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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
November/December 2008



"It Is Better to Give than Receive"



President's Letter

Gloria Leveillee, Katherine White and I went to the GFWC Board of Director's Meeting in Washington, DC. We visited both MAINE Senator Susan Collins' and Olympia Snowe's offices, and we were able to speak with their Legislative Aids. We were on Capitol Hill for a morning. The aids were very informative about the "Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act". It didn't pass by three votes. We were able to speak with Lily Ledbetter in the tunnels of the Senate Building. This act is equal wages for men and women. We also had the opportunity to have our luncheon in the Senate Dining Room. It is not easy to have outsiders eat there. When in Washington, DC, we also had a trip to our beautiful GFWC Headquarters and home. If you are ever in Washington, DC, take the time to have a tour. We heard Jenna Bush talk about her time with UNICEF.

As your President I have been to visit the Pittsfield Tuesday Club, the Ursula Penniman Club (my club), the Lubec Woman's

Club (my other club), the Westbrook Woman's Club, the District #2 Meeting in Waterville, and will visit the Arts Club of Pittsfield, and Patten Woman's Club later. I want to visit all the clubs in the state. Please let me know when I can visit you. I have been to the NER meeting in Vermont where 11 MFWC members attended. GFWC required that each region have a membership seminar prior to each region conference. Before I went to Vermont Dick and I went to Washington, DC to our daughter's wedding in October. Our GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn was very successful. I wish we had more members attend the state meetings.. The "Fancy Nancy Feast" was a hit with all. The Maine-ly Harmony group performed after the "Feast". We had speakers talk about the Food Pantry, Teen Dating (Domestic Violence) and last but not least we had Leona MacBride and Wilma (Billie) Ingalls speak about their years in the MAINE Federation. It was very interesting knowing what happened in the early years of the federation.

I have heard there may be some "ACT in OCT" activities. We wish the clubs the best. Keep up the good work and invite new friends to come to your meetings.

I need a Chairman for the GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention in Ellsworth. We need to start planning early and not have to do it all in a short time. Take time and please help with the Spring Convention. Meanwhile, have a Happy Thanksgiving and Great Holidays.

Yours in Federation,

Jane L. Shaw

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Officers



President-Elect

It was wonderful to see many of you at fall conference. It's nice to get program and department updates, hear from speakers, network with each other, and build friendships. The Fancy Nancy banquet was a real hoot – topped off with the crowning of our own Fancy Nancy - Nancy Ames!

Leadership Education and Development Seminar – LEADS
Calling all applicants. . . It's time to be planning. . . Who will be Maine's next LEAD's ambassador?!

This is a wonderful GFWC opportunity for a deserving club-woman. This 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.

Where can you find the application form? One place is in the GFWC Club Manual (all club presidents have one), or go to **www.GFWC.org/forms** on the website, or feel free to email or call me and I will mail you a copy.

The LEADS program is held annually in conjunction with the GFWC Annual International Convention and will be held on June 12, 2009 in Cleveland, Ohio. If you have not held an **elected** position at or beyond the state level or previously attended a LEADS program, please consider applying. Maybe you know someone that would benefit from

this opportunity and needs a bit of your encouragement to get them started.

Keep in mind that both GFWC and MFWC are investing in this wonderful opportunity to help one of our Maine members who has demonstrated leadership capabilities at the club level (club president, club officer, club project/committee chairman) and who exhibits a commitment to Federation.

GFWC will cover round-trip travel to and from Cleveland, one-half the room charge for 2 nights at the hotel, breakfast and lunch during LEADS program and discounted Convention meal charges.

MFWC will also contribute \$250! Awesome!

The application must be sent to me **postmarked by January 31, 2009**. My address is 935 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. Call with any questions 564-8817 or email sraymond72@roadrunner.com. I hope to receive lots of applications and it will be exciting to see who will be our next ambassador!

“IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE” and this is one way that GFWC and MFWC **give** an opportunity to members (i.e., dues money put to great use!)

Suzanne T. Raymond
President-Elect



Vice President

Now the GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference is over, it is time to get out there and rake those leaves and prepare for the arrival of the holiday season! How do the days go by so quickly?

It is my sincere hope for those of you who were able to attend the Fall Conference, you came away with your batteries recharged and new ideas to discuss and explore with your club members. Remember to utilize your club manuals. There is a vast amount of knowledge and suggested ideas to be gained by referring to the manual often, especially if you find yourselves in a "rut".

As we enter this holiday season, please remember those many families around us who are hungry, cold and in need. Support your GFWC/MFWC President's Project, "The Food Pantry" and her theme, "It Is Better to Give than Receive". Remember too, those people who are afraid, beaten and homeless due to domestic violence. Support the GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness Program to help **STOP** domestic abuse.

As a reminder, annual club reports should be **postmarked no later than January 31, 2009**. One copy will be sent to me, one to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and the third copy to be retained in your club files. The state chairwomen can expect to receive their packet of club reports from me by February 25, 2009. They in turn will need

to send their report to their GFWC counterpart, **postmarked no later than March 15, 2009.**

I am honored to be your GFWC/MFWC Vice President. I look forward to learning what your clubs have been doing this past year. As we all know, the ladies of the GFWC/MFWC are a great group of women!

The finest thing we can do in this life is let the people who are special to us know that they are, and remind them they are loved and can do great things if they will only have faith and reach for the stars!

Anne H. Cress
Vice President



Recording Secretary

It was great to see you at conference. We missed those of you who weren't there. The Fancy Nancy Feast was fun and the entertainment was great! We had some nice workshops.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Recording Secretary; it is lots of work, but I have good help.

Enjoy your holidays and have a good winter. Let's not forget those who are less fortunate and support Domestic Violence, our children and the Food Pantry.

Minnie McCormick
Recording Secretary



Treasurer

Please remember that club dues for GFWC and MFWC must be received NO LATER than January 1, 2009. Send \$18 for each member of your club to: Gloria Leveillee, GFWC/MFWC State Treasurer, PO Box 42, Limerick, Maine 04048. Of this amount, \$15 per member is forwarded to GFWC, and \$3 per member is kept by MFWC to help offset organizational expenses. Checks should be made out to GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at gleveillee@roadrunner.com or call me at 207-793-8389.

I would urge you to consider the many benefits your association with an international organization brings to your club - support for locally based volunteer activities, a paid staff, administrative materials, e-gfwc, legislative network, insurance programs, grants, monetary awards, leadership development, women's history and resource center and mentors. The question really is "How do YOU and YOUR CLUB MEMBERS take advantage of these benefits?"

Also, please note - if you have honorary members who do not pay local club dues, the club must still pay \$18 for this club-woman in order for her to continue her affiliation with GFWC and MFWC. This is the only way she can still qualify for individual honors and awards.

Gloria P. Leveillee
Treasurer



Corresponding Secretary

The next Pine Tree Notes deadline is: **January 5.**

My thanks to the District Presidents, Club Presidents, and members who very kindly took Directories home to those who were unable to attend our fall meeting. This saves a great deal in postage costs to our Federation!

If you find errors in the Directory, or if your information changes during the year, please send me the change in writing to be included in a future issue of this newsletter.

Administrative Team, Club Presidents, and members on our email list - Please be sure to notify Jane Shaw rjshaw40@msn.com and Libby Wiers libbyw@tds.net if your email address changes. Email is the primary means of communication currently being used. If we have an email address on record, that is the method that is used to send out announcements, information, etc... Please be sure to read your email on a regular basis. If you do NOT have email, you will be contacted by phone or regular mail.

Didn't order the newsletter or Directory? It's not too late. Forms available from me or on our website at: www.gfwcmaine.org.

Libby G. Wiers
Corresponding Secretary



Parliamentary Advisor

Welcome to the 2008-2010 GFWC/MFWC Administration! I am looking forward to working with each one of you for the next two years. Serving as your State Parliamentary Advisor it is my responsibility to advise, when asked, the correct procedure and/or specific questions concerning how to hold a successful and smooth running meeting. Each Club President has in her possession the newest copy of the GFWC Manual and when reading the information that is included in this excellent "GFWC Tool," you will find in the section ... Club Management ... a concise and very informative copy on Parliamentary Procedure for you to follow in your Club. If you need further assistance, that is where I am available to you.

In Parliamentary Procedure all members have the privilege of voicing their opinions. A Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor is appointed to make sure the rights of all members are protected. Our organization has adopted the current edition of *Robert's Rules on Order Newly Revised* as the official parliamentary authority. Keep in mind that your Club's Bylaws and Procedure are your club's official authority. If your bylaws or procedures do not address an issue to be debated or considered then you would go *Robert's Rules* for the information.

Going along with President Jane's theme for this administration ... "It Is Better To Give

Than Receive" ...let us all remember in conducting the business of our clubs, the courtesy each member deserves, and "Give" without Judgment and Always ... "Let Us Forget Not to Be Kind" ... In doing so, you may be surprised at what you will "Receive".

Again, it is my privilege to serve as the Parliamentary Advisor. Do not hesitate to contact me throughout this administration with questions/concerns and possible suggestions for future messages concerning Parliamentary Procedure that you would like addressed in our PTN.

Wishing each of you a productive and smooth running year of meetings!

Katherine L. White
Parliamentary Advisor



District 1

Seasonal Greetings to all from District 1 where many clubs have been involved kicking off their busy club year with pot luck dinners or luncheons. (Serve food and they will come!)

The GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club heard from GFWC/MFWC President, Jane Shaw and GFWC/MFWC Leadership Chairman and recent LEADS graduate, Mary Libby. They both talked about their travels and experiences at the GFWC National Convention in Chicago last June. On Nov. 4th they will be filling boxes with chips and cookies in preparation to adding and delivering their 890 presold, famous "Lobster Roll" lunches. This funds two \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded to two Westbrook High School Seniors in the spring.

The GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club started off with a planning and ideas for fundraising meeting, followed in October with the secretary of the Maine League of Women Voters who spoke about the role that organization has played in informing voters on national issues. An auction of Christmas ornaments and decorations is planned for November which will help support their scholarship fund. They also will be filling a food basket for the local food pantry at each meeting and are asking all members to utilize the new CLYNK redemption program at Hannaford food stores where returns can be designated for the club. This sounds like an interesting fund raiser.

District News



District Presidents at summer group meeting (left to right): Marjorie Black (D2), Raejean Hersey (D3), State President Jane Shaw, Sally Manchester (D1) and Sheri Walsh (D4).

The **21 Club** of Kezar Falls welcomed 2 new members at their first meeting and held their Fall Indoor Yard Sale. In October they learned about "The Art and Symbolism of Gravestones" from their President, Jean Stanley. The Club is planning a catering project for a local craft fair with hopes of a good fund raising opportunity that could become an annual event. They also are looking forward to helping with Thanksgiving baskets, packing toys for Christmas and donating to a Christmas Food Drive.

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** heard from a young lady whom they had helped to sponsor after her "People to People" trip to China. In October they had a program about voting issues, candidates and website information was distributed that would help everyone to "Vote Smart". The members have donated items for a Gift Calendar which will be on sale for \$5.00 each and winners will be drawn each day in December. (Another great fundraising idea, ladies) In December, they donate and deliver gifts to the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough, sponsor their annual tree lighting and carol sing, after which cookies and cocoa are served to all attendees. The tree is also decorated with red bows and tags. The bows can be purchased for \$5.00 each and tagged in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They are also bringing non-perishable food items to each meeting and donating them to our local food pantries. Research Club has added three new members so far this year.

GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath has 8 (eight!) new members. Congratulations. They have been very busy so far this year, with an antique apron fashion show, make your own porcelain dolls and program from MaineShare whose mission it is to provide significant support to organizations doing progressive social justice and root cause work in Maine and to raise public awareness of their work. They have also made Victorian Christmas glass balls and look forward to their Christmas party with Yankee Swap and musical entertainment.

All the members of District 1 wish you a safe and blessed holiday season. And don't forget to stop and count your blessings.

Sally E. Manchester
President



District 2

Busy! Busy! Busy! That is how one would describe the Women's Clubs in District 2.

The **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** continues to encourage members to become healthier, stronger women. They meet weekly to walk and some are joining together to do water aerobics. Taking care of yourself so you can take care of others is something we all should remember!

The **Livermore Falls Women's Club** began their fall events with a very successful yard sale and bake sale. Their September meeting included the installation of new officers with Roberta Morrill of the GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club presiding at the ceremony. They presented the librarian of the Livermore Public Library, Penny Brown, with the results of their "Pennies of Penny" campaign totaling over \$400! Those pennies DO add up!

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** began their year with Ellee Simons discussing their local food pantry. Donations of food and money were given to the food bank and plans made for future donations.

The September and October meetings of the Women's Legislative Council were attended by members from Livermore Falls Women's Club, GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club and GFWC/The Dove Society. In October, a member from Livermore Falls gave the "follow-up" report and a GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club member gave the "heads-up" report.

Numerous workshops were held in September and October by both the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** and the **Livermore Falls Women's Club** in preparation for the Marketplace at fall conference... we call it "therapy"! In addition, fundraisers were held: Uncle Al's Pecans and Innisbrook by **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club**, a bread sale at the apple Pumpkin festival by the Liver-

more Falls Women's Club, and a Birthday Calendar by the **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club**.

In October, two clubs were visited by "the Law!" and others had muffins and tea. The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** hosted the new police chief, who discussed the issue of domestic violence and talked of other local matters. The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** had members from the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, who talked about the new county jail and the educational and work programs that are being planned for the inmates. The **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** held a successful Membership Tea and a "Muffins for Membership" event was held by the **GFWC/The Dove Society**. Five guests were made welcome and were given information about the club. Guest speakers talked about "The Skowhegan Library Renovation Project 2012" and the urgent need for action to restore and expand the public library. It was decided to do an on-going 'coin collection' at every meeting to be donated to the library project and a collection of non-perishable goods for the Food Cupboard.

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** membership chairman and other members participated in the Waldoboro Business Association showcase where they handed out membership brochures. They recruited three new members! Many of their members also attended the Lincoln County Union of Woman's Clubs to celebrate the work they do together the Lincoln Home. They were honored at a "Thank You" party

hosted by the Lincoln Home.

The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** surprised their members of 25 years or more with a 25-year pin, presented by Past State President Davida Barter. Those honored were Neola Davis, Dot Cleaver, Phyllis Barstow, Vi Ferland, Betty Bisson, Katie Philbrick and Virginia Jordan.

Then came the "Big Event!" The Co-Chairs for the GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference, Lynnette King and Gail Pooler of the GFWC/The Dove Society, not only involved the members of their club, but included each of the other District 2 Clubs. And...who could forget "Fancy Nancy" from the GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club... alias Nancy Ames.

Working together, sharing ideas, and becoming involved with member clubs is a goal of District 2. At their President's meeting, State President Jane Shaw and President-Elect Suzanne Raymond listened as each club reported on their recent activities and plans for the future. **What a wonderful group of women with wonderful ideas!** The speaker for the meeting, Charli Spearrin, told of the needs in a small rural community in Senegal, Africa. Clubs have been asked to collect reading glasses and sun glasses to help protect the people from the intense glare of the sun in that country. We are reaching out internationally!

Billie Sherman
Co-President



District 3

GFWC/Newport Women's Club enjoyed an English Tea at their October meeting. Marjorie Goodwin, Co-President of District 3, attended. A 50 year pin was awarded Lurene Perkins for her many years of service. Two members attended the Fall Conference in Waterville and brought back new ideas for the Club. The November 13 meeting will be held at the Town Hall with a speaker from Spectrum who will speak about sources of assistance available for elderly in the community. Members are to bring Christmas cards for nursing home residents, stamps for veterans at Togus and small items for a package to be sent to soldiers in Iraq.

BANG! The GFWC/Miosac Club was off and running with 5 new members to start the new club year. The Souper Supper was made even more super with their attendance. Homemade soups, salads, breads and desserts were lovingly prepared by the Advisory Committee and news from the summer events shared. Over 300 pounds of food were collected onto our float during the Homecoming Parade in August and taken to the local food pantry. A maple tree, planted over the summer at the Thompson Free Library, survived the summer with weekly waterings from Mother Nature and members. It replaced an existing tree which had died over the winter and had been planted years ago by the Club in memory of past members. Pink tulips were planted around it and at 6 other locations around the town on Oct. 23rd by the Club to

commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A skit was performed by Club President Barb Austin about the "Hats We Wear" as members of the GFWC/MIOSAC Club, a close duplicate of the skit Past President Gloria did at Spring convention. A video on stroke was shared at the 2nd meeting and a discussion followed about the signs and symptoms of stroke. Five members attended the Fall Conference in Waterville.

GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club had their annual potluck luncheon/auction and membership social in August. During this event, we had a photo contest, a jewelry making demonstration and, for the first time, a silent auction. We also had a traveling basket which took in \$69. One of our guests decided on the spot that she wanted to become a member! At our September meeting, members received our new informational brochures which will be used as a public relations tool, to be placed around the town at the town office and local real estate offices. We displayed all of our club scrapbooks dating back to when our club was first formed in 1880 for members to look at. These are kept at the Dexter Historical Society's Abbot Museum, and it was interesting to see and read what the ladies did way back when! We then worked on a fundraiser making sashes to be sold at the MFWC Fall Conference. We had our annual baked bean supper at the end of September which brought in \$292. At our October meeting, it was announced that the local high school will be participating in the high

school art contest for next spring. We decided to hold an Election Day bake sale at the town hall. One new member was officially initiated at this meeting; and it was announced that one of our honorary members had passed away in September. Members decided to donate food to the local food pantry by bringing in non-perishable food items to the next meeting in November.

Pittsfield Tuesday Club members met at Barbara Jones' home for a summer get together in August. The members toured the local Food Pantry before their September meeting where Bud Jones spoke about how the Pantry functions. President Jane Shaw attended the meeting and told members about her plans for her term. At the October meeting, the speaker was Valory Slymon who ran for office in Augusta. The members are doing a coffee/muffin and soup/sandwich luncheon on Election Day. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. This is the first fundraiser in many years for the club and members are excited about doing this project.

It's raining books, tapes and videos in Bowerbank. The GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft arrived for their annual cleaning and shelving to find 10 large boxes filled with great material and 4 new shelves!! All donated by volunteers! After that day of hard work, hard play we took the rest of the summer off, then got back together in September for an-

other day to do what we do best-EAT! A pot luck luncheon and some planning were the topic of the day. A successful Membership Meeting was held in October and we now have 1 new member. Slow but sure wins the race. We began making Valentine Cards!!! A little early you say? Our new philosophy is make it once and use it twice!! They will decorate our Holiday Tree and brighten a shut-in on Valentine's Day. Thanks to GFWC for the professional program on Stroke, or the Brain attack, we had a VERY informative program about the signs and symptoms. One club woman gave a personal account of her hemorrhagic stroke and informed all in attendance, "I do not recommend it." Two members and a Booster attended the fall conference, where we had fun dressing up like "Fancy Nancy".

The GFWC/Pittsfield Arts Club (Always Ready To Serve) had their Fall meeting at the home of Valory Slymon. A delicious pot-luck supper was enjoyed followed by a brief business meeting. On Oct. 13, members traveled to Newport and heard a windmill owner describe how this renewable energy source provided power for his farm. The meeting was held at an Evolo model home where further information was shared concerning alternate energy. The Pittsfield Arts Club sponsored "Meet the Candidate Night" at the Pittsfield Town Hall on Oct. 22. Area candidates for office were invited to speak for a specified time followed by questions from the audience.

Marjorie Goodwin
Co-President



District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club's** annual September potluck was a lot of fun. They welcomed two new members and were treated to a visit by Sumner High School Junior Leila Saad, last year's attendee at the Maine Youth Leadership Conference, sponsored by the club. Leila told about her experience, which the club was thrilled to hear her describe as "life changing". For the third year the Acadian Community Woman's Club organized a group, "The Schoodic Sisters" to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on the Bangor Waterfront. This year their team had 46 members and raised more than \$7,300.00, ranking fifth in money raised; two of the club's members were recognized for raising the 8th and 10th most money for an individual, roughly \$1000.00 each. October's meeting hosted a Feng Shui consultant who fed the club heaps of information and answered lots of questions. Later this fall the Acadian Community Woman's Club will host a meeting at the Woman's Health Resource Library in Milbridge with the Milbridge Woman's Club, the topic is Mental Health and the speaker will be Mary Okin of Downeast Counseling Services. Fall and winter will bring another toy and book drive for area children, a chili supper and craft sale to help support their scholarship fund and the club's annual cookie exchange and Yankee gift swap. At the holiday meeting, they will also disclose the 2008 secret pals with which many have had a wonderful time. The club is sad to report they lost

two long time members this fall. Margaret Faulkingham, formerly the corresponding secretary, died from injuries resulting from a fall in her home. Sally Crowley, a former club treasurer died after a courageous battle with breast cancer. They will both be sorely missed.

The **Castine Woman's Club** held their first meeting of the year at the Wilson Museum. The museum has, on permanent loan, a silver tea service donated to the Woman's Club some years ago. The tea was augmented by a concert by the female singing group "Ellacappella", a very upbeat and delightful group of women. Their second meeting of the year was a luncheon at The Manor, a local inn, with no program. Upcoming events include their annual Election Day bake sale.

GFWC/Narraguagus

Women's Club started their 2008-2009 program year with a "Get Acquainted Tea" held at the Women's Health Resource Library in Milbridge with nineteen women present. Frank Fredenburgh played background music for the event. The first business meeting was held at Scovill's Millside Dining in Harrington. Final arrangements for the trip to the Telephone Museum in Ellsworth were made and the changes in the program booklet were discussed. In October the club had two excellent programs: Speakers Lynda Barnes-Dolley and Sheri Cox of the Washington County Children's Program explained the services available to children who have

developmental needs. Karen Worcester spoke on the "Wreaths Across America" project started by her husband of Worcester Wreath in Harrington. She showed a DVD which had highlights on the trip from Harrington to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. It was a very moving presentation. The club would recommend Karen as a speaker to your club. At the November meeting the members will hear a speaker on Aran's--A Saga in Wool (Aran wool is from the isle of Shetland.) A pie sale will be held the day before Thanksgiving at a local supermarket. The Club's high school scholarship fund will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale. Barbara Kneeland's home in Cherryfield will be the site of the annual Holiday Luncheon/Party. The chefs for the occasion will be Macie O'Dwyer and Cathy Farrah. A Yankee swap of holiday gifts will be held. Guest speaker will be Jane Shaw, President of MFWC. Voluntary donations to the local food bank will be collected. The club will recess until April.

Monthly meetings of the **Hancock Woman's Club** have featured a variety of programs: falconry and raptor conservation, music therapy, the life cycles of eagles and herons in Taunton Bay, and alternative energy. The annual Guest Night Supper, a harvest dinner organized by the Executive Committee, was attended by friends, neighbors and spouses. The annual Lobster Dinner just after Labor Day and a November craft fair are two events that raise funds for scholarships, school awards, and youth sailing and ten-

nis programs. Food pantry and homeless shelter donations will be taken at the November and December meetings. A new use of the clubhouse will be monthly potluck lunches open to the community; a "Resources for Living" information table will be set up with materials gathered from local and state agencies.

Sherri Walsh
President

Determination and persistence are the characteristics that make the difference between success and mediocrity; and they will carry you to victories others proclaimed "impossible."

--Author Unknown--

**Happy
Holidays**



Departments



Arts



Education

Thank you for all the help given to the art department and for the donations given by ten clubs. If your club hasn't donated, please consider donating. If your club has donated before, please consider increasing your donations for 2009. You have encouraged students by sponsoring high school student art shows as well as your fellow club members by supporting the photography, short stories, poetry and scrap booking contests.

Ideas for next GFWC Art shows include: Each club appoint an art chairman that can help your District President set up the art show, get the winning art to spring convention and set it up there. Increase publicity before & after your student art shows. Just a brief statement to your local newspaper will draw attention to your event. Report your event, with a narrative, to the art department. Involve as many club members as possible. Make it special & have a good time. Other ideas are welcome. Remember Art in the Community.

Barbara Hathaway
Chairman

Education... GFWC has divided the program into two segments: Focus on Literacy and Education in the Community. Information was distributed at the Fall Conference and will be sent to each club within days. If there are any questions, please contact me at:

maxphil2002@yahoo.com.

The week before Thanksgiving is National Children Books week. March 2 is the birthday of Dr. Seuss. April 12 is D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) celebrating the birthday of Beverly Cleary, the popular author of many children's books. April 13 - 19 is the Week of the Young Child and the third week of April is National Library Week.

Check out www.GFWC.org/ESO to learn about the new program "book of the month". Also you will find many resources listed there and before long, the new ESO reading list for this administration.

Maxine Russakoff
Chairman

Committees



Delegate's Fund

The Delegates Fund Committee had raffle items at the Fall Conference in Waterville. Raffle items included Bayside Chocolates, won by Leona MacBride and Patricia Smith; a ruby candy dish, won by Merna Dunham; and a breakfast basket, won by Ethelyn Chase. Valdine Atwood of Machias donated a set of 4 GFWC Commemorative Bicentennial Plates. The high bidder for these plates (\$50) was Sally Manchester. As always, GFWC/MFWC Club Women enjoyed shopping; and the fund increased by \$123.

Please send your club donation for the Delegates Fund to Juanita Pressley, 24 Weir Lane, Lubec, ME 04652.

May you have a successful, rewarding year in Federation.

Juanita Pressley
Chairman

"You see, in life, lots of people know what to do, but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough! You must take action."
---Anthony Robbins



Endowment Fund

If you didn't attend the Fall Conference you were missed and you also missed a fun and learning time.

We are happy to announce that the Endowment fund raised \$109.00 with their 2 raffles. Thanks to all who supported the cause. Vi Freeland won the basket and Jane Shaw won the Red Rose Welcome Slate. We will have something else at the Spring Convention in Ellsworth. Even if you aren't interested in a raffle ticket, just stop by our table and say hello.

Hopefully, all clubs have started working toward the \$1.00 per member yearly fundraiser for Endowment. Remember, this fund is for your State Federation; it helps support conferences & conventions plus other Federation activities. Our club has a container which is brought to each club meeting. Members are encouraged to add nickels and dimes or even dollars if they wish. This way nothing will have to be taken from the club treasury and we will be able to meet our \$1.00 per member goal. Let us know what your club is doing and it will go into the next Pine Tree Notes. Any Endowment Fund donations can be sent to this chairman and I'll see that your club is listed.

Thanks to The Westbrook Women's Club for their recent donation.

Patricia Smith
Chairman



Leadership

What is your club doing to promote leadership skills among the members? I have heard of the many things you are doing during club meetings and they are great. Would you be willing to share some of the things you are doing or have done? Email them to me and I will put them in this column for the next Pine Tree Notes.

The GFWC website has so much information - check out the information on leadership at www.gfwc.org. GFWC is developing a Leadership Series with a target date of June 2009. There will be articles in GFWC Clubwoman and opportunities for workshops at region conferences and state conventions. Be watching for more information.

Does your club have a copy of the Leadership Tool Kit available at the Market Place - also online? If you don't, it would be a good purchase for you to make.

It's not too early to begin thinking about applying for LEADS to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 2009. Your club president can get an application for you or check it out on line.

Mary Libby
Chairman

"We never touch people so lightly that we do not leave a trace."

--- Peggy Tabor Millin



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"As my daughter was stretched beyond her comfort zone, I now see her more willing to 'move out' in places where she wouldn't have readily gone prior to the MYL weekend. It has been several months since the seminar and we continue to see positive effects from her attendance."
-Parent of 2008 Ambassador

A creative and hard working team is again in the planning process for the 2009 Seminar which will be held on June 4-7, just a short seven months away. All Maine high schools have received the nomination information and several schools have already chosen and nominated their lucky sophomore. Besides your financial support, I would urge clubs to help the nomination process by contacting the guidance department at your local high school to insure they get on with the task of nominating prior to the December

31, 2008 deadline.

Thank you so much to the **Gorham Woman's Club** for being the first contributor this year of a generous MYL scholarship. It is greatly appreciated.

Please support this year's seminar as generously as you have in the past. Don't forget to check out the MYL website at www.maine-youth-leadership.org to view the video of the last seminar.

A full scholarship is \$200, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to:

**Gloria Tewhey
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Gorham, ME 04038
(207)839-4157
gtewhey@maine-rr.com**



MFWC President's Project

"The Food Pantry: Partnering with the Good Shepherd Food Bank" is the President's Project for 2008-2010. Reading the reports of the District Presidents, it is heartwarming to see how many clubs have embraced this effort. Thank you all for caring and sharing your time, talent and treasure.

At our Fall Conference, we had a 50/50 raffle, with the winner to donate 50% of her winnings to a local food assis-

tance program. The winner, Charlene Staples of GFWC/Research Club of Limerick, received \$75. Congratulations, Charlene! And the President's Project now has \$75 as well. Shall we do this again in the spring???

Instead of swapping Christmas gifts (we all have enough STUFF) the Executive Board is pooling our funds and making a donation to the President's Project. Donations have already been received from **GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club** and **GFWC/MIOSAC Club**. Thank you for jump-starting this project.

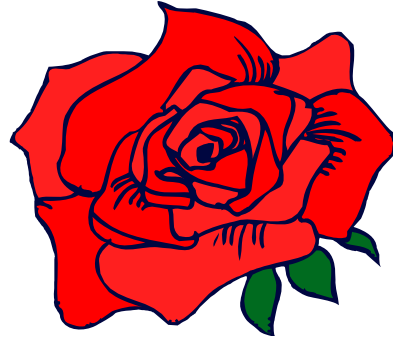
At Fall Conference two more ways you can help were shared:

- 1) Copy/paste the following into your web browser: http://gsfb.org/how_to_help/donate/MFWC. This takes you to an exclusive page at Good Shepherd's website where you can donate online and they will track the amount on behalf of MF WC. Share this with friends and family who might also like to help.
- 2) If you, or someone you know, lives near and shops at Shaw's, save the sales slips and send them to Kendra or me. We will forward them to Good Shepherd for tracking on behalf of MF WC. These earn a donation of 1% of your purchases. An easy, painless way to donate.

More after the holidays.

Libby Wiers & Kendra Chubbuck
Co-Chairmen

Nonie MacBride read the following poem at Fall Conference for President Jane. It was written by her husband, Dr. Robert G. MacBride. Many of you knew 'Doc', and many of you asked if she would share the poem, and she has done so graciously. Thanks, Nonie.



THE LATE ROSE

A rose once planted with other rose friends,
Began growing along side its kind.
Soon it was noted it kept not the pace
But ever it lagged - far behind.

The soil round its roots was not rich - to sustain,
And weeds multiplied in its bed.
The rain seemed to fall on others around
But seldom a drop was it fed.

The other plants grew - tall, sturdy and straight.
Their blossoms began to appear.
Their fragrance and color a joy to behold
For all - save the rose in the rear.

It watched as the others in profusion bloomed.
It sorrowed and wished itself dead.
But - quickly chastising itself for the thought -
"I'll just have to work harder," it said.

So - it sent its roots deep 'round rocks and through clay
'Till it came to the moist soil beneath.
And new life began to flood through its veins
And its stem and its leaves felt release.

With calm, steadfast purpose it pushed back the weeds -
Forced its way up toward the sun,
Its stalk and its leaves grew sturdy and strong -
In fact - it surprised everyone.

For by now other roses had withered and died
The garden was looking quite bare,
When "The Late Rose" burst forth with its loveliest bloom
A flower of beauty so rare.

Its color - soft texture - perfection of shape,
Its subtle, deep fragrance - alive -
Blessed ALL of one's senses when seeing it there -
Not just one or two of the five.

Pleasure and joy it gave of itself.
'Twas proclaimed far and near as the best.
But - the lesson it taught was its great gift by far.
It had conquered and mastered each test.

As with the rose - so with humans, we find
Adversity, God's gift to man -
For the building of minds well-adjusted, secure -
Adapted for leading the Van.

If a PRIZE you prefer - not just run of the mill,
The BEST - not just average to please,
Then look for the "Late Rose" in flower or in man -
Perfection comes closest in these.

RGM - October, 1965



FALL CONFERENCE



SPEAKERS



FUN



Top row, left to right: JoAnn Terranova, Jane Shaw, Billie Ingalls, Nonie MacBride, Katherine White, Nan Bell, Jane Shaw
Bottom row, left to right: Anne Cress, Barbara Austin, Minnie McCormick, Merna Dunham, Athalie Burke, and "Fancy Nancy"



Tidbits



Directory Corrections

P. 30 - Nina Speed, Dexter VP -
new email: nspeed27@gmail.com

P. 32 - Jackie Foglio, Limerick
President - new email:
foglio@roadrunner.com

P. 37 - Charlotte Withee, M-A-L -
add phone: 696-3375

P. 62 - Boosters -
Dues June 2008-May 2010: \$25
Treasurer: Gerald Selders
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Note:
Contact Libby Wiers for current
application.

P. 78 - Barbara Hathaway -
email correction:
bhaway@verizon.net



Personal Information Changes

Please send changes of address, telephone and/or email as promptly as possible to President Jane Shaw AND Corresponding Secretary Libby Wiers. We wouldn't want to lose touch with any of our valued members and you don't want to miss anything!



Spring Award Winners

A request was made that we publish a list of the winners of awards at Spring Convention. Congratulations to you all !

Photography Contest - The World in Pictures

Scenic - Anne Cress
Natural History - Anne Cress
Human Interest - Jane Gilbert

High School Art Contest

1st - Tyson Wardwell
2nd - Thilo Klune
3rd - Ra Roe Lee

Poetry Contest Ruth Floyd

Short Story Contest Joann Ahlberg

Scrapbooks - Category 2
1st - GFWC/Research Club of
Limerick
2nd - GFWC/Skowhegan
Woman's Club

Scrapbooks - Category 1
1st - GFWC/MIOSAC Club
2nd - Waldoboro Woman's Club

Community Improvement
Contest
GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club

Membership Awards
Category 2 - Livermore Falls
Women's Club
Category 1 - GFWC/MFWC
ARTS Club of Pittsfield

Carolyn Lombardi Award
1st - GFWC/The Dove Society
2nd - GFWC/Gorham Woman's
Club



Card Shower

Past State President Kay Warren (1996-1998) is once again undergoing treatment for cancer. A shower of cards might let her know that she's been missed at recent meetings and that she is in our thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to:

Kay Warren
7 Clam Cove Drive
Rockport, ME 04856

Stay strong, Kay, and we're pulling for a complete recovery!



PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

November 18
Patten Woman's Club

December 8
**GFWC/MFWC Narraguagus
Woman's Club**



Meeting Dates

2009

May 7-8 - Ellsworth
Spring Convention
June 13-15 - Cleveland, OH
GFWC Convention
July 15 - Skowhegan
Summer Committees
October 8-9 - Lewiston
Fall Conference
October 16-18 - Massachusetts
New England Region

2010

May 6-7 - Orono
Spring Convention
June 12-15 - Omaha, NB
GFWC Convention

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



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