature Project: “Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention” premiered with the 2010-2012 Administration. We are proud to stand behind this project.

We, the clubwomen of GFWC Maine, continue to perform outstanding service in Community Improvement, supporting our local libraries and providing thousands of dollars for scholarships. We seek to unite and strengthen the effect of community service work through volunteerism at home and throughout the world.

**GFWC MAINE ~ CALL to Spring Convention  
May 8-9, 2014 – Senator Inn & Spa, Augusta, Maine**

***TENTATIVE* Agenda**

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

- Wednesday, May 7 2:00 PM GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting – Oak Room**
- Thursday, May 8 8:15 AM Registration - Doorway of Embassy Room** (Bring your own coffee or tea)
- 9:30 AM Opening Session/Business
- Reports – Speakers - Presentations**  
Greetings from GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Sheila Shea  
Electricity Maine Speaker  
Delegates Fund  
Educational Loan Fund/Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund  
President’s Project – Newborns in Need  
Home Life  
Public Issues/VA Affairs  
International Outreach
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Marketplace**
- 12:15 PM “Remembering Our Past Before Stepping Into The Future” Luncheon**  
Honoring our District & Club Presidents
- 1:00PM Luncheon Speaker, Jane Elwell, Heifer International
- 1:50 PM Leadership Report  
LEADS Candidate 2014  
Membership Reports  
Education  
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention  
Community Improvement Contest  
Nominating Committee  
Nominating Speeches  
Endowment Fund  
Fundraising  
Conservation  
Jennie June Bear Update  
Heart Truth Campaign (Nancy Ames & Marjorie Goodwin)
- 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM Polls open / Market Place / Art Exhibits**

- 5:45 PM Social Hour**
- 6:45 PM Processional (Michael Wiers, Esquire)**
- 7:00 PM “Heart Truth Banquet”**  
 Honoring our GFWC/Maine Past State Presidents, and all women afflicted with Cardiovascular Disease.
- “Red Dress Fashion Show” featuring our own Clubwomen emceed by Dr. Penny DeRaps of Canaan, Maine

Reception in the President’s suite following the Red Dress Fashion Show to honor GFWC 1st Vice-President, Sheila Shea, and the entire GFWC Maine 2012-2014 Administration!

**Friday, May 9th**

- 8:00 AM Memorial Breakfast – “A Time of Remembrance”**
- 8- 9:00 AM Polls Open
- 8:30 AM Registration/Marketplace (Bring your own coffee/tea)
- 9:30 AM Business Session Reconvenes**  
 Maine Youth Leadership  
 Art Awards  
 GFWC Maine WHRC History  
 Sheila Shea, GFWC 1st Vice-President, Speaker  
 Invitation to GFWC NER 2014 – Marge Goodwin, GFWC Maine President-elect  
 District 1 Report – Sally Manchester  
 District 2 Report – Davida Barter  
 District 3 Report – Libby Wiers  
 District 4 Report – Jane Shaw  
 Carolyn Lomabardi Trophy/Directory Ad Commissions  
 Officers' Reports  
 Election Results  
 2014-2016 Finance Committee Nominations/Elections
- 12:15 PM “Reaching Out Beyond Our Own” Luncheon**  
 Honoring Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen
- 1:30 PM Business Session  
 Raffles  
 Final Figures - Fundraising, Delegates Fund, Endowment Fund Final Report of Registration – Suzanne Raymond
- Courtesy Committee Report  
 Remarks by Retiring President – Anne Cress

Installation of Officers' 2014-2016 Administration  
Presentation of Gavel and President's Pin to Marjorie Goodwin from  
Anne Cress.  
Presentation of Past State President's Pin to Anne Cress from Immediate  
Past President, Suzanne Raymond.  
Acceptance Speech – Marjorie Goodwin

3:00 PM          Adjournment

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

# **Senator Inn & Spa – Augusta, Maine**

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## **Guest Room Rates**

**\$89.95 (plus 8% tax) per night, single or double occupancy**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN  
April 25, 2014 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 pool, steam room, sauna, and cardio strength training gym, daily newspaper, cable television, irons, ironing boards, hair dryers, and coffee makers. Pets are allowed upon request. Additional fees may be required.

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

**Check-in time 3:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 am**  
**Senator Inn & Spa, 284 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME 04330**  
**(207) 622-5804 or 1-877-772-2224**

**Directions: Going south towards Augusta on I-95. take exit 109-A (second 109 exit.) Coming from the south on I-95, take exit 109. Follow the exit ramps around to Western Avenue. The hotel will be on your right.**

### ***Attire for our gatherings:***

**Thursday: Business Casual (Purple, if possible, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention)**

**Thursday Banquet: This will be a semi-formal evening. (Please choose something RED to wear if possible)**

**Friday: Business casual**

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**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, 2014** to: **Suzanne Raymond, 935 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 phone 564-8817 e-mail: sraymond72@roadrunner.com**
4. Please note **no refunds** will be possible **after April 30, 2014**.
5. **Early Bird Discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before April 15, 2014** 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*)  \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Thursday Lunch:**

Soup & Wrap Buffet - (Soup of the day, assorted wraps of chicken salad, roast beef, smoked turkey, and vegetarian wraps, chips, pickles, tossed salad, assorted beverages & bakery squares) \$21.00  \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Banquet: select one**

Chicken Supreme with White Wine Shallot Cream Sauce \$26.00  OR

Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Marsala Suace \$26.00  \_\_\_\_\_

(garden salad, mashed potato, Chef's choice vegetable, assorted beverages, and Bailey's Cheesecake)

**Friday Memorial Breakfast: \$16.00  \_\_\_\_\_**

Hot Breakfast Buffet

**Friday Lunch:**

Cloud 9 Lunch Buffet \$24.00  \_\_\_\_\_

(vegetable lasagna, chicken pie, baked apples, broccoli, roasted herbed potatoes, house salad, garlic bread, assorted beverages, and chocolate truffle torte)

**Meal and Registration Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Sheri Walsh  
GFWC Maine  
Corresponding Secretary  
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Ellsworth, ME 04605*

**GFWC/Maine**  
121 years of Volunteer Service

**Pine Tree Notes  
Next Deadline  
August 1, 2014**