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# PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC Maine Newsletter  
September/October 2013



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## **President's Letter**

Anne Cress

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Dear Friends,

Things have been jumping here at the Cress home, as I am sure they have been for you as well. Summer is always hectic, but with the GFWC Annual Convention in Florida, the GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting in July followed by my son's wedding, and now deadlines for the directory, PTN, the "Call" and tentative agenda, I am feeling a bit overwhelmed! Somehow it will come together. It always does!

There are not enough words to tell you how wonderful the GFWC Annual Convention was in Hollywood, Florida! It was beyond fantastic! The speakers were engaging and awe inspiring, the food was great, the vendors/marketplace was a shopper's paradise, the

accommodations were beyond wonderful and the weather was perfect! The Everglades Tour was a delight! Suzanne Raymond and I held an alligator! We still have our fingers! I must admit the gator's mouth had a little tape around it! GFWC Maine was very proud and pleased to receive the "Paula Cutler Award" again this year for our contributions to "Operation Smile" during 2012. This special award belongs to all of you for donating so much money to help these children receive surgical repair for their cleft palates and lips. The award will be at Fall Conference for all to enjoy! The Heart of GFWC Banquet and "Red Dress" Fashion Show on our last night in Florida, was deemed a delight and a huge success! Nancy Ames, one of nineteen ladies, looked stunning in her red dress, as she strutted her "stuff" while Dr. Juan Jose` Rivera, a board certified Internist and Cardiologist, read Nancy's story of her stroke and road to recovery. The Maine delegation was mighty proud!

At our own Spring Convention in South Portland in May, it was an honor to report some outstanding statistics gathered from reading your wonderful club reports earlier this spring. The following are those stats.

Number of Projects: **526.**

Amount of dollars raised or donated: **\$84,945.**

Amount of in-kind donations: **\$18,661.**

Volunteer Hours: **21,662.**

Congratulations ladies! You are, "Living The Volunteer Spirit"! I love our new GFWC tagline! It says it all! Never doubt how much of an impact you are making in the lives of others by joining together to change the world, and make it a nicer place to be. I am honored to be associated with you in an organization as great as GFWC!

Please note the "Call to Conference" is in this issue of the PTN along with the registration form and hotel info. Please plan to join us on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. Our special guest will be Judy

Maguire, GFWC New England Region President. We want to make a good showing, so "ya'll" come! We have some exciting speakers, programs, workshops and great entertainment planned. Prepare for a "magical" evening! Come and renew your friendships, and meet and make new forever friends!

Before we enjoy our GFWC Maine Fall Conference, we will be enjoying our time together at the GFWC New England Region Conference in Hampton, N.H. September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come and join in the fun as we will be "welcomed" numerous times by our neighboring state! Our own Marge Goodwin and Nancy Ames will be presenting a "Heart Truth" Seminar they attended while at the GFWC Annual Convention in Florida. Come and see who our GFWC Maine "Jennie June" nominee is, as she is presented along with the other nominees from our Region. Our Maine gal is quite a special lady!!! This NER Conference is a delightful event! Don't miss out!

I will look forward to seeing you!!

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



## **President-Elect**

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The GFWC convention in Hollywood, Florida was great! When hundreds of women get

together to share ideas, it is an experience that is remarkable. The Speakers were fascinating and refreshing. Seminars were well worth attending. And.....the weather cooperated....warm with just a tiny bit of rain. What more could one ask for. Next year's convention will be in Arizona and I urge anyone who has never been to a GFWC convention to seriously consider attending.

As I look at my calendar, there are dates penciled in already. The New England Region conference is September 20, 21 and 22 in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. This conference brings clubwomen from all of the New England States together to share ideas. If you can't attend the whole conference, consider going for just a day. You will be glad that you did. Our own GFWC Maine Fall Conference is being held on October 17 and 18 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. I hope that every club will send representatives to the Conference. It is a great time to network and make new friends. President Anne has planned some very interesting and informative events for GFWC Maine clubwomen. I do hope that each club will send at least 4 members to the conference. If just one new idea is taken back to your club, it will be worth the trip.

On another note, President Anne has given me permission to ask if any of you would like to be part of the 2014-2016 administration. If any of you are interested in participating in the next administration, please let me know of your interest. I am

making my plans now and will be contacting GFWC Maine clubwomen in the near future to be part of these plans.

I hope you all are having a great summer with family and friends. Summer in Maine is far too short, however, and as they say "times-a-wasting". Be sure to do as many "fun" things as possible. Fall brings us back to the "business" side of life with schedules to meet, events to plan and all that other "stuff" that keeps us busy.

With a hug to each of you!

In Federation,

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## **Vice President**

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I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful Maine summer. Yes, we have had some very hot days but considering December, January and February, I guess we should not complain.

On one of those hot days, the Executive Board met and discussed the coming club year. I know that this will be a busy and productive year. My news for this year is ..... the report form has changed ! Can you believe it ? It is basically the same as last year's but there are more explanations and directions. There will be a

workshop at the Fall Conference and the report forms will be available for you to take back to your clubs.

I hope to see some of you at the New England Region conference at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire in September. I hope many of you will attend the GFWC Maine Fall Conference at the Black Bear Inn, Orono. Conferences are a wonderful time to renew friendships and see what the state clubs are doing.

In federation,  
Mary Libby  
GFWC Maine vice President

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If you have not ordered a copy of the directory yet, I would urge you to do so. There will be a few available at Fall Conference.

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## **CLUB NEWS**

### **District 1**

The **GFWC Westbrook Women's Club** has been busy as usual. In March they held their annual high school art show which was a great success. Their first place winner went to the district meeting where it placed third and on to the GFWC Maine Spring Convention where it received Honorable Mention.

On June 30 and July 1 members took part in the Westbrook Together Days where they took donations for pinwheels with the proceeds being donated to the Wounded Warriors Project of Maine. They had a great time giving pinwheels to all of the children. They are getting ready for a new club year and looking forward to it.

In April, The **GFWC Gorham Woman's Club** held their annual High School Art Show which included wonderful artwork from Gorham High School students and were proud to have some it submitted to the GFWC Maine Spring Convention. It will be on display at the public library for two weeks after the show.

In May, 6 members attended the state convention in South Portland. The club provided

tatted stationery as table favors for one of the luncheons at the convention. The Club's annual meeting was held at the Maine Street Grill in Standish.

In June, 4 graduating seniors were presented with scholarships from the club totaling \$3,000.00 and at that meeting they successfully planned their meetings for next year which will be interesting and informative.

June/July - Wendy Bowler, club president, attended the GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, FL. There were a total of 8 representatives from Maine at that convention of 600+ attendees. Wendy said she was glad to be able to attend and that it was both informative and inspiring to learn from and share with so many women.

The club will have a tatted stationery workshop in August. The colorful tatted flowers on ivory paper are great for thank you notes, birthday and sympathy cards and have been a good fund raiser for the club.

The **GFWC Research Club of Limerick** is on the move. At their May meeting, a fund raising auction, "Kool Kitchen Kollektibles" brought laughter and monies to the club and showed great imagination in the interpretation of what a Kitchen Collectible was.

May's GFWC Spring Convention was well attended with nine club members participating, two of which had never gone to a state meeting before. Much knowledge

was gained and enthusiasm for future events stimulated.

The planting of flowers around the Gazebo in the center of town finished off last years' project which saw the gazebo repaired and repainted.

June's annual meeting was held at a local restaurant, "The Hungary Hollow", thus supporting a local restaurant where excellent suggestions were forthcoming and the club looks forward to an exciting and interesting year of programs.

July took them to another area business "Steeplebush Farm". Their hostess and owner, Laurie Jean Kelly, talked on the many uses of culinary and medicinal herbs. A tour of her extensive gardens, despite the mosquitoes, was an education in itself. They also gained a new member, who is also the reporter for the local newspaper. Oh, the possibilities there!

In August they will have an historian and member of The Shaker Museum in Alfred come to inform them of the contributions made by the Shakers and the importance of this forgotten society in our past.

September will start their club year with their annual Pot Luck Supper which is always well attended.

The **GFWC Southern MidCoast Woman's Club** has had the last 2 months off, but is getting ready to jump back into the fun! They are planning a Craft Fair so look for

more information coming out about that soon.

The clubs of District One are all very busy and you will hear more from them all in the next *Pine Tree Notes*.

## *District 2*

**GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club.** March found members anxious to find out who the winners would be on the FAB Fair Raffle. This is always a fun meeting as the tickets are drawn one by one. The proceeds from the Fair were: \$140 from the food table, \$121 from the craft table and \$342 from the raffle. Even guest speaker, District 2 Co-President Tina Anzelc, won one of the items. Tina spoke to the Club regarding the **GFWC Maine High School Art Show**, the District Two Presidents' Project "**Sleepers in September**" and next year's **Faces Make Places** art project, as well as the Maude McKenzie Scholarship. In April, the club welcomed spring with guitar music and songs provided by guest Barbara Demo. All enjoyed the sing-a-long. A letter of resignation was read from Crystal Tufts, recording secretary for five years, which was accepted with regret. The Scholarship Committee reported three \$1000 scholarships were awarded. At the May meeting, President Joyce announced she had been chosen as the Maine LEADS candidate, and she attended the GFWC Convention in Hollywood, Florida. The GFWC Maine Spring Convention was well attended by

seven members. It was also reported that Mary Cayford won first prize for her poem, **My Little Grandmother**. Joyce Noonan won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Scenic Photo Contest, the club took 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the Scrapbook, thanks to Billie Sherman, and the club received the President's Choice Certificate for the Women's History and Resource Center Narrative, **Happy 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, and also the Education Service Program Narrative, **Kentucky Derby Day Party**. Mel Burnham, Director of the Skowhegan History House, was guest speaker and he talked about the wonderful treasure the Skowhegan History House is and how it all came to be. He is very excited to be offering three different walking tours of Skowhegan this summer, as well as a Heritage Tea and Garden Party. President Joyce installed the three new Directors for the next two years, Ellen Govoni, Crystal Tufts, and Nancy Gould, as well as installed the new Recording Secretary June Nickerson Hovey. Nancy Gould signed the member record book, which has been in existence for 130 years and was presented with her membership pin. The club continues to sell food Sunday nights at the Concerts in Coburn Park. The concerts have been well attended and the club's food table has been much appreciated.

**GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club.** The club started spring off with a memorable banquet at the Heritage House where they welcomed Janet Bard, their newest member. In May, a yard/plant sale was held which was a hit! In June, a very active

and busy member rode her bicycle once again in the Trek Across Maine, raising thousands of dollars for the American Lung Association. Linda Smith has been riding for years, puts several hundred miles on her bike each year, participates in many rides for many causes, and also rides just for the fun of it! Davida Barter once again participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser spending several hours raising money to fight cancer the course of the year with this extremely busy group. In July, our very busy and energetic Nancy Ames attended the "Heart Truth" seminar while at GFWC Convention in Hollywood, Florida and will be speaking on this, along with GFWC Maine President-Elect Marjorie Goodwin, at the NER Conference in New Hampshire in September. She was also a model at the Heart of GFWC Fashion Show at the convention. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the club is participating at Skowhegan's Moonlight Madness in the GFWC fundraiser with the Sew Much Comfort organization's "Drop Your Drawers" project. This project provides custom made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to all wounded service members from current conflicts in all branches of the military and National Guard. In September, members will be gearing up for their largest fundraiser, the Skowhegan birthday calendar, now in its 57<sup>th</sup> year.

**GFWC The Dove Society.** The club held its final meeting/banquet in May at the Kel Met Cafe in Skowhegan,

which was closed to the public so they had the place to themselves. It was really nice and the food and homemade soup were delicious. Members appreciated the opportunity to spend this time together. They happily inducted Elizabeth Foxwell as their newest member. Thanks go to Lisa Turner and RaeLynne Knight for doing a wonderful job setting up the banquet and for the beautiful flowers. During the summer, several club members signed up to continue the cleaning and maintenance of the three gardens in Coburn Park that club members maintain. They have their own Dove Garden and have adopted the Margaret Chase Smith rose garden and also a smaller garden that someone started years ago but had been deserted. The executive committee is meeting soon at President Dawna Estys' house to plan the year's activities. Members look forward to another fun and productive year.

**GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club.** After the holidays activities were in full swing again. Trisha Wurpel and Martina Eastman presented two workshops making bracelets for "Buttons For Babies," a project through United Way. Barclays matches money raised and donates it to homeless shelters for children. At their March meeting, Dr. Kieran of Paradigm Wellness in Jay was the guest speaker. He made members aware that chiropractic services are not just for physical injuries but also used for tension and emotional stress that transmits pain from brain to body. In April the meeting included a tour at Hope Haven

Gospel Mission in Lewiston followed by lunch at the Green Ladle, the Culinary Arts Program at Lewiston High School. The final meeting of the season was held at Nancy Conant's home in Hebron with an ice cream social. In June, the club held an election bake sale with the proceeds going to Washburn/Norlands to help with the barn restoration. A \$500.00 donation was

**Waldoboro Woman's Club.** May found the members of the club celebrating its Annual Meeting with the installation of Becky Maxwell as their new Vice President. (Their past one ran away and got married! All kidding aside, they wish her the best in her new life in Florida). The Medomak Valley High School Senior Tea was a great success. The students all seemed to enjoy it; many had never been to a tea before and probably many of them won't ever again unless, of course, they join a woman's club! The "Whale of a Sale" went very well even though we did not have a formal plant table this year. Now that summer is upon us, some of the members act as docents at the Waldoboro German Church, which is open only during the months of July and August. The annual service in both English and German is held the first Sunday in August and the club bakes goodies for a reception following the service. People from all over local and "from away" (some actually from Germany) come to the service. The club looks forward to the beginning of the new club year in September.

***District 3***



Happy summer from District 3! The District 3 Meeting and Art Show in April at Jeff's Catering in Brewer was a huge success, with 33 attending representing 9 of 10 clubs. GFWC Maine President Anne Cress was the speaker for the day and Kathy White, past state president and current state protocol chairman, did a humorous and informative presentation on protocol and parliamentary procedure, ably assisted by Suzanne Raymond and Barb Austin.

**Patawa Club** of Bangor has been enjoying their summer break, but ended the spring on a high note with over \$1,500 of disbursements to local charities. The May banquet was well-attended by membership and included District 3 President, Libby Wiers, as a special guest. There is a summer potluck planned for August, and members look forward to resuming monthly meetings in September, with the theme for this year focusing on hunger in their community.

After a 3 month hiatus, the **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** had a very interesting start to the new year at their April meeting. A woman walked in during the meeting and said she picked up one of the club's brochures at the town office and would like to join the club! How about that! Speakers for that meeting were Denise Trafton and Anita Kane Libby talking about the Penquis Journey House in Dexter, a home for teenage women with infants that need help getting back on their feet.

Members donated diapers and some clothing items to the Penquis Journey House as well. The club sponsored their annual high school art contest held at the Abbott Memorial Library in Dexter and participated at the district 3 art show and meeting. 4 club members went to the Spring Convention in South Portland, where the club received awards certificates and a check for selling Directory ads. May's annual meeting and membership appreciation potluck luncheon was held at President Laura Neal's house. Gifts of chocolates were given to members present. After a short meeting, members drove across town for a tour of the Community Fitness Center given by club member Elsie Mann and Director Gail Worden. June's meeting focused on club members selling ads and updating the club's scrapbooks to be taken to the Dexter Historical Society. Peter Neal, Funeral Director, spoke about the benefits of pre-planning and discussing the latest changes with social security and with the veteran's department. An executive board meeting was held in July to discuss changes to the club's programs and updating information on members.

**GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** is currently enjoying a hiatus during the summer months. Closing out the "club year" last spring, this group had a most enjoyable meeting when District President Libby Wiers was a special guest! Members were asked to bring a picture or two of when they were babies (or at least younger!) and had a grand time trying to match

them to the correct member! There were as many wrong guesses as correct ones. . . but oh, so much fun! Two members were in attendance at the GFWC Maine Spring Convention and the following week the club had its own annual luncheon. Suzanne was pleased to share that Cosmopolitan Club was honored with several awards at the state meeting. This was a great way to end the year and the club is planning on another productive year ahead!

**GFWC/MIOSAC Club/Dover-Foxcroft** members met in April for a Hobby Night, where members showed examples of the things they do for fun and relaxation. Members saw hand-knit socks, quilts, scrapbooks, and antique dolls, among other things. The winner of the Club's annual Ice-Out Contest was announced in April. The Ice-Out Contest is a fundraiser. Later that month the Club hosted a Tastefully Simple Party. This was also a fundraiser for the Club. The MIOSAC Club received a percentage of the sales. May saw the Club hold its Annual Reports meeting. During this brown bag dinner get together, Club officers present their (May to May) annual reports. The last meeting in May was the Club's Birthday Dinner. The club is 75 years old! The advisory committee met in June to prepare the meeting programs for 2013/2014 for the Club books. These will be passed out during an informal get together in September, prior to the first meeting in October.

The MIOSAC Club doesn't meet during the summer, but that doesn't mean the members aren't busy. Some are gardening (home-grown tomatoes! Yum!), while others are hosting visits from family and friends. One member has put in 70 hours working in various flower gardens throughout the town. A few members are at camp. NER is coming up in September, and Club Member and Maine State President Anne Cress is very busy. It's August already, and there are only a few weeks of summer left. Maine summers are way too short!

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland gained a second new member for this club year at the April meeting. A crafting activity was the program for the evening; members took home bookmarks they had stamped and embossed. The club year ended with an outing to Angler's in Newport - who doesn't like eating out! Currently on hiatus until October from regular activities, the club did host a tea on July 31 to honor long-time member Ida Briggs who, at 90+, will be moving to CT in September to be near family. The calendar committee will also meet to get the agenda set for 2013-2014.

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** held their Annual Meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. Following a "Brown Bag" lunch, their regular meeting, and the Annual Reports, members were given a tour of the facility by fellow GFWC Maine clubwoman Lynette King. On May 18th. the group partnered with the Mainely

Music Barbershop Chorus of Bangor to present a concert in memory of Wade Richardson, a local member of the group. Monies raised were to provide scholarships for area youth to attend Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast 2013 in August. This is a music camp focusing on vocal and choral instruction. Approximately 6 camperships were provided. "Sparkle," a Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce fundraiser has been a very profitable fund raiser for the Newport Club for the last few years. Club members are busy attending meetings, selling ads etc. again this year. The calendar committee is busy putting together the agenda for 2013-2014.

The **Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club** has had a busy spring. Club members Barbara Jones, Marilyn Lloyd, Connie Theis, Marge Goodwin, Rae Hersey and Bev Rollins attended the GFWC Maine District 3 Meeting in Brewer April 13<sup>th</sup>. A painting by Nevin Goewey of MCI placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District 3 art contest. Club members presented more items for the Newborns in Need project. The club held their annual meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The meal was catered and enjoyed by members and the election took place. The club continues to provide meals at the Welcome Table in Pittsfield. A free meal is open to the public and the club provided a meal of salads, finger rolls, and desserts on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Many members of the ARTS club baked items for the Pittsfield Theatre fundraiser held at the

Warsaw Gym this spring. The theatre has been a worthwhile cause that the club has supported for many years and was their CIP project 2010-2011. The ARTS club received the Largest Increase in Membership Award for 2012 along with an award for Reporting for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Program at the Spring Convention May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Merry Manor in So. Portland. The club is now planning a yard sale to be held Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>. The club will be planning their programs for the coming year and looks forward to an exciting club year.

And finally, on a sad note, the **Tuesday Club** of Pittsfield decided to disband at their annual meeting. With only 4 members (2 are over 80 and 3 are dual members of the ARTS club) they decided not to continue. It was a tough decision but they felt they had to face reality.

### *District 4*

The **Castine Woman's Club** has had an exciting and busy Spring and Summer during its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!

Highlights included making lemon cloud pie at the Wilson Museum with Nancy Watson from the Manor Inn, hosting the District 4 (Hancock County) Art Contest, an enlightening talk by representatives from the Maine Community Foundation, and a potluck luncheon in June to wrap up the 2012-2013 membership year. The potluck luncheon brought the Club back home to a newly renovated Town Hall. At



the potluck, members thanked the Trinity Episcopal Church and the Compass Rose Bookstore for generously hosting many of the Club's meetings during the Town Hall renovation this past year.

The Club was honored on June 22 to help with the re-dedication of the Town Hall by serving a special lunch and later sweets to the public during the open house. The Club is so proud to be utilizing the newly renovated Marge Wood Kitchen.

With great enthusiasm, the Club provided desserts and volunteers at the May 23 Maja Trivia Tournament of Champions for peninsula middle school students at the Wilson Museum. It was a joy to share in the students' excitement at this event.

In the fundraising realm, the Club's been as busy as ever with successful fundraisers over the past few months including a Spring Bridge Luncheon, a food concession at the annual town meeting, and the annual Fourth of July Pie Sale. In June, the Club was pleased to award \$3000 in scholarships to local students.

In continued celebration of CWC's Centennial this year, CWC is hosting a Flash in the Pans concert on the evening of August 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Castine Town Dock. The Club is also thrilled to bring the play "Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington" to Castine on September 1 at 1:00 p.m. The one-woman play will be performed by Sally Jones from Norway, Maine, at Delano Auditorium on the campus of

Maine Maritime Academy. The play depicts the life of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith, our nation's first female senator. In an effort to cover expenses and to spur community interest in the play, the Club was thrilled to receive sponsorships from the Wilson Museum, the Castine Historical Society, the Witherle Library, Bangor Savings Bank, and Camden National Bank. Ticket proceeds from the play and donations from the Flash in the Pans concert will fund scholarships for local students.

You are all invited to both events, which promise to be entertaining and lots of fun! Come on over to Castine to help the Club celebrate its centennial!

The We Care Baby Center of Machias presented at the January meeting of the **GFWC Lubec Woman's Club**. For the past ten years the all volunteer Center has provided supplies for eligible (Mainecare or WIC) area children from birth through preschool. Their funding is almost entirely donations as grants for the kinds of services they offer are rare. Having been told in advance that their greatest need was for disposable diapers, the club decided to pool resources and make a bulk purchase. As a result they were able to present the Center representatives with almost 1,000 diapers when they visited.

The February meeting "starred" a speaker on women's heart health. A physician's assistant at the local medical center, reviewed current research on life-style/behavioral factors which impact on

cardiovascular risk, shared suggestions on better choices and distributed informative handouts.

Having assisted at a Christmas Party for local senior citizens in December, and knowing that they were scheduled to assist at a fund-raising dinner in mid-February to benefit a local family deal with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), members decided to order matching aprons to improve the visibility of the club in the community. One of the members volunteered to make buttons with our signature lighthouse, title and motto ("Women Working Together Toward A Better World") to further support the effort. When the kitchen crew called for help, "We need the ladies in the red aprons," members knew they had made at least a beginning.

March was a busy month. The March meeting was held at the local Masonic Lodge. Their guide shared the history of the Lodge which has, since its establishment, been a central pillar of the community and members really enjoyed their visit. Later in the month club members were very pleased to receive their license from the State of Maine which allows them to solicit donations directly from the public. Just before Easter they conducted a raffle for two Easter Dinner baskets and added just over \$500 to their scholarship fund.

April was spent planning and organizing for a Chinese Raffle which was held in mid-May. Members were very pleased with the level of support they received

from the community, both in donations and in patronage, raising almost \$750.

The club held their annual meeting and election of officers in May. Nonie MacBride conducted the installation of officers and blew out the candles on a cake celebrating the Club's 98<sup>th</sup> year.

June was really busy. In addition to organizing the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Trash & Treasure Sale, the club was called on to assist with serving at a Pasta Dinner for some 700+ runners who came to Lubec to participate an international (Lubec & Campobello, NB) marathon. As many members had volunteered to help with other aspects of the event scheduling was tight but they managed and had a wonderful time meeting visitors from all over the world.

The end of June was spent accepting Trash & Treasure donations and setting up for the sale itself. Again, the club had wonderful community support with amazing donations of sale items. The other amazing thing is that they do not price anything... "patrons" are asked to make a donation to our scholarship fund in whatever amount they think appropriate. Many are very generous, and most are more than fair. Folks who have less to spend get some great deals on things they really need. On July 5<sup>th</sup> everything remaining was free which really helped out some less fortunate folks and made our "clean-up" a lot easier. When all was said and done the club cleared almost \$1900.00 for the scholarship fund.

Last but not least, the Club decided they really needed to be represented in the Town's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. So members decorated a little red roadster (circa 1968) with balloons and hung panels saying "Lubec Woman's Club" on its doors and another panel on the trunk which read, "98 Years Young." Nonie MacBride (91 years young) was "signed up" to ride, smile & wave but her health forced a last-minute cancellation and another member (early 80's) took on the "duty."



The **GFWC/NARRAGUAGUS WOMEN'S CLUB** met in June to discuss the meeting day of the Club and whether the membership would like to meet year round in order to accommodate its members who go south in the winter. After much discussion, it was decided to meet once a month all year long. The club will go back to Monday meetings at 1:00 p.m. in

homes of members.

The first meeting of the new schedule was held at the Women's Health Resource Library in Milbridge. This arrangement allowed speakers to use the resources at the library to show slides. The Program was entitled "Connecting with Ireland". Prospective new member, Penny Curtis, Jean Arsenault and Ora Aselton provided slides, album pictures and brochures about their recent trips to Ireland. Penny made Soda Bread Cookies for the program and Jean brought candy from Ireland. It proved to be very educational and interesting program.

On July 27 the Club had a Yard and Bake Sale at the Milbridge Historical Society Storage Building to earn funds for their community projects for the year.

At the August 12 meeting Priscilla Stewart of New Hampshire will present a program on "Button Collecting as a Hobby". The author of "Come Fly with Me", Shirley Chase of Winter Harbor, will be the Club's guest speaker at the Club's September meeting.

The Club is struggling to stay alive. The Club has had the same officers for the last few years and they are getting burnt out. The club has tried news items in the local paper. Any ideas from other clubs would be most appreciated.

## **ARTS**

ARTS: Gratitude & Attitude

Art is stretching your soul. In art we reach a little further, rather it's for an expression of thought and emotion, or reaching for a higher note. Support behind the scene makes it all happen for the GFWC Maine Art Department.

Thanks goes out to these clubs for giving to the arts for 2012: The Dove Society, Gorham WC, Lubec WC, Skowhegan WC, Castine WC, Miosac WC, Semper Fidelis, Patawa WC, Westbrook WC. Thanks to the Semper Fedelis & Castine WC, for 2013 donations. May the arts always be a part of your life and a part of your club programs.

At GFWC Maine Spring Convention, we were honored with a letter of encouragement from a prominent artist, Dahlov Ipcar, from Georgetown, Maine. Her achievements in the arts are an inspiration to all and her positive attitude encourages the soul. We need more people like that.

As the art year progresses, please continue to give joyfully to the art department, communities and to your club art programs. Your time will be well spent in giving to others.

Stretch your soul writing a few stories and poetry. Take a few photos, sing a song and act in a play. Let's see ideas for the art initiative, Faces Make Places, to honor deserving persons who work in our communities. Find space and host an exhibit of the face to celebrate the art.

Barbara Hathaway  
[bhaway@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bhaway@myfairpoint.net)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

This summer is slipping by all too fast. I have enjoyed the heat (could do without all the humidity, though!) and all the fun activities that have been going on. Hope your summer has been a good one and you are ready to get back into your club work. I am looking forward to the coming year and all that it brings.

The summer seasonal recruitment campaign, "Kick up your Heels" ends September 1<sup>st</sup> so there is still time to ask those new ladies to join you in your club endeavors. Don't forget to report your recruitment activities to GFWC for credit and recognition. Three new members gets your name in a future edition of Clubwoman Magazine. The fall seasonal recruitment campaign, "Lace up your Shoes" begins September 1<sup>st</sup> so let's get some new faces involved in GFWC.

There is great news from GFWC! Not only are they offering grants to help underwrite membership recruiting efforts at the club level but they are also encouraging state federations and districts to apply for \$100 grants on behalf of new clubs and refederating clubs to help underwrite new club building activities! If you think your club would like to apply for these grants, the applications are available at [GFWC.com](http://GFWC.com) or contact me and I will do whatever I can to help.

I will leave you with the following membership words of wisdom: Take time to invite new members. Hear what your members are saying. Are your meetings interesting? Explain why GFWC is NECESSARY. BE KIND. Show your members how much you care. Help your members be a part of the team. Organize your meetings in a timely manner. Everyone WINS. See the difference it will MAKE!!!

I hope to see you all at NER in New Hampshire and at Fall Conference! Till next time –

Carol Jarvais  
Membership Chair

## **PRESIDENT'S PROJECT**

### **Newborns in Need**

Greetings to all. I hope you had a great summer. It was late getting here but came with full force.

Newborns In Need has taken a hiatus for the summer. Perhaps some of you have but some may still be sewing and knitting. Anne finally got the items all packed up so she could use her bedrooms once again. We have given out four bags of items.

For fall conference and in the future we need clothes from 6 months to 2 years and baby care items. Of course any item you donate is greatly appreciated.

Hopefully this fall the local chapter will begin meeting. We need to get people to take the

offices before we can be really active.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see many of you at Fall Conference in Orono.

Minnie McCormick  
President's Project Chairman

**MaineYouth Leadership**  
**www.maine youth leadership.org**  
**Leadership – Volunteerism –  
Character**

Another dynamic and successful seminar took place in May-June at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. There were many impressive presenters and speakers, each selected to deliver a message to help guide the 100+ sophomores in attendance to his/her own leadership style. Important decisions and choices are made by students at this grade level and many influence the direction taken in life. A whole host of concepts were discussed, from ethics to justice, responsibility to team-building and personal choice to acceptance in an attempt to challenge their understanding and decision-making. They learned and they laughed together and saw wisdom and friendship in each other. They left USM more confident knowing that they had made an investment in themselves and that many people think **they are worth it!!**

An immense **THANK YOU** to Maine woman's clubs for making this most worthy endeavor a

priority. You do make a huge difference in supporting MYL!

**A full scholarship is \$250, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to: Gloria Tewhey, MYL Chairman, 3 Valley View Dr., Gorham, ME 04038 (207)839-4157 or [gtewhey@maine.rr.com](mailto:gtewhey@maine.rr.com)**

**FUNDRAISING**

Hi all,  
Hope your summer is going well - what Summer we have had! Here in Dover-Foxcroft it has either been raining, broiling hot or both! Not my idea of a Maine Summer! Fall Conference will be here before we know it so for those clubs wishing to have a table in the Market Place, please let me know by Sept 30th. As always, the committees of the state are exempt from paying but for clubs the cost is \$5 for half a table and \$10 for a whole table. You may email me at [Mrsmoore2@aol.com](mailto:Mrsmoore2@aol.com) or call at [207-564-2281](tel:207-564-2281) and let me know of your needs. You can then pay at the conference send a check to Barb Austin, 838 West Main St, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. Fundraising will have at least 2 quilted items to raffle off - not sure what they will be as my creative juices are still flowing!! Thanks so much and see you in October!

Barb Austin  
Fundraising Chair

**DELEGATES FUND**

I appreciated all the work Sheri Walsh did during my illness to make the raffle at Spring Convention a success. "Thank you" Sheri and Joyce Noonan, and anyone else who helped.

The following is the report which Sheri sent to me:

"We made \$606 and raffled off 37 items. Jewelry, shawls and evening bags/purses. Made \$35 profit on a 50/50 raffle (included in the \$606). Paula Dore won the \$35. Lovedy Alexander won the Emerald Pendant/earrings set. Megan Libby won the Gemstone necklace/earring set. Gloria Leveillee won the Heart necklace from Kay Jewelers and Jane Shaw won the 1 CT diamond ring. The table was well received and the women enjoyed it."

I look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference in Orono. We hope to have many more items to offer at our raffle.

Juanita Pressley

**ESO**

ESO...ESO...ESO....

A challenging and enjoyable program for your own personal growth. Reading is relaxing, refreshing and adds knowledge, all without pressure. Information is wasily available by going to the GFWC website....click on Member Center.....click on ESO.....there is a complete reading list and other pertinent information.

KUDOS to GFWC Livermore Falls Woman's Club...they have started an ESO breakfast group.

Book selections are made,  
everyone reads the same four  
books, over breakfast they discuss  
the books and a designated  
member sends me the report.  
Who doesn't like to go out for

breakfast and start your day with  
smiles and friendship.

maxphil2002@yahoo.com

Maxine Russakoff  
ESO Chairman  
PO BOX 6  
Skowhegan, ME 04976

**CALL to GFWC Maine Fall Conference  
October 17 & 18, 2013 – Black Bear Inn – Orono**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>      2:00 PM GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting – Room A

Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>      8:30 AM Registration / Marketplace (Bring Your Own Coffee/Tea)

**10:00 AM Opening Session – Business**

**Reports – Speakers – Presentations**

Greetings from GFWC NER President, Judy Maguire  
Report of GFWC Maine Historian  
Unveiling of 1992-2016 GFWC Maine President's Portrait  
Electricity Maine – Gloria Leveille  
Leadership  
LEADS – Marge Goodwin, GFWC Maine President-elect  
LEADS – 2012 GFWC Maine Ambassador  
LEADS – MINI-SEMINAR

12:00 PM    MARKETPLACE

12:15 PM    “Celebrating Our Leaders Luncheon”  
                Honoring our District and Club Presidents

1:00 PM    Luncheon Speaker: Erich Hunter of The United Way

**1:50 PM    Business Session Reconvenes**

Maine Youth Leadership  
Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention  
President's Project Update  
Fundraising  
Legislation/Public Policy  
Reporting Workshop for Members, Club Presidents & Chairmen -  
**(If you have any questions prior to the Conference, please send them  
to GFWC Maine Vice President, Mary Libby, at [mklibby@yahoo.com](mailto:mklibby@yahoo.com)  
or call 854-0201 to help us prepare for the best workshop possible.)**  
Educational Loan Fund & Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund  
Directory/Newsletter  
2012-2014 GFWC Maine Jennie Award Winner

## MARKETPLACE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 4:30 PM

5:45 PM Social Hour

6:45 PM Processional

7:00 PM “Making Magic Happen Banquet”  
Honoring our GFWC Maine Past State Presidents

8:00 PM Entertainment- Danny Baker – Maine’s Funniest Magician!

9:00 PM Reception in President’s Suite to honor GFWC NER President, Judy Maguire, and our own GFWC Maine Jennie Award Winner

Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM Registration / Marketplace (Bring Your Own Coffee/Tea)

9:30 AM **Business Session Reconvenes**

### **Reports – Speakers – Presentations**

Endowment Fund

Delegate’s Fun

Membership

“Icebreaker” with Nancy Ames

Speaker – Judy Maguire, GFWC NER President

Community Improvement Contest

Invitation to GFWC NER 2013

ARTS – Change in Photo Contest Rules

Education

ESO

Conservation

Home Life

Public Issues

International Outreach

11:45 AM MARKETPLACE

12:15 PM “Living The Volunteer Spirit Luncheon”  
Honoring our Program and Committee Chairmen

1:15 PM **Business Session Reconvenes**

Nominating Committee Report

Workshop – (How to Write Your Club’s History)

President’s Report

Final Report of Registration

Courtesy Committee Report

Drawings and Raffles



**REMEMBER TO BRING 9 COPIES OF YOUR CLUB PROGRAMS TO THIS  
CONFERENCE!**

**NOTE: Marketplace WILL be available to Clubs at this Fall Conference!!!**

Register with Barbara Austin, Fundraising Chairman, if you want a full or ½ table. The tables are 8' long. (*See below.*)

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**FALL CONFERENCE MARKETPLACE – REGISTRATION FORM**

If your Club is interesting in earning some money, and you have items to sell or raffle, please fill out this application and mail it to **Barbara Austin, 838 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426. Deadline for table reservations and payment is October 10, 2013.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Table space for State Chairmen is **FREE**, *BUT.....*you still **MUST** submit an application and sign up to reserve your space. Those exempt from fees are the Delegate's Fund, Endowment Fund, Signature Project, President's Project, Fundraising, and Corresponding Secretary for directories, etc. *Simply write "NO FEE" in the space you select, and fill out the rest of this form and mail it to Barbara at the above address.*

Marketplace space: full table \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Marketplace space: ½ table \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMEN/ PROGRAM  
CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_

(No food items are to be included for raffle or sale at this Marketplace, including jams, jellies, condiments, or any consumable item.)

**GFWC Maine Fall Conference  
October 17-18, 2013 Black Bear Inn – Orono, Maine**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Club/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
GFWC Maine Position: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Guest ☐ GFWC Booster  
**Registration Fee - ☐ Thursday \$15.00 ☐ Friday \$15.00 ☐ Both days \$25.00**



**EARLY BIRD** get's the worm!! Register early for Early Bird Discount - see #5 below...)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Make check payable to **GFWC Maine** for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete **a separate registration form** for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check by **September 25, 2013** to: **Suzanne Raymond, 935 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 phone 564-8817 e-mail: sraymond72@roadrunner.com**
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after October 3, 2013**.
5. **Early Bird Discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before September 15, 2013** and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for a two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!!!

**Registration Fee**..... \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I qualify for the **Early Bird Discount! (deduct \$10 or \$5)**  - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registration Total**

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

**Thursday Lunch:**

Sandwich - Wrap Platter Buffet - (chicken salad, turkey, ham, roast beef, cheeses, Caesar salad, roasted vegetables and hummus, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles and beverage) **\$16.00** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Banquet: select one**

Baked Haddock **\$25.00** ☐ **OR** Pasta Primavera & Vegetables **\$25.00** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
(tossed house salad, Chef's choice potato & vegetable, assorted cakes, and beverage)

**Friday Lunch: select one**

Mediterranean Salad Plate **\$15.00** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
(chicken, romaine, tomato, cucumbers, Greek olives, feta cheese, dried cranberries, figs, almonds, rolls and beverage) **OR** Balsamico-chicken, romaine, bleu cheese, roasted onions and almonds **\$15.00** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Fee** \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Pine Tree Notes

September/October

2013

## **Black Bear Inn – Orono, Maine**

**GFWC Maine - Fall Conference – October 17-18, 2013**

### **Guest Room Rates**

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

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN  
September 20, 2013 for the guaranteed room rate**

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

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received by 4:00 PM on arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

Hotel facilities include: FREE high speed wireless internet, use of fitness center, sauna, complimentary continental breakfast in the Black Bear Café, free newspaper, cable television, AM/FM radios, irons, ironing boards, hair dryers, and coffee makers.

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

**Check-in time 2:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 am  
Black Bear Inn Conference Center, 4 Godfrey Drive, Orono, ME 04473  
(207) 866-7120**

**Directions: On I- 95 take exit 193 (Old Town/Stillwater). From the North, turn left off ramp and take the first right at the light. From South, turn right off ramp and take the first right at the light.**

**Attire for our gatherings:**

**Thursday and Friday during the day - business casual**

**Thursday Banquet –This will be a semi-formal evening for a “magical” event!**

## The Benefits of Belonging to the:

# GENERAL FEDERATION *of* WOMEN'S CLUBS



This is a compilation of a few of the many reasons why you and all the women you know should belong to a GFWC club. Read them, learn them and share them with everyone who asks why they should belong.

1. Lifelong friends with women all over the country, the world, your state and in your town, whom you might never have met.
2. Networking with 49 other states, 3,000+ clubs, and over 100,000 women across the country on project ideas that work and benefit your communities.
3. Opportunities for growth and personal advancement, learning valuable leadership skills, gaining self confidence and learn more about our world.
4. As part of an international organization – you have more clout with legislators. Your vote makes a huge impact when working together.
5. GFWC can reach all 50 states and over 100,000 women easily to distribute information about any time sensitive issue.
6. Opportunities to make a larger impact on our country – when all members and all clubs focus on the same issue (like Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention – our Signature Project).
7. Opportunity to learn about many diverse topics and to gain a broader perspective on how each one effects people differently.
8. Opportunity for Community Service and the satisfaction of working together to help those in need and improve our environment, and our communities.
9. Opportunity to stay active in my community and to make a difference, without restricting my free time. Every time I help – my club appreciates my time, talent and efforts.
10. Opportunity for fun, social activities along with all of the Community Service our club does for our town.
11. Opportunities that provide you with training, contacts and experiences to put on a resume to help you advance in the workforce.
12. A built in “emotional” support system. Women nurture each other and our clubs are like circles of friends – always there when we need them.
13. Opportunities to meet other women who are passionate about many of the same issues that you hold dear.
14. Opportunities to travel and see the country. The GFWC annual meetings and the region meetings are held in different states each year with fun, informative and reasonably priced tours offered before the start of these meetings.
15. Opportunities to hear world renowned speakers at these large meetings.

16. Opportunities to win monetary awards, receive financial grants, and utilize the free materials provided by other organizations.
17. Opportunity to say you belong to an international organization of women who has such a proud 121 year long history of serving our world, our country and our communities.
18. Opportunities to network with other organizations that enjoy working with such an amazing organization of women. They give GFWC clubs educational materials, and readymade club projects and club programs.
19. Access to an incredible selection of projects, programs, speakers, emblematic items and a wealth of educational materials – all geared to our clubs that are adaptable to our specific needs and are easily located on GFWC's website or through GFWC's marketplace.
20. Access to the Women's History and Resource Center – located at GFWC headquarters which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections and publications.
21. Opportunity to advocate for special legislation with the backing of the delegates at our annual conventions. Each year over 100 resolutions are reviewed, updated or left unchanged on a wide variety of topics. You can be notified on these opportunities to advocate if you sign up for the legislative updates.
22. LEADS – a leadership, education and development seminar sponsored each year during the annual convention by GFWC with monetary assistance to one candidate from each state to aid in the development of leaders at the club, district, state, region and GFWC levels.
23. Being able to claim the legacy of accomplishments of the women who came before you, who made such a tremendous difference in the lives of our citizens and in the history of our country, states, and communities.
24. Satisfaction of knowing that everything you do with your GFWC club helps someone else.
25. A great vehicle for women – empowering them to reach higher and achieve more than they thought possible.
26. GFWC pays to send their officers to every state once a year to share their knowledge, resources, educational workshops and enthusiasm.
27. Providing an opportunity for middle school and high school ages girls to learn about volunteering, and to gain self confidence and leadership skills through the GFWC Juniorette program.
28. Some states offer a 501c3 tax status to their membership. Each state varies and state regulations differ – so check with your state to see if you qualify.
29. Opportunities to participate in discount programs, travel and tour programs and other affinity programs.
30. Opportunity to be a part of a fun organization. We have fun doing amazing things for people every day and make history too.
31. Knowing that your club's small donation for a project supported by the entire GFWC network really makes a difference and helps.
32. The ability of your club to work independently on an issue that only applies to your community – but with the resources from GFWC to aid in the structure of your project and help getting started.
33. Reporting these types of projects, create a valuable tool for other clubs to benefit from your experience and possibly add a new dimension to this project for the future. Networking is an amazing tool of GFWC.
34. Awards presented and recognition given at all levels of GFWC provides powerful positive support to our clubs and individuals.
35. People are depressed about our economy but it has been proven to help you feel better if you join a volunteer organization. Volunteer participation not only improves our society and helps alleviate a recession, but it raises the spirits of the new volunteers and those they help. To get happy - simply keep busy – and help others by volunteering.
36. Simply being a member of GFWC is empowering. We teach each other, we care for each other, we work together to better our world.



37. Volunteering allows us to feel needed and valued.

38. Being a member of GFWC opens doors to other organizations allowing easier access and collaboration on many volunteer opportunities.

Women are amazing creatures. We love fiercely and will fight fiercely for what we believe in with our last breaths. Where would our country be without these strong women? Our founders were women who are willing to give up almost anything to stand together and fight for what they knew was right. They knew the value of a national organization and they felt a sense of responsibility. Are we the same type of women today? How important is it to you to belong to a group where clubs just like yours annually donate over \$40 million dollars to help people who are in need?

Our vision for the future - continues as it started - a means of self-education and personal and professional development for women. GFWC Women tend to think big and get big results. Are you proud to be a member? Do you enjoy helping others each and every day and making history along the way? That's what being a GFWC member is all about. GFWC – It's a Volunteer Thing!

*Suzanne Raymond*

*Joyce Noonan*

*Anne Cress and Suzanne Raymond*



*Marge Goodwin, Nancy Ames and Joyce Noonan*



*Maine Delegation with GFWC President Mary Ellen Laister*



Above Photos from GFWC Convention,  
Hollywood, FL



# General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region

Connecticut • Maine • Massachusetts • New Hampshire • Rhode Island • Vermont

**Judith A. Maguire, President**

**TEAMWORK...Supporting our Communities and Each Other  
Connect! Encourage! Empower!**

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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**104<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference**

**September 20-22, 2013**

Conference Theme: "GFWC - Women for all Seasons"

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**Let's "connect" once again with our federation sisters and we "encourage" you to bring a new member or guest along for an "empowering" experience!**

***If you are giving a report...***Please bring two copies, one for the NER Secretary and one for your NER President. State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs will have up to 5 minutes each to report to enlighten you on their first year administration and their continued vision toward the future. ***Please do not forget your state flag, stand and white gloves.***

***State Ways & Means:*** Each state may request table space for the sale of not more than two items. To reserve table space please contact: Sue Phillips at (603) 642-7312 or (603) 315-1617 ~ or ~ E-mail: [sjcp61@gmail.com](mailto:sjcp61@gmail.com).

***GFWC New England Region Fundraiser:*** We will have 50/50 drawings and a *state basket fundraiser* for GFWC New England Region. Each state is asked to contribute a basket with a minimum value of \$50.00. The basket theme is "A Basket for Any Season" Be creative...*fall, summer, spring or winter!*

Be sure and bring extra money to take chances on the baskets and raffles, and to shop at the GFWC, state and vendor tables in the marketplace as well!

**Welcomed Donations:**

GFWC Signature Project/Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention ~ New Hampshire Shelters: *There is a great need for Gift Cards!*

**Conference Co-Chairmen**

**Nancy Greenberg** ~ (603 537-1756) ~ E-mail: [ngreenberggfwc@comcast.net](mailto:ngreenberggfwc@comcast.net)

**Tina Smith** ~ (603-491-4240) ~ E-mail: [Tismith12@comcast.net](mailto:Tismith12@comcast.net)

Let the *Connections* Grow throughout New England!



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**104<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference**  
**September 20-22, 2013**  
**Tentative Agenda**

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**THURSDAY, September 19, 2013 (Optional)**

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Ron's Landing, 379 Ocean Blvd, Hampton ~ *Dress is Casual*  
(Invitations to VIP's; open to everyone interested!)

**FRIDAY, September 20, 2013**

**Trolley Tour:** Pick up at the Ashworth Hotel 11 a.m. returning at approximately 12:30 p.m. The tour will include National Historic Landmarks as well as beautiful coastal scenery.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration Table Open

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**

3:30-5:00 p.m. Workshop: Kettering Forum ~ Bridging & Bonding (*Optional*)

6:00 p.m. Social: Gather & Greet (*Cash Bar*)

6:45 p.m. Processional Formation (*To include all NER Board Members*)

7:00 p.m. **GFWC New England Region Banquet:**   
(Suggested: *Cocktail Attire*)

***Official Opening of the 104<sup>th</sup> New England Region Conference***

Procession: Presentation of Flags (*Please bring Flags & Stands*)

Introductions, Welcome, Greetings, Recognitions

Expression of Thanks

**Dinner Service**

**Donation Recipient:** United Through Reading Military Program

*Acceptance Speaker: Lisa Ferrari Carter, USO Representative, Clubs & Organizations*

8:00 p.m. **Entertainment:** SoundScape, "The Quartet", A cappella group

8:30 p.m. **Speaker:** Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC International President

**Announcements**

**Reception**

**Saturday, September 21, 2013** (*Business Casual Attire*) Breakfast available in hotel on your own!

7:30-10:00 a.m. Registration Table Open

8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall/Marketplace Open

**8:15-8:45 a.m. 2014-2016 GFWC Region President, State Presidents, and State Directors of Junior Clubs Meeting**

*Led by GFWC President-elect Babs Condon (Suite)*

**2012-2014 GFWC Board of Directors Members Meeting**

*Led by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister (Suite)*

**9:00-11:45 a.m. OPENING BUSINESS SESSION**

Call to Order

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Introductions

Business

**10:00-10:15 a.m.**

**Break**

10:15-11:15 a.m.

**Interactive Platform Workshop Topics:** Communication & Public Relations, Leadership, and Membership

11:15-11:30 a.m.

**Junior's Special Project:** Advocates for Children  
**Announcements**

**12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch:**



**Expression of Thanks**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Donation Recipient:** Camp Allen

*Acceptance Speaker: Mary Constance, Executive Director*

**Speaker:** GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon (2014-2016 Administration)

**Announcements**

**1:00-1:45 p.m.**

**Break**

**1:45-5:00 p.m.**

**Conference Business (Afternoon Session)**

1:45-2:00 p.m.

**GFWC Signature Project**

*Presented by Suzanne Raymond, GFWC ME*

2:00-2:15 p.m.

**Reports:** 2013 LEADS Graduates

*Led by: JoAnn Calnen, GFWC Leadership*

2:15-2:30 p.m.

LEADS Graduates "Where are they now?"

*Presented by Sheri Walsh, GFWC ME*

2:30-3:15 p.m.

**Speaker:** Rita Severinghaus, *Dominican Republic Project*

3:15-3:30 p.m.

**Break**

**Workshops:**

3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Shot @ Life Campaign**

4:15-5:00 p.m.

**The Heart Truth Campaign**

*Presented by Marjorie Goodwin and Nancy Ames, GFWC ME*

**Announcements**

**4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Registration Table Open**

6:00 p.m.

Gather & Greet (Cash Bar)

6:45 p.m.

Processional Formation

7:00 p.m.

**GFWC State Night Banquet:**

*(Suggested Cocktail Attire)*

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Introductions, Welcome

Jennie June Nominees

**Donation Recipient:** A Safe Place, Portsmouth, *for shelters throughout NH*

*Acceptance Speaker: Lisa LeBlanc, Executive Director, A Safe Place*

**Expression of Thanks**

**Dinner Service**

8:30 p.m.

**Entertainment:** Stand-Up Comedy *with Linda Belt*

State Night Reception

Fun Night Social: Hosted by GFWC-NER Directors of Junior Clubs and Members

**Sunday, September 22, 2013**

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Buffet Breakfast:**



**Remembrance:** Past GFWC New England Region Members

**Musical Entertainment:** Leo Hurley

**Donation Recipient:** Concord Head Start, *for programs throughout NH*

**Reports:** State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs  
*Potential Speaker:* Mary Kate Mahoney, GFWC of MA Juniorette  
Invitation to 2014 Region Conference  
Adjournment of the 104<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference

**Conference Co-Chairmen**

**Nancy Greenberg** ~ (603 537-1756) ~ E-mail: [ngreenberggfwc@comcast.net](mailto:ngreenberggfwc@comcast.net)  
**Tina Smith** ~ (603-491-4240) ~ E-mail: [Tismith12@comcast.net](mailto:Tismith12@comcast.net)



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**September 20-22, 2013**

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Ashworth by the Sea

295 Ocean Boulevard, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842

[www.ashworthhotel.com](http://www.ashworthhotel.com)

**For Reservations call: (603) 967-4398 or 1-800-345-6736**  
**Refer to “General Federation of Women’s Clubs”**

**The Room Rate is \$159 plus tax (currently 9%) for single/double occupancy. (An extra \$20 for each additional person in the room).**

**Reservations should be received by the hotel no later than August 19, 2013 for availability of rate. *Early reservations are encouraged!* Check-in: 4:00 p.m.; Check-out: 11:00 a.m.**

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. **The cancellation policy without penalty is notification 48 hours prior to the day of scheduled arrival.** In-room amenities include flat screen televisions with premium cable, wireless Internet, free local calls, coffee maker, alarm clock, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.

Ashworth by the Sea is located near the towns of Portsmouth and Exeter, easily accessible from Manchester, NH, Portland, ME, and Boston, MA via I-95. The closest airport is Manchester, NH fifty minutes from Hampton Beach.

**We ALSO have a block of 25 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights...**

**Room block will be held until September 5, 2013 at the...**

**Hampton House Hotel, 333 Ocean Blvd, Hampton, NH 03842**

[www.hamptonhousehotel.com](http://www.hamptonhousehotel.com)

**Contacts: Robert Schaake - General Manager ~ Danny Fortier or Carrie Hunter – Front Desk**

**For Reservations Call: (603) 926-1033 or (1-800)458-7058**

**(When making reservations, identify you are with GFWC)**

**Rates: Ocean View Standard - \$130 plus tax; Ocean Front Standard - \$145 plus tax**

**Ocean Front Suite \$155 plus tax**

***Rates are for 2 adults and 2 children - (Any extra adults are \$20 per person per night)***

### **HOTEL DIRECTIONS:**

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take 495 North to 95 North. Take Exit 2 just before the Hampton toll booth Route 101 East (toll fee). Follow 101 East to its end and the hotel is on the right.

**FROM THE NORTH:** Take 95 South. Take Exit 2 just before the Hampton toll booth Route 101 East (toll fee). Follow 101 East to its end and the hotel is on the right.

**FROM THE WEST:** Take 101 East to its end and the hotel is on the right.

A message from GFWC-NER President Judy Maguire



Dear GFWC NER Federation Sisters!

The first year of an incredible 2 year journey as GFWC-New England Region President has just concluded. This President has had the opportunity to preside at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Region Conference hosted by GFWC Maine in 2012, just 3 months after being installed; and with the support of our host state and the assistance from so many clubwomen throughout our New England states, it was a huge success!

Our recent Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting at International Convention held in Hollywood Florida was a wonderful opportunity to again get together and to also recognize our 2013 LEADS graduates. We learned about new programs and projects during Convention, to bring back and empower our states' clubwomen. New Hampshire is now preparing for our next NER Conference to be held at Ashworth By The Sea, Hampton Beach, NH on September 20-22, 2013. Watch for the Official Call!

*On a personal note...* I wish to express my gratitude for the sympathy and support you all gave me during a sad time. It was overwhelming and so much appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season...this President looks forward to seeing many of you at our 104<sup>th</sup> New England Region Conference.

***TEAMWORK...Supporting our Communities and Each Other  
Connect! Encourage! Empower!***



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## MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ GFWC Officer   ☐ GFWC Chairman   ☐ NER Officer   ☐ NER Chairman  
☐ State Officer   ☐ Club President   ☐ Club Member   ☐ Booster   ☐ Guest

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

**Thursday:** I am planning on attending dinner at Ron's Landing (*Optional*)   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

**Friday Morning:** I am planning to take the \$15 Trolley Tour at 11:00 a.m. (*Optional*)  
☐ Yes   ☐ No

### **Friday: New England Region Banquet**

☐ Baked Haddock/Crumb Topping Almond Rice/Green Beans Almondine \$ 35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Butternut Ravioli/Maple Cream/Dried Cranberries/Pecans/Goat Cheese \$ 35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vegetarian)

### **Saturday: Luncheon**

☐ NE Clam Chowder and Classic Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken \$ 26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ NE Clam Chowder with Quinoa Stuffed Red Pepper \$ 26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Vegetable Minestrone with Quinoa Stuffed Red Pepper (Vegetarian) \$ 26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Saturday: New Hampshire State Night Banquet**

☐ Sliced Roast Beef/Mushroom demi-glace/Red Bliss Potatoes/Vegetable Medley \$ 37.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Stuffed Chicken Breast/Cranberry Chutney/Almond Rice/Vegetable Medley \$ 37.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Teriyaki Vegetable Stir-Fry over Rice Noodles (Vegetarian) \$ 37.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sunday: Breakfast Buffet**

\$ 17.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Meals:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note any food allergies or special dietary concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please...Make Check for **Meals** Payable to "GFWC/New Hampshire"

A **separate** Meal Reservation Form and Medical Information Form must be sent for each attendee;  
and **both forms, mailed together along with your check for Meals**,  
are to be received no later than **August 24, 2013**

Send forms to: Linda Kipnes 23 Nathaniel Drive, Hudson NH 03051  
Contact Information: (603) 881-9128 (Home); (603) 897-3124 (Work); (603) 305-1333 (Cell)  
email is lindakipnes@earthlink.net.

**No refunds will be granted after September 1, 2013**







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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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***I welcome the opportunity to be recognized for my service to our Country.  
The following information will be announced Friday evening  
at the NER Banquet that I plan to attend.***

**I am currently on active duty: ☐ Yes ☐ No**

**Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served: \_\_\_\_\_**

***Thank you for your service!***

### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$10.00 per person for full Conference ☐ \$10.00  
\$5.00 per person for one day or part thereof ☐ \$ 5.00  
☐ Friday 9/20   ☐ Saturday 9/21   ☐ Sunday 9/22

Total Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All members of the six New England State Federations are eligible to attend and vote.  
*GFWC Booster members are required to register and do not pay Registration Fee*  
*Guests are invited to attend tours and meal functions.*

*Please...Make Check for Conference Payable to: "GFWC New England Region"*

**A separate Conference Registration Form must be completed for each attendee  
and mailed with your check by **August 24, 2013****

*To: Janice Adler, 185 Laurel Avenue, Providence, RI 02906  
Tel: (401) 383-0161 ~ Email: jladler@aol.com*

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## MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_

### Who to Contact in an Emergency:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Everyone's contributions add to the effort .....

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water, at the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

*Sheri Walsh  
GFWC Maine  
Corresponding Secretary  
PO BOX 884  
Ellsworth, ME 04605*

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121 years of Volunteer Service

**Pine Tree Notes  
Next Deadline  
November 1, 2013**