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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
September/October 2006



Changing Lives - Woman to Woman,
Friend to Friend

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

Little did I realize when I decided that the theme for my administration would be "Changing Lives - Woman to Woman, Friend to Friend" that my own life would be changing as much as it is during this time period. Since May, it has been a flurry of activity, contact with a host of different people, and a whole lot of satisfaction in seeing things come together well. At this point, all but one of the state positions has been filled. I am still looking for "one good woman" to fill the post of Leadership Chair. Otherwise everyone is in place and ready to go! The Administrative Team met in Skowhegan along with many of the Club Presidents in July at the Advisory Committee Meeting. It was a day filled with committee meetings and learning opportunities highlighted by Sarah Standiford from the Maine Women's Policy Center who addressed the group on women taking on leadership roles.

I hope you have purchased a directory so that you

can easily access the people in this state who can help you in almost any aspect of your club life. The true advantage to belonging to this statewide - and international - organization is the network of resources available to you to help you grow and work as a club, a committee or an individual. Access information on the website at www.gfwc.org, click on "member area", then look for the list of state websites. Our information is in the process of being updated, but feel free to contact anyone on that list who can then give you the contact information you need. We are here to help you - but you need to place the call, write the email, or send the letter!

In this newsletter, you will find registration material for the Fall Conference to be held at the Samoset Resort on Friday, October 27, 2006. I know you hear it all the time, but believe me, **you don't want to miss this one.** I would expect every club would want their club president attending, but if for some reason she cannot make it, someone else from the club should attend. In fact,

with four workshops offered in the afternoon, you may want four of you from each club attending so that you can take advantage of each of the workshops on leadership, membership, reporting and public relations.

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Information will be given in the fall on opportunities such as the Jennie Award, Maine Youth Leadership, Carolyn Lombardi Trophy, and more. Karin Anderson, the Executive Director of the Maine Women's Fund, will be the luncheon speaker. It is the President's Project for this administration. District Presidents will set forth their goals and plans, and Department Chairmen will outline new and changing programs.

If no one from your club is there, you won't have the connection you need to find out the information. Add to that that the Fall Conference swings right into the New England Region Conference for the remainder of the weekend. It is all taking place at the beautiful Samoset Resort. You have to ask yourself, "why wouldn't I want to go?" Don't hold back - join us in the excitement of being a GFWC clubwoman!

In Federation,

Gloria P. Leuller

Officers



President-Elect

Where has the summer gone? The 2006-2008 Administration is on its way in good style.

The new District Presidents are as follows:
District 1, Evelyn Meserve
District 2, Karen Nelson
District 3, Paulette Michaud and Gerry Richardson, Co-Chairmen

District 4; Lo-An Flettrich and Juanita Pressley, Co-Chairmen
District 5, Lillian Zanchi.
We have a great team. I look forward to working with this fine group.

We had our Advisory Committee Meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. I will be attending the GFWC Incoming Leaders Training Seminar in Washington, DC, in early September. This takes place the same time as the 2006-2008 GFWC Board of Directors Meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Samoset Resort for the Fall Conference of the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs and the New England Region Conference.

Jane L. Shaw
President-Elect



Vice President

First of all, thank you for electing me to serve as GFWC/MFWC Vice President. It is an honor to be a member of your Board and I shall continue to work hard as we work together to reach the goals of our organization.

In July, President Gloria presided over a very successful Summer Advisory Meeting. I certainly had a great time and it was wonderful to see so many in attendance. What a lovely facility - the Margaret Chase Smith Library was an inspiring place to kick off this new administration.

While at advisory meeting, it was a real **P**leasure to spend some time with the Department/ Program and Standing Committee Chairmen during the breakout session. A big **THANK YOU** to each of you, for devoting time in your busy schedules to take on this leadership position.

Fellow clubwomen, soon the MFWC Directories will be published (available at fall conference) with the name and contact information for the heads of the departments and committees. **I encourage you to contact us if you have questions or concerns.** For example, if you are the Public Affairs Department Chairman of your local club and you just don't know where to begin -- the MFWC Directory will show that Muriel Bowerman and Ruth Gammon are Co-chairmen and their contact information will be provided. What if you are read-

ing this now and you didn't order a Directory? I am happy to inform those who may not know, each and every club president will have a copy—so contact her for the name/contact information for your counterpart at the Maine Federation level.

Do we have all the answers? No - but it's a great network! Perhaps we can be a link! We are all here to serve in whatever capacity we are able - for the furtherance of the spirit of volunteerism as we continue to make the world a better place!!

This October, I hope to see you at MFWC Fall Conference and hope you will also consider attending New England Region Conference at the Samoset. GFWC President Jackie Pierce will be there and if you have not had a chance to meet her before, she is one of the most enthusiastic and motivated people I have ever been blessed to meet. I am **P**ositive you will agree!

(**P**erplexed about the **P**? Don't be, it's just a fun little reminder to Department/ Program and Standing Committee Chairmen who were able to be at the breakout group!)

Take care and enjoy the rest of summer. See you soon!

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Treasurer

Your confidence in me as your new treasurer is appreciated. Marjorie Wood is and will be a tremendous resource in the transition. I appreciate her guidance.

When sending in checks for different departments (example: Art, Care, Veterans Affairs), please send them to the department chairman that is listed in the new directory for 2006-2007. The checks will then be forwarded to me.

Suggestion: When making out the checks, please make them out to MFWC. In the memo area of your check, note what the check is for. This will help me record them in the proper account and be able to deposit your check promptly.

The state dues will be \$16.00 this year (GFWC, \$13.00; MFWC, \$3.00). Please send in your club's dues before December 31, 2006. Send your checks to MFWC, Pat Treworgy, Treasurer, P. O. Box 411, Milbridge, ME 04658-0411.

Your cooperation will be appreciated. I look forward to serving all of you in my term as your treasurer.

Pat Treworgy





Corresponding Secretary

Setting up this newsletter has been an interesting new challenge - I can't wait to tackle the directory! It is never too late to order this newsletter, so if you know someone who would like to receive a subscription, have them contact me. The electronic version is a new experiment for 2006-2007. This is free to any club member who has email and wishes to receive it - just send me your email address and let me know that you'd like to get the newsletter. Keep your fingers crossed that this will work as planned and without too many

glitches. This is a real test of my computer skills... And let me know if it doesn't come through as expected.

The next newsletter deadline is **November 1**, and I must ask that you stick to this date for submission of articles. Mike and I leave for two weeks on November 3; I plan to take my laptop and have the next edition ready for the printer when we return.

Directories and MFWC tri-fold brochures will be available for clubs to pick up at the Fall Conference at the Samoset in Rockport. Please be sure to find me when you arrive; you

can take them home and save the cost to MFWC of mailing them.

If there are changes in your contact information, please submit changes in writing. These will be included in future editions of this newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

And please include MFWC as part of the subject line of email, so I don't delete as spam if I do not recognize your name or email address.

See you at the Samoset!

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PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

September 7 - 10	GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Washington, DC
September 13	Cosmopolitan Club of Bath
October 3	GFWC Research Club of Limerick
October 17	Westbrook Woman's Club
October 26	GFWC/MFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Rockport
October 27	GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference in Rockport
October 27 - 29	GFWC/New England Region Conference in Rockport



District 1

In corresponding with the clubs of this district, I find all active in either recreation or planning events for the coming fall meetings.

Westbrook Woman's Club has met twice this summer at President Elaine Spiller's Sebago Lake home. Picnics, swimming and boating were enjoyed by all. In August, we will entertain our spouses at a pot-luck supper.

Gorham Woman's Club held their annual Spring Luncheon as a fund raiser for high school scholarships. They were also involved with Gorham Old Home Days.

Cosmopolitan Club of Bath also keeps active in the summer. This club is currently known for its strawberry festival during Heritage Days, where locals and tourists alike enjoy strawberry shortcake. It's not unusual for them to serve up to 300 lbs of strawberries! This event began in 1974. Members are also busy with other community projects.

Kezar Falls-21 Club will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Sacopee Valley Health Center on August 10th. This club was instrumental in starting the health center as a club community improvement project in 1975. They won state, regional and national awards with this project.

Evelyn L. Meserve
President



District 3

The **Newport Woman's Club** completed the club year with the election and installation of new officers, installing officer, Libby Wiers, MFWC Past President. Summer activities included a successful yard sale and several meetings of the budget, calendar and ways and means committees. Three members attended the MFWC advisory meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** had a surprise luncheon as part of their annual meeting. A member donated a hand made wall hanging quilt flag to be used as a fundraiser and it was voted to add GFWC/ to the name of the club. Members have been busy selling ads for the MFWC directory and so far, 18 ads have been sold!

GFWC/Miosac Club celebrated its 70th birthday with a banquet on May 16th, GFWC/ MFWC Vice President Suzanne Raymond installed new officers. A summer barbecue is planned for August. A committee has been formed to discuss with the **GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club** of Dover-Foxcroft possible projects that both clubs could do together for "Make A Difference Day". Members of both clubs attended the Summer Advisory Meeting.

Polly Michaud
Gerry Richardson
Co-Presidents

District News



District 2

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and soaking up all the sunshine. I don't know about the rest of you, but I sure would like to bottle this heat up and use it in January!

Even though our clubs are "taking a break" over the summer, you would never know it. I received reports from all clubs in District 2 and I am amazed and proud of all the work that our clubs do. Keep up the great work ladies!

Livermore Falls

Women's Club held the election of their officers in the spring, installation will be in September. A planning meeting is scheduled for August. Also in August, the whole club will go to Lakewood Theater for dinner as a group. This is an annual event where club members invite potential new members to go with them; this is a great introduction to their club, to their current members, and they all have a great time. Four members attended the Advisory Meeting held on July 19th.

The Waldoboro

Woman's Club held a Senior Tea for Medomak Valley High School seniors on June 7th. Three members had their grandchildren at the tea as graduates. On May 9th they held their annual installation of officers.

The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** held a lovely installation at their May meeting at The Heritage House. Past State President Davida D. Barter

was the installing officer, using "The Rose" as her theme for a beautiful ceremony. President Fran Savage and a new member, Pamela McDermott, rode in the Memorial Day Parade in Skowhegan and had lots of fun. During the summer months, the club sold baked goods at the free concerts at Coburn Park. Two members attended the Advisory Meeting on July 19th. A board meeting will be held in August to plan their 2006-2007 program year.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis

Club members are enjoying the summer and will meet in August to go over plans for their club year. Also in August, their Community Calendar fundraiser will begin with members soliciting ads and listings for their 2007 calendar -- their 50th issue! During the summer Monique Dionne participated in the Trek Across Maine; Davida Barter, Paula Dore, and Peggy Gifford participated in the Pine Tree Camp Kayak-a-thon; and Davida also participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life held at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds - all causes supported by their club.

Madison Woman's Club

had a presentation by Ann Heald at their April meeting informing them about Heifer Project International. The club made a monetary donation to be added to the Madison Congregational Church Sunday School offering money so the kids could afford to buy a water buffalo. Their banquet was held at The Heritage House in

June where they had their installation of officers. Madison Woman's Club is down to 10 dues paying members, but they are determined to hang tough and serve the community.

GFWC/The Dove Society

ety is very happy to announce that they had four new members join their ranks. In May GFWC/The Dove Society partnered with member Laurie Pease's husband, Rick, and his business to walk in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Their team had the largest number of participating walkers and raised over \$2,000 for babies. Members visited a local nursing care facility where they enjoyed spending time conversing with residents. Also in May, new members were initiated and a slate of new officers was installed at their annual spring banquet held at The Heritage House. In June, four \$500 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors at Skowhegan Area High School. Planning meetings were scheduled for July and August. They are excited to begin their next club year and celebrate their 10th year of volunteer service through GFWC.

GFWC/MFWC District

2 will hold its District Meeting on September 30, 2006, from 9 - noon at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. More information will be sent out to you later in August, so make sure you look for it.

Karen Nelson
President



District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** has published a cookbook with over 200 recipes from 60 different contributors, including recipes from some members who have passed on - not only as a tribute to them but also to keep some of their best remembered dishes available to be enjoyed. They are awaiting a second printing which is due to arrive August 1. The front and back cover artwork were designed by two members, Sherry Young and Chris McHugh. To order a cookbook, please send \$15 to Sheri Walsh, PO BOX 555, Winter Harbor, ME 04693, include your shipping address so it can be mailed to you. Please make checks payable to Acadian Community Woman's Club. Other activities have included a food drive, organizing the Annual Memorial Day Observance and the annual craft bazaar. Ten new members have been added to the club since January. Cookbooks and afghans will be sold at the Winter Harbor Lobster Festival in August. They are hosting John McDonald, a Maine humorist, at Hammond Hall in Winter Harbor on August 26. The club has also organized a team to walk in the Susan Komen, Race for the Cure event on September 17. The annual banquet was held at the Bunker's Wharf restaurant overlooking a spectacular view of Bunker's Harbor.

The **Castine Woman's Club** sponsored two summer

events: the Annual Yard Sale in June, and the Bake Sale at the Witherle Library Book Sale in August. September will find us gathering for our Annual Tea. Valerie Taub organized a photo shoot at our May meeting so that we can compile a pictorial record of the membership. Programs will again utilize area talents, giving us thought-provoking programs with journalists, artists, and organizations working on health missions as well as some programs on the lighter side of life. Fund-raiser plans include some new as well as past favorite ideas. Earnings help us continue supporting our scholarships, Adams School Literacy program, the updating of the Town Hall kitchen, and other community projects.

The **Hancock Woman's Club** hosted two summer events: our annual Chicken Barbecue, which is part of the celebration of Hancock Daze this year, and a Lobster Fest at a beautiful setting on the beach. The club is very pleased that one of its members, Ruth Dietze, will be chairing the International Affairs committee.

The final meeting of the club year of the **Lubec Woman's Club** was held in May with the election of officers. Juanita Pressley, District 3 President, installed the officers. At Lubec's Fourth of July celebration, members sold strawberry shortcakes. Later in the month, members had a food sale as part of the Pike Lands Community Picnic. We sponsored The AAA Driver Im-

provement Program--Safe Driving for Mature Operators. Members have volunteered at the Museum and Visitor's Center at West Quoddy Light Keeper's House, provided music at the local nursing home and continued the Senior Social for local residents.

The **Narraguagus Women's Club** closed its club year with a luncheon meeting at the home of Connie Waits. District 3 President Juanita Pressley was our guest and installed the new officers. The position of club president will be shared by several past presidents. The new club year will get underway on September 8 with a membership tea to be held at the Women's Health Library at Milbridge Medical Center. Regular meetings begin on September 18 with a luncheon meeting. Our annual scholarship auction will be held on Saturday, November 4, at the Red Barn in Milbridge. Other meetings will include visits to some community resources that have new programs and an outstanding new art gallery.

The **Ursula Penniman Club** does not meet during the summer months. Wilma 'Billie' Ingalls will serve as the Clubwoman Chairman, and we are happy to have Jane Shaw serving as President-Elect of GFWC/MFWC for the 2006-2008 Administration.

Juanita Pressley
Lo-An Flettrich
Co-Presidents



Education

Did you take a trip this summer? Did you go by car, plane, train? Did you have good or poor weather? Did you have a new experience?

Several of us took many trips... on a magic carpet, by turning the pages of a book, we went to exotic places, visited new and old friends. Reading does not depend on the weather, the flight schedules, and you can have all sorts of new experiences and gather knowledge. Do you remember the differences between the Pilgrims and the Puritans? War...gore and killing....devastating situations.. that were documented in the new book, MAYFLOWER written by Nathaniel Philbrick. His extensive research and writing skills made this a terrific trip into the past.

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Maxine Russakoff
Chairman



Dreams, books, are
each a world; and books,
we know
Are a substantial world,
both pure and good.
- William Wordsworth



International Affairs

It's that time again: You have a new chairperson for International Affairs! Jeanne Douglas has gone on to other responsibilities and was kind enough to introduce me to my new position at the GFWC/ Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Advisory Committee Meeting in Skowhegan on July 19th. I am very excited about all the possibilities and I am so much looking forward to get your support. I am the recording secretary of the Hancock Woman's Club and you can reach me via phone 422-3806 or cell 460-8806 or email rdietze@verizon.net (if it works, which is not always the case). I do have some new ideas of what could be done locally to help women and children internationally and I will share these with you in the next Pine Tree Notes and/or will communicate with district and club presidents and secretaries, but for the moment I would like to direct your attention to: clowns without borders "no child without a smile". 90% of their funding goes directly to expedition costs and they have sent clowns, professional performers and teachers to many crisis areas to spread some humor and give happiness to children who are otherwise living in very depressing circumstances. Please go to www.clownswithoutborders.org for details. Then, of course, there is UNICEF, which GFWC has supported for almost

six decades. Their website is www.unicefusa.org/gfwc. Another organization is "CARE" which empowers women all around the world; please check out their website www.careusa.org, which is very informative and well done. You will find out how you can help. Donations for all three organizations may be sent to me at 26 Harbor View Drive, Hancock, Me 04640 so that I can forward them to the MFWC treasurer. And I do hope to be able to send you some brochures and awareness pins asap. Thank you for your consideration and I really hope that we will be able to make a difference for the children and women who are not as fortunate as we are. I will forward pamphlets, brochures and suggestions to you about programs on how to raise money as soon as I can. GFWC will award \$50.00 to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing The Reaching Out Internationally Program. They will also award a certificate to one state federation to recognize outstanding achievement. Let's work on it!

Ruth Dietze
Chairman



OPPORTUNITIES - TO INCREASE AND STRENGTHEN OUR MAINE FEDERATION



Membership

Welcome back to work and fun, sister club members. I hope your summer was relaxing and you are ready for the new year with plenty of new ideas for new projects and meetings. A busy club usually means a successful club.

Are you planning to "Act in Oct." ? October is recruiting new members month. How about 4 new friends added to your membership?

See you all in October at the Conference.

Nancy Kenty
Chairman



Delegate's Fund

The Delegate's Fund Committee met at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan on July 19 during the Summer Advisory Board Meeting. We planned for our raffle to be held during the Fall Conference at the Samoset Resort in Rockland on October 27. There will be enticing items; so, ladies, plan to participate.

In an election year, both the outgoing and incoming presidents should be at the International Convention, because at the international level, one administration ends and another begins. Interest from the Delegates Fund helps make this affordable for the outgoing GFWC/MFWC President, who attends the Convention in the last year of her administration at her own expense.

Please include a donation to this fund in your club budget. Together we can help this fund grow, so that in the future we may be able to send some other club member to this convention.

Juanita Pressley
Chairman



Endowment Fund

WOW!! What a response to the penny collection at Spring Convention! I never dreamed we would do so well. We collected \$122.00 (\$75.00 in actual pennies). I had to go to the bank several times to deposit them. We will be collecting again at Fall Conference. So all club presidents be sure to notify club members.

Thank you to all clubs who contributed to the Endowment Fund last year. I believe 14 clubs contributed. We hope for 100% this coming year. All proceeds benefit the operation of GFWC/MFWC.

Our committee met at Summer Advisory and started making plans for raffles and sales at Fall Conference in October. So bring pennies for the collection and BIG money for raffles and sales.

See you all at The Samoset.

Minnie McCormick
Chairman

"You may be
disappointed
if you fail,
but you are doomed
if you don't try."

- Beverly Sills





Historian

With the changing of the guard a new historian has been appointed to try to take the place of Shirley Richard. We owe a debt to her for the many contributions she has made to the State of Maine, to MFWC and to her own club and community. I feel humbled by the task ahead.

MFWC Records-- the Presidents' Papers are in the Special Collections at the University of Maine at Orono in Fogler Library. We all have access but need to call 5 days ahead to make an appointment, unless there is a special problem. All past state presidents and secretaries are asked to begin collecting materials to be stored and catalogued. They

said that the binders will be thrown away so it is better to place the materials in folders with clearly printed titles. If your materials are available, please contact me and we can go over more details and bring them to Orono.

The Advisory meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library was Profound. And it seems Margaret Chase Smith had an enduring relationship to MFWC and GFWC. Several members began telling stories of their personal time spent and constructive work done with her gentle eye of encouragement and support of their causes. We are thinking about a project about that relationship. If any members of any of the clubs have letters from her, mementos, and/or stories to tell either

written or recorded, please let us know. We are just beginning to brain storm about this possible project on the gentle giantess who lived worked and walked in our midst. So if you have ideas, suggestion, time, or materials, please contact us, and ask at your club if there are any members who might have had contact.

Brain Storming about what could be initiated, if you have thoughts, desires, or "have to" projects for the MFWC or the Women's History and Resource Center in Washington DC, please let us know.

Lo-An Flettrich
MFWC Historian and
GFWC Women's History
and Resource Center

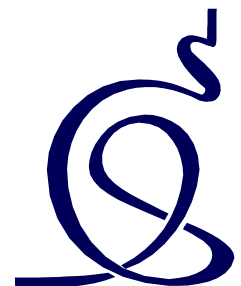
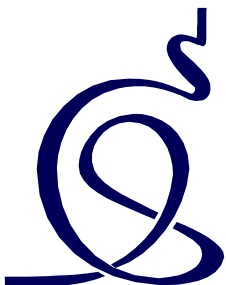
LEADERSHIP

Are you a leader?

Look behind and see if anyone is following.

He who thinks he is leading and no one is following is only taking a walk.

- Author Unknown





Maine Women's Fund MFWF President's Project

Hello everyone, I am really excited to introduce you to President Gloria's project for this administration. Like many of you I was not sure what The Maine Women's Fund was so I dug in and investigated, I like what I found!!

The mission of The Maine Women's Fund (MWF) is to create a just society by supporting programs, policies, and practices that empower Maine women and girls.

The MWF is strategically focused on the four priority areas of:

1. Eliminating violence against women and girls.
2. Fostering self-esteem and self-determination for girls and women.
3. Promoting economic security for every woman in Maine.
4. Providing access to quality health information and health care services.

The MWF is not going to be a difficult project for any of us to participate in. I bet many of you are already doing many things to create a just society for women and girls in the state of Maine. Eliminating violence against women and girls is the project of GFWC Interna-

tional President Jacquelyn Pierce so your club can satisfy two presidents' goals for the hard work of one. (Not for reporting of course, that's another story!) You'll notice in your club manual under special projects a section on empowering women one by one, that's a great place to get ideas from.

The MWF, since 1990, has invested \$1.3 million throughout Maine to accelerate change and to create a just and equitable society for women and girls. In June 2005, MWF allocated \$112,207 for annual grants. Here are a few of the recipients, maybe there's one near you: Women, Work & Community - state wide, Classy Lady, Inc - Androscoggin County, Cobscook Community Learning Center - Washington County, Hardy Girls Healthy Women - Kennebec, Somerset and Franklin Counties, Loving Learning - Madison, Memorial Middle School Empowering Youth- South Portland, Womancare/Aegis Association Glitter Girls - Dover-Foxcroft, Maine Science and Technology Camp - Limestone.

If you have any questions or need help in any way with this project please contact me and together we will find a contact for you and your club. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with me or anyone else about organizations

that are affiliated with MWF please tell me!!

Now it's time to talk about some of my favorite men, you know who I mean...Washington, Lincoln, Hamilton, Jackson, Grant and my all time favorite Ben Franklin!! President Gloria has set a goal of \$5,000.00 to raise over the next two years. It sounds like a lot, but it is so doable. You can start by sending me "a few good men", it doesn't have to be Ben, I'll take any of the men you want to send my way because they certainly do add up when you put them all together. Keep posted for the unveiling of a special fundraising program at the fall conference for the President's Project!

I think we can have fun and help a great cause! Women helping Women is a beautiful thing!

Peace and Love to all,
Ann Marie Withee-Heald

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams

A most sincere thank you and much appreciation is extended to the clubs listed below for supporting this year's Seminar, theme being “Reaching for the Stars”.

Winterport Woman's Club
Gorham Woman's Club
Dexter Women's Literary Club
The Arts Club/Pittsfield
Miosac Club
Westbrook Woman's Club
GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club
Skowhegan Woman's Club
GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
GFWC Narraguagus Women's Club
Our Neighborhood Club
Old Town Women's Club

Lubec Women's Club
GFWC/The Dove Society
Newport Women's Club
Pittsfield Tuesday Club
21 Club
Castine Woman's Club
Livermore Falls Women's Club
Waldoboro Woman's Club
Research Club of Limerick
Madison Woman's Club
Cosmopolitan Club/Bath

The 120 ambassadors, coming from all over the State of Maine, were all very different from one another in some way, but as the weekend unfolded, they learned that what they had in common far outweighed the differences. These were the students who question the status quo trying to make life better. They were the students who reach out to help others. They were the students who have the courage to make up their own mind about what's right and what's wrong. They were the leaders of today and more importantly of tomorrow. They were challenged to open their eyes, hearts and heads. They were invited to define themselves and to expand their vision of the future. It was a rewarding and exhilarating seminar!!

Please continue your faithful support again for Seminar 2007. By doing so, you are “Reaching for the Stars.” Thank you !

A full scholarship is \$175, but any amount given is greatly appreciated.

Contributions and questions may be directed to: Gloria Tewhey, MYL Chairman, (207)839-4157 or gtewhey@maine.rr.com

Gloria Tewhey, GFWC/MFWC MYL Chairman

June 14, 2006

Dear Federation Friends,

It is with a great sense of humility and pride that I assume the office of GFWC International President for the 2006-2008 administration. With anticipation and enthusiasm we accept the many opportunities and challenges that face our organization and we pledge to serve with dedication and commitment.

The GFWC official motto, "Unity in Diversity" reminds us that our strength is in the diversity of our members and in the diversity of our programs and projects.

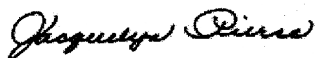
In keeping with the needs of our administrative and legislative programs new chairmanships and committees have been formed: Public Policy/Legislation Committee; Public Relations Committee; Web Site Chairman; 1734 Key Pin Chairman; and International Representative Chairman.

The theme for this administration will be, "GFWC...Empowering Women...One by One." Every department will be focusing on the needs of women: women's cultural and arts interests; women's health; women's financial needs; women's education; women's care and concern for their family, their neighborhood, their community and their world. Every club is urged to appoint an Empowering Women Chairman and to inform their members of the many opportunities this program will promote.

As we become empowered through our participation in GFWC, we are encouraged to empower those less fortunate. The President's Special Project for 2006-2008 will be Domestic Violence....because there is no excuse for abuse. The statistics are shocking: battering is the number one cause of injury to women in the United States; there are nearly three times as many animal shelters in the country as there are battered women shelters; and last year the number of women in the United States abused by their partners was greater than the number of women who got married. It is imperative that we, as women...as empowered women...become advocates to do all we can to erase this social ill.

One by one we can make a difference...one by one we can strengthen our unity and broaden our diversity....one by one....as members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Yours, in Federation,



Jacquelyn Pierce
GFWC International President



Samoset Resort - Rockport, Maine

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Fall Conference - October 27, 2006
(and GFWC/New England Region Conference - October 27-29, 2006)

Guest Room Rates

Thursday, October 26, 2006: \$102 + tax, single or double occupancy
Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28, 2006: \$111/night + tax, single or double occupancy,
\$235/night + tax for suites

Reservations must be received by the hotel no later than September 26, 2006

Requests made after this date will be subject to room and rate availability. To receive the contract rates, you must refer to the "GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" or "GFWC/New England Region" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged, as the hotel sells out at this time of year!

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to arrival in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

To expedite check-in, the hotel requests all reservations include the following information:

Arrival and departure dates

Estimated time of arrival

Room preference (single, double/double, smoking or non-smoking)

Credit card type to be used for payment, including number and expiration date

Home address

Hotel facilities include: Wireless Internet, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and walking trails

In-room amenities: Coffeemaker with complementary coffee, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, 32" flat screen TV's, luxury amenity products

Check-in time 3:00 PM - Check-out time 12:00 Noon

Samoset Resort, 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, Maine 04856
207-594-2511 / or Toll Free at 1-800-341-1650

GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**Call to Fall Conference - Friday, October 27, 2006 - Samoset Resort - Rockport, Maine*****"Changing Lives - Woman to Woman, Friend to Friend"*****TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Thursday, October 26, 2006	2:00 pm	GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 27, 2006	8:30 am	Finance Committee Meeting and Registration
	10:00 am	Opening Session
	10:30 am	"Opportunities for Change" The following programs will be highlighted which offer clubs, clubwomen, and students financial and/or recognition incentives to better themselves and their world: Educational Loan Fund, Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund, GFWC/MFWC Community Improvement Contest, Jennie Award, LEADS Program, Maine Youth Leadership and Carolyn Lombardi Trophy.
	11:00 am	"Our Changing Districts " District Presidents from each of our five districts will set forth their goals and plans for the upcoming administration.
	11:20 am	"Mad Marketplace Mamas - We Love Change!" The following committees will inform you of the marketplace opportunities to be found at the fall conference: Delegates Fund, Endowment Fund, Fundraising Committee, President's Project.
	11:40 am	Break for Lunch

- 12:00 pm Luncheon **"The Many Changes of the Guard"**
- Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Past President
- Speaker: Karin Anderson, Maine Women's Fund
GFWC/MFWC President's Special Project
- Project Kickoff **"Big Changes with Small Change!"**
Ann Marie Withee-Heald, Chairman
- 2:00 pm Conference Reconvenes **"Changing Programs and Projects"**
- The six Department Chairmen will inform you on the exciting possibilities for projects in each of their departments: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, and Public Affairs.
- 2:30 pm **Corner Workshops - "Change Your Way of Doing Things!"**
(You will choose one! Detailed information will be provided in program at conference.)
- | Leadership | Reporting |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Membership | Public Relations |
- 3:30 pm Concluding Activities
- Final Report of Registration
Other Business
Courtesy Committee Reports
Announcements
Raffles
- 4:00 pm Adjournment
- Committee Meetings**

Note: Because they will be in town for the New England Region Conference, GFWC International President Jackie Pierce, and GFWC International President-Elect Rose Ditto will "drop in" to our State Conference for a visit as time in their schedule allows... You don't want to miss an opportunity to meet these wonderful federation leaders and friends.

Registration Form
GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Fall Conference - October 27, 2006

Name: _____ Name for nametag: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Club/Position : _____

Position: _____

Registration Fee - one day conference ☐ \$10.00

Lunch: ☐ \$22.00

Fruit Cup
Cranberry Roast Pork w/Rice
Strawberry Cream Cake
Coffee/Tea

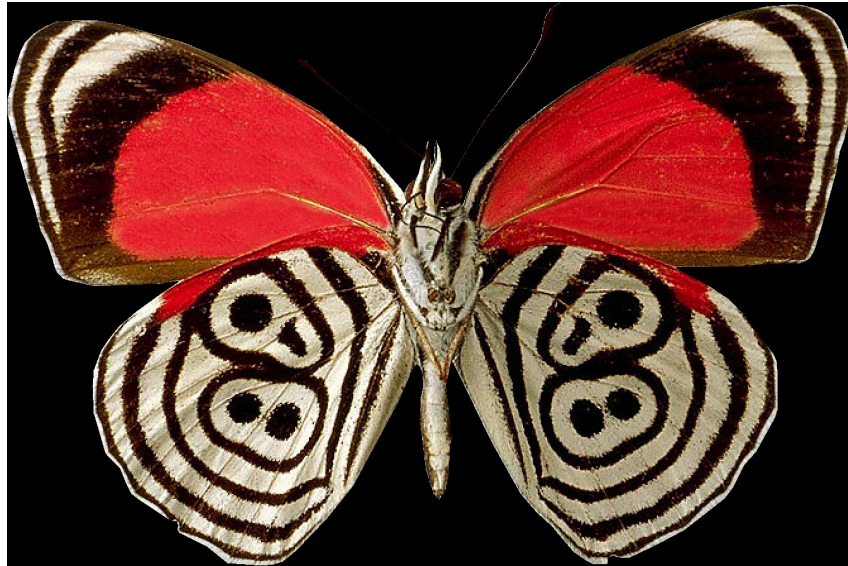
☐ Vegetarian Substitute (also \$22.00)

Total due: \$ _____

Important: Make check payable to GFWC/MFVC
Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee
Mail registration form and check by September 25, 2006 to:
Pat Treworgy, PO Box 411, Milbridge, ME 04658-0411
(207) 546 - 2594

No refunds will be granted after October 6, 2006

IMPORTANT! The New England Region Conference Call will be sent to all members of the Administrative Team and the Club Presidents sometime in late August. If you wish to attend the Maine State Banquet on Friday night, you must register for that meal through the New England Region registration. I do hope many of you plan to take advantage of attending the New England Region Conference. It is a wonderful opportunity at a very convenient time and a very beautiful place.



HUMOR:

From Reader's Digest:

*Mary and Diane, our two grown daughters, were discussing how much they disliked housework, especially dusting. "At my house," Mary said, "dust is only a noun, not a verb."

- contributed by Sarah Smith

(from your Corres. Sec., "Amen!")

TIDBITS



Important Note

NER Call and registration forms have been forwarded via email to all members of the Administrative Team at the state level and to all Club Presidents. Please be sure to read your email on a regular basis. Club Presidents should make copies of the call and registration for their club members. If you have difficulty opening the attachment, notify Libby Wiers by emailing libbyw@tds.net; a paper copy will then be sent to you. Paper copies have been sent to all members of the Administrative Team and to Club Presidents who do NOT have email.



Fundraising 2004-2006

As promised at Spring Convention, these are the final figures from 2004-2006 Fundraising:

Receipts \$4,296.42

Expenses \$1234.42

Profit \$3,062.00.

*Our thanks to all of you who helped to make this amount possible.

Muriel Bowerman
Ruth Gammon
Co-Chairmen

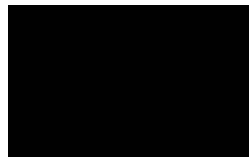


Recipe Correction

2004-2006 President, Sally Manchester, put together a book of recipes submitted by our Maine clubwomen. Each attendee at the Spring Convention received a copy.

Doris Scott sent a note to say that there is a major error in the muffin recipe she submitted. In the list of ingredients, it should say 1/4 cup canola oil NOT 1 1/4.

We hope that you all will now try this recipe using the corrected amount of oil and that not too many have tried it as written. Apologies for any inconvenience.



"Chairing a committee is a lot like taking a dozen dogs for a walk together."

- Marilyn Vos Savant



New Address for

Shirley K. Richard

Several people, too many to keep the list in her head, asked Davida for Shirley's new address. She suggested we include it here so the largest number of people would see it at once.

Shirley K. Richard
c/o Woodland's
152 Winthrop Street
Hallowell, ME 04347



Email Changes

Administrative Team and Club Presidents - Please be sure to notify Gloria Leveillee gleveillee@adelphia.net and Libby Wiers libbyw@tds.net if your email address changes. Email is the primary means of communication currently being used. If we have an email address on record, that is the method that is used to send out announcements, information, etc... Please be sure to read your email on a regular basis. If you do NOT have email, you will be contacted by phone or regular mail.

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Libby Wiers
Corresponding Secretary
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**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
November 1, 2006**