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Pine Tree Notes

GFWC Maine Newsletter
September / October 2016

Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle & Shine



President's Letter

Mary K. Libby

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Hello sparkling and shinning members of GFWC Maine, Sisterhood of Service. We are so privileged to belong to an organization whose history is so rich in service to others. Some amazing things have been accomplished by this group of volunteers. We have been instrumental in the passage of such laws as child safety seats and domestic violence laws.

There were many proud moments for the Maine delegation during the GFWC International Convention held in Baltimore in June. It was especially exciting to hear that Maine won several awards. To paraphrase a quote from Shakespeare, "Maine may be small but she is mighty." Over the years, we have put our heads, hearts, creativity, money and determination to do great things.

During this administration, I am going to challenge each member to help change the lives of 300+ children in Kit, South Sudan, Africa. The members of this village are striving to see that their children have an education. At the summer Board attendees saw the need first hand as they saw slides of this school. There are not any "safety nets" for this school. The government does not fund education.

I am very anxious for you to hear Dr. Charles Radis, D.O. and tell you first hand about the Nyolo-Hope Primary School Project in Kit. The story of the people in this village and how they use their limited resources is inspiring.

One of the resolutions of GFWC states that we are to support education in this country and in under developed countries around the world. Nelson Mandella once said, and I paraphrase, the only hope for peace is through education. We do not have the gift of always knowing the long term effects of our work. We may be helping to educate future leaders and peace makers. Who knows?

Again I want to tell you how honored and privileged I am to be the President of GFWC Maine. I know that you too will feel honored and privileged to help educate a part of the world that has so much need.

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle and Shine.

In Federation love,
Mary K. Libby
GFWC Maine President

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Looking forward to receiving articles for the PTN – keep them coming. See everyone at the Fall Convention!

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Vice President's Message

Greetings and welcome to the beginning of the 2016-2018 administration. I am excited to be serving as your Vice President and looking forward to what this term has in store. Becoming better acquainted with your clubs and members is one of my goals over the next two years. President Mary has selected a project close to her heart which will benefit the educational needs of children. I can't wait to see what you ladies do to support it.

Which brings me to the main responsibility of my office – reporting. Everyone dreads the process but we so benefit from the results. We get to tell everyone how great we are and how much we accomplish for our clubs and for our communities. We have to “toot” our own horn “cause no one will do it for us.” If we don't report no one knows who you are or what you are doing. Your reports put Maine on the map at GFWC headquarters and tells them loud and clear that we are alive and thriving. I see us as being like the residents on the speck of dust in the Dr. Seuss book, “Horton Hears a Who”. If we don't report (toot our own horns) no one knows who we are here. So, I look forward to reading the wonderful things you will “toot” to me in your reports.

I hope to see you all at Fall Conference where I will have informational folders for Club Presidents and State Committee Chairmen. Remember...it's all about the Report!

Yours in Federation –
Carol

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CLUB NEWS

DISTRICT 1

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club

Westbrook Woman's Club is honored and proud to have one of their own members, Mary K. Libby serving as President of GFWC Maine for the 2016 – 2018 term. Congratulations may all your endeavors and dreams be fulfilled! We are here to support you in any way we can.

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club President, Marian Sturdevant has received the Volunteer of the Year award from the American Heart Association for the 5th year in a row. How to go Marian!!!

March found the GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club preparing 39 Sunshine Baskets to be distributed to the shut-ins and invalids of Westbrook Senior Housing. March 15 was their annual art show. 53 pieces of art were on display, what a great variety of colorful and unique art was on display.

Westbrook High School has some very talented students.

April found them preparing for their annual meeting and installation of officers for the years 2016 to 2018. A very professional installation was conducted by Mary Libby, State President Elect.

May was busy helping with table arrangements, door prizes and assisting with registration for the Spring Convention. They won the Carol Lombardi Trophy and were very lucky to win four other awards. Then they started to prepare for their participation in the Westbrook Together Days Festival which they initially started 38 years ago.

They started the month of June participating in the Westbrook Together Days parade with two members walking carrying the banner, followed by two 2016 cars with some of their over 90 year old members, a flatbed truck followed that with 14 members waving American flags and tossing candy out to the children. A great time was had by all! They also manned a booth in the park, sold cake pop and whoopee pies, proceeds went to the Teen Center in Westbrook. They also explained information promoting their local club and what it is all about.

July and August found them very busy making plans for the upcoming year.

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club

The Gorham Woman's Club is not meeting during the summer months and will start a new

year in September. Look forward to hearing about the exciting events planned for the new year.

GFWC Research Club of Limerick

March is a busy month for the Research Club of Limerick after not meeting in January and February. Our meeting on March 1 featured Quilts shared with us by Mary Hannaford and Marsha Rockwood of the 21 Club of Kezar Falls. At our annual town meeting on March 12, we provided a lunch menu for town's people to purchase. This is much appreciated and it helps to add to our treasury for club projects.

At our April meeting we had our annual High School Art Contest. This year our President, Jeanine Housley was very persistent in getting the art teacher to respond to her requests. After much effort she finally was able to get the art and bring it to the meeting. Local artist, Diane Snow was our main judge and later explained the criteria for the selection of the winners.

Two of our members attended the District 1 meeting and Art show. One of our entries, a watercolor self-portrait, was chosen to go to Spring Convention.

The 21 Club of Kezar Falls joined us as we welcomed outgoing President Marjorie Goodwin, our featured guest. She was a delightful speaker and we know that she has a heart for GFWC and her project of abolishing Elder Abuse.

Seven members of our club attended the GFWC of Maine spring Convention in Portland. We had a lovely time and one of our members, Mary Ann Marrow, won three of the market place baskets. Lucky Lady!!!

June marks the month we have our Annual Summer Outing. We had a lovely dinner at The Oak Street Bistro in Alfred. After dinner, Gloria Leveilee did an installation of our new officers. Her theme was sewing. Each new officer received a sewing related item. The entire club members each received a piece of fabric to remind us that we all are a part of the fabric that makes our club work. Out-going club President Jeanine Housley was given a door topper which depicts the Limerick town's Band Stand. During Jeanine's 4 year administration the Band Stand was repainted and flowers planted at its base.

DISTRICT 2

GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club

On July 15th, co Presidents Linda Burdo/Marion Hogan-Posa and Vice President, Ellen Young attended the Summer Board meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. It was a very informative meeting and fun to meet the new officers and Club Presidents. Linda Burdo attended the District Presidents' meeting. I have to say Nancy Ames and Marjorie Goodwin are a wealth of information, for which I am very thankful.

We have tried to have speakers throughout the year stop in and talk to us about the local organizations we support in our community. At our April meeting we learned about all our local Special Olympics does during the year. It was so wonderful to hear about the many things that are available right here in our area. VP, Ellen Young created a Jeopardy game. Members were divided in three teams and selected questions with various point values. Questions were about local, state and national clubs. The game was designed to inform new members and refresh existing members of what GFWC does. The questions ranged from By-laws, State Presidents' Projects to National projects. It was fun for all.

We raised \$696.00 at our Election Bake Sale which we always give away to one of our community needs. This year the funds were split between our three libraries. At Marketplace we made \$409.00. We also had an indoor yard sale and made \$245.00. We gave a donation to the Livermore Community Center for the use of the building.

We ended our year with an Ice Cream Social at the home of Nancy Conant, an event we all love. Thirteen of our members attended the Spring Convention this year. We received three awards. Two of our members attended the Press Conference at the State House for the announcement to the High School Scholarship winner in the Elder Abuse Preventive Essay Contest.

We are looking forward to our day at Lakewood Theater in August. It has been something we have loved doing for a few years now. We are also looking

forward to our fall meeting. Our guests will be showing us a display of Vintage Clothing dating back to 1800's, along with a history of the era. Livermore Falls Women's Club would like to wish you all a great 2016-2017!

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club

Hoping all are fairing well in this summer heat.

At our March meeting, Nicole Chapman, from the Skowhegan Early Head Start Program at the new facility at Academy Circle, spoke about the high quality of care being given to children 6 weeks to 3 years.

In April, several members attended the District 2 art show and meeting run by our own Joyce Noonan, District 2 President.

At the April Club meeting, Janet Edwards, from Mountain Mama, spoke about how she had developed her herb business and focused her talk on lavender growth and uses.

In May, we focused on annual reports and thinking about the year to come. New officers were installed: June Nickerson-Hovey, President, Ann Palmer, Vice President, Billie Sherman, Secretary, and Deb Burnham, Treasurer.

In May, the Kentucky Derby fundraiser, at Bigelow Brewery, was an amazing and successful event to help Lake George. We hope to continue supporting this cooperative effort with GFWC Semper Fidelis.

A fun fundraiser, "Concerts in the Park" food concession table,

continues strong. The free concerts are held each Sunday from 5-6:15 at Coburn Park. We sell sandwiches, goodies, fruit, and drinks, as a fundraiser for our 2 scholarships.

We will be selling Pies on Thurs., Aug. 4 during Moonlight Madness at River Fest and will have a summer long "Shore Dinner" raffle to be drawn for Labor Day weekend. Best wishes to all for a wonderful remainder of summer.

DISTRICT 3

GFWC ARTS Club Pittsfield

The April meeting of the Pittsfield ARTS club met at the Pittsfield Public Library. The speaker for the meeting was Dean Neal of the Maine Central Institute music program. He spoke on the music program and Show Chorus at the school. The group had recently gone to New York City. The chorus had participated in events and also attended a Broadway show.

In May club members met at Anglers restaurant for their annual meeting. A wonderful meal was enjoyed and annual reports were given. Plans for a summer fundraiser were discussed and a beautiful cake was presented to State President, Marge Goodwin, who has been our GFWC Maine State President for the past two years. The club appreciates the time and effort Marge has put into the office of State President.

Club members Carol Ouellette and Bev Rollins attended the spring meeting that was held in South Portland May 11-13th. Bev presented the Mosaic Club of Dover-Foxcroft a certificate for

being the 2016 Community Service Award winner.

On July 15th the ARTS club hosted the Annual Quiche and Cheesecake contest held in conjunction with the 44th Central Maine Egg Festival. Fourteen entries made for another exciting contest. A luncheon followed which was open to the public. The event each year is a great way for the club to support their local community and manages to make some funds for their treasury.

The calendar committee will meet soon to plan their club year.

GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club

At the April meeting, the GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club heard District 3 President Jane LeVie talk about the District 3 meeting and art show, which one member attended? Jade Harvey, a Dexter Regional High School student, came in first place! Jade also won first place at the club's local high school art show, and four club members went to the high school to do an awards presentation for the first, second, and third place winners. A news article, along with photos, was submitted to all the local papers.

May's annual meeting was the club's member appreciation party and silent auction. President Laura played the "ring the bell" game throughout the meeting and gave out door prizes. The club voted to increase the monetary awards for the students participating in the local high school art contest; and also voted to give out two \$200 scholarships from now on to local high school students

attending college. The club made \$82.50 in directory ad commissions at the GFWC Maine spring convention, and a new club member offered to take over as the new Ad Chairman.

Laura Neal
President
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club

GFWC Newport Woman's Club

The GFWC Newport Woman's Club wound up a very busy year.

At our final meeting, activities of the various committees and programs were outlined. The Arts and Community Service Program wrapped up the program's Art Contest which included three rounds of judging at the local, district and State level. The committee is working on increasing participation and the possibility of students in shop classes at Nokomis Regional High School making unusual sized frames for the art.

One of our ongoing fund raising activities is getting a face lift and a new name, Hoedown Showdown. We work with the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce and other area non-profit organizations to raise funds for the organizations and the Chamber. It has been very profitable in the past as a semi-formal event called "Sparkle".

But this year we are working to make it a casual event to attract more participation. Club members are working through the summer to sell advertising and event tickets and to collect auction donations. This event will be held in October.

New committee members were chosen for each of the club's initiatives and officers were elected for the 2016-2018 club years. We are looking forward to getting back together in September.

GFWC Outlook Club of Hartland

Last April, the Outlook Club met at the home of Kathie Clark. The scheduled program was for Joel Stetkis, our Representative, to address us, but he was still in Augusta. The May meeting was our Annual Report plus we elected a new slate of officers for 2016-2018. President: Kathie Clark, VP: Meredith Randlett, Secretary: Nonie Ruscgaitis, and Treasurer: Joyce Weymouth.

Patawa Club Bangor

The Pine Tree Women's Association of Bangor (PATAWA) concluded a successful year in early May with our annual banquet High Tide in Brewer. This spring we participated in many fun events including a bowl-a-thon for Big Brothers Big Sisters and decorating an Amelia Bedelia themed table for the Literacy Volunteers Tea.

Although we are typically in hiatus over the summer, we were given the opportunity to sell VIP passes at the Darling's Waterfront Pavilion for the concert Hall and Oates this July. PATAWA members raised \$2220, which will be applied to our annual charitable giving. We are very much looking forward to a successful 2016-2017 year and look forward to strengthening our membership. Please visit us at www.facebook.com/PatawaClub

GFWC MIOSAC Club Dover-Foxcroft

Much has happened in the GFWC Miosac Club of Dover-Foxcroft since the last issue of the Pine Tree Notes was published in March/April. While we don't generally have a meeting June through September, we have remained busy! On March 15th, we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Robert Lucy, Superintendent of the local school district. He gave us a wonderful over-view of all that has been accomplished during this past school term, and a preview of what is expected to happen in the near future.

On April 4th, members were entertained by Sid Stutzman and Brian Smith, local musicians who are well known in Maine. These gentlemen are part of the Doughty Hill Band, and sing a variety of music from the blues to bluegrass, performing many songs they have written and composed themselves.

On April 19th, we enjoyed a "Spring Fling" with fun foods and several rousing games of bingo! This was our way of bringing in spring and warmer weather with a, "Whoop of Joy"!

May 3rd found us gathered around the tables for a picnic supper while we reviewed this past club year's reports, facts, plans and proposals. Four club members attended the GFWC Maine Spring Convention held in South Portland on May 12th and 13th. We were thrilled to have GFWC 2nd Vice – President, Marian St. Clair from South Carolina, as our guest for this Convention. The GFWC Miosac Club took 1st place for our Club scrapbook while receiving a certificate and cash

award thanks to our scrapbook editor, Vicki Moschella! Club member, Elaine Larson, took 1st place in the scenic category of the photography contest. We were honored to have received the 1st place award in the Community Improvement Contest for our submission for the purchase and placement of American flags along West Main Street in Dover-Foxcroft in May 2015. Club member, Suzanne Raymond, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman, gave a delightful talk about a childhood event that she recalled well that heightened her interest in volunteerism, and as a result, has made her activities what they are today. Another Miosac gal, Barbara Austin, GFWC Maine Membership Chairman, inspired the Maine delegation as only Barbara can do! Anne Cress, GFWC Maine President 2012-2014, was busy during the Convention with nominating procedures and election results for the 2016-2018 GFWC Maine Executive Committee. Prior to adjournment of the GFWC Maine Spring Convention, Anne was the Installing Officer with the assistance of GFWC 2nd Vice-President Marian St. Clair, for the newly elected officers of the GFWC Maine 2016-2018 Administration.

On May 18th, 2016 the GFWC Miosac Club celebrated our 80th Birthday with a banquet held at the Bear's Den in Dover-Foxcroft. A joyful evening ensued with delicious food, drink, conversation and a great feeling of pride as we completed another club year. Gifts from Club President, Vicki Moschella, were given to all the Club officers. Likewise, the Club members gave Vicki a cash gift as well as Vice-President, Diane Leighton as Recording

Secretary, Pat Jones as Treasurer, Roxy McGlaulin as Corresponding Secretary and Barbara Austin as Auditor. The Club Advisory Committee is in the process of preparing the new Club booklets for 2016-2017.

Suzanne Raymond attended the GFWC Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland in June 2016. She left on June 23rd and returned home on June 30th. What a fabulous time she had!

A new area business directory is in the works for the fall of 2016. In 2014, the Club netted \$2,000.00 on this project. It is hoped we can duplicate that figure this year!!

Two Club members attended the GFWC Maine Board of Directors meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library and Museum on July 13th in Skowhegan. Suzanne Raymond will be the GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman for the 2016-2018 Administration.

We are so pleased to have had a successful yard sale on July 16th with proceeds netting \$928.22!! Way to go ladies!!!

The first informal gathering of the new club year will happen at some point in September with a pot-luck meal and handing out of our new program booklets for 2016-2017. The first official meeting of the GFWC Miosac Club will be October 4th at Thayer Parkway in Dover-Foxcroft at 6:00 pm.

GFWC Miosac Club Marks 125th GFWC Anniversary With Hydrangea Tree Dedication

Members of the GFWC Miosac Club of Dover-Foxcroft gathered at the Marion Doore

Park on May 18th for a double tree dedication upon the occasion of the 125th Anniversary observance of this important milestone.

Chairman, Pat Jones, did some research to find a tree that would do well in this area. She selected a hydrangea tree and a pink granite stone matching the one placed at the park in 2001 in honor of Marion Doore, a long-time club member and retired school teacher. Committee members working on this project were Pat Jones, Rheba Michaud, Suzanne Raymond, and Anne Cress. At the same time, another hydrangea tree purchased by the town of Dover-Foxcroft in observance of Arbor Week, was dedicated in the park. Town Manager Jack Clukey, Selectmen Steve Grammont, and Gail D'Agostino, along with Deputy Tax Collector Cindy Woodworth attended the ceremony. This park sits on the grounds of the old schoolhouse where Miss Doore taught her students for 33 years. During the dedication ceremony, Suzanne Raymond gave some history on Marion Doore and what she meant to the townspeople, as well as to the GFWC Miosac Club. The Club has been planting and maintaining the park since its dedication in June 2001. Several trees and shrubs have been planted over the years. Flowers are planted annually. A park bench is available for people to stop and rest. Members work hard to keep the park looking well-groomed with the assistance of the Foxcroft Academy Key Club students and the grounds crew of our hometown.

Winterport Women's Club GFWC

A few of our club members met on a very warm morning during Memorial Day weekend to plant annuals at different public locations around Winterport. The plantings have thrived and continue to beautify our old river town.

In June, our club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two Hampden Academy graduates from Winterport. Also in June, we finalized advertisement sales for our largest fundraiser - our annual community calendar under the direction of Chair Kathy White. A photo of member Ellen Van Vranken's lovely flower gardens will grace 2017's calendar.

Last, but not least, we are extremely proud to announce that our past president, Kathy White, is the recipient of the New England Region Jennie Award, which recognizes individual clubwomen for personal excellence, presented at the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland! Congratulations Kathy, you inspire us all to greater service!

The Winterport Woman's Club has had a very busy spring! We began in May with our wildly successful 3rd Annual Perennial Plant Sale, held over two days under the direction of Co-Chairs Ellen Van Vranken and Cindy Seekins. All of our members worked diligently to dig & pot plants, set up and work at the sale, and coordinate advertising for this fundraiser.

Our annual meeting and dinner was held at Winterport's Bacon Tree Restaurant, newly relocated to the beautiful

Winterport Winery building along the Penobscot River on Main Street. Our club installed new officers Denise Young, President; Kathy White, Vice President; Gloria Aurelio, Secretary; and Kathy Urquhart, Treasurer. We used this occasion to present the 2016 "Winterport Spirit of America Award" to the Winterport Living Nativity, held for the past 50 years in December at the Winterport Union Meeting House, which was built in 1833. The Union Meeting House recently celebrated the installation of electricity with a special evening open house, and is now lit with beautiful reproduction fixtures. Our club was honored to contribute to their successful "lighting campaign fund" this spring.

DISTRICT 4 **GFWC Lubec Woman's Club**

Although officially the Lubec's Woman's Club is out for the summer, they are still active in their ongoing programs to benefit their community. Four scholarships of \$300.00 each were presented at a ceremony in June to Seth Doherty, Emma Page, Rebecca Mahar, and Robert Wallace. These students have a bright future ahead of them and the Lubec Woman's Club is happy to be of help.

To be able to continue to support their community programs, including scholarships and Cash 4 Careerism, the Lubec Woman's Club is holding a first-time-ever Summer Raffle. There are only 500 tickets available for a gift card worth over \$800.00 and including a wide variety of local and national companies.

The drawing will be held on Labor Day.

The Annual 4th of July Yard Sale was a huge success and will also go toward community building through addressing specific needs of our community. So many people gave of their time and treasures to stock a great sale and so many people came by to take advantage of the great bargains. The club has made a concerted effort to let all who participated in any way know that their participation is greatly appreciated.

Lubec's schools, child care, food pantry, and seniors are some of the parts of the community that the Lubec's Woman's Club serves in a wide variety of ways. In addition to supporting library programs they collect "box tops" for the local schools, provide diapers to children in need, donate hygiene products to shelters and offer Senior Socials throughout the year.

GFWC Castine Women's Club

The Castine Woman's Club has been busy these brilliant and warm summer days with successful community and fundraising events.

The CWC was excited to ring in the summer with another successful Flash in the Pans concert on the evening of June 6 on the Castine Town Dock. Other summer fundraisers included the ever popular July 4 Pie Sale and an art auction through the Thomaston Place Auction Galleries on August 3. The Club was fortunate to recently receive a generous donation of art from a local community member. The Club hosts events such as these

throughout the year to fund scholarships.

Community Improvement - In June, the Club was pleased to award \$3,000 in scholarships again this year to local area students.

The Club is looking forward to cooler weather and a plethora of engaging meetings and community events in the fall.

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.



**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Reminder

GFWC New England Region Conference

September 30 - October 2, 2016
Warwick, Rhode Island location
The Crowne Plaza

Details at gfwc-ri/New England
Conference

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***Small things, done in great  
love, bring joy and peace.***



## **NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP**

As GFWC Maine President Mary Libby begins her new administration, let's kick it off by having all clubs participate in GFWC's "It's The Real Deal" campaign! This is a nationwide year-round membership recruitment campaign.

**GO FISH FOR MEMBERS:** report how many new members your club recruited for June, July, and August (reports due to me by September 1st).

**BRIDGE THE GAP:** report to me by December 1st how many new members were recruited during September, October, and November. **GAME OF HEARTS:** new members recruited during the months of December, January, and February (reports due to me by March 1st). **52 PICK UP - A MEMBERSHIP TOOL:** new members for March, April, and May (reports due to me by June 1st).

Neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family all deserve the chance to be a part of GFWC, because GFWC has, does, and will continue to change lives for the better. It is important we learn how to invite and encourage women to become part of our clubs so that our communities can continue to improve through the work of GFWC volunteers and programs. Member recruitment is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of all your club members. Be determined to succeed with your recruitment efforts! GFWC is offering a \$50 grant to help clubs with their recruitment efforts.

To apply go to:  
[www.GFWC.org/Membership](http://www.GFWC.org/Membership)

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## **PUBLIC ISSUES**

I want to thank GFWC Maine President Mary Libby for appointing me as State Chairman for the Public Issues Community Service Program. This community service program is designed to actively connect members with effective projects and activities related to civic and social responsibilities. This program focuses on the following areas: Citizenship, Military Personnel, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Safety and Crime Prevention. I hope that you will consider projects that address issues such as running for office, voter registration, democracy, disaster preparedness, road safety and supporting our military personnel.

Throughout this administration, I will be giving you information and ideas through the Pine Tree Notes and possibly presentations at State Meetings on how you can center some of your club work around these important issues. I will also give you more detailed information on some of our GFWC partners under this Community Service Program - the Kettering Foundation, United Service Organization (USO) and Sew Much Comfort.

I am looking forward to hearing about your activities through your reports in January, and hope that I can serve as a resource for you to assist you in any way your club needs to plan or complete programs in this community service program.

Here's to the start of a great 2016 - 2018 administration, and hope to see you in Auburn in October at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference.

Gloria Leveillee  
GFWC Maine  
Public Issues Chairman



## **ESO**

Hello! What an act to follow! Maxine's Shoe's will be hard to fill! But I hope I can do as well as she has! I wanted to let you all know I will be creating our own state book list. I also want to start our own "lending Library" were if someone has a book that is on the out of print or hard to find list that is on the GFWC's ESO book list. We would let other club members borrow it. Also, if you have any ideas for books to put on our state book list please let me know!

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***"Don't limit your  
challenges –  
challenge your  
limits."***



## **MAINE YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

By supporting Maine Youth Leadership, we women of the GFWC Maine demonstrate what a difference can be made in our respective Maine communities. The four-day MYL Seminar each Spring aims to give over 100 high school sophomores the skills they need to bring about positive change. It allows the chosen students to find their voice and realize their opinions matter. The Seminar is designed to give them leadership and advocacy skills to work towards creating change on issues important to them. We only wish every student could be given this opportunity and training.

Thank you to the **GFWC Gorham Woman's Club** for the generous contribution of a full scholarship for the next Seminar, the first received this year. I look forward to and hope for the always generous support of other clubs. See page 72 of GFWC Maine Directory for MYL info.

**A MYL THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!**

Gloria Tewhey, MYL Chairman



## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Missed you all at State Convention so I am just sending out this reminder about the challenge for International Outreach... In October of 2014,

I threw out the challenge that if a club reported both years on activities, programs and projects that the club was involved in for International Outreach, and that at least a portion in either of those reports highlighted at least one thing that was done for each of our partners, that I would volunteer to do a mutually agreed upon activity for one of your club projects.

As a reminder, our International Outreach Partners are Shot@Life, Unicef, Heifer International and Operation Smile. Just imagine saving a child's life by providing needed vaccines through Shot@Life... or what about providing funds to help communities have access to water - an important part of what Unicef does...love farm life? providing an animal through Heifer International for a family can often be the one thing needed to break the cycle of poverty... and who doesn't like to see a child smile, and Operation Smile does these life-changing operations that allow children born with a severe facial disfigurement to finally do just that!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the reports I read last year, and look forward to the ones I will receive for this year. My club has been actively trying to meet the challenge, and it's been great learning more about these dedicated and far-reaching programs. Give some thought, get busy, and see what you can do to meet the challenge, but more importantly, help out our brothers and sisters in this world that have far less than we do.

Gloria Leveillee, Chairman

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*Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.*

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### **Upcoming Events GFWC Maine:**

**October 11 & 12, 2016**

Fall Convention  
Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn  
(Registration form attached)

**February 18, 2017**

Mid-winter Executive Meeting,  
Westbrook, ME

**May 10-12, 2017**

Spring Convention  
Hollywood Casino Hotel, Bangor,  
ME

**Fall 2017 – District Conferences**

**February, 2018**

Mid-winter Executive Meeting,  
Westbrook, ME

**May 10 & 11, 2018**

Spring Convention  
Best Western, Waterville, ME





## **GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM – EDUCATION REPORT**

The summer is moving along all too quickly, and fall will find our clubs thinking about implementing creative plans to raise money for scholarships and other educational funds. The best plans to think about and share are ones that our clubs have tried and found to be very successful. You may not be able to do exactly as have been done, but I know the ideas will be useful to suit your needs.

One club joins with a regular bridge club meeting twice a year and the club members provide a particular luncheon depending on whether the event is held in the winter months or in the spring. The luncheon gets the bridge players, and the players can see how effective the club members serve the community in their volunteer role to raise money for scholarships, and perhaps attracts new members. If your community does not have bridge clubs, perhaps there is a group who plays bingo or bunko.

Another club has an event in the fall appropriately called the Pumpkin Fest Cooking and Bake Sale. Not only club members, but also community citizens and local businesses collaborate therefore joining with others for a community outreach-program to raise scholarship money

Another club has raised scholarship money by their annual lobster roll sale. Last year over 1,000 rolls were sold to businesses, schools, and the community, showing how effective they are in presenting scholarships to three high school seniors at their awards night with \$1,000 each.

Most of our clubs help in volunteering in their local schools and libraries. Some clubs provide school supplies to students. One club provided free passes to children and their family (up to four) to the Maine Children's Museum in Bangor. Our donations to sponsor a girl to attend Dirigo Girls' State, or a sophomore to attend the Maine Youth Leadership Program, or to the GFWC Maine Educational Loan Fund reach out to many of our youth.

The Epsilon Sigma Omicron reading program offers a reading incentive to our members to explore various reading so we can enrich our lives.

Mary Libby, our State President, is focusing her project on education.

I will be looking forward to hearing from all the clubs next spring about their special events which have been very successful!

Roberta Dutton Morrill,  
Education Chairman  
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## **GFWC INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH**

If you are looking for a way for your club to have a global impact, look no further! GFWC continues to partner with four very reputable service programs. There are many other ways to support our international outreach efforts as well - everything from hosting a social event for international students in your area to knitting hats to send to children in Haiti. Your grassroots thoughts and efforts will always be appreciated.

Have you heard? The GFWC 2016-2018 Club Manual is now available on line. Please refer to it often for details about the GFWC Partnerships in the International Outreach Program Area (and a wealth of other information!)

- Heifer International
- Shot at Life
- Operation Smile
- UNICEF



I have some very exciting news to share with you. While at the GFWC Convention this past June, I was thrilled to hear Bonnie Keuhne, (our contact person - Operation Smile Development Officer, Community Relations) announce **"We're launching a campaign to raise \$150,000 and sponsor an Operation Smile medical mission."** A limited number of volunteer positions will be available on this mission." Wow!! A GFWC sponsored mission! The goal is to raise the money by June 2017, so let's get on board! GFWC Maine clubwomen are to be commended for the money raised during the 2010-2012 Administration whereby over \$5,000 was sent to Operation Smile and benefited 24 children with corrective surgery. This of course not only provided them a "smile" but a life! Yes, indeed! Our clubs **can** change children's lives! Whether \$5 or \$240, I am challenging each club to donate to this special campaign. *I pledge to donate \$10 for every club that makes a donation by April 30, 2017.* More details will be forthcoming from GFWC and I will keep you informed!



Smile, because you can! ☺

Suzanne Raymond  
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Fall is upon us the days are getting shorter, a little cooler air. The apples will be ready for us to enjoy, the beauty of the leaves around us – inspiration to our souls. Pumpkins on the vine. A time for the Sisters of GFWC to start up in earnest. The spirit of volunteerism is our guide. How can we make lives more enriched and full-filled and enjoy fellowship with our fellow Sisters? We will be "Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle & Shine".

**Fall is Here!**

**GFWC Maine Fall Conference**  
**October 11-12, 2016 Hilton Garden Inn Auburn**  
**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Of Club/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
GFWC Maine Position: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Guest ☐ Booster  
Registration Fee - ☐ \$10 one day ☐ \$20 both days

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Make checks 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, 2016  
Norma Manning 124 Austin St, Westbrook, Maine 04092; 207- 615-8831
4. Please note no refunds will be possible after September 29, 2016!
5. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after September 25!

**Meal selection** [prices include tax, service charge and gratuity]

**Tuesday Night Banquet:** "Letting Your Inner Goddess Show" Cocktail attire; please wear Tiaras.

Select one **\$28.00**

☐ Rosemary Chicken

☐ Baked Haddock

Topped with Ritz crumble and lemon white wine sauce

☐ TORTELLINI PRIMAVERA

With parmesan cream sauce

Served with regular and decaffeinated coffee with assorted teas, along with garden salad, warm dinner rolls and Chef's choice of sides and dessert.

**Wednesday Lunch** [prices include tax, service charge and gratuity] **\$20.00**

☐ Sandwich bar, assorted sandwiches, pasta salad and fruit salad. Assorted sodas and bottled water along with Chef's choice dessert.

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Total : \_\_\_\_\_

Grand total: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Hilton Garden Inn -Auburn Maine**

**GFWC Maine Fall conference October 11-12, 2016**

14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn, Maine, 04210, USA TEL: +1-207-784-4433 FAX: +1-207-777-7328

Guest room rates - 2 Queen bed with breakfast \$146.00 (plus tax)

1 King bed with breakfast \$130.00 (plus tax)

### **Reservations must be made by September 11, 2016**

Reservations Made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive rates you must refer to "GFWC Maine" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged!

**From The South/Portland/Boston -**

Take Route 95 north to exit 75. Turn left onto Route 202 and go approximately 4.5 miles into downtown Auburn. Turn right onto Hampshire Street and continue to the hotel.

**From The North/Augusta/Bangor -**

Route 95 south to exit 80/Lewiston. Take a right off the exit and go over the overpass. Take the second ramp on your right onto 196 west. Follow 196 west a few miles to the end. 196 is also called Lisbon Street. At the end of Lisbon Street, take a left onto Main Street and go over the bridge of the Androscoggin River. Take a right at the first light onto the Great Falls Plaza and continue to the hotel.

#### **Special Guest speakers;**

Thursday night; **Susan Poulin**

Writer and performer Susan Poulin is the author of *The Sweet Life* and *Finding Your Inner Moose: Ida LeClair's Guide to Livin' the Good Life*, as well as ten plays, five of which feature her alter ego, LeClair. The first of these, 1997's "Ida: Woman Who Runs With the Moose". Susan also writes the popular Maine humor blog and podcast, "Just Ask Ida." Since her debut, Ida has entertained thousands of people from Maine to Minneapolis with her unique brand of wit and wisdom. Her sense of humor simply knows no bounds.

Friday lunch; **Dr Charles Radis**

Dr. Radis is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has taught in the internal medicine, pediatric, and family practice programs at both Maine Medical Center and the University of New England. He has volunteered extensively, teaching family practice residents at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in southern India, and more recently helping to develop a sustainable collaborative public health project in South Sudan through a non-profit he founded with his wife, Sandi, The Maine African Partnership for Social Justice.



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