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Pine Tree Notes

GFWC Maine Newsletter
September / October 2014



Our Past Will Determine Our Future

President's Letter

Marjorie Goodwin
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Dear Fellow Clubwomen, “time” really does fly..... these past two months have been a “whirlwind” of activity for me. Just when it looks like “time” is going to take a slower pace, it speeds up and my calendar looks full again. Already, I have dates penciled in to visit clubs and see what is happening throughout the State.

The GFWC Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona was wonderful! Nearly 800 women attended! The weather was warm but so was the fellowship. I learned so much just talking with other clubwomen and attending the seminars.... but more about that later. The GFWC Maine summer Board meeting went very well. Over 30 women attended this meeting at the

Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan and my project, “Elder Abuse Awareness”, was approved. This is a project that is “near and dear” to my heart and I thank each of you for the support. The next two years will be an “Information Highway” that will help spread the word about the elder abuse that happens every day in our society. This topic gets very little attention and it is time to take a look at what we, as clubwomen, can do to bring the signs of abuse to light.

Please note that the Call to Fall Conference is in this Pine Tree Notes edition. The conference will be in a different format during this administration... ONE DAY, starting with a BANQUET the night before with ENTERTAINMENT you won't want to miss... the Mad Scientist. The conference will begin at 9:00 am and will end around 4:00 pm. Even the contents of the conference will be different. I hope that many of you will attend and enjoy the day. Waterville is a central location and the Best Western is very easy to find.

Also, please make a note on your calendar about the New England Region Conference in Vermont. This will be held October 31, November 1 and 2 in Burlington, Vermont. When New England clubwomen get together, it is a time to renew friendships, listen to new ideas and come home afterwards refreshed, relaxed and ready to begin a new club year. The New England Region Conference is in a different State each year and I always look forward to attending it.

I am looking forward to visiting clubs during my administration. Please let me know what date would be best for you so that I can add the date to my calendar. I am ready to visit, listen to ideas and see what we can do together, to strengthen the fellowship that we share as clubwomen. Our communities need us! All we have to do is find out what needs to be done and then do it.

I look forward to seeing each of you in October at the Best Western in Waterville.

In federation love,

Marjorie Goodwin
GFWC Maine President

President-elect



Mary Libby
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Our beautiful Maine summer is quickly coming to an end. Students will be heading back to school and clubs will begin their busy season.

As you start your meetings, I would hope all clubs will encourage members to fill out an application for the 2015 LEADS. This excellent seminar is held each year one day prior to the GFWC Annual Convention. The 2015 convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee and LEADS will be held on June 12.

Each woman who attends LEADS comes out with a better understanding of what GFWC can do for her in all areas of her life. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn leadership skills and how to apply these skills in your own club. At the present time five of the GFWC Maine officers are LEADS graduates!

Applications will be available at the Fall Conference. You can also download one from www.gfwcmaine.org. District Presidents also have copies. The deadline for the applications to be submitted to me is November 14, 2014. If you want more information please call me at 854-0201.

Our Fall Conference will be held October 8 & 9 in Waterville at the Best Western. I look forward to seeing many of you as we catch up with old friends, and hear what is happening in GFWC nationwide. This is a wonderful time to learn what other clubs are doing and to share ideas. I look forward to seeing many of you in October.

In Federation,
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It was great to see so many of you a couple of weeks ago at the Board of Director's Meeting in Skowhegan. I look forward to serving GFWC

Maine and President Marjorie.

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Hello Fellow Clubwomen!

Let me introduce myself - I come to GFWC Maine via the Gorham Woman's Club

I have been an educator, an office manager and a business owner. I love to travel, scuba dive where I take underwater videos & photographs, work with computers and read.

Since becoming a member of the GFWC Gorham Woman's Club, I have attended all the GFWC Maine conferences and conventions, 2 New England Regional and 1 GFWC Annual Convention. I believe that sharing with and meeting women throughout the state, region and country/world allows me to grow and improve my abilities and enthusiasm with our organization from my local club on up.

I look forward to working as your GFWC Maine's Corresponding Secretary and with all of you. I know I will need your assistance throughout my term as I learn my duties and am open to suggestions and ideas you may have to make my life easier.

I am the deadline person, looking at my responsibilities, just about everything has a deadline and I will not be able to meet those deadlines without all of your help; as my duties can only be successful if you meet your deadlines. **Next deadline – Pine Tree Notes articles due November 1st.**

Yours in Federation,
Wendy Bowler

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CLUB NEWS

District 1

The **21 Club of Kezer Falls** was busy with end of year activities. Andrew Stanly received their Community Service Award and plans to attend USM to study Nursing.

May was their casserole and bean supper with homemade pies. Always draw a crowd.

The Community Improvement Committee is helping the South Hiram Elementary School to add to their playground equipment. The first fundraiser was a delicious bag lunch for the teachers.

The club year ended with the annual outing and potluck supper at a member's home on Long Pond. At that time they presented the 7th annual 21 Club Salute, to select persons of Porter for their service to the town.

Research Club of Limerick sprang into summer with a Skin So Soft program, presented by Licensed Skin specialist. Discussion about the importance of a healthy skin, focusing on Diet, Exercise, Hydration. It was a wealth of information.

Several members attended the Spring Convention and the club received recognition for volunteer hours, hard work and beneficial projects.

New officers were installed in June at their Annual outing. Also in June a very successful Yard sale was held, their first and very definitely not their last. Several volunteer hours

were spent getting donations to replace the American Flags that are on the local streets.

In July, the manager of the Transfer Station gave a very informative program on the 'in and outs' of town recycling.

In August there will be a book swap and literary discussion. Sounds very literary!

GFWC Westbrook Women's Club had their annual meeting in April with Marry Libby, GFWC Maine State President elect, installing the officers.

June was The Westbrook Together days with the club as Honorary Grand Marshalls. 8 Women rode in cars and 22 were on the float waving flags or red, white and blue pinwheels. After the parade several manned their booth and gave out cookies or brownies and pinwheels to the children, for a donation to the "Wounded Heroes of ME"

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club had a very busy April with The Art Contest at their meeting and reception after the judging. The paintings were on display at the Baxter Library for a week. The annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon was held and the fundraising drawings were drawn; A dolls wardrobe made by the husband of one member, a basket of chocolate [yum] and a basket of gift cards to local businesses. It was a very successful fundraising activity.

In May, the club gave out 70 books and book bags to the toddler reading program. By providing a book to take home it is the Club's hope that it will foster a desire to continue reading.

The annual Luncheon was held at the Maine Street Grill; with the new officers being installed by Nancy Kenty, referencing spices and how they relate to the officers position

June was a planning month for the new year. It is also the time the club gave out \$3,000.00 in Scholarships to 4 Gorham High School graduating seniors.

The Gorham Woman's Club is very proud to have 3 members working

at the state level. Gloria Tewhey as Me Youth Leadership, Nancy Kenty as District 1 President and Wendy Bowler, Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations to Marjorie Goodwin our new Maine State President, may her term be enjoyable and fun!

Nancy Kenty
District 1 President

District 2

The Waldoboro Woman's Club held their Installation Luncheon in May. Alice DePatsy a past president of the club and a past District President installed Judi Lawrence, President, Carol Blodgett, Vice President, Jean Lawrence, Secretary and Charlotte Gulezian, Treasurer. The Club was proud to recognize two 25-year members - Marilyn Andrews and Mary Lee Merrill and our 50-year member Alice DePatsy. Shortly thereafter the club was sad to hear of the death of our honorary member, Anne Morlan, who had just celebrated her 95th birthday.

May brought their Senior Tea at Medomak Valley High School with lots of good food and a good time had by all. The club awarded 10 \$1,000 Scholarships this year - 5 to graduating seniors and 5 to continuing education students. Our "Whale of a Sale" was successful bringing in about \$3,000 towards scholarships and community donations.

During the summer a number of members act as docents at the German Church in town which is open during July and August with a service on the first Sunday in August given in English and a little German. The Church is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a wonderful and peaceful place to visit. It was built in 1772.

During the summer members continue to have breakfast at Moody's Diner on Wednesdays and a once a month Lunch Bunch at different restaurants in the area. This is open to all members and their guests.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club At the March meeting, the SWC members happily celebrated Virginia Jordan's 50-year membership and she received an assortment of cards, gifts, poems and several letters!

Dugan Murphy, executive director of Main Street, Skowhegan, was the guest speaker. He noted Main Street Skowhegan has been in existence since 2005 and is one of 4,000 Main Street Programs across the country.

SWC members swung into spring at the Heritage House for their April meeting. Marge Coburn Black presented the "Enid Currier Volunteer of the Year Award" to Dot Cleaver for her dedicated and tireless effort on behalf of the children of the community.

Guest speaker, Derek Ellis, park ranger and manager of Lake George, spoke about the importance of monitoring plants and soil, recycling, and composting.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2014-2015 and club members voted unanimously to accept the new slate.

The Annual meeting was held on May 14, 2014. President Joyce Noonan gave a Convention report. Of special mention was the Heart Truth Red Dress Fashion Show as well as numerous certificates SWC received including, the President's Choice for Best Education Community Service Program Project, the Skowhegan Community Action for Children. The Club's exceptional photographers, Sue Ellen Lexier and Bonnie Chamberlain were honored with 1st place Photo Awards.

Vi Ferland was recognized for her lifelong work in many community organizations.

Sadly members bid adieu to outgoing President, Joyce Noonan but they are happy to know she will be serving as the District 2 President.

Fran Savage conducted a lovely rose themed installation ceremony for the officers and new directors. Each was presented a different colored rose as she was installed. New Officers are, President, Mary

Turbyne, Vice President, Nancy Gould, Secretary, June Hovey, Treasurer, and Fran Savage. Mary Turbyne graciously accepted her President's Pin and the gavel from Joyce and thanked her for all she has done for GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club.

GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club

The March meeting was held at the Jay Library. Members of the club gave updates on community groups that they support. Barbara Letalien gave a presentation on the food pantry. The items gathered for a family of four, to help supplement their food were shown. Cheryl-Ann Jerry showed the members some of the buttons for babies bracelets that she made. She also impressed on the club how much money had been generated from the sales of the bracelets. Club President Linda Burdo gave an update on the collection of eyeglasses and Spot Machine Eye screening program, the Lions Club and Ronald McDonald House. Barbara Hathaway spoke about upcoming art show. Lucile Lavoie brought in handmade items that could be worked on for the convention table centerpieces and also gave an update on the Livermore free Library. Clair Tanner gave a talk on Norlands Living History. Gail Slade spoke about Beal House.

Selection of officers for 2014-2015 were presented and voted on. Light refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the meeting. The April meeting was held at the Auburn Community College of Culinary Arts. Guest speakers from Safe Voices Social Services gave a presentation on shelters and how they follow up as people move on in their lives. Volunteers do most of the work. An update on a girl the club is sponsoring through a college scholarship was given. May Spring Convention was attended by six members.

On May 28th, members joined Women's Legislative trip for lunch and a play in Lakewood. The May meeting, a catered brunch,

was held at the Shakey Barn nursery, under the gazebo, hosted by Bonnie Brown, the owner. Mother Nature had a different set of plans –RAIN-- A change was made to be indoors at the Vice-President's home. All foods were moved in, tables were set with table clothes and flowers at each table. Twenty-two ladies (some wearing decorated straw hats) were welcomed for a sit down brunch. Bonnie gave a presentation on gardening and plants. At the right moment the sun came out and a few of the ladies went to Shakey Barn for a guided tour of the gardens. It turned out to be a fun and beautiful day. All year long, club members have been dropping pennies into a jar to be donated to the Livermore Free Library. We had collected \$509.26. On June 3, it was presented to Penny Brown who volunteers at running the library. She was thrilled and surprised. On June 10th at the voting station our baked goods sold out and we made \$759.96, which was presented to Norlands Living History in Livermore on July 9th. We had a great year. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

GFWC Skowhegan Semper Fidelis Club ended their great year as strong as they started! The Skowhegan Three sold Indian Prints by Richard Anzelc, making a donation of \$500 toward the restoration of the Bernard Langlais Skowhegan Indian sculpture. This donation put the total donations of \$65,000 over the top!

Members manned a table at the Getting to Know You Fair, at the Skowhegan Area High School, selling raffle tickets for some fun, over-filled movie baskets, making \$124.00. Next they weathered a snowstorm and traveled to Tina Anzelc's house for the annual Membership Auction, making a whopping \$213.00. At the next meeting they dressed up warmly and took a very interesting tour of the former Grange building and

listened to Steve Dionne's plans to continue refurbishing the building.

One of the very busy members, Nancy Ames, spoke to The Rotary Club on Heart Health. She also accompanied Maureen Provencal on a trip to Arizona for the GFWC Convention. Maureen is the 2014 LEADS candidate; they came back with much **enthusiasm!**

The last meeting was fun and enjoyable while learning to paper quill, taught by Cheryl Staples.

The year finished up with a delicious Banquet at the Heritage House, where new Members and Officers were installed.

Joyce Noonan
District 2 President

District 3

The **GFWC Patawa Club** reports that they had a productive 2014 year so far. Back in January the club hosted a speaker from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine and participated in the organization's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser. Despite having to cancel the February meeting due to weather, members baked and package 775 cookies for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging's Meals on Wheels program. Local businesses donated a month's worth of prizes for Patawa's spring calendar fundraiser and the club was able to make donations to Youth Leadership, Spruce Run, Camp Capella, and Eastern Area Agency on Aging at the end of the year. Along with the monetary donations, members knitted numerous hats for the President's project Newborns in Need. Patawa held its May Banquet at Season's restaurant and inducted new officers. The 2014-2015 year started early when Darling's donated their VIP tent to us for the Sarah McLachlan Concert on the Bangor Waterfront in July. The club splits the proceeds with the Bangor Humane Society. Patawa's membership continue to grow and they look forward to their first meeting in September and planning new projects to benefit Bangor and surrounding communities.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club's** annual high school art show was a great success. Artwork was on display at the local public library for two weeks before the District art show in April. Olivia Correa, a student from Dexter Regional High School, came in first place at the club level and third place at the District Art Show. Olivia will also receive a \$200 scholarship from the club after her first semester at Art College. At the April meeting the club made up 6 door prizes and 9 centerpieces for the GFWC Maine Spring convention. Also this past spring, the club's information was updated on the Town of Dexter's website.

Three club members went to the spring convention. The club received 4 awards, a check for \$25, a \$100 commission check for selling Directory ads, and a bottle of wine! Not bad for a club with 14 members! May's speaker was Julie Perkins, an Esthetician, who spoke about skin care. Members went on a field trip in June to a club member's house for a home a garden tour. Members enjoyed the iced tea in the shaded gardens and light snacks inside the beautiful Victorian house. There was no club meeting in July, but the Executive Board met to discuss the events to be scheduled for the upcoming year.

The **MIOSAC Club of Dover-Foxcroft** has been very busy since the last Pine Tree Notes was printed in Mar/Apr. In March we heard from a Mayo cardiologist, Dr. Kathleen Harper, who spoke to us about heart disease and signs to look for, and also to prepare your health care directives if not already done. Our second March meeting was a talk on Genealogy by our Piscataquis Observer writer, Nina Brawn. We had a very successful Art Contest, which took place at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church in April with the great help of our committee chairman, Elaine Larson and her team. Three artists went on to the next level. We had a potluck dinner in April and also a cookbook swap and sale. Our big

event in April was the farewell celebration for our beloved GFWC Maine State President, Anne Cress, held at the United Methodist church of Dover-Foxcroft. All the other Maine clubs were invited and there was a big attendance. Anne was presented gifts, a poem, was sung to and she had lots of farewell kisses and hugs. In May, we had a brown bag supper while we met and discussed our Annual Report. The Spring Convention May 8-9 at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta was well attended by eight MIOSAC Club members. We were very proud to receive 4 certificates: one for 19% growth gaining 4 new members, another for directory ads, NIN certificate of participation, and we were very pleased that the scrapbook prepared by Vicki Moschella took first place. Our 78th birthday party hosted by Roxy McGlaflin and Cathie Goodine was celebrated in May at The Other Room in Dover-Foxcroft with 17 members and 2 associates attending. Anne Cress installed our new officers for 2014-2016. This summer we had a large yard sale on July 12th with items donated by many of our member with terrific results. Anne Cress, Minnie McCormick and Vicki Moschella attended the first Board of Directors Meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan on July 16. We'll have a pre-meeting potluck in August. Next season's new committee theme is "Variety – The spice of Life". A sampling of our meeting starting on Oct 7 will be Catching up with Casseroles, a talk given by a GFWC State Officer; Oct. 21 will be Legal Shield, by Amy Guyotte, Legal Assistant; and Nov. 4 is a discussion on the Moosehead Mill Project, by Jack Clukey, Town Manager. Just a sampling of what's in store for GFWC MIOSAC Club.

The **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** do not get together for meetings in the summer months, but that does not mean they are not supporting several ongoing projects. There are members who represent the club as

volunteers at the local nursing home and hospital. Since residents and patients don't take the summer off, neither do these volunteers!

Busy at home, the sewing machines are "purring" as blankets for Project Linus are being made, ready to donate when meetings resume again in the fall. Knitting needles and crochet hooks are clicking away, working the soft purple yarn creating the little hats to support another favorite project, "The Period of Purple Crying - Click for Babies."

Plans are underway for the annual luncheon on September 14th to start the new club year.

The **GFWC Outlook Club of Hartland** had a rather quiet spring. In March, Kathy and Buzzy Vanadestine treated the members to music; the April meeting was simply a social gathering; and in May members were entertained by fellow member BJ Frosch and her collection of jokes, laughter is the best medicine. The May banquet was held at The Heritage House in Skowhegan and attended by 10 of 13 members, a larger turnout than many meetings. A monetary donation was made to the Hartland Library, and flowers will be planted and tended there during the summer. Meanwhile, hiatus until the next meeting in October.

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** has had a busy summer. The town of Newport is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The club had a small coverlet created that depicted 3 historical buildings and the town's old fire engine, "Clancey". One of the 3 historic buildings was the Newport Public Library that was opened in 1955 largely due to the efforts of the Newport Woman's Club. In 1925 Maine's Governor was Lewis O. Barrows from Newport. His mother was a member of the club. She donated \$5 and started the Library fund. Each year following, the club budgeted \$50 toward a new library. Thirty years later, the library was opened.

The coverlet project was very well received in the area. One was placed in the "Time Capsule" to be opened in 2114. Club members participated in the parade riding in a 1976 convertible sporting a new 6 ft. vinyl sign with the GFWC logo and club name.

The calendar committee has put together a full schedule of meeting, speakers and events for 2014-2015, with an emphasis on membership.

The **Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club** has continued their busy time with many club and community projects. At our March 11th meeting two members of the Bossov Ballet program at Maine Central Institute spoke about the dedication of the students in the program. In April members enjoyed our speaker Melissa Flewelling who showed slides and spoke about the renovations being done on the old Marie Bradford/SAD #53 Superintendent building here in Pittsfield. It has been quite an undertaking. Melissa and her husband plan to have a photography studio and possibility live at the building as well. She showed club members some of the old pictures of the building and has invited club members to tour the facility when it is completed. The ARTS club hosted a meal at the Welcome Table on April 18th. The Welcome Table is a free meal deal at a local church. Approximately fifty people are served each week and the club provided a meal at least four times a year. A number of club members attended the District meeting and art contest in Brewer. Art was taken from our local high school, MCI, and gifts for Newborns in Need were also presented at the meeting. The ARTS club members attended the reception for President Anne Cress in Dover-Foxcroft. It was a wonderful time to honor our President Anne for all her work and dedication as our state president and fun time with singing and wonderful refreshments. In May many club members attended the Installation of our own Marge Goodwin to the office of State

President for 2014-2016. Our club looks forward to helping here however we can during her administration. Our annual meeting was held May 13th at the Cast Iron Grill in Unity. Officers for the coming year are: President Beverly Rollins, Vice-President Ginny Molloy, Secretary Karen Cunningham and Treasurer Rae Hersey. The ARTS club hosted the Cheesecake & Quiche contest, held in conjunction with the Central Maine Egg Festival on Friday, July 18th. This was a successful event for the club with over twenty entries and proved to be a good fundraiser as well. Soon it will be time to plan our program for the coming year. A busy time for everyone.

The **GFWC Winterport Woman's Club** is gearing up for another year promoting and supporting the community needs of Winterport and area towns. Since our last article in the Pine Tree Notes, members met and had their annual meeting at the Bacon Tree Restaurant with the election of new officers in May. At the end of May our first annual perennial plant sale was held which was very successful. Plans are underway for another sale next May. Over the summer the calendar committee members have been working on the Community Events Calendar securing advertisers and getting listing of birthdays, anniversaries, military personal, in memory and organizational listings. The 2015 calendar will be our 54th edition. Board meetings have been held to organize the dates for meetings and programs in preparation to get the information to the printers for the membership book. It has been planned that we will be having a Welcome to Winterport Woman's Club GFWC Membership Event the end of August with a special recognition for the "Spirit of America" recipient. The invitations will be sent to the individuals that signed up at the plant sale and those individuals who have shown interest to learn more about our organization.

The President has been asked if we would provide news and information about the Club to the newly formed Winterport Newsletter committee. The town is providing a free newsletter every other month that will be distributed throughout the community. The first article is due on August 15th, with the opportunity to supply information. What a great membership recruitment opportunity. Of course the answer was YES!

The first meeting will be the second Wednesday in September with our Membership Evening. October 8th we will have a program on "How toxic chemicals affect your health" with presenter Cindy Seekins. The month of October is Domestic Awareness and Prevention Month so plans are underway again to show support and light up the town with purple lights and showing purple with plantings that Domestic Abuse will not be tolerated in our community. The major focus this club year is adding to membership and fulfilling the needs of our wonderful community.

Jane Le Vie
District 3 President

District 4

This spring the **Lubec Woman's Club** awarded scholarship grants of just over \$2000, with each of the local graduating high school students who applied receiving a portion. This year's scholarships were awarded in honor of deceased members Edith Small Comstock, Norma Reynolds Hampton and Wilma (Billie) Reynolds Ingalls. To date this is the largest scholarship fund the club has awarded. Next year they hope to make it even larger and the results of this year's July 4th Yard Sale have given them a good start toward that goal. Their annual turkey (Thanksgiving) and ham (Easter) raffles are also expected to be strong contributors this year as they have in the past.

The club, now in its 99th year of service to the community, focuses most of its fund-raising activities on

scholarship programs for local high school students. Cash 4 Careers, a new club project launched early in the 2013-14 school year, introduces 8th grade students to careers and job opportunities within the area. With strong support from the staff and administration of the Lubec Consolidated School, students had the opportunity to hear from local business owners, tradesmen and professionals. They were encouraged to ask questions related to the line of employment, how the speaker chose their particular field and what steps they took to get there. Students were exposed to the concepts of job shadowing, internship and apprenticeship as well as trade school and college. The highlights of this year's program were field trips to the University of Maine at Machias and Washington County Community College.

The club also supports the community with donations to the Reading is Fundamental Program, Junior Literary Guild, Maine Youth Leadership, the Whiting Food Pantry and Wee Care Baby Center. In addition to direct donations from the club, members support area projects and programs through private donations and volunteer time. During the year members contributed numerous volunteer hours to events and activities throughout the community, including a holiday party for seniors and disabled veterans, monthly music at the local nursing home, and a monthly social for seniors.

The **GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club** held a Fun/Silly Swap at its May meeting. The club was awaiting the arrival of its snowbird members. Michelle Potter from "THE NEXT STEP" domestic violence organization in Machias was the guest speaker in June. She updated the members on the work of "THE NEXT STEP" over the past year and the number of individuals helped, etc. The members were given the opportunity to ask questions. In the past the Club has collected various items the

organization's clients could use such as night-lights, women's underwear, toilet items, paper products, etc. Michelle stated that at present, towels were needed. The Club has started collecting towels for the group. Good used clothing, footwear and jewelry could be donated to a Thrift Shop in Machias that would give "The Next Step" vouchers that domestic violence clients could use in the Shop to "Buy" clothing, etc. that they need.

Sarah Eaton, a student from Narraguagus High School, spoke to the Club in July. She attended the Maine Youth Leadership Conference in May. Sarah gave an inspiring talk on her experiences at the Conference. Members asked her questions about the Conference and volunteered ideas for her community service. Her goal this year is to do her 100 volunteer hours of community service to enable her to go to the MYL Conference next spring as a helper. The NWC's Club Nominating Committee Chairman, Elinor Mille gave the committee's report to the members present. After hearing no nominations from the floor, the president asked for a vote on the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Marjorie Goodwin, President GFWC MAINE, will install the officers at the August meeting.

The Ways and Means Committee announced that a raffle will be held on Milbridge Celebration Day, July 26. Seven items were on display and the public was invited to buy raffle tickets and place the tickets in the items of their choice. The club was earning funds to purchase "KIND NEWS" for five area first-grade teachers and their students. The Club raised over \$200. The Club will meet one Monday a month to accommodate the members who are away during the winter months.

Sheri Walsh
District 4 President

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Promoting the arts can be fun and can help others feel better too. A response to emails sent to other state GFWC art departments was very interesting. The Indiana art department reported painting 1000 t-shirts for Advocates for Children at Riley Hospital. The president's symbol was the dragonfly and it was used on the shirts that were painted, embroidered or had heat transfers to decorate the shirts. It was a fun project that all the state clubs participated in. I can just see the children's smiles as they put on their t-shirts. Art really is a way to lift the spirits. Let's see if each club can do some uplifting art for our communities. Take a photo of your project or of an art program. Have it uploaded to our website, GFWCMaine.org. Show just what you can do in the arts. It can be fine arts, visual, audio, or even music, theater, or a reading of short stories or poems. Please include your talented club friends. Interested in helping in the Art Department? Let me know as I have a list of things that you can help with for 2015.

Your donations are appreciated and are what helps keep the arts going. Thank you all. Please continue to support this effort, as well as in the support of your local artists in your communities and in your clubs.

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DELEGATES FUND

IT IS ALMOST TIME...GFWC Maine Fall Conference time!

Time to catch up with friends, time to learn what is new, and...Time for YOU to take a chance to WIN that special item!

Yes...it's time for our Marketplace! Joyce, Sheri, and I invite you to come to the DELEGATES FUND table and see the array of "goodies" we have found just for YOU.

We hope to see ALL of you soon!

Billie Sherman
Delegates Fund Chairman

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Happy Summer my fellow clubwomen!! Want to give you a brief "heads up" about the new GFWC Conservation Partnership Program. It is with ACTrees an Alliance for Community Trees

Their Mission Statement says "ACTrees is a vital and growing national movement to improve the environment and our communities-one tree at a time."

I urge you to check out their website. From it you will get ideas for community service projects to use for a Community Improvement Project. Now while their focus is to 'improve the health and vitality of cities by planting and caring for trees', and we live in one of the most heavily forested states in the country, there is always room for improvement.

We could nurture a school group in the care and planting of trees and thereby encourage the next generation of volunteer, conservation minded citizens.

We could organize a tree planting in a specific area of our towns that might need improvement or just plant a different kind of tree in your own yard!

I look forward to sharing other ideas with you at fall conference.

Sally Manchester
GFWC Conservation Partnership
Chairman

EDUCATION

Our fall club season will soon be beginning, and it is always nice to share various ideas, which our clubs use to reach out to their communities to support educational projects.

The Lubec Woman's Club recently initiated a very innovative program to encourage students in the 8th grade to begin thinking about a career choice following their high school graduation. The plan was conceived and organized by one of their members, and is called "Cash 4 Careers". It began when a local

EMT spoke to the local 8th grade students about the requirements and rewards of her career in emergency medicine. For each graduating 8th grader, \$100.00 is deposited in trust, and the funds will be released upon graduation from high school for use toward whatever expenses are involved in the post-secondary program of their choice. While the students are still in 8th grade, a variety of local professionals speak to them to encourage them to begin thinking about long-term aspirations and to have opportunities to even job shadow. What a unique idea to start these young people to begin thinking about their future plans.

Scholarships given to high school graduates are so very important and useful, but the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club realized the importance of "Children who receive high-quality early care and education are more likely to arrive at kindergarten prepared for success. They are more likely to succeed in grades K - 12, graduate on time, attend college, become employed, and earn higher wages." They therefor have joined other community groups and formed a board to help fund an affordable pre-school for their area children. Volunteers are needed to help provide reading to the children and to assist in many other related ways. They are receiving donations so as to start this beneficial program. We wish them the very best and will be anxious to hear how successful this will be.

Many of our clubs support our youth in so many worthwhile areas such as donating to the Maine Youth Leadership program, Dirigo Girls State, Project Graduation and the GFWC Maine Educational Loan Fund to name a few.

May all of our clubs have a successful year, and I do look forward to hearing from you about your special educational out reach programs.

Roberta Dutton Morrill
Education Chairman and
Partnership Chairman

FUND RAISING

Hi everyone! For the GFWC Maine Fall Conference I would love for all attendees to bring one paper back book to donate. They will be sold to help raise money for the state! This fall at conference we will have a big basket of kitchen items and a knitting/crochet basket for raffle! If anyone has any idea's for raffles for the spring or Donations for the spring convention, please let me know. Also as a reminder there will be no club tables at the fall conference. But we will have them available in the spring. I am also looking for any idea's on unique, fun and different idea's to raise money for the state. Please send me ANY ideas no matter how strange you might think they are! And as my friends and family know I like the think WAY outside the box! Please send the ideas to meezergirl@gmail.com
Megan Libby

LEADERSHIP

Here we are at the beginning of a new administration; it seems like the perfect time to share a quote from Judy Fischer Ventrella, GFWC Florida Leadership Chairman. I came across it as I was reading some posts on the GFWC Volunteer Network Facebook Page. She wrote, "LEADERSHIP Should Not Be A Scary Word!"

Here's what comes to my mind. Often times the mere mention of the word "leadership" can set us in a tailspin! It can bring thoughts of, "Oh my goodness, what will they want next? I can't be an officer! I can't be club president! Next thing you know, they'll want me to be a district president!"

Whoa back! Let's not jump in the middle of the lake feet first - let's learn how to swim first.

When I was growing up, one of my favorite neighborhood games was Follow-the-Leader. Just imagine if no one stepped up to be the leader. Naturally we would have missed out on a lot of fun and the benefits of

forming great friendships, but equally important, we would have missed out on some lessons and growth in the area of developing leadership skills - whether by actually leading the group or by observing different styles of leadership as we were following along. Thank goodness there were always some who wanted to take that step and lead us all on, marching, hopping, jumping, singing, running, roaring like a lion, or whistling a tune while skipping along. You name it, we did it! In a simple, fun, spontaneous game such as Follow-the-Leader, it didn't seem like such a big challenge - in fact, it was delightful! *Thankfully we played the game before our minds had matured and realized that leadership was supposed to mean lots of stress, fear, ineptitude, and responsibility.* Naturally, I am being facetious here, but I hope you see my point.

As Judy Ventrella went on to say in her Facebook post: "It actually doesn't mean becoming an officer, taking a Chair, or leading a committee! Rather, **it is simply a next step** [emphasis mine]. That could be making phone calls for the next meeting; cleaning up after a meal; joining a committee as a member; helping to serve a luncheon; joining ESO reading club; attending a District Meeting; entering a project in the Arts & Crafts competition; or providing something for a Bake Sale! There are many, many easy choices." All it takes is that first step, and then the next one. As my grammie used to say, "Inch by inch, life's a cinch - by the yard, it's too hard." All accomplishments (no matter how large or small) take place one-step at a time! That's my philosophy, what's yours?

Until next time,

Suzanne Raymond
Leadership Chairman
sraymond72@roadrunner.com
207-564-8817

NEWBORNS IN NEED

Do you remember the young woman who lived in a shoe? Well, her children grew up and left the shoe. So did she. She joined a federated club, became State President and is now residing at headquarters in Washington, D.C. Quite a fairy tale ending! WE can dream, can't we!

Newborns IN Need was a very worthwhile project. Not only did we raise lots of money but gathered an incredible amount of baby clothing and other items.

Thanks to all you wonderful federated clubwomen who were so very generous. Anne and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The total money raised was \$3,748.75.

Now on to my new job -

PUBLIC ISSUES

Public Issues includes Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Emergency Preparedness, and Safety. I have given considerable thought to Veteran's Affairs. I will have information for you at Fall Conference. Some items under Veteran's Affairs are USO, Operation Write Home, Caring Cards, Shoeboxes for Military Spouses and Pampering Packs for Military Spouses.

Wounded Warriors is another important part of Veteran's Affairs. I will now need to look into what we can do for Citizenship, Emergency Preparedness and Safety. Meanwhile, your club members can be thinking of things we can do as a Federation.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Fall Conference in Waterville. Enjoy the rest of the summer as it will be going quickly now that it is already August.

In Federation,
Minnie McCormick
Public Issues Chairman

MAINE YOUTH LEADERSHIP
(MYL)
Leadership – Volunteerism –
Character

www.maine-youthleadership.org

The women of GFWC Maine are terrific and most generous in giving support to Maine Youth Leadership for high school sophomores. Your clubs raised a whopping \$3,000 towards last Spring's seminar and again it was a rousing success. Thanks you so much!

I extend a great thank you to the following clubs, a great representation (21 of 23 clubs) of our State Federation.

- Patten Woman's Club
- GFWC Miosac Club
- GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club
- GFWC/The Dove Society
- GFWC Waldoboro Woman's Club
- GFWC/Outlook Club
- GFWC Research Club of Limerick
- GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft
- GFWC Newport Woman's Club
- GFWC Narraguagus Women's Club
- 21 Club
- GFWC Lubec Woman's Club
- GFWC Dexter Women's Literary
- GFWC Gorham Woman's Club
- GFWC Pittsfield Arts Club
- Acadian Community Woman's Club
- GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club
- GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club
- GFWC Castine Woman's Club
- GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
- Patawa Club
- GFWC Livermore Falls Women's

Again I am pleased to share one ambassador's feelings after attending this outstanding event . . .



Nancy Ames & Maureen Provencal



Photos from the
 2014 GFWC Annual
 Convention

"I just wanted to take the time to tell you all what an amazing, life changing experience MYL has been for me. Thank you so much for supporting such an amazing program. It has impacted me so much. Without your help I never would have had this experience. I hope you will continue to support MYL so others can learn and grow as I feel I did. Again, thank you so much!" - 2014 Ambassador

**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 Drive, Gorham, Maine 04038 (207) 839-4157
 gtewhey@maine.rr.com**

MEMBERSHIP

As a new club year is about to begin, a renewed focus on gathering new members should be uppermost in every club's agenda. Service organizations worldwide are suffering from a decrease in active members and clubs are folding left and right. A real need is not being served in our communities when these organizations disband.

There is a recruiting campaign used by many organizations called "Each one Bring one". Basically, if every member of the GFWC Maine would bring a new member into their club, the membership would double! How great would that be! More hands to work on projects, fresh, new ideas to spark waning interest in existing members and twice the fun! The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to have a recruiting coffee or

tea where new ladies are invited to hear about the general workings of your club and the wonderful projects you support. The GFWC/Miosac Club of Dover-Foxcroft has a Souper Supper their first meeting of the fall each year and members are encouraged to bring friends they would like to have join the club. Last year's supper resulted in 4 new members joining! Super! This chair would love to hear of other successful recruiting efforts clubs have done. What works for one club may surely work for another.

To get your recruiting juices flowing, here's a little challenge called 10 contacts in one minute. Take a quiet moment and think about the people you know and see around your town - the friendly teller at the bank, a neighbor, a cousin, someone who serves on another committee with you, the busiest person you know (because we all know busy people are the ones who get things done!). Get the idea. List these ladies and then ask them to come to your club's recruiting meeting. Or any other meeting during the year. Some may say, "No thank you," but they can't say yes if they are not asked. I look forward to seeing many of you at Fall Conference and hearing about all your new members!

Barb Austin
 Membership Chairman

GFWC Maine - Fall Conference – October 8 - 9, 2014

Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel
375 Main Street
Waterville, ME 04901
207-873-0111 | Fax 207-872-2310

Guest Room Rates

\$83.00 (plus 8% tax) per night, single or double occupancy, one king or two doubles
Check In 3PM – Check Out 12PM (Noon)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
October 1, 2014 for the guaranteed room rate

Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. **To receive contract rates, you must call 207-873-0111 and reference "GFWC Maine" when making your reservation.** Early reservations are encouraged.

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card if checking in later than 6:00 pm. Individual cancellations must be received by 6:00 pm on arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

BEST WESTERN PLUS Waterville Grand Hotel

The comfortable and well-appointed rooms at this luxurious yet affordable Maine hotel offer cable or satellite television with in-room movies, a desk, high-speed Internet access, a microwave, a refrigerator, room service and much more. Wake up each morning to our complimentary delicious breakfast special for two in O'Brien's Restaurant, providing the perfect fuel for your day.

Relax and unwind in our indoor, heated, salt-water pool and revitalizing hot tub or grab a bite to eat or a drink at O'Brien's Irish Restaurant and Pub, located on the premises. Additionally, this pet-friendly Maine hotel offers an exercise facility, guest laundry, a 24-hour business center, free parking, a 24-hour front desk and much more

Directions:

From: The south. Take I-95 to Exit 130. Make a right off the ramp; the BEST WESTERN PLUS Waterville Grand Hotel is on the left.

From: The east and west. Follow Route 104. The BEST WESTERN PLUS Waterville Grand Hotel is on Route 104 near the junction of I-95.

From: The north. Take I-95 to Exit 130. Make a left off the ramp; the BEST WESTERN PLUS Waterville Grand Hotel is one quarter of a mile on the left.

Attire for our gatherings:

Wednesday Evening: Dressy casual

Thursday: Business casual

Dressy casual usually means no jeans or shorts. A cocktail-length dress for the ladies and your standard khakis with a button-down shirt and tie for the guys... no jacket required. This attire is similar to business casual, but a bit dressier.



**GFWC Maine Fall Conference
October 8 - 9, 2014
Best Western Plus – Waterville, Maine**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Name for nametag: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

Name of Club & Position: _____

GFWC Maine Position: _____ [] Guest [] GFWC Booster

Registration Fee - \$15.00

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, 2014** to: **Joyce Noonan, 327 East River Road, Skowhegan, ME 04976**
phone: 474-9451 e-mail: janoonan@beeline-online.net
4. Please note no refunds will be possible after **September 29, 2014**.

Registration Fee **\$15.00**

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

Wednesday Banquet Buffet: select one

Baked Stuffed Chicken **\$27.00**

Pork Tenderloin **\$27.00** _____

(Includes: garden salad, roasted potato, vegetable, assorted beverages, and assorted desserts)

*******Thursday Hot Breakfast Buffet on your own in the restaurant*******

Thursday Lunch Buffet:
Pasta and Salad \$17.00 _____

Tri-blend Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Garden salad, Garlic bread, drinks and assorted desserts

Meal and Registration Total _____

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

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******TENTATIVE******



**GFWC Maine
Fall Conference – The Information Highway**

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Best Western Plus, Waterville Maine**



TENTATIVE PROGRAM - Highlights

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

2:00 p.m. GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Registration

Banquet 5:15 p.m. Social Hour
 6:15 p.m. Processional
 6:30 p.m. Meal begins
 7:30 p.m. Entertainment – Mad Science

Reception in President's room following banquet.

Thursday, October 9, 2014

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Opening Session – Business

Highlights of Community Service Programs

Education – Roberta Morrill
ESO – Maxine Russakoff
Conservation – Sally Manchester
Home Life – Laura Neal
Public Issues – Minnie McCormick
International Outreach – Gloria Leveillee

Maine Youth Leadership – Gloria Tewhey
Education Loan Fund / Maude MacKenzie Scholarship – Alida Coates
Finance Committee – Davida Barter
Reporting Made Easy – Nancy Ames
Guest Speaker – Name / Topic
Arts – Barbara Hathaway
GFWC Convention Highlights, Awards & Winners

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker – Name / Topic
Invitation to GFWC New England Region – Suzanne Raymond
Fund Raising – Megan Libby
LEADS – Mary Libby / Maureen Provencal
Membership – Barbara Austin
Leadership – Suzanne Raymond
Jennie Award – Raejean Hersey
President's Project – Kathy White



Fire and Ice Show

- Get ready for some sizzlin' excitement! Join us for SAFE and scientific fun with fire and ice! After some sizzling chemical reactions heat things up, we will cool off with spectacular demonstrations involving dry ice! We will explore the "Big Burp", the "Sizzling Scissors" and the famous "Mad Science Shower". All Mad Science shows provide live, interactive and compelling educational experiences that make learning a blast!



"Our Past Will Determine Our Future"

NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE - October 31, November 1 & 2, 2014

- 1) Registration Forms were not available at the time of printing Pine Tree Notes. The form will be emailed when it is available. If you need one via mail, please contact your Club President or Wendy Bowler, GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary at 756-3234.
- 2) It's not too early to reserve your room or sign up for a tour on October 31st, see information below.
- 3) Friday, October 31st –Vermont State Night Banquet. Come in Costume! Word has it there will be prizes for the prettiest, the scariest, and the funniest!



General Federation of Women's Club New England Region

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

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

105th GFWC New England Region Conference
October 31st, November 1 & 2, 2014

Conference Theme: "Moonlight in Vermont"

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center

870 Williston Road, Burlington, Vermont 05403

For Reservations call: 888-627-7125 or 802-865-6600

Refer to "General Federation of Women's Clubs" or "GFWC"

THURSDAY, October 30, 2014 (Optional)

Dinner being planned locally—date and time to be determined. (Invitations to VIP's; open to everyone interested!)

The Room Rate is \$139 plus tax for single/double/triple or quaduple occupancy. Reservations should be received by the hotel no later than October 7, 2014 for availability of rate. Early reservations are encouraged! Check-in Time: 3 p.m.; Check-out time: 11 a.m.

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. The cancellation policy without penalty is notification 7 days prior to the day of scheduled arrival. If you do not stay the number of days you have reserved without 7 days prior notice, you will be charged. No more than 2 rooms may be reserved on one credit card without advance payment. Emergencies will be considered on an individual basis.

Shuttle service is available from the airport and from the Amtrak station in Essex Junction. Prior arrangements required. There is ample parking in the hotel lot.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE SOUTH:

FROM I89 NORTH TAKE EXIT 14W HOTEL ON THE RIGHT

FROM THE NORTH:

FROM I89 SOUTH TAKE EXIT 14W HOTEL ON THE RIGHT

TOUR AT NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE ON
OCTOBER 31ST, 2014
9:30-2PM



EXPLORE THE TICONDEROGA SHIP
VISIT THE PIZZAGALLI ART MUSEUM IMPRESSIONISTS PAINTINGS
HAVE LUNCH AT THE MUSEUM CAFÉ OR FOLINO'S PIZZA/SALAD/BREWERY ON YOUR OWN
(lunch is not included in the price of the tour)



TOUR THE WINERY AND TASTE 11 DIFFERENT WINES
VISIT THE ELECTRA HAVEMEYER WEBB MEMORIAL BUILDING

TOTAL COST FOR TOUR INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION \$43.00
Tour will be limited in number so you may register early by sending **check to GFWC/VT** c/o of
Joyce Lindamood, P.O. Box 92, Springfield, VT 05156

SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR AT NERC 2014

NAME _____

CLUB _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK FOR \$43 ENCLOSED

GFWC OF VT

c/o Joyce Lindamood

P.O. Box 92

Springfield, VT 05156

jmood@vermontel.net

You will receive email confirmation that you are on the tour or the waiting list. There can be no refunds in case of cancellation unless someone on the waiting list steps up.



Guest Speaker, John Nale, Esq with GFWC Maine President Marjorie Goodwin



Vicki Moschella, Anne Cress, Minnie McCormick & Suzanne Raymond

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March 1, 2015**

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