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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC Maine Newsletter
November/December 2012



Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others



President's Letter

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As you receive this edition of our GFWC Maine Newsletter, the holiday season will be on top of us! I just don't know where the time goes!

We are almost six months into this administration. It has been hectic as I was told it would be. It has also been filled with fun and laughter! A highlight is always meeting new friends, and renewing old friendships from far away.

Our Fall Conference at the Ramada Inn in Ellsworth was an exciting time! Some of our special moments are listed as follows:

- GFWC Maine was presented with a Certificate of Award for being incorporated in the State of Maine for 100 years as of October 12, 2012. Of the thousands of business and nonprofit corporations in Maine, very few reach this milestone each year.

We were pleased to have Maine Secretary of State, Charles E. Summers, Jr., come to our Fall Conference and present this award to us.

While we have been incorporated in Maine for 100 years, GFWC Maine was organized on September 4, 1892, and was the first State to be admitted to the General Federation in 1894. Our volunteer service has spanned 120 years, a fact of which we are proud. Mr. Summers spent several minutes speaking with us about the accomplishments of our past history. Thanks to Sheri Walsh, our GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary, we received excellent press and television coverage.

- Ann Palmer, a member of the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club, and also President of the Somerset County Maine Chapter of "Newborns in Need," which is the President's Special Project for this administration, was our luncheon speaker on Thursday, October 18th. It was a very touching and emotional presentation. Ann answered several questions for the clubwomen. Minnie McCormick, Chairman of the President's Project, presented a DVD about "Newborns in Need." Many clubwomen from across Maine brought knitted, crocheted, sewn, and store bought items for these babies.

- President-elect Mary Libby, did a nice job explaining the new "reporting" procedure for 2012. [JANUARY 15, 2013](#) was one of the outstanding points made for the annual reporting deadline for her and your President to [receive](#) these reports from all the Clubs.

- The "Pajama Wear It and Share It Banquet" was held on Thursday evening. It was a relaxing and cozy way to end a very busy day. Marilyn Cameron, pianist, and Susan Ramsey, violinist, from Dover-Foxcroft, entertained us with their music and sing-a-long which we all enjoyed. Bob Cress sang two duets with Susan. Members brought pajamas, nightgowns and toiletries to donate to the local domestic violence shelter. A reception followed in the President's room following the banquet.

- On October 19th, Kelly Brown, Assistant Director of, "The Next Step Domestic Violence Project," serving Washington and Hancock Counties, was the luncheon speaker. Kelly works with abuse victims from the beginning when victims come to the program, through to the end when they once again are able to be self sufficient and in control of their own lives. Accompanying her was Jessie

Stewart, a domestic violence abuse victim and survivor. Jessie told of her story of domestic abuse and recovery, to go on and further her education and advocate for other abuse victims. Kelly and Jessie picked up the nightwear and toiletries collected from our pajama party, and took the items back to the shelter.

•It is always a thrill to hear from our District Presidents and our State Chairmen on all the activities in which our members are involved! We are dedicated clubwomen striving to do everything possible to help our communities, our nation and our world. Thank you ladies for your wonderful reports and inspiring speeches! Special thanks to our 2012 LEADS graduate, Carol Jarvais, for her inspiring talk about being a LEADS ambassador and promoting the LEADS program. We are very proud of our newest LEADS gal!

Did I mention the food was fabulous at this Conference, or the "Marketplace," was a shopper's paradise??? We were informed by the staff, this GFWC Maine gathering was the last Conference the Ramada Inn in Ellsworth will host. This saddens me, as the service was wonderful, the food excellent, and the hotel has been completely redone and is beautiful! Please know if you were not there for this event, it was noticed, and you missed a wonderful time, and WE missed YOU!!!

Minnie McCormick, as my beloved friend and Chairman of the President's Special Project, and I have visited several Clubs this Fall. They are the GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club, the GFWC Arts Club in Pittsfield,

the GFWC Newport Woman's Club, the GFWC Miosac Club in Dover-Foxcroft, the GFWC Narraguagus Women's Club in Milbridge and the GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft. We will be visiting the Castine Woman's Club and the GFWC Southern Midcoast Woman's Club in November. Thank-you to all those Clubs who have invited us to join them this fall and into the spring. Please feel free to call and schedule your visit with us as soon as you can.

Please remember, all the officers of GFWC Maine are here to help in any way we can. You can call or e-mail us at any time. We are here to serve you, our valued members!

In closing, I wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving filled with blessings and heartwarming days. May those days continue as you celebrate through Christmas and the New Year! God bless you all for what you do, and for what you give to help others!

In Federation Love,

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It is hard to believe that November is nearly here. With November, comes much activity, not only in our club lives but in

our personal lives too. And then, before we know it, December will be here. With two major holidays, back to back, our lives will be very busy as we prepare for the festivities that we all enjoy so much.

But there are other things to consider, too. Our "outside" activities need our attention too. September brought the start of another club year. As I read your club plans, it looks to me as though it will be a busy and interesting year for the clubs around our State. There is only one **deadline** that we have to adhere to, the applications for LEADS need to be sent to me by **November 15**. Please look at your members and see if there is at least one woman who meets the LEADS criteria. Being a LEADS candidate is wonderful and it is a life-changing experience!

It was great to see so many at our Ellsworth conference. I feel that "a good time was had by all". We learned much, enjoyed much and left the conference looking forward to the Spring convention in May in South Portland.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends. We will have lots to talk about when we meet in the Spring.

Holiday wishes to all,
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That everyone stayed safe during "Sandy". We had a lot of windy but nothing more.

It was wonderful to see everyone who attended our Fall Conference in Ellsworth. This was a very special conference - Secretary of State Charles Summer, presented a plaque to our president, in recognition of GFWC Maine's one hundred years of corporation and for the valuable contributions to Maine. What a special moment and honor for our clubwomen. I think there were a few misty eyes as Mr. Summers told of some of our projects and what an impact they have made. It was a moment that made me feel even more proud to be a member of GFWC Maine.

We would love to see the number of club members climb. We have talked about what we could do as an incentive for more members to attend. Do you have any suggestions. Please let us know your ideas. Those who attended the conference received a copy of the 2012 - 2013 reporting form for clubs. They were also able to attend a workshop session on the new reporting guidelines. Every club president will soon be receiving more information via email.

Saturday, November 3, I will be attending the 130th anniversary celebration of the Skowhegan Woman's Club. I am truly looking

forward to this celebration of this accomplishment.

I would also like to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas.

In friendship,
Mary Libby

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Hello everyone,

I know you will be thinking of sending in your dues soon. This year dues are \$21 per member. Fifteen dollars of these dues will go to GFWC, and the remaining six will stay with GFWC Maine towards state operating expenses. Please remember that dues should be sent and postmarked no later than December 31, 2012. I would appreciate it if you would send your dues to my Florida address:

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Enjoy the winter... And see you in the spring!

Corresponding Secretary

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I have just a few copies of the Directory left. Please let me know if you would like one.

The next deadline date for the Pine Tree Notes will be January 4, 2013. Have a wonderful holiday season.

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CLUB NEWS

District 1

21 Club got off to a delicious start with our annual potluck. The ladies were happy see each other and catch up.

Over the next few meetings members gathered items for a care package to be sent to a young woman stationed in Afghanistan. One of their fall meetings was held at the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Club members enjoyed the latest display of historical pictures of Parsonsfield. One of the club members told the Civil War stories of three men from

Parsonsfield. Very interesting! Members are also excited to be partnering with a committee from the Riverside Methodist Church in Kezar Falls to implement a holiday toy program that was previously run by the Sacopee Valley Health Center.

Livermore Falls has been busy once again with a very successful Yard Sale the weekend after Labor Day in conjunction with the Historical Society. Members made table favors for one of the banquets at the New England Region Convention hosted by GFWC Maine. The club also donated original art note cards for door prizes at the first night's banquet. The club's Installation of Officers for this administration took place at the September meeting and members welcomed Co-Presidents Jackie Deschaies and Linda Burdo, Vice-President Marion Hogan-Posa, and continuing Secretary Claire Tanner and Treasurer Barbara Letalien. It was decided the Scholarship for Success winner might need some extra funds for school expenses or clothes so club women voted to donate \$100 to make it a bit easier to include the classes in her busy single mother schedule. In the meantime, members were getting ready for Marketplace and the trip to Fall Conference. Members provided GFWC/Maine with note cards for their fundraising table and brought many handmade items for Newborns in Need as well as PJ's and nightwear for the Hancock Domestic Violence shelter. The membership meeting was a soup and salad event at the North

Livermore Baptist Church. New members joined and others who could not attend sent word they, too, wish to join. The club did its semi-annual disbursement of funds to charities selected and enjoyed soups, salads and breads while members socialized. Looking forward to a good and busy Holiday season and winter!

With Fall comes the fruit of our labors and **The Research Club of Limerick** starts this season with our Pot Luck Supper in September and plans are made for the Holidays.

Several of our members attended the GFWC New England Region Conference and came away with renewed energy and plans for future membership.

In October, Pam Payeur, Co-founder of "Wounded Heroes of Maine Program" gave an invigorating account of what volunteers have done to aid our military Heroes in Maine recover after fighting for our freedoms. This has also become our Presidents special project.

At this same time, past President, Kyle Osborne's, beautification of Limerick project has been completed, the painting and repair of the Gazebo in the middle of town. This is where our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place.

November brings member involvement and education with a book swap and much discussion. December plans are made for our traditional cocoa and cookies

delivery to town folks after our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Gorham Woman's Club had a very educational meeting "Emergency Planning – When A Disaster Is Imminent" regarding being prepared if an emergency occurred that would displace you from your home. "To Go Bags" provided by Alpha One, an independent living center, & Cumberland County Emergency Preparedness were distributed to all in attendance. Paul Rollins, Director of Special Operations for Alpha One, encouraged everyone to keep important supplies, medical needs and information in the bag and to put the bag in a place that in case of an emergency you could grab it and leave your home, if necessary. The group was also reminded to have at least a 3-day supply of water and food in the home in the event of a major power loss or other emergency.

In October the Gorham Woman's Club welcomed a new member and had a lively potluck luncheon around the theme "Mind Challenge Games – Laughter is a Healthy Thing". From a challenging "How Well do You Know Maine" quiz; to laughter while reviewing "How to Give a Cat a Pill"; and ending with a knowledge building "Woman's Club Bingo" everyone's minds and hearts were enjoyably entertained.

There were four members that attended the New England Regional Conference in Portland

and three members who attended the GFWC-Maine Fall Conference in Ellsworth.

The Gorham Woman's Club has also had several workshops for creating beautiful tatted stationary that they are using as a fundraiser for their community programs.

District 2

The Waldoboro Woman's Club, GFWC Maine kicked off the season with its September "Welcome Back" meeting and luncheon. President Judi Lawrence and Vice President Linda Gagnon briefed the club on the Advisory Committee meeting in Skowhegan, including details on President Cress' project, "Newborns in Need" and the Tagline contest. A copy of the annual Club Directory was distributed to each member along with the proposed budget for the coming year. Even though the club members continued community support services throughout the summer respite, it was wonderful to have everyone together again and get back on its monthly meeting schedule. The October meeting was dedicated to the club's annual orientation, including reports from each Committee Chairman, and a unanimous acceptance of the of the Annual Club Budget compiled by Club Treasurer, Charlotte Gulezian. Some lovely items were collected for "Newborns in Need" project and President Judi Lawrence gathered them to deliver to President Cress at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference. The next couple of months will be very busy with the club's Election

Day Bake Sale at the Town Office and the continual gathering of donations for the club's local Food Pantry plus starting the collection of children's gifts and books for the fast-approaching holidays. Members are all excited about a wonderful club program of speakers that will include two of its scholarship recipients, a physical rehabilitation program presentation and a presentation by a member of an international charitable program. More information will be provided as events progress!

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club finished selling refreshments at the eight-week summer Concerts in the Park. Thanks to the good weather, the club was able to raise \$562. For the GFWC New England Regional Conference held in Portland, members gathered together to bag the "sea glass soap" table favors made for the "Evening at the Beach and Maxine Russakoff made all of the origami loons for the "Picnic at the Lake" luncheon. They started their year in September with Ann Palmer speaking on the President's Project "Newborns in Need," and members brought in cold weather sleepers for the babies. At their October meeting, members took 200 purple ribbons attached to a Domestic Violence Awareness Month cards made by a member to be distributed within our community. They put them in beauty shops where they would reach a number of women and passed them out after a show at the Skowhegan Opera House. Members were busy coming up

with new ideas for the GFWC Maine Fall Conference Marketplace table as well as working on the old favorites. The Anniversary Celebration Committee, made up of ten members, has been preparing for their 130th Anniversary on November 3rd.

Throughout the summer, **GFWC Semper Fidelis Club** continues to maintain their Domestic Violence Garden at Coburn Park. They raised \$280 for heating assistance for the elderly through their Mother's Day Tea cards. The club recently finalized their largest fundraiser – the Birthday Calendar – netting over \$1,500. They are now selling poinsettias for Christmas, as well as Innisbrook. Their October speakers were Eliza Townsend from the Women's Lobby and Policy Center, which was quite informative, and Dr. Jack Gibson from the Somerset Woods Trustees, Maine's oldest land trust. He spoke on the upcoming Riverwalk project in Skowhegan. The club sold purple scarves for Domestic Violence Awareness month and raised \$250 with proceeds to go to the Domestic Violence Scholarship fund.

The **GFWC The Dove Society** started the year by joining the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club and GFWC Semper Fidelis Club to present An Afternoon With Margaret Chase Smith starring Sally Jones as Senator Smith at the Skowhegan Opera House. The show was amazing and the proceeds will be used to help the elderly with fuel

assistance. The club's own Lynnette King spent many hours organizing this wonderful play and thanks go to her for all she did. On October 17, the club enjoyed a tour of the History House led by recently retired Caretaker Lee Granville. His knowledge of the house and its contents is truly amazing. It was really a trip back in time. The 1839 Greek revival cottage is filled with antiques, furnishings, and memories of life in the mid 1800's in Skowhegan. The club's current fundraiser is RADA cutlery. It is a high-quality product and always reasonably priced. Next month the club will be decorating and selling wreaths. A membership wine and cheese evening was recently held and the club gathered at the park to clean and prepare our "Dove" garden for the winter. The club has also adopted the Margaret Chase Smith rose garden and the "Peace" garden nearby. The club looks forward to another successful and fun-filled year.

The *GFWC Skowhegan Three* clubs came together again to work at the GFWC New England Conference and made up all the centerpieces for each of the themed banquets and luncheons. As stated above, the clubs hosted the play "Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington." Over \$1600 was raised. The three clubs also recently participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil held at the gazebo in Coburn Park.

District 3

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held their annual secret auction and membership social in August, which everyone enjoyed. New club programs were handed out for the upcoming year as well. In September, GFWC Maine President Anne Cress and the President's Special Project Chairman Minnie McCormick attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Newborns In Need, complete with a DVD and a display of items required to support the project. Also in September, the club sponsored their annual baked bean supper and bake sale and did very well, taking in \$382.25. There was a brief meeting in October followed by a field trip to Spring Street Greenhouse in Dexter. All the club members thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration on corsage making and how to make a fall pumpkin floral arrangement. The corsages (with purple ribbons for domestic violence awareness) were given to Jane Gilbert, Elsie Mann, and Nina Speed, because they were going to the GFWC Maine Fall Conference. The pumpkin floral arrangement was won by Mary Morancie. The club donated items for Newborns in Need at the Fall Conference as well.

The Club women of the **GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club** of Dover-Foxcroft continue to support the ongoing projects they are involved with. With just 3 meetings to date, already collections have been received for 2 projects they support at the local hospital. Members have been

busy creating soft toys for "grannie's toys" and also continue to knit or crochet purple hats for the Period Of Purple Crying, the outreach program to bring awareness about Shaken Baby Syndrome. Two members attended the fall conference in Ellsworth and enjoyed the business sessions, the learning opportunities (even the part about the new reporting process!), and always a favorite - meeting with other GFWC friends from around the state. GFWC Maine President Anne Cress and Special Project Chairman Minnie McCormick visited the club recently. President Anne began by sharing a delightful history of GFWC Maine and then the members viewed the DVD "Newborns in Need," her special project. Following the video, Minnie presented additional information and showed many of the different items that were on their display table.

The **GFWC/MIOSAC Club** met on September 18 for a pot luck social where members had a chance to catch up with each other, laugh, talk, eat, and receive the club books for the 2012/2013 year. On October 1st, club members baked brownies and bar cookies for the Womancare domestic violence survivors' art show held at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church. The club's first meeting of the year was our "Friends Together Souper Supper", when members are encouraged to bring a friend and enjoy soup, bread and dessert lovingly prepared by the members of the club's advisory committee.

The club gained one new member! After the soup dinner, members examined the Newborns in Need exhibit arranged by Ann Cress, GFWC Maine President, and Minnie McCormick, GFWC Maine President's Special Project Chairman. Members have been busy sewing, knitting and collecting items for this charity. Five club members attended the MFWC Fall Conference in Ellsworth, where Minnie McCormick showed the certificate awarded to the club on June 27th by Womancare, for the club's work in raising domestic violence awareness. Also in October, the club heard from the owner of a well-known hostel in Monson, Maine. The hostel rented 1,550 beds during the 2012 Appalachian Trail hiking season! The speaker also told of hikers inadequately provisioning themselves, such as underestimating their calorie needs, and/or wearing inadequate shoes, and of hikers who are former military service members walking off their tours of duty in war zones. On October 24, six club members met at Marion Doore Park in Dover-Foxcroft for the annual raking of the leaves. Caring for this park, named for a past club president is an ongoing club project, and this is the club's contribution to Make a Difference Day. Another on-going project for the club is collecting items on a "wish list" for the Bangor Ronald McDonald House. Each time the club meets, members bring paper towels, cleaning products, toilet papers, brownie mixes and other items useful to that charity. Club members plan to make the first delivery in

December. This beautiful autumn is passing by quickly, as club members work at ongoing projects and ready themselves for the coming holidays.

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland kicked off the club year with a potluck supper before the meeting on October 4, with 8 members and 2 guests attending. Flowers were provided and tended at the Hartland Library over the summer, members continued to read and donate a quarter per book read toward the annual Library donation, and voluntary donations will continue to be accepted for CARE. It was voted to support the Newborns in Need project both a club donation of \$25 each year for the two years and member donations of money and needed items.

GFWC Newport Woman's Club honored Claudette Amoroso and Jane Briggs with 25 year pins at their September meeting. As clubs search for new members, this pin recognizes the many years of service as well as the importance of retention of existing members. GFWC Maine President Anne Cress and the President's Special Project Chairman Minnie McCormick presented the "Newborns In Need" project at the October meeting. A box of personal care items is being prepared to send to Afghanistan. The granddaughter of a club member is stationed there. Again this year the club is one of the eight non-profit partners of "Sparkle", Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce's "United" fundraiser.

Club members attend meetings, sell adds, provide auction items, cook, and sell tickets for the event. The proceeds of the event are then divided among the eight partner groups. Four members attended the Fall Conference in Ellsworth.

The **Patten Woman's Club** is up and running again for the year and so far they have not had any fundraisers but there will be one coming up in December - a \$100 Christmas Tree raffle that is usually a big hit. They are donating monthly to the local food pantry which is badly in need and have also donated to help out with their Holidays meals - all greatly appreciated. The club also donates yearly to Toys for Tots which is huge in their area. They are looking into a local charity effort to help out the area school children with winter jackets, but they are no longer participating in UNICEF.

The **Pittsfield ARTS Club** held their first meeting of the year on Monday September 10th at the home of Donna Chale. They welcomed 3 new members and it was great catching up with everyone. On October 8th the club welcomed State President Anne Cress and Minnie McCormick to their meeting. They presented the video on Newborns in Need, the president's project. They explained how the project helps many families and how the items will be distributed. Club members enjoyed hearing about the project and items were donated for this worthwhile cause. A very successful "Meet the

Candidate's Night "was held at the Pittsfield Town Council chambers on October 15th. Area candidates running for the House of Representatives, State Senate, and District Attorney were in attendance. Also candidates running for town council and school board also spoke at the event. Refreshments were served after the program and many folks mentioned how much they enjoyed the chance to meet the candidates who will appear on the ballot in November. The club will be busy baking items for the food sale that the Pittsfield Historical Society will hold at the town office on election day. Members will also help sell the baked goods. The Historical Society is the club's Community Improvement Project for the year. Renovations will be starting soon on replacing the roof and then work on the rest of the building will need to be made to get the building into shape. The building holds many papers and pictures of Pittsfield and its history, along with many of the club records and scrapbooks. A representative of the Pittsfield Food Pantry will speak at our meeting on November 12th. There is a need at many of the food pantries in the area and the club would like to help anyway they can. The club will hold their annual Christmas Craft auction on Sunday December 2nd at the Congregational Church Memorial Hall in Pittsfield at 2PM. The public is welcome to attend. This is now their biggest fundraiser. They will also sell Avon products to raise some funds. Members will collect gifts for the area Women's

Domestic Violence shelter at our Christmas party on December 10th. A busy and exciting time for club members.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** held their September meeting at the Pittsfield Library at 1:00 pm. It was a planning meeting for the coming year. The members decided to remain an active club even though there are only six members at present. It was decided to have each member invite a guest to a meeting, thinking that perhaps guests might decide to become members of the club if they enjoyed what was going on. At the October meeting, Maxine Russakoff, ESO State Chairman presented a program on what ESO was all about. It was mentioned by several members that they didn't really know what ESO was and at least two members signed a pledge to start the membership process. There were 3 guests present and they seemed to enjoy the meeting. The November meeting speaker will be representing the Pittsfield Historical Society and speaking about the renovation of the Railroad Station building. This is a project that several organizations in Pittsfield are supporting. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas luncheon at Raejean Hersey's house. This is an event that is looked forward to by members as good food and fellowship is always enjoyed. The club will recess in January and February as the weather is so uncertain. The meetings will resume in March.

The Winterport Woman's Club GFWC celebrated its 80th birthday at the September 12th meeting. Members, town officials and the local fire and ambulance department members were in attendance. Teddy Weston, a 50 plus year member of the club, did a wonderful history on the club from the past to the present. A recognition plaque was given to the club from the Town Manager and Selectmen. The club received another recognition from the Fire and Ambulance Services. Prior to that evening the Winterport Woman's Club GFWC had nominated the Fire and Ambulance Services for the Spirit of America Tribute. At the celebration the Fire and Ambulance Services was awarded a certificate of appreciation. The Chief and Assistant Chief were in attendance to accept the award. This was an award that the Winterport Woman's Club GFWC received in 2011 and was asked by the Spirit of America Foundation to select the recipient for 2012. Scrapbooks and memorabilia were shared. The evening ended with appetizers, birthday cake and lots of conversation. The October meeting was a tour of the new Hampden Academy. The Assistant Superintendent gave the members a full tour of the new facility. Members went away in awe of the beautiful building and the wonderful opportunities for the students from District 22. The Club President attended the GFWC New England Region Meeting in Portland in September and the GFWC Maine Fall

Conference in Ellsworth. Election Day, members of the club, will be selling the Community Calendar, their largest fundraiser.

The November meeting will be a regular business meeting following with a program, from two of members, showing how to make festive garlands out of rope and cloth, a hands on project that members are interested in having at meetings. December's meeting will be the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling, at the Memorial Library in the village. January and February the club does not meet. The Officers and Board of Directors do get together in January to complete the reporting. The club looks forward to another productive year of volunteering and service work for the community.

This District President has scheduled a meeting of the Club Presidents for November 1, in Bangor. Nine of the presidents responded and eight plan to attend for a little planning ahead and lots of getting acquainted and fellowship.

District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** serving the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor enjoyed a wonderful summer. A new fundraising effort was a big success and will become an annual fundraiser. We raffled off a lobster dinner for twelve with all the fixings during the Winter Harbor Lobster Festival in August. It was held at a local Bed & Breakfast, Elsa's Inn on the

Harbor. The winner and her guests redeemed the dinner in September and dined outside on the patio of the B&B overlooking ocean during a beautiful fall evening. The dinner guests really enjoyed the whole experience. The proceeds from raffle will benefit the two \$1000.00 scholarships, the Club awards annually to graduates of Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan.

The Schoodic Sisters, a team organize by the Club with fellow community members participating walked (and some ran) for the 8th consecutive year in the Susan G. Komen-Race for the Cure held on Sunday, September 16th. As always, it was an incredibly moving experience.

After a brief sabbatical, the Club has resumed the Dictionary Project. Every school year, the Club gives the 3rd grade class at Peninsula Grammar School in Prospect Harbor, dictionaries. The dictionaries are also a reference book/mini-encyclopedia, they are presented with a scavenger hunt that teaches the children how to use them. This year club member, Gail Belanger, will be the one presenting the dictionaries to the third graders.

The club continues to search for new ways to raise money for our Community Aid Fund and are busy preparing for one of their annual fundraisers in December, a Chili Supper and Craft Table held during the Annual Holiday Night in Winter Harbor.

The A.C.W.C. hopes all fellow clubs in the state of Maine are enjoying their respective fall seasons and are prospering in their civic efforts. The Acadian Community Woman's Club sends best regards to all.

The Castine Women's Club helped sponsor the CROP Walk for Hunger in Castine in September.

They also held a Political Forum and Welcome Tea at the Wilson Museum in September featuring several political candidates running for office this November.

The CWC has also joined the Women's Legislative Council of Maine.

The CWC president's project under past CWC President Sue Macdonald will donate \$1000 (proceeds coming from our winter community dinners-at-noon) toward the renovation of the Town Hall kitchen. The kitchen will be named the Marge Wood Kitchen in honor of Margie Wood who initiated the dinners-at-noon.

CWC will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year and members are busy making plans.

The new officers of the **GFWC Narraguagus Women's Club** were elected in June. Sheri Walsh, GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary installed the officers for the 2012-2013 Program Year.

The Club recesses for the summer months. Members were called to a special meeting in August to start

planning the Program Year. The first fall meeting of the club was held September 13 at Jane Armstrong's home in Harrington. Plans were made to have a Chinese Auction/Yard Sale at the Milbridge Historical Society buildings on Saturday, September 22. Over seven hundred dollars was realized from the combination fund raiser.

Shingles was the topic of the September 27 meeting held at the Harrington Family Health Center.

Sandy Seamans, Nursing Supervisor, presented a slide presentation on Shingles. A very informed question and answer followed the presentation.

A field trip to Catherine Hill's Winery of Cherryfield was held October 11 followed by a luncheon at the Fisherman's Wife Cafe' in Milbridge. Guests were also in attendance.

Anne Cress, President of the Maine Federation of Women's Club, will be the guest speaker at the October 25 meeting at Pat Treworgy's home.

At their April meeting members of the **Lubec Women's Club** bid farewell to their long-time president, CeCe Gardner. They also spent some time talking about the Club's previous activities and what members thought was important to be continued. Members were asked to think about what skills and how much time they could offer the club, and to come to the next meeting prepared to commit or not

commit. It was clear than unless we had both the will and the woman power to "man" a project, that project would have to be discontinued.

At the May meeting members reviewed April's list and proposed areas which would each need a "coordinator." Happily, several members stepped forward to "coordinate". Members also elected their club officers.

The June meeting focused on organizing the July 4th "Trash & Treasures" sale which required advertising, accepting and storing donations as well as selling on the day of the sale. Clean-up afterward also needed to be covered. Sign-up sheets allowed each member to commit as much or as little time as they wished. It had been agreed in advance that unless the necessary "slots" could be covered, the sale would not proceed, but everyone worked together and things went smoothly, both before, during, and after the sale. The club's scholarship fund swelled by \$1700 as a result.

In early June they sent out a survey to all members asking when they would find it most convenient to attend meetings. The results of those surveys were tallied and the resulting calendar for the year was announced at the July meeting.

The July meeting also included a proposal from a member to organize a "Mad Hatter's Tea." The club indicated its interest and willingness to help and so a

planning committee was formed. The first questions were, of course, when and where the event could be staged.

The Club did not meet in August but the "Tea" Committee did. E-mail was used to solicit members commitments of supplies and services and there were strategic committee meetings to plan program, costumes, decorations, publicity and so forth. When the big day came in late September all was in readiness; a local church hall had been turned into a "wonderland," and collector tea cups and teapots had been gathered. There was a reading of Lewis Carroll's original "Tea Party" scene, delicious sandwiches and cakes were served in abundance and there were baskets of Victorian goodies to be raffled. Guests pronounced the afternoon a smashing success and insisted that it must be repeated next year.

Each month, of course, the club has sent a contingent of members to the local nursing home to sing old favorites with the residents. Community members who are not members of LWC join us as well making it a really fun afternoon. The club also sponsors a monthly Senior Social which offers important stimulation to local seniors with games and prizes as well as an opportunity to get out and see friends.

November will bring the annual Turkey Raffle, the proceeds of which also support the Club's Scholarship Fund. Members are increasingly concerned that young

people from our community need post secondary education more than ever but that the costs of that education can be a burden at best and prohibitive at worst. Thus raising money for scholarships is a top priority.

Committees

ARTS

Cause

Art often is a cause that produces an effect or result. This cause may be a reason, motive or grounds for action and may involve feelings.

A groups interests can support the Arts by working together toward the same objective. You can find a Cause and make it happen.

High School Art Contest Rules are in the Directory on page 76. Send the rules to high schools early, so the students have time to create their art.

Another Cause might be providing visibility for art by women artists.

Clubwoman Photography Contest Rules are in the Directory on page 78 and Year in Pictures Calendar Contest on page 79.

Contribute

Your group can Contribute to the

Arts by giving jointly with others, sharing your knowledge and ideas, to bring about results. Donations to the Arts Department are always needed and appreciated. You can help by providing a place for artists to exhibit. Groups or a Solo exhibit are needed to help an artist expression and continuation of their art work.

Commitment

Commitment is a long term action. Your involvement in the Arts may last a life time as your results are accomplished. Every program or project can be especially fulfilling in some way as you enjoy the Arts. Try writing a short story or poem.

See Directory, page 77 and start now on your creative writing. So, please make a Commitment!

Barbara Hathaway Art Chairmen
bhaway@myfairpoint.net

ARTS PARTNERSHIP

The time is here...the time is now.

To report...remember? They showed us how!

So...think back...think watches for the AMP... and your report will be fine...just believe and you'll see!

I am looking forward to reading about the many ways the clubs have approached this very interesting art project.

And.....start thinking about our new emphasis, the "Faces Make

Places" 2012-2014 Project, and how you might include community members in recognizing special people within the community.

Billie Sherman
Arts Partnership Chairman

CONSERVATION

Conservation - Partnership

We have a new Partnership. ACTrees is an Alliance for Community Trees, Inc. This deals with urban forestry. Register with their site - National Neighbor Woods Month to register tree planting events in your town. Please refer to GFWC News and Notes.

Judi Lawrence
Partnership Chairman

HOME LIFE

Most of this information was presented at Fall Conference. For those unable to attend I offer a repeat of the report. The GFWC Home Life Community Service PROGRAM (formerly called "collaboration") is designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

GFWC members have a rich history of solving problems in their communities and in the nation with a "hands on" approach. One of the goals of this program is to identify the needs of the community, find the resources that are available, and create a

project to meet the need and make a difference.

This section of GFWC Home Life has no connections with other established organizations. We have the freedom to create anew...find the need...initiate a program...fill the need. We encourage you to involve other members of your community, other non-profit organizations, with whom you might work. If your project needs the "helping hands" of the younger generation, consider the student your group sponsored to Maine Youth Leadership, (MYL) the scout group you help sponsor. High school seniors need 25 hours of community service to graduate. We need to just ask.

GFWC recognizes one outstanding project with a \$50 award. A narrative report with all the "nuts and bolts" needs to be sent to me when club reports are due. One will be chosen to represent the state of Maine. Successful projects may be featured in a future GFWC Handbook. For example, in the 2012-2014 manual, a successful project tells of a club that enlisted the help of a 6th. grade class to help with a Bingo game for residents of a local nursing home. The students earn community service hours as they interact with residents by playing BINGO, distributing prizes, and sharing snacks. The club provides prizes such as puzzle books, jewelry and much more. It's a win-win situation for all involved.

As you've heard before...write a narrative...let us know WHAT you are doing and HOW you are doing it.. You HAVE to be IN it...to WIN it!

Gerry Richardson
Home Life Community Service
Program Chairman

Community Improvement Program Award Contest

Club Presidents: The information on entering CIP Award is located in your

GFWC Club Manual (2012-2014)
under GFWC AWARDS,
CONTESTS, AND GRANTS

section. The deadline for the entries in this program award is March 1, 2014.

Questions: Call Pat Treworgy at 546-2584 or e-mail
4pattre@myfairpoint.net

ESO Epsilon Sigma Omicron

ESO.....the self-improvement and enriching reading program created by GFWC for YOU.

At your own speed, one must read 4 books from 4 different categories and send reports to me....this takes you from a pledge to a member. Continuation in the same manner brings you to a higher level.

Although you may use any of the "old" lists, there is a lovely long list of book titles that you can

procure by going on-line to GFWC, programs, click ESO, at bottom of article...click book list.

To obtain pledge forms, book report forms (not necessary), the book list if you do not have access to a computer, and all book reports should be sent to me:

Maxine Russakoff,
PO Box 6.
Skowhegan, ME 04976
E-mail
maxphil2002@yahoo.com...Tel.
474-2631.

Thanks to Jimmy Durante, 15 new pledges have been received. Good job, Jimmy.

These are the words of the recorded song of him singing THE DAY I READ A BOOK, which was played at Fall Conference. I hope he inspires you too.

I'll never forget the day I read a book.
70 pages.
It was contagious.
There were pictures everywhere,
So it wasn't hard to bear...
The day I read a book.

It's a shame I don't remember
The name of the book.
It wasn't a history
Because it had no plot.
It wasn't a mystery
Because nobody there got shot.
The day I read a book,
I Can't remember when
But one of these days
I'm going to do it again!

Happy Reading!

MEMBERSHIP

It was nice to see everyone at fall conference and get reacquainted. It was like a “homecoming” with hugs and smiles and lots to get caught up on. “Sole sisters” uniting, sharing, caring, and doing. Now, on to my article.

Membership – an interesting word made up of two smaller words, member and ship. Member is defined as a person belonging to a group. Ship is defined as a vessel. Membership is defined as members of a group. So, I take membership as being a group of individual clubs all headed in the same direction aboard our GFWC vessel. To keep our GFWC vessel afloat so she can perform to capacity we must increase the membership of our individual clubs, we must retain existing clubs, and we must change with the times to keep the members we have now. We all know this to be true. We have all heard it time and time again. How do we accomplish these things? We can start by asking. Asking women you know and women you don’t know to come to a meeting or a special event you have planned to learn about what your club does. Asking your existing club women what is working in your club and what isn’t working, then work together to formulate effective changes that will make club better for everyone. CHANGE is such a scary word, but it can be the best word ever when it works. Change is how we keep things fresh and new.

Everything doesn’t have to change, just shake it up a bit. Like

a new pair of shoes or a new scarf can make that old dress look new again, small changes can mean the difference in keeping or losing members. Adding spices to our cooking makes the food taste so much better, so to, adding new members can spice up your membership. They will bring new ideas and new energy to your club.

We are all members of a worthwhile organization helping to improve our communities through our volunteer efforts and we don’t want to see this come to an end. We need to recruit new members so we can infuse new blood into our clubs. ASK! We need to change it up and shake it up so we can retain existing members to work with the new members. ASK! We need to not lose anymore existing clubs, but for this to happen you have to be willing to ask, ask and change.

To be able to continue to convey our mission of volunteer service aboard our GFWC vessel we need members. Let’s all work hard to increase our numbers. Please inform me of all new members you gain. I want to toot your horn.

Remember: Membership is the Sole of the Federation!

Wishing you the best holiday season ever and a very Happy New Year!!

Carol Jarvais

JENNIE AWARD

Did you get your head shot? How is the resume coming!!! If you

were left standing at the conference, get busy.

Call me for help 564-7252 or e-mail me at bschafer@mainstream.net
Barbette Schafer

Barbette Schafer
Jennie Award Chairperson

LEADERSHIP

Here we are off to yet another administration and lots of new ideas which I’m sure are going to be lots of fun disguised as work.. So as your new leadership chairman let me give you a few ideas on what you can do to build leadership in your club.

- 1) First encourage new members to join activities. Let their ideas help with planning.
- 2) Mentor new leaders. Support them with suggestions, encourage them to participate in all club and GFWC activities.
- 3) Take advantage of our diversity. Each individual member brings unique skills to the club.
- 4) Share the work!!! It is easier if members join in planning meetings, participating in projects or writing reports.
- 5) Most important be generous in showing your appreciation. Everyone likes a pat on the back every once in a while.

These are a few ideas as how to start building some new leaders in your club.

So step back and allow the new leaders to work and grow. While mistakes may be made, if you nurture your new leaders as they find their way, they will grow in skill and confidence.

With good leadership we get to spend more time on volunteering our services to the many projects that we do. So as we start this new year, let's not forget to start letting new potential leaders show us new and different ways of doing things.

Also a book that I read recently and want to share with everyone, Leadership and Self Deception by The Arbinger Institute. This book is not only helpful in organizations but in our everyday lives. Everyone could benefit from reading it....i did!!!

Rae Hersey, Leadership Chairman

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Newborns in Need

GREAT NEWS! Piscataquis County received word late Friday afternoon that we have been accepted to have a chapter. We are so excited. Now for the organization process.

A great big thanks to all you wonderful women who have contributed items for our project. Your response is overwhelming. Anne and I got together to total the items and I have just finished tallying. We have a total of \$1,583.00 in items. There are a

few things I have not added as I am not sure of the amount to price them. That will come later.

We have visited six clubs and talked about the project. Our Treasure Chest from pledge cards is already \$100.00. We have only begun! We look forward to visiting the remaining 18 in the next two years.

If you could take the tags off purchased items that would be a big help, put them in plastic bags and put the name of club or person donating them. Let us know when you have some you need picked up.

Just a reminder of things your club can do to raise money. Ninety-seven percent of the funds go directly to NIN so we only have 3% to use for other items we need. Plastic bags, large gift bags to pack items in for the family, thank you cards and stamps.

Things you can continue to do is have a club baby shower, town baby shower, partner with another organization, diaper shower. put a collection box in a doctor's office, have a collection container at club meetings.

For those who do not knit, crochet or sew, cloth, lace, batting and baby care items are needed. We are in need of dresses and boys outfits for the child that does survive. We also accept items for up to 2 years old. We do have some items that are 18 months. We have a total of 80 knit hats and some of them are for larger children. Wonderful!

So to all of you a great big thanks for supporting this project with such enthusiasm. Keep up the good work and remember, Newborns in Need will be around even when this President's Project is over.

Love to all, Minnie McCormick
budmin@myfairpoint.net

Maine Youth Leadership
www.maine-youth-leadership.org
**Leadership – Volunteerism –
Character**

It was so good to see so many of you at the Fall Conference in Ellsworth where I appreciated the opportunity to make my plea for your faithful and continued support of the MYL Seminar, scheduled for May 30 – June 2, 2013, at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

With new club administrations now in place, I would like to remind club treasurers to submit their MYL contribution prior to April to insure that the club be noted in the MYL Seminar Program along with other generous contributors. Also, I reiterate my reminder for clubs to call the Guidance Dept. of their respective high school to insure the opportunity for a sophomore is not missed.

Thank you so much for your generous involvement of the past. **(See p. 63 in new Directory).**

A full scholarship is \$250, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to:

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Gorham, ME 04038 (207)839-
4157 or gtewhey@maine.rr.com
Gloria Tewhey,
GFWC/MFMC MYL Chairman

DELEGATES FUND

A 50/50 raffle and two other items were raffled by the Delegates Fund Committee at the GFWC/Maine Fall Conference.

The amount raised for the fund was \$137. "Thank you" to all who made this possible.

Please send all donations for the fund to me at 24 Weir Lane, Lubec 04652.

May you all have wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Juanita Pressley
Delegates Fund Chairman

Special Report from
Suzanne Raymond
Immediate Past President

Hip Hip Hurray!! GFWC
Awards!!!!

Congratulations! How wonderful! These are the awards that were received at the GFWC Annual Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in June.

- UNICEF - Patten Woman's Club received the Club award in our membership category five.
- UNICEF – GFWC Maine received the State award in our membership category five.
- Photography - World in Pictures – Scenic: Third Place for "Japanese Tea Garden" - Nancy Ames, GFWC Semper Fidelis Club

- Paula Cutler Operation Smile Award – GFWC Maine received the State in our membership category five.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Congratulations to GFWC members for being recognized at Fall Conference by Secretary of State Charlie E. Summers Jr.! What a proud moment for GFWC Maine, and an excellent opportunity to use a little P.R. to get the word out by having an article submitted in a local newspaper. Remember to "brag" about your club and submit all Club meeting notices, minutes, fundraising events, community service projects, etc. to your local paper, on Facebook, on your town's website, on GFWC Maine's website, or any way you can think of. Don't forget the photos, either...they really capture people's attention!

Laura Neal
Public Relations Chairman



Happy Holidays
to GFWC Maine Club Women



**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
January 4, 2013**

GFWC/Maine

120 years of Volunteer Service



L to R: Nancy Ames, Recording Secretary; Marjorie Goodwin, President-elect; Anne Cress, President; Charles Summers, Secretary of State; Kathy White, Parliamentarian Pro-Tem, Mary Libby, Vice President at Fall Conference, Ramada Inn, Ellsworth, ME.

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