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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
November/December 2009



"It Is Better to Give than Receive"



President's Letter

It is hard to believe that I have a GFWC/MFWC Winter Board Meeting and the GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention left. These two years have gone fast. We all learned a lot and met some wonderful friends.

Our Fall Conference was held at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. We had a good group attend. The Executive Board members had a tour of the Good Shepherd Food Bank and also had our executive board meeting at the facility. One would have to see the place to realize what volume of work is done there every day of the week. We had some wonderful speakers, Jason Hall from the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn and Sophie Towle of the Middle School in South Berwick talking on Conversation. She was great. She started her composting when she was nine and has real silverware at her school now, not that plastic stuff. She made book-marks in the shape of teaspoons

out of old cereal and pizza boxes. Sophie sold enough to buy the REAL silverware and soap to wash the silver with.

We have a new GFWC/MFWC Cookbook that the Maine Federation is selling. Some clubs didn't have their recipes in the cookbook. Would these clubs please submit their recipes to Marjorie Goodwin. Marjorie's address is in the GFWC/MFWC Directory. There will be a supplement to the cookbook. I want every club to have a recipe in this cookbook. Thanks to the clubs for all their help.

Thirteen Maine women attended the NER Meeting in Framingham, MA, October 16-18. It was a very special meeting. The NER is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. At the Massachusetts Banquet, the ladies portrayed famous ladies from their state down through the years. We learned a lot about these ladies that night. If you have never attended the NER meeting please try to attend some year. The International Officers present were: President

Rose Ditto, President-elect Carlene Garner, and Recording Secretary Sheila Shea.

I have been to the 21 Club of Kezar Falls and will be going to The Skowhegan Woman's Club, Cosmopolitan Club of Bath, and attending the District #2 Meeting before the end of this year. I still have some clubs to visit before May.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Yours in Federation,

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Officers



President-Elect

I walked away from both our GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference and NER Conference feeling inspired and energized. It's a good thing, too, because time is flying by. I am very excited as preparations are being made for the next administration. Already a number of appointments have been made! Even so, there are plenty of positions open, so I beg of you, if you have an area of interest, please, please, please let me know!! If the position is filled, I know we can come up with an alternative position for you to share your time and talents.

I have had the opportunity to meet with GFWC President-elect Carlene Garner and I can tell you I am thrilled to be able to serve as your state president under her leadership. Her passion for GFWC is evident in many ways and I admire her spirit of knowing when change is needed and also cherishing the very foundation of what this organization is built on - volunteerism in our communities to enhance the lives of others, while enriching our own lives. I am getting ready for a wonderful training and networking opportunity. November 11 - 15th I will be in Arlington, VA for Orientation! What a tremendous experience this will be. Let the bonding begin!

Please remember to encourage someone (or submit an application yourself) for LEADS. Application deadline is January 15th. Please refer to the last issue of PTN for more details. Better yet, log on to our website and download an application. www.gfwcmaine.org and click on LEADS application right on the home page.

Call me or email me if you have questions or concerns --- please let me know your area of interest in taking a position in the 2010 - 2012 administration. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to be having this "once in a lifetime chance" to serve in this absolutely wonderful organization as its president one day. Each and every day is a chance to learn something new to help be prepared for the adventure ahead. As I said earlier, I'm excited, how about you?!?!?

I hope you all enjoy the holiday season which is fast approaching. Until next time, I wish you peace, joy, and happiness.

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There's nothing you've ever been successful at that you didn't work on every day.

- Will Smith in Time, from Reader's Digest



Vice President

It was nice to see old friends and meet new ones at Fall Conference. If you didn't get there, you missed a wonderful time, and if you did attend, you KNOW you had a wonderful time!

The GFWC/MFWC Executive Board had the pleasure of taking a tour of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Auburn the day before the Conference began. If you have not had the opportunity to take this tour, it would be worth the trip. Anyone is invited at any time to take a tour of this fantastic facility and see their operation.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Carol Jarvais from the GFWC/The Dove Society in Skowhegan for being Maine's recipient of the Jennie Award for her outstanding commitment to her community, club and family. This is a very prestigious award, and the GFWC/MFWC is honored to have such an outstanding clubwoman representing us. In the coming year, I would encourage all clubs to submit an application for their exceptional club member to be nominated for this award. Information on the Jennie Award and an application form can be found in your Club President's Club Manual under the section entitled Special Projects.

The Club History Workshop by Lillian Zanchi and Minnie

McCormick inspired us to get busy and appoint our own club historians. It would be a wonderful thing to have 100% of our Maine Clubs involved in this most important project to protect our club histories for future generations to build on. Nice job Ladies!!

Reporting time is fast approaching! Are you excited?? It is a wonderful thing to read about all the different projects and programs the Maine clubs are doing. You are all awe-inspiring, and we appreciate you taking time to get together with your Club President to get this reporting package together. Club Presidents need to have the club reports completed and postmarked NO LATER than January 31, 2010. The GFWC Report Form can be found in the GFWC Club Manual, the GFWC website which is: www.GFWC.org/Forms, or I can mail one to you. Reporting can also be done online by going to www.GFWC.org/Reporting. Taking the time to write narratives is how your individual club may receive an award from Maine or perhaps nationally. We all learn so much from each other. It would be a feather in Maine's cap to have 100% of our Clubs reporting and writing narratives! You can do this ladies, you will be proud of yourselves and your Club! Please remember, do not put more than one department category on the same page. Narratives must be single spaced. Send one copy to me, one copy to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: Program Dept., 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Remember to keep a copy for your club

files. State Chairmen will receive their packets from me no later than February 15, 2010. They in turn need to send their reports to their GFWC counterpart at her home address found in the Club Manual, postmarked no later than March 15, 2010.

As we enter this holiday season, please remember our neighbors around us who are in need of food, heating fuel, our love, understanding and compassion. As Corinne Neal said at Conference, we are blessed to be Americans. Let us remember to share what we have with others. As we give, we will receive.

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Recording Secretary

It was nice to see many of you at conference. For those of you who were there, I am doing ok since my "trip". Thanks to Cecile G., Maxine R., Barbara H. and one more (not sure who) for assisting me so quickly. Am seeing a chiropractor for my neck, which may or may not be related to the fall.

Hugs and a happy holiday season. Look forward to seeing more of you in the spring!

Minnie B. McCormick

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Treasurer

Good news this year! No increase in dues! Dues are still \$18 per member in your club. Dues must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2009, and sent to me: Gloria Leveillee, PO Box 42, Limerick, Maine 04048. If you do not meet the deadline, you will not be eligible for the Carolyn Lombardi Award. Members-at-large should forward their dues to Members-at-Large Chairman, Jeanne Douglas, 60 Bow Street Apt. 23, Freeport, Maine 04032.

Remember if you wish to give honorary membership to women in your club for their many years of service, you still must pay their international and state dues for them in order for these members to still be considered GFWC members. This is the only way these dedicated individuals can still qualify for GFWC awards, such as the Jennie June Award or the 50 year membership pin. You may waive their club dues at your own discretion, but to keep them as GFWC members, the \$18 must be paid for them at the time that you send in your club dues.

I hope you are all having a wonderful club year. I will look forward to hearing from you soon. Should you have any questions, please email me.

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Corresponding Secretary

New directories were available at Fall Conference in Lewiston. Club or District Presidents took the ones left for those unable to attend, so check with them if you do not have yours yet. There are a few remaining copies - the cost is \$7.00 (includes \$2.00 for postage costs).

If you find errors, or whenever there are changes, please get all address, phone or email changes to me in writing (email is fine) as promptly as possible so we can keep the data base up to date. Corrections will be printed in a subsequent issue of this newsletter.

There were a few members who generally subscribe who did not send in order forms for the Pine Tree Notes. They received the first fall issue, but will not get another. If someone in YOUR club complains that they are missing this issue, that may be why; so have them call me and send along their payment!

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District News



District 1

The **'21 Club** of Kezar Falls welcomed MFWC President Jane Shaw and District One President Sally Manchester to their first October meeting. They shared many interesting facts about GFWC and updated us on what MFWC/GFWC is doing. Sally urged members to take advantage of programs that GFWC has to offer. Members are gearing up for the holiday season. The CIC committee is selling Yankee candles to fund a project for the Kezar Falls Library. The club is catering Nikki's Christmas Artisan's Fair on Dec. 4th and 5th, helping to fund The Thanksgiving basket project, a local Christmas fund, and will be packing toys for needy families. '21 Club is also raising money by raffling a Pampered Chef bamboo tray and 4 bowl set and participating in a Christmas Fair at the home of a club member. They don't just raise money though, they are having an ornament auction at their November meeting and their December

meeting, where they work on their Christmas project, will be catered.

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** held a most informative program on "WASPS": Women Pilots & Their Role in World War Two" in August. They were very pleased to have MFWC President Jane Shaw as the guest speaker for a potluck supper in September. The '21 Club was also invited. In October the husband of one of the members gave a very interesting talk on the many cemeteries in town and how you could look up information on them. Some of our members volunteered time and energy to help spruce up the grounds at the district high school at the request of the principal. This will be continued next spring. Several of their members attended MFWC Fall Conference in Lewiston. Research members are continuing to support the local food pantries with donations of canned good at each meeting. Monetary donations were also made to the school library and to aid homeless students in the district. Gift calendars will be for sale at the November meeting along with a beautiful selection of necklaces and bracelets from

the “Beadforlife” project. They have undertaken to raise money for the women of Uganda to help overcome the extreme poverty of that area.

The **GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** had a program given by Open Door Books of Bath about books available regarding Bath and Maine’s history and in November the program was on Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine. You are invited to their annual Gingerbread Social with a baked food sale on November 28 at “the clubhouse”. They have made a “Wish List” of items needed at the clubhouse and an energy audit will take place soon with a capital campaign in process. They will have owned the house for 100 years in 2011 and are looking to raise \$10,000.00. So far they have received over \$7,500.00 in donations and pledges

The **GFWC/Gorham Woman’s Club** started off the fall with a meeting at which I was the guest speaker. It was followed by a pot luck luncheon and included several guests that they hope are prospective members. At that meeting,

members were asked to fill out suggestions on a slip of paper for ideas for fund raising, meeting topics, and ways to make the community more aware of the woman’s club. They are looking forward to a November Christmas decoration and ornament auction which was much fun and very profitable last year, with Gloria Tewhey acting as a zealous auctioneer. They will continue with their monthly food basket donations.

The **GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club** held a meeting in October where, again, I was delighted to be the speaker on the benefits of belonging to GFWC. There were 8 members that attended MFWC fall conference and had an enjoyable time. They were pleased to help honor their member, Marion Broaddus, a Jennie Award nominee who was recognized at the luncheon. In October they heard Westbrook Police Chief, William Baker speak about a newly developed City of Westbrook Human Relations Committee and they are very busy making plans for their annual Lobster Roll Luncheon held in November.

All the clubs of District One extended warm holiday wishes to all.

Joy and Peace,

Sally E. Manchester
President



District 2

Did you enjoy the creative decorations at **the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women’s Club** Fall Conference? Our congratulations to the **Livermore Fall’s Women’s Club** and their many creative members for a job well done not only on the decorations but for their work on registration, making name tags, and favors! District 2 was well represented by members from all of the District 2 clubs. At the conference, Billie Sherman, of the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman’s Club**, was recognized for placing first in the “GFWC Volunteers In Action” photography contest at the GFWC International Convention. Carol Jarvais of **GFWC/The Dove Society**, was introduced as the State of Maine nominee for the Jennie Award. Her involvement in the community, as well as in the GFWC/The Dove Society, supports the award committee’s decision. Carol also attended the **NER Fall Conference** where she was presented as Maine’s nominee. Also at this conference, Gail Slade, Co-President of the **Livermore Fall Women’s Club**, was asked to speak on Membership

and to share some of the very effective methods they use to introduce their club to prospective members. [Editor's note: And a fine job she did!]

As for individual club activities so far this year, each club submitted the following:

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** began their year with "good old fashioned country music" which was provided at their September meeting by Earl and Louise Reynolds. This got them in the "spirit" to continue their community work for the Food Pantry and scholarships. In October, they were visited by EMS Director, Michael Monck, and his Deputy, who gave a talk on the important function they serve in the community,

The **GFWC/The Dove Society** began the club year with the annual fall banquet. In October, the guest speaker from the RFGH spoke about Stress Management and provided healthy ways to manage stress. Club members were encouraged to devise a "Stress Management Plan." Two fund raisers are under way. RADA and Domestic Violence Ribbon Pins by "Lucinda." The ribbon fundraiser will support the GFWC 2010-2012 Signature Project. Each pin is a purple ribbon with a unique lady and a dove, which they felt was fitting for The Dove Society. Pins are \$16.00 and may be purchased from any of the members. Currently they are planning to hold their annual "Muffins for Membership" gathering on Nov. 7th.

The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** ended the summer by assisting with the "Last Rose of Summer Day" which was held in downtown Skowhegan. It highlighted the many historical areas and exceptional individuals, including Margaret Chase Smith, who shaped the Skowhegan area. The event ended with a tea held at the Redington Memorial Home where members assisted the visitors. The Skowhegan Woman's Club is looking forward to the visit of MFWC President, Jane Shaw, at the November meeting which will highlight our involvement with the Food Cupboards and the local soup kitchen.

The **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** found themselves ranked 26th in the nation when the GFWC "Step For The Roses Program" ended in August. They had recorded over 4 million steps! September found the members completing their 53rd issue of the Community Birthday Calendar and hosting a dance for middle school students. At their Fall Banquet, one new member was initiated into the club. In October, a "Tie Blanket" Workshop was held and they hosted a Membership Tea where three prospective members were introduced. At the present time, they are busy preparing for their Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

The **Livermore Falls Women's Club** was productive throughout the summer supporting the Norland's Living History Center, organizing a baked bean supper during the Civil War Re-

enactment, assisting with the Fiber Arts week-end, and leading tours of the mansion and one room school house. They also had a theater outing at Lakewood, a "yard and bake sale" which raised \$500.00, and grew vegetables which were donated to the local food cupboard. Since library work is an important part of their volunteering, members organized a Plant Sale as a fund raiser for the library, work when the library is open, attend meetings of the Ages and Pages reading club, and two members serve on the Board of Trustees. At the September meeting, a speaker from WISE, a group from Readfield who travel to Zambia to help at a Women's Empowerment Center, explained their program. To find out more information about them, go to www.wisezambia.org. The Livermore Falls Women's Club held their annual Bread Sale during the Livermore Falls Apple-Pumpkin Festival in October and a Membership Tea. They are also responsible for the Follow-Up portion of the Women's Legislative Council meetings.

The Skowhegan Three (The Dove Society, Semper Fidelis, and the Skowhegan Woman's Club) had a successful Yard Sale which will benefit the Skowhegan Library's major renovation project. Now we are working on "Mama Mia!" for February...want to come?

Wilma (Billie) Sherman
Marjorie Black
Co-Presidents



District 3 **(and 5!)**

The **GFWC/MFWC Arts Club** in Pittsfield members were busy in July cooking and serving breakfast at the annual Egg Festival. Then a pot luck supper was enjoyed as the "kick off" meeting in September. The second September meeting found us intently listening to Marge Goodwin who was our guest speaker. The lady of many hats, Marge shared points of interest as District 3 Co-President, Legislative Council President and President of the Pittsfield Tuesday Club. Also in September, club members prepared and served a nutritious luncheon to more than 50 people at the "Welcome Table". Open to all, this is held each Friday at the Universalist Church and the Arts Club takes its turn with other organizations, businesses and individual volunteers. The club voted to have a fun money game at each meeting and donate what is raised to the local food pantry.

The **GFWC/Newport Woman's Club** had a good turnout of members at the September meeting. We had a pot luck supper with Jane Shaw, MFWC President, in attendance. She gave a very interesting talk about the Club as she used to live in Newport and knew quite a few members that were present. Our October meeting was at the new Cultural Center. We collected money and items for baskets to be auctioned off at "Sparkle" in November. After the meeting we were given a tour of the new building and library.

The **GFWC/Miosac Club** started their year (unofficially) with a pot luck picnic at President Barb's camp on Sebec Lake in mid September. As last year, our "Happitizer Cruise" was cancelled due to the weather but club members managed to have a good time on somewhat dry land. The year's program was handed out, with the focus being on service. As funds are strapped, the club felt that what was lacking in money could be made up for in service. Many new and exciting opportunities were discussed. In October, the Souper Supper kicked off the official start to the club calendar and it was wonderful to be together again. Plans continue for the publication of our own club's cookbook, an earlier date was discussed for our annual Longaberger Basket Bingo and Make-A-Difference Day plans were made for the clean up of the Marion Doore Park. This park is a green space in town created by the Miosac Club as a CIP Project in 2000-2002, dedicated to former member, Marion Doore (a teacher for many, many years) and still maintained to this day by our club. Five members attended the Fall Conference in Lewiston on Oct. 8-9. Our second meeting in Oct. found District 3&5 Co-President Marjorie Goodwin visiting us and providing the program for the evening.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held their annual potluck luncheon and auction in August. Members will start bringing items to every regular meeting for the

local food bank as well as for the Penquis Journey House, which is a home for teenaged or early 20's single mothers trying to get back on their feet. It was announced at this meeting that club member, Mary Morancie, completed her work on updating the club history from 1994 to 2009. That means that all our records from 1892 to present are accounted for! Great job, Mary! At the September meeting, members went to the Historical Society to review the programs and scrapbooks. The records are in excellent condition and members had a great time reminiscing about the past. A news article about this event was posted in the local newspaper and on the MFWC website. Also in September, we held a public baked bean supper, which went very well. Three members went to Fall Conference. Jane Shaw spoke to club members at the October meeting and talked about her travels as MFWC President. Our club has the Jennie June bear which will be going to the Ponconos with Corinne Neal. On Election Day, club members will hold a bake sale at the polls, which was so much fun last year that we decided to make it an annual fundraiser.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** held its annual "Tea" at the home of Barbara Jones in August. After our September meeting, members toured Maplecroft Greenhouses in Burnham where we learned much about caring for our gardens. Club members prepared and served a luncheon at the "Welcome Table" held at the Universalist Church in September. Over 40 people were served. In

October we met at MCI and the Headmaster brought us up to date on what was happening at the school. Many needed repairs and restorations have been done this Fall, the bell tower being the most noticeable. The club gives money to a scholarship each year.

The **GEWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland began this new club year in September (a month earlier than in the past) with a pot-luck supper at the home of Marianne Fasse. MFWC President Jane Shaw was the speaker for the evening. In October, member Ellen Bridge, a public health nurse working in Augusta under Dr. Dora Mills, spoke about H1N1. She also spoke about the trip planned in October for a mission in Africa; we hope to hear more when she returns. The November speaker was Hartland Town Manager, Larry Post, speaking on various local issues. The "quarter a book" project will continue to raise funds for the local library.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Presidents



District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** is already working on their Community Aid project. Notices were recently placed in the town newsletters and an email campaign has already started with club members contacting their email address book for donations. The Community

Aid fund helps with holiday gifts for needy children and various other community needs that are brought to the club's attention. The annual dictionary project was held again this year where all 3rd grade students in the Peninsula School received dictionaries. The club recently had Dr. Ben Newman as a speaker who addressed members' concerns about H1N1 and he also informed the group of the benefits of Vitamin D especially during the winter months. They will hold their annual chili supper and have a craft table at the craft fair that takes place as part of the annual Winter Harbor Holiday Shopping Night. The craft table and chili supper is part of the activities that help to fund their scholarships. Another great idea is to raffle a "game tower". It is a tower of games stacked up and beautifully wrapped in ribbon. Members will donate games such as UNO, Checkers, Monopoly, etc.

The **Castine Woman's Club** is looking forward to their November meeting which will feature the 7th and 8th grade students of the Adams School in Castine. The students will be presenting their program **The Right Whales** to the club. The students recently attended a seminar in Canada attended by scientists from all over the world. The students received a standing ovation for their presentation on protecting the Right Whales. The club feels very fortunate to have those bright students in their home town.

At the September meeting of the

Hancock Woman's Club, a student who had attended the Maine Youth Leadership Program gave an engaging account of her experiences. The guidance counselor from her high school informed and entertained the club with background information. The club highly recommends that you contact your local high school guidance department to arrange such a speaker to visit your club. The next day they held their fund-raising Lobster Dinner at Tidal Falls, with the weather cooperating beautifully. The October meeting was made extra special with guests of honor President Jane Shaw and District President Sheri Walsh. It was their annual Guest Night Dinner (other guests were friends and husbands), featuring a harvest supper. The guest speaker, Jackie Thurber, informed the club about the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The club will be collecting donations to these noteworthy organizations at their November meeting. President Jane Shaw conducted a brief installation of officers to cap off the evening. Their November speaker will be Joy Foster, FNP, who will talk about strokes and women's heart health. Also in November, they hold their annual fundraising Craft Fair at the Hancock Grammar School. All available tables have been rented by local artisans and they expect a good turnout of early bird holiday shoppers. In December they look forward to a Yankee Swap Christmas party and will be donating items for the Emmaus Homeless Shelter. The "clubhouse", the Hancock Community Center, is a large part of their news. The club

has had to make minor repairs, plus a major one - replacing the original single and double outside doors. Fundraising has been crucial this year for the club. One of the groups that utilize the Center donated their labor to install the doors. The club's service to the community has expanded by allowing several groups to utilize the facility on an ongoing basis which include AA, Seacoast Seniors, a Brownie troop and a mental health support group. Hancock's club continues to make a substantial impact on their community.

The **Ursula Penniman Club** enjoyed a recent guest speaker and lunch at Helen's Restaurant in Machias. The speaker was Jessie Rottersman from Machias Memorial High School. Jessie served this past summer as a Congressional Page for Senator Olympia Snowe. Jessie shared with the club her experiences in Washington. She attended school from 6 AM until noon and then worked in the Senator's office. Her recent work included preparation for the bill being passed known as the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. The club enjoyed her presentation.

Sherri Walsh
President

Kindness is the
golden chain by
which society is
bound together.

- Goethe

Departments



Arts

So You Think You Know Art. Did you know art can lower your blood pressure? It has been proven by the University of Florence, Italy, that viewing an art exhibit can drop the stress hormone cortisol. So let's get those District art shows installed and help the high school art students, and those viewing the show, lower their blood pressure.

Creative writing contest for Clubwomen deadline is March 1, 2010. Please get started now on your writing. We need your entries.

Photography contest is easier now. Just bring your entry to the MFWC Art Show but let the Art Department Chairman know by April 15, 2010, that you intend to enter the contest. This saves you money on postage and packaging.

A Year In Pictures Calendar Contest: Clubs send one photo to GFWC Headquarters by May 1 of each year.

Great States Contest update: Anyone interested in entering should contact the Art Department, chairman. This contest is one that you lose all rights to your work. You have to decide if it is worth it or not.

The Art Department needs your help. Please send a donation to help with ribbons and award certificates. Anyone interested in helping log in, set up and take down the art exhibit, would be appreciated also. You are wanted and needed.

Celebrate art 2010 with fun activities for your club. Do publicity before and after your activities. Let the Art Department know what you have done, and please do a narrative for reports. Paint, take an art retreat, take photos, try creative writing, encourage the high school art students, get artists involved and toot your own horn.

This member has donated a watercolor titled, Dragon Fly Courage, to the Madison Extension Homemakers project for ALS. The design is being used on stationery to benefit an EyeMax to be used in Maine. There are many artists that participate in a charity activities each year. You can include an artist in your project. Be creative. It's a good opportunity for your club and for artists.

Barbara Hathaway
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International Affairs

Having just spent 2 very wonderful days loaded with interesting presentations and lots of good companionship at the GFWC/Maine Fall Convention, it is time for me to connect with you all and remind you of our commitment to help empower the underprivileged women around the world by contributing to any of the international organizations that are sponsored by the GFWC.

Just a little side story: Together with the popular orange Trick-or-Treat boxes Unicef had sent me for Halloween, they also included 2 sheets of little 1 ½ x 1 ½ stickers with the same motif of children holding hands. I took both, boxes and stickers, with me to the convention. But I didn't really know what to do with the stickers. So I started tagging my fellow Mainers at the convention! And since nobody objected, we were soon all proudly displaying them. I think it helped, because by the end of the convention, many women took the Trick-or-Treat boxes home back to their clubs. Now I hope I get a lot of checks back for the benefit of Unicef. Thank you all for being such great "troopers"!

I would like to give you a bit of an idea what some of the Maine clubs have done last year for Int'l organizations, on top of

all the wonderful things we do here in our own backyards:

- The Dexter Women's Literary Club donated to CARE and sold Unicef HIV/AIDS pins to their members.
- Outlook Club, Hartland, had a member and her granddaughter go on a mission trip to Africa then report back at a club meeting. They also donated to both Care and Unicef.
- Research Club of Limerick made a donation to a student who traveled to China with the People to People program. She consequently made a presentation to the club. They also sold Unicef HIV/Aids pins.
- Livermore Falls Women's Club collected money on Halloween for Unicef. They also donated to Heifer for the purchase of rabbits and chickens and donated funds for a mission in Congo. Plus, the club women attended a District 2 meeting where they learned about the "Sunglasses to Senegal" project. They have collected glasses and will continue to do so.
- Patten Woman's Club was very successful with their Unicef Trick-or-Treating and received an award at the International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio - CONGRATULATIONS.
- Skowhegan Woman's Club participated in the District 2 Co-President's Project, when a guest speaker introduced them to Senegal, one of the poorest nations in Africa. He explained that the intense sun in this nation close to the equator causes severe vision problems that can be helped by wearing sun and reading glasses. The club has donated over 100 pairs of glasses,

which have been taken over to Senegal by a volunteer medical team.

- And last but not least, my own club, the Hancock Woman's Club has again had a fundraiser for Plan USA. We hope that with the help of a second raffle, we will be able to collect around \$300.00 for Plan USA's raffle. Remember, a donation of a minimum of \$300.00 will give a club the chance to win a trip, sending 2 women of their club to any country in which Plan USA operates and they do operate in over 50 countries all over the globe helping women and children. We also collected several pairs of glasses for Senegal and will continue to do so.

District 2 is still collecting sun and reading glasses. **TO ALL CLUBS: PLEASE COLLECT SUN AND READING GLASSES AND SEND THEM TO THE SKOWHEGAN WOMAN'S CLUB!!**

Thank you all so much. Now I can only hope that you open your hearts and pocket books again this year so that I will receive contribution checks from you. The checks should be made out to GFWC/Maine and on the memo line noted what they are for (either Care, Unicef or other organization you choose). Please send to: Ruth Dietze, 26 Harbor View Drive, Hancock, Maine 04640. Please write wonderful narratives with your Annual Reports, sending them to Anne, who will in turn forward the copies to me for possible awards.

Ruth Dietze
Chairman
rdietze@myfairpoint.net

Committees



Delegate's Fund

"Thank you" to all who contributed so generously to our raffle at Fall Conference. We'll plan to have enticing items for you again next spring.

Please send your club donations to me at 24 Weir Lane, Lubec 04652.

May you all have a healthy holiday season.

Juanita Pressley
Chairman

Endowment Fund

At first I want to say a hearty Thank You to my fellow committee members, Pat & Betty, for their contributions (both in way of items and assistance) to the Endowment Fund Raffle at the Fall Conference. It was much appreciated and made my job much easier. An extra special thanks to Limerick Research Club members Jan Ferraris and Mary Langlois for their many donations to the raffle baskets. They both helped to make the baskets most desirable. Also, thanks to all who bought raffle tickets. The total raised for the Endowment Fund was \$156.00.

I have received a really interesting way for a club to earn money for the Endowment Fund.

It was submitted by Roberta Morrill, President, Westbrook Women's Club. Here it is, in her own words: "The Happy - Sad Basket" - As part of our club meetings at the GFWC/MFWC Westbrook Women's Club, we have enjoyed and are still enjoying, using our "Happy/Sad Basket". Members are invited to share either a happy or a sad moment that has happened to them recently. They donate one dollar or more, to be placed in the basket. The members' sharing their moment, and money, seems to serve a dual purpose. We club-women have an opportunity to hear what special happenings are going on with our friends and therefore get to know each other much better. The money that is collected is forwarded to the GFWC Endowment Fund. Another added plus is, this helps members practice public speaking skills. Members who wouldn't dream of speaking to the group just love to talk about their children or grandchildren." Thank you, Roberta; that sounds like a great and usable idea. If anyone has another fundraising idea they'd like to share, just email it to me and I'll add it to the next column in Pine Tree Notes.

Happy Holidays to All.

Patricia Smith
Chairman
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Fundraising

Fundraising Committee has only a few cookbooks left to sell. Each club should let Marge or Rae know how many they have not sold as we will not reorder unless we absolutely have to. (Minimum order is 200 books.) Money from sales of books should be sent to Marge as soon as possible so that it can be forwarded to Gloria.

Many thanks to all who bought items from the Fundraising table at the Fall Conference. We sold nearly one hundred cookbooks. We do not have much back stock left. The MFWC shirts were all sold. We have 2 or 3 hats left to sell and 1 large tote plus GFWC pins and "odds & ends". We will be offering "good buys" at the Spring Conference so that the new Fundraising Chairman can start "fresh". Again, thank you for the support you give the Fundraising Committee. We appreciate it very much.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Chairmen

Do whatever comes your way to do as well as you can. Put a good deal of thought into happiness that you are able to give.

- Eleanor Roosevelt





Leadership

How nice it was to see old friends at the Fall Conference. It was a great two days.

Please consider applying for LEADS. It is a wonderful enlightening experience, as any attendee will tell you.

GFWC is continuing to emphasize leadership skills. Watch for features in Clubwoman.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Mary Libby
Chairman
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Thank you so much for your generous involvement of the past. Now, more than ever, our young people need the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs to continue supporting such a life-altering event. By choosing to support MYL, you are making a difference in our communities by making a difference in the lives of those chosen to attend the seminar.

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

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MFWC President's Project

**“The Food Pantry:
Partnering with Good Shepherd Food Bank”**

The 50/50 raffle (\$38), change jars (\$32.70), and money trees (\$174) at Fall Conference were a great success. [who?] was the 50/50 winner, and she said the whole amount would go to her local food cupboard. Thanks for that!! Davida Barter and Betty Johnston won the bud vases.

Donations are beginning to arrive for this second year.

Our thanks to the clubs who contribute regularly. Even more important, keep working with your local food assistance projects - and report that time, money, etc. to Libby (see Report Form on p. 15). Continue being neighbors helping neighbors.

Libby Wiers
Kendra Chubbuck
Co-Chairmen



Public Relations & Website

There are a few new things to check out on the MFWC website: A Photo Gallery: Post your photo of a club happening on our website. Please list names of people in the photo, who submitted the photo, and what's going on in the photo. Calendar of Events: This is a calendar on the bottom of the home page which is color-coded so you can easily find important dates of events and meetings. Blue indicates a GFWC or MFWC event and yellow depicts holidays. We still need more stories for our What's New section. This time of year clubs are getting ready for special Holiday events. We want those stories and/or pictures on our website! Send everything to me at ljgneal@gmail.com. Download the LEADS application from our website. You can also find past issues of the Pine Tree Notes, Directory and Newsletter order forms, and a direct link to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The website is www.gfwcmaine.org.

We all need ideas and in-

spiration to attract new membership...go to www.gfwc.org and read the stories from other clubs from around the U.S. as well as the great articles from GFWC about how to keep members interested in club happenings and where to find new members. You'll be glad you did!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Laura Neal
Chairman
ljgneal@gmail.com

Tidbits



Meeting Dates

2010

February 13 - Dover-Foxcroft
Winter Board
May 6-7 - Orono
Spring Convention
June 12-15 - Omaha, NB
GFWC Convention
Mid-July - TBA
Summer Advisory



E-mail Corrections

I've had two other meetings and a vacation since Fall Conference - and in all that confusion I have mislaid a tote bag with my papers/notes from our meeting. Someone gave me an email change, but I don't have it for this issue. Cross your fingers and maybe I'll have it later - or you can let me know again by email. Apologies...

Libby Wiers
Corresponding Secretary
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GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference

Photos courtesy of Anne Cress



10/7 - The EC met at GSFB for a tour, then held their board meeting in the conference room there.





President Jane

JENNIE AWARD



Chairman, Lynnette King;
Nominees: Carol Jarvais, Minnie
McCormick and Marion Broad-
us; President Jane



And the winner is -
Carol Jarvais, GFWC/The Dove
Society

October 8-9

WORKSHOP



Presenters: Lillian
Zanchi and Minnie
McCormick

SILLINESS - Carmen & a bib?



Barb A.



Minnie McC.

ENTERTAINMENT



\$1800 Shoes

The EC dresses up...



SPEAKERS



Domestic Violence Awareness -
Chairman, Kathy White; Speaker,
Kelley Glidden; President Jane



Conservation -
Speaker, Sophie Towle;
President Jane

GFWC/MFWC President's Project - Club Reporting*

Club donation to GFWC/MFWC President's Project \$_____

Club donation to local food-assistance program \$_____

Individual members' donations
to GFWC/MFWC or local programs \$_____

Value of in-kind donations to local programs \$_____

Volunteer hours on behalf of local programs _____hours

Name of Club _____

Name of person reporting _____

Phone No. of person reporting _____

Date sent: _____

- Send a form after each donation/collection/program **OR**
- Send one with totals for this club year (July 2009-May 2010)

Please note that donations via MFWC/GSFB website will be tallied separately by them for purposes of our final totals and should **NOT** be included here.

Send form to: Libby Wiers, PO Box 159, Saint Albans, ME 04971

DEADLINE: May 1, 2010

As we grow older, we become master weavers,
spinning the wild and reckless straw of our youth
into the precious and enduring gold of wisdom.

- Marie D. Jones
from Inspirational Thought © New Seasons

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