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Pine Tree Notes

GFWC Maine Newsletter
March / April 2017



Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle & Shine



President's Letter

Mary K. Libby

Our Spring Convention is just around the snow bank! This president certainly hopes that the snow will be gone, temperatures will be warm and flowers will be in bloom. We never know what the weather will bring – after all this is Maine.

We hope that many of you will attend what promises to be two days of interesting speakers, fabulous entertainment and a few surprises planned by your Executive Board. On Thursday, we will be focusing on the year's progress of our committees. Each chairman will bring to us highlights of the year and tell us about opportunities in their area.

A special highlight of the day will be a presentation from Sgt. Alan Curtis, Maine Game Warden and caste member of North Woods Law. He will be speaking on the Game Warden's role in conservation and what we can do to "Keep Maine Green, Clean, Sparkly and Shiny".

We have received pictures of the orphans we are providing tuition for. There is much happening in South Sudan at this time. We will be able to see the difference our support has made in the lives of the 360 students who attend school.

GFWC 2nd Vice President Deb Strahanoski will be with us for all of our convention. She will bring news from headquarters and speak to us on the importance of advocacy. She will be highlighting the area of most concern to GFWC women. You will have the opportunity to meet this dynamic woman during the sessions and at a reception following our banquet.

Be prepared to participate in the charity auction organized by Fund Raising Chairman Joyce Noonan. This will be a fun time and hopefully profitable for our general fund.

We are asking that you bring your coins in a bottle back at this time even if they are not filled. It would be helpful if you would count the coins for us. It will be exciting to see what you have accomplished for our school.

I hope to see many of you in Bangor at the Hollywood Casino Hotel on May 11&12.

In Federation love,
Mary K. Libby
GFWC Maine President

Proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

REMINDERS

Carolyn Lombardi Traveling Trophy Credits Form

The Carolyn Lombardi form is due no later than May 1, 2017. The form will be sent to Carol A. Jarvais, V.P. rather than Beth A. Turner, Corresponding Secretary. **The form, with this correction, is included in the Pine Tree Notes.**

Spring Convention

A reminder that registration for the Spring Convention is due **April 14, 2017**. The forms are included in the Pine Tree Notes.

Pine Tree Notes

Time to order Pine Tree Notes for 17/18. Order form at convention.

Directory

Time to order a Directory for 17/18. Order form at convention.

Ads

Time to submit ads for the for 17/18. Order form at convention.

Dimes in a Bottle

To all Clubs please keep putting your Dimes in a Bottle at each meeting to collect the dimes for Mary's special project. Also, keep bringing in the school supplies to go to the school in Kit, South Sudan, Africa. It is important that we, who are so fortunate, can generously support our President's special project. Each Club working together will make this happen! **See note regarding Dimes in a Bottle in Mary's President's message.**

UPDATES

Suzanne Raymond has a new email address. It is – **straymond72@gmail.com**.

Congratulations to Marjorie Goodwin on her marriage. Her married name is Marjorie Goodwin Pfeiffer. Many wonderful years of happiness!!

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Vice President's Message

Greetings and welcome to the beginning of the 2016-2018 administration. I am excited to be serving as your Vice President and looking forward to what this term has in store. Becoming better acquainted with your clubs and members is one of my goals over the next two years. President Mary has selected a project close to her heart which will benefit the educational needs of children. I can't wait to see what you ladies do to support it.

Which brings me to the main responsibility of my office – reporting. Everyone dreads the process but we so benefit from the results. We get to tell everyone how great we are and how much we accomplish for our clubs and for our communities. We have to “toot” our own horn “cause no one will do it for us.” If we don't report no one knows who you are or what you are doing. Your reports put Maine on the map at GFWC headquarters and tells them loud and clear that we are alive and thriving. I see us as being like the residents on the speck of dust in the Dr. Seuss book, “Horton Hears a Who”. If we don't report (toot our own horns) no one knows who we are here. So, I look forward to reading the wonderful things you will “toot” to me in your reports.

Yours in Federation –
Carol

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CLUB NEWS

DISTRICT 1

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club

Sadly to say we had to cancel our first February meeting due to weather. So our scheduled silent auction was put on hold but our members are very flexible so we decided to continue both February meetings. This proved to be very busy but also interesting.

The refreshment committee had everything decorated with a Valentine theme. On each table was a lovely centerpiece. Under one chair at each table was a heart sticker. The lucky person sitting in this chair got to take home the centerpiece.

One member who could not attend made a Valentine gift bag with many various goodies for each attendee. A potluck luncheon was served. A great assortment of casseroles, salads, and desserts was furnished by the members. Impossible to describe how great everything was, however, one thing was certain no one went home hungry but maybe a little too full.

The auction started out with three tables filled with items but due to the continuous generosity of the members we had to add two more tables. There were so many great items it was hard to decide what you wanted. Even though it was a small

auction our total earned was \$310.00. This money was donated to a local group to purchase bread, peanut butter, and jelly for their "backpack program" which discreetly provides less fortunate children with some food for their weekends and school vacations.

Our guest speaker was Mary Libby, GFWC State President. She first talked about some of the meetings and other clubs she recently attended. Then she gave us an update of her project, Nyolo School In Sudan. Telling us of the many hardships and problems both the teachers and children experience. This gave us a better understanding of not only what the teachers go through but also what the children encounter.

Welcome March - for our first meeting Pat Currier, refreshment committee chairman came up with a unique idea to help support the Nyolo School Project. For a \$5.00 roll of dimes any interested members could enjoy the luncheon of homemade soups and chowders and cookies (made by her committee plus a couple of other members) plus rolls, fruit, and cheese. I was told that the cookies were greater than great! Total raised was \$160.00.

Due to the Presidents absence the meeting was lead very effectively by Vice President Beth Turner who also was our guest speaker. Her topic was famous women. This started with back as far as Cleopatra right up to current. Many members commented on how interesting and informative the subject was.

The final March meeting will be the annual art show for Westbrook High School students. Approximately 40 students will be displaying their art pieces. Many proud parents will come to support their child hoping he or she will be one of the four winners. Refreshments will be served.

Looking ahead in April our annual meeting will be on the 18th. April 22

we will host the District Art Show at Westbrook Warren Congregational church. May will find us looking forward to attending the Spring Convention in Bangor.

The first weekend in June we will be participating in Westbrook together days (this was started 39 years ago by our club).

There will be no meetings in June, July, and August but some of our committees will be busy making preparations for the coming club year.

Hope to see you at the convention!

Have a happy and healthy summer.

Marian Sturtevant, President

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club

We started off the New Year 2017 with speaker, Mary Libby our State President. She spoke on her project of supporting schools in Africa with some pictures, all very interesting. I am so thankful we live in the USA with our schools.

February was a snow day and as the weather man gave us advance notice we were able to cancel early. I did take some beautiful pictures, as it was the kind of storm that stayed on the trees.

March was a beautiful almost spring day. We had a great turn out. Under the directions of Wendy Bowler and Joann Means we had butterflies which were to go on the Veterans client meal trays. They were cut from heavy paper, all different colors with lots of different stickers to put on the wings, and then a small lollipop as the head and body. They really turned out attractive and I am sure they will bring smiles to the Veterans. Our next week brought Gorham 20" of snow.

We have a very busy spring with the Art Show, District 1 meeting, our Scholarship Luncheon and State meeting.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY SPRING !

Gorham Woman's Club
Allene Bowler, President

DISTRICT 2

Waldoboro Woman's Club **GFWC**

The Waldoboro Woman's Club Election Day Bake Sale for scholarships, chaired by Alice Duff, and netted \$504 for our fund. Planning for our June Whale of a Sale is underway. Items from the home of one of our deceased members have been given to the club and are now stored for the winter. We brought items for the Waldoboro Toys for Tots program and homemade cookies for Lincoln Home and Waldoboro Green to our December Holiday Luncheon at Schooner Cove. Three gentlemen who do the heavy lifting and trucking for our sales were our luncheon guests: O.J. Duff, Ron Gerrish and Bruce Krause, husbands of members, were heartily welcomed. Our January guest speaker was Pastor Karen Lilli Pax of the Waldoboro United Methodist Church. She brought artifacts and a wonderful message regarding her April 2016 trip to Japan. She concluded her presentation with the following: "Travel is the best education; observing other cultures and seeing how others view the world is a window into self-discovery." Our February meeting was cancelled for weather considerations and the March meeting postponed to March 21, when we will host our International Luncheon and hold our Silent Auction for UNICEF.

Jean Lawrence, Secretary

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club

The GFWC Semper Fidelis Club welcomed Jeff McCabe of the Northern Forest Canoe Trails to speak at their January meeting. Jeff supplied all Club members with maps of the different canoe trails, including one that travels from Vermont all the way to the Maine coast. He also pointed out several day trips adventurous Club members may want to try.

February, with all its snow, resulted in our meeting being cancelled for the month. However, the Club participated in the Lake George Winter Carnival, supplying families who attended with yummy S'mores.

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club held their annual Membership Auction for their March meeting. The theme was "Kitchen & Consumable Items". Members all brought new and gently used items for this event, which raised \$229.00. Fun was had by all. We are looking forward to our next meeting in March as GFWC Maine President Mary Libby will be speaking to both Skowhegan Clubs on her President's Project, "Maine/African Partnership for Social Justice".

DISTRICT 3

GFWC ARTS Club Pittsfield

The Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) club started their 2017 club year on January 10th. The guest speaker for the meeting was a local high school student who was part of the Heritage Tour to Washington, DC with other students in the area.

The student had received a donation from the ARTS club and wanted to speak about the trip to one of the groups that help support her in this event. She told of the many places the group visited and how much she learned and enjoyed all parts of the tour. She is the granddaughter of club member Connie Thies.

On Valentine's Day, two of the club members presented Valentines bags to a local boarding home. Club member Connie Thies made cupcakes and punch for the residents and a game was played. Everyone enjoyed the Valentine bags filled with goodies by the club.

On February 20th the club met at the Pittsfield library and the speakers for the evening was club member Kattie Ouellette, her husband and two children who gave a most interesting talk about the local Mid-Maine Lacrosse program.

Mid-Maine Lacrosse is a community group and open to students K thru 8th grade (both boys and girls), with the season starting in March and usually ends in June. It is also open to students outside the district, which include MCI and Nokomis high school athletic programs.

On March 10th the club once again hosted a meal at the Welcome Table, which is a free lunch program held at a local church every Friday. The club does this at least three times a year and will also fill in when needed.

The club now is busy helping District 3 President Marge Goodwin plan the April 8th GFWC Maine-District meeting/Art show, which will be held in Pittsfield. The club will be providing the luncheon and look forward to seeing members from other clubs in our area. Hope to see many there.

GFWC MIOSAC Club Dover-Foxcroft

The members of the GFWC Miosac Club are continuing to, "Live the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle and Shine"! We have been very busy since Christmas with a number of projects that will ultimately benefit our community, county, state, nation and the world.

Our first meeting of the year was cancelled because of SNOW!!! What

a surprise! Our second meeting, held on January 17th, was a glorious time to celebrate being together. Our club members are like a family unit. When we are apart for several weeks, it is always such a joy to come together again.

Carol Kilpatrick printed 2000 copies of the community directory now available through several outlets in the area. The club netted \$2108.00 on this project. Companies and businesses are on the waiting list to be included in the next directory. What a great fundraiser and service to our community! Thanks gals!

The members have been active in making Linus Blankets, Angel Pockets, Prayer Shawls, and collecting box-tops for our SeDoMoCha students, and as always, collecting loose change for our money jar to support the President's Project, the Nyolo-Hope Primary School in Kit, South Sedan, Africa.

The GFWC Statistical Report for 2016 is as follows for our club: **Projects 74, Volunteer Hours 2980, Donations \$2755, In-Kind Donations \$2709, Dollars Spent \$5609.** Many thanks to all our GFWC Miosac Club members!

The GFWC Miosac Club High School Art Show will be held on Sunday, March 26th at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Chapel from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Students from Dover-Foxcroft, Milo, Guilford and Greenville have been asked to participate in this event. The winners will have their entries submitted to the District 3 Art Show in April.

The Club's By-Laws Review Committee has submitted some updates to our Cub By-Laws and polices to stay in-line and current with the practices and procedures of GFWC. All changes were adopted and approved by the Club.

The annual "Sebec Lake Ice-Out Contest" is underway. The person guessing the closest date and time of

day the ice will "go-out" of Sebec Lake will win a \$100 cash prize. This event has been a yearly fundraiser for the Club since 1976. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Ticket sales run from February 15th to March 31st. Proceeds from this event go to support our many local projects and organizations.

Numerous Valentine's Day cards were made and personal care items collected and delivered to our 150 Veterans at the Bangor Veterans Home. These items were gratefully received by the men and women who served our country with so much dignity.

Members enjoyed a "tea" with the special teacups left to us by Athalie Burke. We each had a story to tell about a special time or a memory shared with Athalie. There were tears and laughter as we remembered a special lady who gave so much of her life to GFWC and to all of us. She is deeply missed.

We all enjoyed a special "Show and Tell" evening. Each member brought an item she received as a gift, picked up at a flea market, or made or crafted herself that had special meaning. This was an enjoyable program.

Suzanne Raymond, GFWC Maine International Outreach Program Chairman spoke to us about the different partnerships GFWC has with other organizations such as Heifer International, Operation Smile, Unicef, and Shot at Life Campaign. This was an outstanding program as only Suzanne could deliver!

We have all been instructed in the fine art of cake decorating! Member, Diane Leighton and her family, joined together to give us a delightful lesson on how to artfully decorate cakes, cookies and cupcakes. The Leighton family owned and operated a bakery in Dover-Foxcroft for twenty years. There was icing from here to yonder and everywhere else! A good

time was had by all! The finished products were yummy!

Anne Cress
GFWC Miosac Club President

Winterport Woman's Club GFWC

On a cold evening in January our members enjoyed learning about fine teas – black, green and tisanes (herbal tea) – with Debbie Holmes, proprietor of Tea Maineia on Main Street in Winterport. Our hostess Kathy White shared her collection of fine china teacups, from which we sampled whole leaf brewed tea. Debbie held our interest with stories of tea growing and customs from different countries around the world, while we sipped and sampled delicious teacakes and sandwiches. We were lucky to have our honorary lifetime member, Teddy Weston, with us that evening; Teddy has been a member of our club for 60+ years, and turned 96 years old in February!

Our February meeting found us filling Valentine's Day bags with enrichment items and homemade treats to deliver to local senior citizens. With club member's donations, we were able to brighten the winter days for 20 seniors and shut-ins. In April, we will enjoy a tour and tasting at Winterport Winery with proprietors Joan and Michael Anderson, before a business meeting with a full agenda.

Our club is looking forward to spring, our warm weather projects, and our annual Perennial Plant Sale, which has become a much-anticipated local event. Under the direction of Co-Chairs Ellen Van Vranken and Cindy Seekins, this sale of healthy, locally grown perennial plants and vegetable seedlings enables us to fund our many community projects and donations. The dates this year are Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21 at the fire station on Main Street. Please mark your calendars, and stop by to say hello, pick up something special for your garden at a great

price, and support our community service projects. If anyone has perennial plants to share from your home garden, please contact Ellen (etvanv2@gmail.com) or any club member, and our team will arrange a time to visit, dig, and pot your donations to add to our sale!

Gloria Aurelio

DISTRICT 4

CASTINE WOMAN'S CLUB

Spring is in the air! The Castine Woman's Club has a number of fun meetings and activities lined up.

This spring, when the Club gathered together for its first monthly meeting of 2017 on Tuesday, April 4, weaver extraordinaire and former CWC secretary Marjie Wheeler shared highlights from her "Weaving Trip to Guatemala." On Tuesday, May 2, Cherie Gaylean will enlighten the Club on "Involving the Youth in the Community." These meetings are held at and generously hosted by the Wilson Museum. As usual, the community is invited and always welcome.

The last meeting of the 2016-2017 year will take place at the Wilson Museum on Tuesday, June 7 with an annual tea and end-of-year reports. Members look forward to enjoying the use of the Club's silver tea service housed at the Wilson Museum. This year's annual meeting will be topped off with a special presentation by a surprise guest!

The CWC is again thrilled to usher in the summer by hosting the ever popular Flash in the Pans concert on Monday evening, June 26, on the Castine Town Dock to raise dollars for area scholars. Come on down to the dock and enjoy dancing the night away to the beat of the steel drums!

Val Taub
CWC Past-President

LUBEC WOMAN'S CLUB GFWC

The Lubec Woman's Club has intensified efforts to better serve the needs of our community, as those needs continue to increase. We initiated a summer raffle for a gift card tree as a very successful fundraiser that we hope will be an annual affair. These funds along with those raised with our November Turkey Raffle, April Ham Raffle and July Yard Sale, help aid community projects and the needy families of our area.

With the raising of funds, our time and talents, the Lubec Woman's Club carries on year-round working toward the betterment of our community in various ways and addressing the needs of children and adults of all ages. We provide scholarships to all those who graduate from high school and are planning to continue their education. For middle school children to encourage them to stay in school, we offer our Cash-4-Careers program, which has been a great success. We contribute diapers and in sundries to We Care Baby Center and toiletries to guidance offices and halfway houses. For our seniors, we provide Senior Social once a month that includes BINGO with prizes and refreshments. For all ages, we contribute time and money to Jr. Literary Guild, Reading is Fundamental (RIF), Ronald McDonald House of Maine, Make A Wish Maine, Down East Hospice Volunteers, Lubec Fire Dept. and many more. With our additional funds, we can help support the After-School Program and the Summer Recreation Program.

The community's physical as well as social environment is very important and through our woman hours, encouragement and communication we promote recycling/beach cleanup and resource protection and historic preservation. Our year ends with a Seniors/Veterans Christmas dinner in which the Woman's Club provides cookies, Music-Sing-Along, and serving for the meal. All of them join

in with sheet music, Ruth's bells that were handed out to guests and loads of encouragement as they enthusiastically accompanied the keyboard with their glorious voices. To top it off there was a visit from Santa. (see picture) It was marvelous that over half of our total membership was able to participate in this year-end event amongst our busy schedules.

Lubec Woman's Club started out this year with some great insights on safety. The January program for our meeting had a Maine State Police Officer come to share winter and personal safety tips and answer questions, which was very informative. We followed with a presentation by our Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL) for our March meeting. Tami Dinsmore shared information on all the services that are provided by RMCL, many of which we were not aware of. We asked how we could help in communicating the availability of these services to the rest of the community and came up with a plan to join in this endeavor.

The year 2017 also marks the Lubec Woman's Club 100th anniversary and we are planning to showcase our contributions to the community over those 100 years as well as honoring some of our longtime members. The festivities will be held on Saturday June 3rd at the Christian Temple Church in Lubec from 2-4 pm. We invite all clubs to join us in this momentous milestone. There is so much history and some surprising accomplishments/achievements by the club, that it should be a great time.

Even with these additional preparations, the important work of the club continues with our Scholarship Program, Cash 4 Careers, Senior Socials, We Care Baby Center and Lubec Community Outreach Center connection that must continue. Our club members also volunteer for R.I.F., the library, food

pantry as well as conservation/recycling, Save Our Strays shelter and many other community activities too numerous to count. Though our Lubec Woman's Club will have 100 years this year, there never seems to be enough time and resources to fill all the needs of our community, but we are giving 100% in time, talent and treasure!

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

Reminder

**Send in your registration
for Spring Convention.**

*Small things, done in great
love, bring joy and peace.*

NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

As GFWC Maine President Mary Libby begins her new administration, let's kick it off by having all clubs participate in GFWC's "It's The Real Deal" campaign! This is a nationwide year-round membership recruitment campaign.

GO FISH FOR MEMBERS: report how many new members your club recruited for June, July, and August (reports due to me by September 1st).

BRIDGE THE GAP: report to me by December 1st how many new members were recruited during September, October, and November. **GAME OF HEARTS:** new members recruited during the months of December, January, and February (reports due to me by March 1st). **52 PICK UP - A MEMBERSHIP TOOL:** new members for March, April, and May (reports due to me by June 1st).

Neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family all deserve the chance to be a part of GFWC, because GFWC has, does, and will continue to change lives for the better. It is important we learn how to invite and encourage women to become part of our clubs so that our communities can continue to improve through the work of GFWC volunteers and programs. Member recruitment is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of all your club members. Be determined to succeed with your recruitment efforts! GFWC is offering a \$50 grant to help clubs with their recruitment efforts.

To apply go to:

Laura Neal,
GFWC Maine Membership Chairman

Upcoming Events GFWC Maine:

May 10-12, 2017
Spring Convention
Hollywood Casino Hotel, Bangor,
ME

July 12, 2017
Summer Board Meeting
Margaret Chase Smith Library,
Skowhegan

Fall 2017 – District Conferences
District 1 – Sept. 23rd at
Westbrook Warren Church.

District 2 – Oct. 28 details to
come.

Districts 3 & 4 – Dover-Foxcroft

**Specific details for District
Meetings to come.**

February, 2018
Mid-winter Executive Meeting,
Westbrook, ME

May 10 & 11, 2018
Spring Convention
Best Western, Waterville, ME

GFWC Maine Arts Community Service Program

"A picture is a poem without words." – Horace

Thank you to those clubs who reported on their art service programs! What wonderful projects I discovered happening over our entire state of Maine! I would add that most clubs participate in the 'High School Art Contest' and the show dates are fast approaching.

District 1: April 22nd - Norma Manning

District 2: April 1st at LaFluers Restaurant Jay 10am to noon - Linda Burdo

District 3/4: April 8th Congregational Church Pittsfield 11am to 3pm - Marjorie Goodwin

Thank you to the following clubs donating to the High School Art Contest:

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club

GFWC Westbrook Women's Club

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club

GFWC MIOSAC Club

If your club would like to donate, please send to: Maureen Provencal 7 Daisy Ln Skowhegan ME 04976

Looking forward to GFWC Maine Spring Convention

District 1 Art Show

The District 1 Art show will be held on April 22nd at the Westbrook Warren Congregational Church from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. The church address is 310 Main Street, Westbrook. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and will consist of vegetable soup and salad with gingerbread and whip cream. Registration fee will be \$12.00. Please make reservation with Norma Manning. Telephone number 207-615-8831 by April 15th.

Art to be at the church by 9A.M. All club presidents please bring an annual report. The State President will also speak.

Leadership

Some of the most common qualities of a good leader come to our minds very quickly. We think of our leaders as people who are honest, have good communications skills, are confident, are decisive, and have the ability to delegate. Good leaders must also possess the ability to inspire or motivate others, show empathy, display accountability, have a sense of humor, be dependable, and have enough spirit to persevere.

Good leaders are good communicators. Communication plays a key role in leadership and is required to delegate responsibility or establish expectations. Good leaders must ask questions and understand the needs of others in order to lead in the right direction.

Another common quality of good leaders is the ability to delegate responsibility. Good leaders understand they are unable to complete every task personally. Delegating responsibility shows others that the leader has confidence in their abilities and talents to complete an assigned task without being over-shadowed by the leader.

Decisiveness is an important quality of good leaders. This quality helps leaders make difficult decisions quickly. Good leaders must make timely decisions in the best interest of the clubwomen or the GFWC as a whole.

Good leaders are accountable and accept responsibility for the failures of the organization. Not everything goes as planned all of the time. Accountability is important for improving the effectiveness of the clubs or federation's procedures or practices. When problems arise, a good leader must identify the issues and seek solutions.

Integrity is one of the most important qualities a leader must have. The possession of firm principals ensures you will make the most responsible decisions and do what you truly think is best for all concerned. Having integrity means a person is honest, trustworthy, reliable, loyal and honorable. To be a good leader, you must possess these certain characteristics so that you are able to lead fairly and justly.

In Federation Love,
Anne H. Cress
GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

Focus on the GFWC Maine Website

WHO: Past President Sally Manchester and the Executive Committee, et als

WHAT: GFWC Maine website

WHEN: 2004 – the present and beyond

WHERE: www.gfwcmaine.org

WHY: Some history first. . . .

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some information about our website. During the 2004-2006 administration under then President Sally Manchester's leadership, the website came to fruition. Its course took a few turns along the way, but in the end, the website was built and went "live" prior to the conclusion of that administration. Long story short, with approval of the executive committee and with information and direction provided by Ms. Manchester and Corresponding Secretary Libby Wiers, the information was provided to my son, Jason Raymond, the creator of the website; thus we were grateful for his service as webmaster until his passing in 2012. Since that time that we have been blessed to have Jeff Taub share his time and his skills to serve as webmaster - along with his wife Val, member GFWC Castine Woman's Club!! A big thank you to both Val and Jeff!

If you have something you would like to be considered for the website, I serve in the capacity of "website contact person" during President Mary's term; therefore, your first stop is to send it to me at
via email attachment, in "camera ready" format.

Back to **WHY:** To provide GFWC Maine member's clear and concise information in a user-friendly way. A brief overview of the website: On the **homepage** you will find easy access to the current edition of *Pine Tree Notes*, a variety of order forms (such as LEADS application form, Maude MacKenzie Scholarship, etc.) a link to GFWC Club Manual, a link to GFWC Partnerships, plus more! You will even have access to *archived Pine Tree Notes* since 2006. It's so easy and so accessible! There are green buttons on the left side of the page. One quick click on **Officers** or **Community Service Program Chairmen** buttons will bring up contact information for these leaders! If you click on the **Links** button you to go to the Links page. Once there you could choose to go to the GFWC website or the Maine African Partnership for Social Justice for information about President Mary's special project. Please check it out!! You will be glad you did!

Yours in Federation,

Website Contact Person
Suzanne Raymond

2016-2018 Proposed Bylaws

2016-2018 Bylaws Review Committee

Suzanne Raymond, Chairman; Anne Cress; Carol Jarvais; Gerry Richardson; Judi Lawrence

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC MAINE BYLAWS IN 2017

The following are proposed revisions to be presented for consideration at the Spring Convention in Bangor, Maine

ARTICLE IX – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 7d

CURRENT:

Section 7d. To be eligible, a candidate shall have served as GFWC Maine District President, State Chairman of Community Service Program or chairman or member of a Standing or Special Committee. She shall be endorsed by her club which shall send the endorsement to the President of GFWC Maine. The list of candidates shall be presented at the Fall Conference preceding the Annual Meeting on an election year. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be mailed with the official call to the Annual Meeting in the election year.

PROPOSED: After “To be eligible, a candidate shall” insert the words [*be an active dues paying club member and*]

RATIONALE: To clarify current practice.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 7d. To be eligible, a candidate shall *be an active dues paying club member and* have served as GFWC Maine District President, State Chairman of Community Service Program or chairman or member of a Standing or Special Committee. She shall be endorsed by her club which shall send the endorsement to the President of GFWC Maine. The list of candidates shall be presented at the Fall Conference preceding the Annual Meeting on an election year. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be mailed with the official call to the Annual Meeting in the election year.

ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS - VOTING PRIVILEGES

Section 1

CURRENT

Section 1. All state officers, with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary (who shall be appointed by the President-elect), shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years.

PROPOSED:

Strike out ~~by ballot~~. Delete the period “.” and at the end of the sentence insert a semi-colon “;” followed by the words [*a ballot vote will be necessary when there is at least one contested position.*]

RATIONALE: To better utilize resources - financial and time.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 1. All state officers, with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary (who shall be appointed by the President-elect), shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years; *a ballot vote will be necessary when there is at least one contested position.*

ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS - VOTING PRIVILEGES

Section 4

CURRENT:

Section 4. The list of candidates shall be posted in plain view and the election shall be conducted by ballot. A plurality of legal ballots shall elect.

PROPOSED:

Strikeout ~~by ballots~~ in the first sentence. Strikeout ~~legal ballots~~ in the second sentence.

RATIONALE:

If ARTICLE XI Section 1 is amended by the members, this will conform to that change.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

The list of candidates shall be posted in plain view and the election shall be conducted. A plurality of votes shall elect.

ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS - VOTING PRIVILEGES

Section 7

CURRENT:

Section 7. Tellers shall be assigned by the Executive Committee for the hours of balloting. Tellers shall count ballots and the Chairman of tellers shall present the report to the presiding officer.

PROPOSED:

Add the words *[When a ballot vote is necessary,]* at the beginning of the first sentence.

RATIONALE:

If ARTICLE XI Section 1 is amended by the members, this will conform to that change.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

When a ballot vote is necessary, tellers will be assigned by the Executive Committee for the hours of balloting. Tellers shall count ballots and the Chairman of tellers shall present the report to the presiding officer.

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

Fundraising

Wow, can you believe it is time to think and plan for our Spring convention? As you all know by now we are having an auction to raise money for our GFWC Maine. We have heard from a few clubs and members already and we have some great donations. If you or your club has not let me know what you plan to donate, I would like to have that information by the end of March.

Below are some suggestions but you are not limited to just these items, let your imagination go wild! Don't forget to let us know what you are donating.

Joyce Noonan
Fundraising Chairman

janoonan@beeline-online.net

Theater Tickets
Windjammer Cruise
Antiques
Gift cards
Jewelry
China/Crystal
Plane ticket
Symphony Ticket
Week at Camp
Concert tickets
Red Sox Tickets
Collectables
Paintings/prints
The use of a condo

Services:

- *House painting*
- *Gardening*
- *Estate Planning*
- *Preparing a will*
- *Tax preparation*

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
GFWC MAINE SPRING CONVENTION**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

2PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PRESIDENT'S ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

REGISTRATION 7:30 -9:00AM

MARKET PLACE/ART EXHIBITS

9:00 AM BUSINESS OPENING SESSIION

CALL TO ORDER

INSPIRATION

CLUB COLLECT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN'S CREED

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
STATE OF MAINE SONG

WELCOME TO THE HOLLYWOOD CASINO HOTEL

REPORT OF REGISTRATION AND
PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE RULES

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

DELEGATE'S FUND

ENDOWMENT FUND

FUNDRAISING
EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND& MAUDE MCKENZIE SCHOLARSHIP

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT
NYOLO HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAK

EDUCATION REPORT

ESO

HOME LIFE

CONSERVATION

PUBLIC ISSUES

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

BUSINESS SESSION RECESSED

MARKET PLACE
ART EXHIBITION

12 NOON LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING OUR SHINING AND SPARKLING LEADERS
DISTRICT AND CLUB PRESIDENTS

1:30 BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENES

GUEST SPEAKER SGT. ALAN CURTIS MAINE STATE WARDEN SERVICE

LEADERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERSHIP /AWARDS

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT :DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SPECIAL GUEST GFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT DEB STRAHANOSKI

BUSINESS SESSION RECESSED UNTIL TOMMORROW MORNING 9am

LET'S SPARKLE AND SHINE BANQUET

SOCIAL HOUR

PROCESSIONAL

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

HONORING PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

AUCTION

RECEPTION IN PRESIDENT'S SUITE

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND PASTRIES

7:45 MEMORIAL SERVICE NANCY KENTY, GFWCMAINE NECROLOGIST

8:45AM REGISTRATION/MARKET PLACE/ART EXHIBITS

9AM BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENES

CALL TO ORDER

INSPIRATION

JENNIE AWARD

MAINE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GFWC MAINE BYLAWS

GFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT DEB STRAHANOWSKI

LUNCHEON 12PM

BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENES 1:30

ARTS REPORT

SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

NEWSLETTER AND DIRECTORY UPDATES

DIRECTORY AD COMMISSIONS

CAROLYN LOMBARDI TROPHY

OFFICERS REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY

TREASURER

VICE-PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT –ELECT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FINAL REPORT OF REGISTRATION

DRAWINGS AND RAFFLES

CALL TO NER CONVENTION 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

GFWC Maine Spring Convention
May 10-12, 2017 Hollywood Hotel and Casino Bangor
Registration Form

Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Name Of Club/Position: _____
GFWC Maine Position: _____ ☐ Guest ☐ Booster
Registration Fee - ☐ \$15 one day ☐ \$25 both days

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Make checks 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 28, 2017
Norma Manning 124 Austin St, Westbrook, Maine 04092; 207-615-8831
4. Please note no refunds will be possible after May 5!
5. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after May 1, 2017

Meal selection [prices include tax, service charge, and gratuity]

Thursday Lunch; State Of Maine;

☐ \$22 Hollywood Deli Buffet of sandwich meats and cheese with rolls.

Thursday Night Banquet; "Sparkling through the night" Cocktail attire.

Select one \$35

☐ NY Strip Sirloin

☐ Seafood Stuffed Haddock

☐ Fettuccine Shrimp & Spinach Alfrado

Serviced with regular and decaffeinated coffee with assorted teas, along with garden salad, warm dinner rolls and Chef's choice of sides.

Friday Lunch Buffet;

☐ \$22 Assorted pizzas with your choice of toppings and tossed seasonal greens with assorted dressings.

Special dietary needs: _____
Registration Fee: _____
Meal Total : _____

Grand total: _____

Hollywood Hotel And Casino

GFWC Maine Spring Convention

500 Main Street

Bangor, ME 04401

Phone 1-877-779-7771

Reservations must be made by April 14, 2017

Reservations made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive rates you must refer to "GFWC Maine" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS - When traveling north or south on I95, take Exit 182A to I395. Then take Exit 3B onto Main Street and continue on Main Street until you arrive at Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway.

Special Guest speakers;

GFWC Second Vice-President Debra "Deb" Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 28 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many. Deb's boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles. She served the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008- 2010, and currently GFWC Illinois Protocol Chairman. Her GFWC leadership positions have included Home Life Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary and helped ignite The Campaign for the Future as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee.

Deb is a highly respected volunteer and leader with GFWC and in her community. She has served Easter seals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois on both regional and state levels, and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois. Since 2005, Deb has been employed with Easter seals as Development Manager, managing annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation.

Deb assists her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. They have two children and one grandchild. Her visionary leadership, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

Dr Charles Radis

Dr. Radis is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has taught in the internal medicine, pediatric, and family practice programs at both Maine Medical Center and the University of New England. He has volunteered extensively, teaching family practice residents at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in southern India, and more recently helping to develop a sustainable collaborative public health project in South Sudan through a non-profit he founded with his wife, Sandi, The Maine African Partnership for Social Justice.

THE CAROLYN LOMBARDI TRAVELING TROPHY CREDITS

May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017

Please fill in and send to: Carol A. Jarvais, V.P.
57 Coburn Ave., Skowhegan, ME 04976
(postmarked no later than May 1, 2017)

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|-----|---|----------------|--|
| 1. | Dues payment postmarked before Jan. 1, 2017 | 100 | |
| 2. | Representation at Fall Conference, Auburn, ME '16 | 25 | |
| | 10 Additional Points for each member attending (maximum of 5) | | |
| 3. | Representation at NER Conference, Warwick, RI '16 | 25 | |
| | 10 Additional Points for each member attending (maximum of 5) | | |
| 4. | Registration for Spring Convention, Bangor '17 | 25 | |
| | Club President Attending Spring Convention '17 | 50 | |
| 5. | Club yearbooks/programs sent to State Officers &
District President (see Guide for Club Presidents) | 30 | |
| 6. | Club meeting with Dist. Pres. or GFWC Maine officer as speaker | 25 | |
| 7. | Organized a new club in town or in close geographic area | 100 | |
| 8. | NET increase in dues paying membership as of December 31st.
eg. 1-2 new members 10 points each (max 20 points)
3-5 new members 40 points each (Max 120 Points)
More than 5 new members 200 points | | |
| 9. | "GFWC" is part of the club's official name. | 25 | |
| 10. | Mailed Annual reports and Narratives before Feb. 1
At least 3 Narratives included with Annual Reports | 50 | |
| 11. | Sponsored High School Art Contestant(s) | 50 | |
| 12. | Contributions to: \$1-\$24 = 10 Points - Over \$25 = 50 Points
Delegates Fund.....
Educational Loan Fund.....
Endowment Fund.....
Maine Youth Leadership.....
GFWC/GFWC Maine Project
High School Art Contest Award Fund..... | | |
| 13. | Sponsored a local scholarship | 50 | |
| 14. | DIRECTORY 10 points for each elected officer up to 40 points | 10 | |
| | PINE TREE NOTES 10 points for each order up to 40 points | 10 | |
| 15. | Ad placed in Club's name or club members' name in DIRECTORY:
(up to 100 points maximum)
See instructions in General Information Full page (max 225)
regarding commissions for selling Half page (max 120)
additional ads. Quarter page (max 60) | 75
40
20 | |
| 16. | Club Member serving on Executive Committee or
Board of Directors (chairman) | 25 | |
| 17. | Club Member serving as District President | 25 | |
| 18. | Club Member serving as Fall Conference Volunteer
(Registration Table, Page, Courtesy Committee, Scrapbook Judge) | 20 | |
| 19. | Club Member serving as Spring Convention Volunteer
(Registration Table, Page, Courtesy Committee, Scrapbook Judge) | 20 | |
| 20. | Your Club had a member submit an application for LEADS | 50 | |
| 21. | Your Club submitted an application for Jennie June Award | 50 | |
| 22. | Your Club will submitted a scrapbook at previous convention | 50 | |

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TOTAL POINTS _____

CLUB NAME AND TOWN _____

President's Signature _____

Date _____

1. The trophy is a silver bowl. This Traveling Trophy is awarded at Spring Convention annually and must be returned each year for presentation to the next winner.
2. No engraving is done for a first-time winner. A certificate will be presented.
3. Any club winning the award for two consecutive years shall have the club's name and the calendar years in which the award was won inscribed on the Trophy. The club shall be a non-contestant the following two spring conventions.
4. The club with the second highest number of points will be awarded \$25.00.

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