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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
September/October 2007



Changing Lives - Woman to Woman,
Friend to Friend



President's Letter

Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

This Pine Tree Notes is so jammed full that I almost feel like I should be writing in short-hand... But, instead, I will just highlight what you should be looking for in this issue. First of all - the Call to GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference - "GFWC - Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow". Just a snapshot of what is being offered - the Leadership and Development Seminar, the Project Linus Service Project, the Identity Theft Workshop, and so much more... We will present a draft of our Strategic Plan based on responses from the questionnaire you completed. We will also honor our Jennie Award nominees and state winner, as well as welcome our special guest, Shirley Gomes, GFWC/New England Region President. Don't miss out!

Also in this issue, please take the time to review the By-law Revisions proposed by our

Bylaws Review Committee, and recommended for approval by our GFWC/MFWC Executive Board. We will vote on these at Fall Conference... In addition, the Membership Challenge - "Each One, Reach One" has begun. Just imagine if each ONE of us successfully invites just ONE friend to become a club member. We would double our membership! A chance for a great prize for your efforts, and just think of the new friends we will all make... Pat yourselves on the back, too, for our very successful Lobby Day. Although small in number, we were mighty. Three of the four pieces of legislation that we supported have passed! Read more about it in this issue...

So my greeting is a bit short this time - but read on... and come to Fall Conference on October 18th and 19th at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston to learn even more about what the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is doing.



Marketplace

Clubs may opt to have a marketplace table at the Fall Conference. There is a \$10 rental fee for the table, or a \$5 rental fee if the table is shared with another club. Please notify Gloria Leveille at <gleveille@adelphia.net> or 207-793-8389 if you are interested in having a table. There is limited space, so first come, first serve.

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Officers



President-Elect

It is hard to believe that time has flown by so fast. I was able to attend all the District Meeting and some of the Art Shows. Some of the Art Shows were separate from the District Meetings. Next year I plan to attend all the Art Shows.

I had the opportunity to attend the 116th GFWC International Convention in Philadelphia in June. What an experience that was, to see and talk with women from all around the world.

I am working on filling the departments and standing committees for the next administration. You will be hearing from me. Thank you for all your support.

Jane L. Shaw
President-Elect



Vice President

I trust you are all enjoying our wonderful summer season. I am simply going to say a quick hello and hope you are all busy with friends and family, perhaps enjoying a barbecue, a stroll on the beach, an evening at the theater, etc. If

you are like me, you look forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer . . . and then discover though some days may be hazy, there are never any that are lazy!!

I am much looking forward to seeing you in the fall. Please plan on attending our conference October 18 – 19 at the Ramada in Lewiston. There are many wonderful things planned and it's always good to spend time together. I find I always come away with renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm for our volunteer work.

Peace!

Suzanne T. Raymond



Treasurer

It's time to start thinking about your club budget for the 2007-2008 Federation year. Dues are now \$17 per member (\$14 for GFWC & \$3 for MFWC). Yes, it seems like a lot, but we want to do our best to keep the General Federation and our own Maine Federation strong. Think what membership has meant to you over the years. Friendship, the joys of community service, helping kids... Let's teach our children and grandchildren what our special blend of volunteerism is all about!

Please send club dues to me at P.O. Box 27, Castine, ME 04421 by December 31, 2007. And thank you, Pat, for a job well done. This is short and I hope sweet to meet the space needs for Libby's big newsletter.

Marjorie W. Wood
Treasurer



Corresponding Secretary

Just a brief note about the next newsletter deadline. Due to vacation plans - Mike & I leave for St. Maarten on Nov. 2 - the usual November 1 deadline date will be **October 24**. Unlike last year, when it was still a learning curve to put the Pine Tree Notes together, I WILL NOT be taking by laptop along. If you all get things to me right after fall conference, by Wednesday October 24, I will have (or take) time to finalize the copy before I leave. This will also mean the printer can be putting it together while I am away, rather than after I come home and with the holiday to interfere, so we should be able to get them in the mail much earlier this year - perhaps even while it is still November.

See you in Lewiston!

Libby G. Wiers
Corresponding Secretary

District News



District 1

District 1 Clubs are all preparing for the new club year beginning in the fall. Here is just a little news of what is going on with this district.

Cosmopolitan Club of Bath had their annual yard sale in May. They hosted their annual Senior Tea for Morse High School; graduating seniors, their parents, grandparents, and teachers were invited. In June the club prepared for its annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival held on July 1. In July they started their Yankee Candle Fundraiser. They also are busy during the summer preparing yearbooks and programs.

Gorham Woman's Club President Nancy Kenty reports things are quiet during the summer, but plans for new club year are on their minds.

Research Club of Limerick does not meet in the summer. At their annual meeting in June, member Ruth Floyd was honored for her outstanding service to her club and community. She was presented with cards and mementos from other club members.

Westbrook Woman's Club work goes on during the summer, but time was taken to enjoy fellowship, sun and boat rides, and lets not forget good food at the home of President Elaine Spiller at Sebago Lake.

Evelyn L. Meserve
President



District 2

The clubs in District 2 are on break for the summer, but some of the clubs shared what they have been up to recently.

GFWC/The Dove Society celebrated Women's History Month with guest speaker Lee Granville, curator of the local History House Museum and assistant Lynn Perry. Club members dressed up to represent admirable women from the past and present. On Federation Day, members visited a local nursing care facility for an evening of BINGO, filled 45 baskets with personal toiletry items and left them for the staff to give to the residents on May Day. In May they sold their Scholarship Calendars to raise the money for their three \$500 scholarships and finished up the Margaret Chase Smith Basket fundraiser. They sold 95 baskets and presented the proceeds of \$2,020.20 to Larry Ross, teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School, for his 2007 student trip to Arlington National Cemetery to participate in the Wreaths Across America Project. At Spring Convention in Bangor, the club was presented with the Carolyn Lombardi Trophy. In June they held an Antiques Appraisal Fair - an exciting, informative, and profitable event. The annual Yard Sale, held in conjunction with the local Farmer's Market, was also a success. They are pleased to have a very special guest spending the summer with them. She is "beary" pleasant and visiting many places.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club ended the year with a banquet at Lakewood Inn Restaurant. They have had their annual Spring Plant Sale and will meet in August to hear what the planning committee has store and to begin the annual Community Calendar Sales. Also in August, members will be promoting and staffing a "Basket Bingo" fundraiser featuring Longaberger baskets to be held at the Skowhegan State Fair during fair week; all proceeds will be donated to the Skowhegan "Run of the River" Project

Livermore Falls Women's Club reported that their April meeting featured a domestic violence speaker and a shower for an abused women's shelter. Several members traveled to Waldoboro to help that club celebrate their 100th anniversary. Members were instrumental in turning a corner of Livermore Falls, once considered an eyesore, into a small park with flowers and benches, and played a big part in preparing meals and refreshments for the Humanities Conference held annually at the Norland's Living History Center. One member organized the first annual plant sale as a very successful fundraiser to support the local library. President Gloria joined us in June for an ice cream social and a garden tour.

Madison Woman's Club reports that in April members visited Blackwell Hill Nursery in Madison and toured the greenhouses and grounds. Everything grown at the nursery is native or made hardy for the Maine climate and members were in-

spired to get started on their own gardens. Jennie June Bear was a guest at the annual banquet where she was welcomed and had a fabulous feast. Two new members were inducted into the club. In June, two members helped the art teacher at Madison Elementary School set up the school art show at the Skowhegan Savings

Waldoboro Women's Club held their Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May. June was spent planning Whale of a Sale Scholarship Fundraiser for 2008. They received a thank you from SAD 40 for hosting a Senior Tea, an event they have done for over 50 years. Club t-shirts were ordered for new members. Members man the Lincoln Home Gift Shop from June to Sept and have a breakfast table at the Lincoln Home Founders Day on August 1.

Karen Nelson
President



District 3

It has been a busy and productive summer for everyone. We were among those representing our District at Lobby Day in our state capital and what an enlightening day it was!

At convention, the **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** received a check for selling directory ads and received special recognition for being the oldest active club in the state with 115 years of continuous service. They've col-

lected hats for the EMMC cancer patients and voted to raise money for their local police department's project to purchase a safety/public announcement sign that is to be displayed at the police dept. They welcomed in a new member.

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** has been accepted as a recipient of the local Chamber of Commerce's fund raiser "Sparkle." Monies raised by this event are distributed to selected local non-profit organizations, whose members assist the Chamber with the event to be held in November. The club received a Domestic Violence grant from GFWC in June. This money will be used by the club to promote DV awareness and NWC Club. T-shirts with the logo "Women - You can't beat them" on one side and the club's logo on the other side will be sold. A portion of the funds raised will go to support organizations that address domestic violence.

The **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club** finished their year with a President's luncheon and was proud of the recognition they received at the MFWC convention. They will meet again in September.

GFWC/Miosac Club held a Longaberger Basket Bingo in May. A yard sale at President Anne's house in July netted \$1200.80. Members are very pleased that their "Club Women At Work" picture submitted by Anne was a winner and will appear on the new GFWC Calendar!!

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** participated in the Hart-

land Fun Day with members carrying the club banner or wearing costumes of children's book characters and distributing balloons with tags of club information. 50 year member, Meredith Randlett, rode in honor in a Ford T-Bird convertible. At the Irving Tanning Community Center the club hosted "Books Alive", reading "in character" then giving the books to the attendees. The scholarship pie sale was also that day. The Tri-Town Food Cupboard, The Y.A.R.D., the Hartland Library, and Somerset House continue to receive club support.

Polly Michaud
Gerry Richardson
Co-Presidents



District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** hosted a Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor which began with a parade up Main Street followed by a brief ceremony, then coffee and home baked refreshments in the gym. The ACWC has donated large cement planters, which rest on newly positioned retaining walls, to the town of Winter Harbor. Club members filled them with red, blue and white annuals and rotate shifts tending them. July brought their annual Summer Bazaar which earned the club \$799.00. The ACWC reordered 200 copies of their community cookbook, having already sold 400 copies at \$10.00 each. The club purchased toys, puzzles, books, games, and craft supplies to do-

nate to a family of ten who lost their Aurora home to a fire. As an August fundraiser, the club will sell boxed lunches for an artist's studio tour in the Gouldsboro village of Corea. For the third year, members are gearing up to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the Bangor - this year's goal is \$3,000.00. Traditionally, the club has recessed January-March, but with new members and great enthusiasm, they will now meet year round; seasonal members to be updated via a quarterly club newsletter and email.

The **Lubec Woman's Club** has been busy with Senior Social activities. The group has enjoyed a steel drum presentation, other programs by local musicians and an ice cream social. Members have presented music programs for the local nursing home residents and are once again volunteering at the West Quoddy Head Lighthouse Museum and Visitors Center. Three LWC members had milestone birthdays - two reached age 90 and one age 94 - recognized on her special day with cake. Club members teamed with the Lubec Historical Society and held a very successful yard sale on the 4th of July - over \$1,700 was raised. The club is making plans to celebrate 90 years in Federation.

The **Hancock Woman's Club** has been busy since the installation of officers at the May Banquet. In addition to the annual Chicken BBQ held July 28th, they are busy planning for their Annual Lobster Dinner to be held August 17th at Hancock

Point. They have been working on a calendar for several months, with spectacular, large, glossy color photos of the people and places of the town of Hancock. If you would like to order one contact: President Charline Sheridan.

Juanita Pressley
Co-President

Departments



Arts

Have you thought of art as therapy? Yes, ART For The Heart. The benefits of art can help you personally as well as your community. It's a time to release emotions and help relieve stress and anxiety. I give Plein Air (painting outside) retreats and workshops in the summer and fall and find these stimulate the artistic flow of ideas while enjoying the healthy benefits of nature and the fresh air.

Your talents can be shared with your club members by entering the writing, poetry, scrapbooking and visual arts contests in photography. Start now for the spring competitions and remember Maine Women are creative, and that means YOU! E-mail me with any comments or questions. Get out your pens and cameras and start letting that creativeness flow.

Barbara Hathaway
Chairman



Home Life

Helping

Hands: It's printing time for your programs and I would encourage you to have a program on the headwear for CANCER patients. We would like to have you bring hats to the convention where a box will be available for all the hats you bring. The hats that were brought last year went to the Eastern Main Cancer Center - all different styles, shapes and colors. The hats are needed, make the patients feel better about themselves and give them extra courage and hope knowing people care. Let's not forget the March of Dimes campaign. Last year gowns were made to fit premature babies.

Dollars and Sense:

Identification theft is a program that we need to promote to help people understand the risks.

Women's Health:

I still have a CD on stroke, entitled "Know the Sudden Signs of Stroke". that is available for free to any club for a program.

Corinne Neal
Chairman



International Affairs

It was 60 years ago that I myself was at the receiving end of America's outreach programs. I had just started high school in Hamburg, Germany. We had no food, no clothing. It was post world war II . The

very highlight of our school days were the frequent Care packages that we received from America. I can still feel the joy, when we had a break from those heavy, soggy breads, made from some kind of by-products, which are nowadays fed to live stock. I could go on and on, but I just would like you to understand how important it is to remember that there are still so many children all over the world that desperately need our help!

Please remember Unicef's Trick-or-Treat program. Involve the children in your neighborhood, church or school and help them to understand how important it is to reach out to needy children around the world. Order collection boxes at www.unicefusa.org/trickortreat, or get them at any Hallmark Gold Crown or Pier 1 Imports store in the Fall. At Spring Convention, the GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club gave out little sparkling, purple purses filled with candy, plus a note that reads as follows: "Dear GFWC/MFWC Club Woman, Please be a "lifesaver" and open your "purse" strings and donate to CARE. Hugs and "kisses". This was very much appreciated and, we hope, led to extra donations to Care. Also, if your club raises \$300.00 during this administration for Plan USA, you are eligible to be part of a drawing that could send two of your club women to a country where Plan USA operates.

Act locally – think Globally!

Ruth Dietze
Chairman



Public Affairs

We have recently attended a Volunteer Veteran's information session at Togus. We were made aware of all the services which Togus, the oldest facility in the country, offers our Vets, and we learned of two unfunded programs, in place, and hope you can help.

#1. In light of our current world situation, Togus sees more young Vets for treatment. They often bring their wives and children who wait while they receive treatment. Togus provides in house made coloring books but needs small boxes of 4 or 5 crayons which each child can use and take home.

#2. Each unit provides an area of "comfort care" items which are free for the Vets to take as needed. These include disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo and conditioners, small soap cakes, hand and body lotion, shaving cream and mouthwash (anything containing alcohol is not wanted). Small size items such as hotel "freebies" are what are needed.

We will provide containers on our Market Place table at Fall Conference. These are on-going needs. Please help. Please share this info with your club.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Fall Conference in Lewiston.

Muriel Bowerman
Ruth Gammon
Chairmen

Committees



Delegate's Fund

The Delegates Fund held a raffle at Spring Convention which raised \$95. "Thank you" to all who participated.

Please remember that your donations for the Delegate Fund should be **sent to me** at the following address: **Juanita Pressley, 24 Weir Lane, Lubec, ME 04652.**

I look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference. May you enjoy healthy, safe summer days.

Juanita Pressley
Chairman



Endowment Fund

The Kayak raffle was a huge success. Gerry Richardson, Newport Woman's Club was the lucky winner! Fifteen clubs donated a total of \$195. We closed the year with a total of \$1490.48. Special thanks to GFWC/Miosac Club for their pennies collected at each meeting, totaling \$41.30. Thanks to the 21 Club and Patawa Club for May donations. Thank you ALL for your wonderful support.

Minnie McCormick
Chairman



Educational Loan Fund

This year, we awarded three Maude MacKenzie scholarships - two \$1,000 and one \$500. The recipients were: Mary T. Freeman, Morse High School in Bath; Lisa J. Batuski, Orono High School; Kylie Huff, Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield.

Our interest-free loans of \$600 each were awarded to nine students: four new loans and five renewals.

Thanks to the District Presidents for spreading the word concerning availability of our scholarship(s) and loans, and seeing that the high school guidance offices have applications for both. Each District has a considerable number of applications to consider in picking one finalist, and this is often very time consuming. We appreciate your assistance.

Alida Coates
Chairman



Fundraising

This committee wishes to thank all of you who have supported our fund raising efforts. It has been our intent to offer items that reflect the butterfly emblem of our President Gloria Leveillee. To that extent we have beautiful candles with butterflies etched on the vase, butterfly magnets, jeweled butterfly pins and enamel butterfly pins available for purchase at our Fall conference in Lewiston. We also

have an inventory of membership pins, president's pins, Maine Federation charms and GFWC pins.

We have bucket hats, totes and shirts with MFWC emblem available also. If anyone would like one of the shirts, please call us at 426-8870 or 487-5684 and we will take it to the Fall convention. We have small, medium and 1 extra large available at present. The "large" size will have to be ordered. The shirts are \$27.00 each and launder like a "hankie".

We have a raffle "Rest, Relax and Read" with an assortment of items. Tickets are \$1.00 apiece or six for \$5.00. It is our hope that each member in Maine will support this fund raiser.

It is a pleasure to meet and greet each of you at the "Market Place" at each state meeting.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Chairmen



Historian

The History Proposal was approved at the summer Board meeting on July 18. To get the proposal emailed please contact me at flettrich-nyc@yahoo.com. The proposed budget will be voted on at Fall Convention. We won't have any funds until that happens. The Oral History Book Project deadline is October 1, 2007. Go on line at www.gfwc.org and go to 'about us' if you need more information on this project, or e-mail me ASAP if you have any questions about equipment or other. I recommend

that if you don't already have equipment go to Radio Shack or Wal-Mart and buy the cheapest tape cassette and tapes and just do it, just get the interview and the rest will be easy. **There might not be funding for any reimbursement;** and if you have not done any interviews, nor sent them to WHRC or GFWC/MFWC, we will not be able to reimburse you, so be sure you want what you buy.

We've had more documents donated to Fogler Library, Special Collections, and an old leather satchel, priceless discovery of old Unions instead of Districts. And more to come. Thanks for your enthusiasm and contributions.

Lo-An Flettrich
Chairman



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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

John Quincy Adams must have been speaking about Maine clubwomen – leaders, who by supporting MYL, do exactly what he states above! The consensus was that Seminar 2007 was a great success! Over 110 sophomores were challenged to

open their eyes, hearts and heads, to choose their attitudes, to define themselves and to expand their vision for the future. Speakers and panelists got glowing reviews on the evaluation forms. Gov. Angus King "knocked their socks off" with his one hour and a half presentation on leadership and volunteerism, using the Civil War as his teaching tool.

Next Spring's seminar is already set for May 15-18. It is truly hoped that you will repeat your generous support of our young students.

Below is the complete list of clubs who supported the 2007 Seminar. Thank you so much for your generosity and dedication.

Gorham Woman's Club
 Winterport Woman's Club
 Cosmopolitan Club/Bath
 The Arts Club/ Pittsfield
 Dexter Women's Literary Club
 Lubec Woman's Club
 GFWC/The Dove Society
 Research Club of Limerick
 Westbrook Woman's Club
 Newport Women's Club
 Our Neighborhood Club
 Madison Woman's Club
 GFWC Cosmopolitan Club/DF
 Skowhegan Woman's Club
 Waldoboro Woman's Club
 Castine Woman's Club
 GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
 Old Town Women's Club
 GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club
 Livermore Falls Women's Club
 21 Club
 GFWC/Miosac Club
 Pittsfield Tuesday Club

A full scholarship is

\$175, but any amount given is greatly appreciated
Contributions and questions may be directed to:

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 MYL Chairman
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 Gorham, ME 04038
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gtewhey@maine.rr.com



Membership Matters!

Congratulations to all the clubs that received an anniversary certificate at Spring Convention. They are:

10 years:

GFWC The Dove Society of Skowhegan

70 years:

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan

Patawa Club of Bangor

75 years:

Winterport Woman's Club

85 years:

Newport Woman's Club

80 years:

Cosmopolitan Club of Bath

90 years:

Lubec Woman's Club

115 years:

GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club

GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club

These clubs serve as a great example of longevity and deserve our praise. At Spring Convention, we also gave out five gold cards each signifying 50 years of membership - a wonderful example for the rest of our membership.

Nancy Kenty
 Chairman



Maine Women's Fund MFWC President's Project

Hello, everyone, I hope you're having a groovy summer! To date we have raised \$2,396.60 for the Maine Women's Fund. We have only \$2,603.40 left to go before we hit the goal of \$5,000.00. If every club sends in the requested amount of \$5 per member then we will reach our goal without a problem. So far three clubs have met the goal set before them, they are the 21 club of Kezar Falls, GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club and the Westbrook Woman's Club. Yahoo way to go girls!!!!

We need only \$103.40 to make the half way point. Come on and send it before Fall Conference, so we can celebrate the half way mark together.

I am going to have a special raffle that every girl would want to win at the Fall Conference, so bring your George Washingtons and Abe Lincolns for purchasing a butterfly for the honor board.

Peace and Love to all,
 Ann Marie Withee-Heald

Send your "men" to:
 Ann M. W. Heald
 11 Summer St.
 Madison, Maine 04950

To learn more about MWF:
www.mainewomensfund.org



PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISION



The following revisions to the By-laws of GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has been proposed by the By-laws Committee and reviewed by the Executive Committee. They are presented here as required by the By-Laws to be voted on by the body at Fall Conference.

Sally Manchester, Chairman
Katherine White
Davida Barter
Elizabeth Johnston
Leona MacBride

Notes from Corresponding Secretary: 1) Due to the large number of changes and the fact that not all members have copies of the Directory where they can be found, you will find the entire document in this section of the newsletter. This section has been centered in the Pine Tree Notes to facilitate removal. Please bring this with you to Fall Conference. 2) Publisher does not seem to support strikethroughs to indicate the text to be deleted. Therefore, your CS has chosen to use a double underline to indicate text to be deleted.

GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

As amended by vote at the 2004 Spring Convention
(if voted will change to "As amended by vote at the 2007 Fall Conference")

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs shall be operated for charitable purposes as defined by Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its object shall be to bring together the various women's literary and educational clubs of the state for mutual benefit and helpfulness to others.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Clubs and organizations desiring to join the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs shall make application to the Corresponding Secretary. The application for each club and organization shall be accompanied by a copy of its constitution or bylaws, showing that its goals be directed toward community service and civic betterment; and that its object is in harmony with the object of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Section 2. Clubs and organizations may be admitted to membership at the Annual Meeting of the State Federation or at any regularly called meeting of the Executive Board, a two-thirds vote of members present and voting being necessary in either case for admission of a club.

Section 3. The GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs shall hold Universal Membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. All clubs automatically become members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs upon their acceptance into membership of the State Federation.

Section 4. Annual State and GFWC dues shall be paid by all members. Members of clubs in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to voting privileges at meetings of the State Federation.

Section 5. Annual State Federation dues plus GFWC per capita dues shall be based upon the number of club's enrolled

members as reported to the District President for inclusion in the MFWC Directory or Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) and shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than December 31.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND PARLIAMENTARIAN/PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR

Section 1. The State Federation elective officers shall be: President, who shall be a member of the General Federation Board of Directors; President-Elect; Vice-President; Recording Secretary; and Treasurer. A Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President (and shall also serve on the Executive Board.)

Add (and shall also serve on the Executive Board).

(Rationale: to clarify the position of Corresponding Secretary.)

a. The President-Elect shall be installed as President at the next GFWC/MFWC Annual Meeting held in an even-numbered calendar year and shall assume the duties of the office of the President at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. The State President serves a concurrent term with the GFWC Administration; she shall represent GFWC/MFWC through the conclusion of the GFWC Convention in the even numbered calendar year.

b. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall fill the unexpired term. At the expiration of the unexpired term, she may continue to serve for an additional two years in office, provided she has officially declared her intent prior to the Convention held in the odd numbered calendar year.

Section 2. The officers alone shall constitute an Executive Board.

Section 3. No elective officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two consecutive years except the Treasurer who shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 4. A Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor shall be appointed by the President **(and in her capacity of advisor, is to attend all Advisory Committee, Executive Board and State Meetings.)**

Section 5. There shall be no salaried officers. Necessary expenses incurred by officers and Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor in the service of the Federation may be refunded from the treasury by order of the President, countersigned by the Finance Chairman.

Section 6. The Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor, in her capacity of advisor, is to attend all Advisory Committee, Executive Board, and State Meetings.

(Combine Section 6 with Section 4 and eliminate Section 6)

Rationale: to simplify.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The State President shall preside at all meetings of the State Federation and of the Executive Board and Advisory Committee. She shall be, ex officio, a member of all Departments and Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. She shall approve all bills and warrants for the two fiscal years of her administration before they are countersigned by the Finance Chairman and presented to the Treasurer for payment. She shall also have the authority to sign checks in the event the Treasurer is ill or incapacitated. The State President shall represent the Federation at no more than two Conventions of the GFWC. In the election year, the retiring President shall represent GFWC/MFWC at GFWC Convention; she shall report for her administration and accept all awards that are to be presented to GFWC/MFWC. In the event the retiring President is unable to attend GFWC Convention, the newly elected President shall represent GFWC/MFWC and accept any awards.

(Eliminate above and rewrite so that all duties of the State President will read:)

Section 1. The State President

a. The State President shall preside at all meetings of the State Federation and of

the Executive Board and Advisory Committee.

- b. The State President shall be an ex-officio member of all Departments and Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- c. The State President shall approve all bills and warrants for the two fiscal years of her administration before they are countersigned by the Finance Chairman and presented to the Treasurer for payment. She shall also have the authority to sign checks in the event the Treasurer is ill or incapacitated.
- d. The State President shall represent the Federation at no more than two Conventions of the GFWC. In the election year, the retiring President shall represent the GFWC/MFWC at GFWC Convention: she shall report for her administration and accept all awards that are to be presented to GFWC/MFWC. In the event the retiring President is unable to attend GFWC Convention, the newly elected President shall represent GFWC/MFWC and accept any awards.

(Rationale: to make job descriptions look alike.)

Section 2. The President-Elect:

- a. She (The President-Elect) shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
- b. During any incapacity of the President for a period of thirty or more consecutive days she (the President-Elect) shall, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, perform the duties of the President. (See Article IV, Section 1b.)
- c. She (The President-Elect) shall be Dean the District Presidents.
- d. After the Fall Board meeting in the odd-numbered calendar year, she (the President-Elect) shall be authorized to plan and prepare the programs of work for her administration as President. She may select (the) state federated club members to carry out the programs.
- e. She (The President-Elect) shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary and a Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor for her administration.
- f. She (The President-Elect) shall appoint chairmen of Departments, Programs, Standing and Special Committees, and make special appointments to correspond to GFWC special projects.
- g. She (The President-Elect) shall be a member of the Educational Loan Fund. (See Article IX, Section 1.)

Section 3. Vice President:

- a. In the absence of the President and the President-Elect, she (the Vice President) shall perform the duties of the President.
- b. She (The Vice President) shall be the Dean of Departments and Program(s) Chairmen and Standing and Special Committees.
- c. She (The Vice President) shall perform such other duties as are recommended and approved by the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary:

- a. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the State Federation and of

the Executive Board and Advisory Committee.

b. Once as a record book is completed, it will be filed in the Special Collections Room, University of Maine in Orono. Other records, such as awards, may also be filed in this room so long as it is satisfactory with the University and the Executive Board of the GFWC/MFWC.

(In Article 5 sections 2a, b, c ,d, e, f, g, Section 3a, b, c eliminate the word she and insert the office.

In section 2d omit the word the.

In section 3b also eliminate the word Chairmen.

In Section 4, divide into a & b, eliminate the word as and add Once.)

Rationale: To clarify and maintain consistency

Section 5: The Corresponding Secretary:

a. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the State Federation, as directed, and shall keep a correct list of all clubs belonging thereto.

b. she **(The Corresponding Secretary)** shall, **with the assistance of District Presidents**, collect all data for the Directory and furnish typewritten **or digital** copy of same to the printer. It shall be her duty to edit the Directory, but it shall be the duty of the incoming administration to compile the Directory at the beginning of its term of office.

(Under Section 5, divide into sections and reword as above)

Rationale: to simplify.

Section 6. The Treasurer:

a. The Treasurer shall collect all money due or belonging to the State Federation except for special projects so designated by the Executive Board. In such cases, the person receiving the money shall forward the receipts to the Treasurer, retaining a record for the project file. The treasurer shall hold all securities except as hereinafter provided.

b. The Treasurer shall forward per capita dues to GFWC by its stated deadline. State Federations whose dues have not been received at GFWC Headquarters by established deadlines will be ineligible for representation and voting privileges at GFWC Convention.

c. She **(The Treasurer)** shall disburse funds on written order of the President, countersigned by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. All checks disbursed must be signed by the Treasurer unless the Treasurer is ill or incapacitated, in which case, checks may be signed by the President. No amounts shall be transferred or withdrawn from any savings account nor any investments sold without signatures of both the President and Treasurer. The funds shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Executive Board. **(The)** Treasurer shall be bonded for such sum as the Executive Board may direct, cost of **(the)** bond to be assumed by GFWC/MFWC.

d. The Treasurer's responsibilities continue through the conclusion of the Fiscal Year. An Auditing Committee shall annually audit the accounts of the Treasurer, the Educational Loan Fund Committee Treasurer, and the accounts of any committee chairman or office having charge of any Federation funds. All such records shall be presented to the Auditing Committee by July 31 of each year. The report of the Auditing Committee shall be acted on by the Executive Board.

(In section 6c, eliminate She and add the treasurer as indicated. Add the in the indicated places.)

Rationale: to simplify and make consistent.

Section 7: Vacancies:

a. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall become President and shall serve the remainder of the term (See Article IV, Section 1b.) She shall retain the responsibilities of President-Elect. The vacancy in the office of the President-Elect shall not be filled for the remainder of the term.

b. In the event of vacancies in both the office of President and the office of President-Elect, the Vice President shall become President and shall serve the remainder of the term.

c. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies in Departments, Programs, Standing and Special Committees, District Presidents and the offices of Corresponding Secretary and **Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor**, shall be filled by the President except as specifically stated in Bylaws affecting certain committees.

(Article 5, Section 7c, Add Parliamentarian/Parliamentary Advisor.)

Rationale: to clarify.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall conduct all necessary business of the State Federation during the interim between meetings, except amending the bylaws or modifying any action of the Federation. A report of all meetings shall be given at each State meeting.

If a national emergency shall exist at any time so that holding an Annual Meeting is deemed inadvisable by the Executive Board, the Board is empowered to arrange for election of officers to be conducted by mail. (See Article XI, Section 6 - Elections - Voting Privileges.)

ARTICLE VII - ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Officers, District Presidents, Department and Program Chairmen, Standing and Special Committee Chairmen and Past Presidents of GFWC/MFWC shall constitute an Advisory Committee whose duties it shall be to meet, at the call from the President, as soon as convenient following each Annual Meeting. They shall combine or discontinue lines of work and establish such committees as, in their judgment, are deemed advisable and discuss and formulate plans for Districts, **(the Federation)**.

(Eliminate the word it and Eliminate Districts - (detailed in Section VIII) and add - the Federation).

Rationale: to clarify.

ARTICLE VIII - FEDERATION DISTRICTS

Section 1. To facilitate the work of the State Federation, the state shall be divided into Federation Districts, each to be presided over by a District President who shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. A club or organization belonging to the State Federation must belong to one of the Districts. All clubs or organizations holding membership in a Federation District must previously have been admitted to membership in the State Federation.

Section 3. There shall be two meetings held in each District during the two year period, at least one of which shall be open to all the club members in the District.

Section 4. Each District President shall keep in communication with all clubs in her District and visit them when possible; shall assist the Corresponding Secretary in collecting the data of the clubs in her District in time to publish accurate information in the Directory or Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes). She shall assist in organizing new clubs and shall cooperate in carrying out the work of the Departments. She shall attend Advisory Committee meetings.

Section 5. A registration fee may be charged to defray the expenses of the District meetings whenever deemed advisable by the President of the **(each)** District.

(Section 5: Eliminate the and add each.)

Rationale: to simplify.

ARTICLE IX - DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS/STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There shall be such Departments, Programs, Standing and Special Committees as are required to carry on the work of the State Federation and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The structure of GFWC includes **6** (six) Departments, each with three (**pertinent**) programs: The Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs and Public Affairs.

Each GFWC administration offers and/or suggests resource material for projects and/or study within each Department and each Program.

(Add the number six, eliminate three and add pertinent.)

Rationale: to make consistent and to correct; each department doesn't necessarily have 3 programs.

STANDING COMMITTEES (Designated in GFWC/MFWC bylaws and in alphabetical order) shall be:

Section 1. There shall be a committee to administer the EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND and the MAUDE MACKENZIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND of the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. It shall include five (5) members. A Chairman and a Treasurer shall be appointed by the President: the President-Elect shall serve as a member; and two additional members shall be appointed by the Executive Board. If the President-Elect should be designated to serve as chairman, one other clubwoman shall be appointed by the GFWC/MFWC President to retain the full complement of five members.

The Treasurer shall submit a financial report at each Annual Meeting and shall submit the financial records for audit by the Auditing Committee no later than July 31 of each year. The fund's financial statement, an analysis of asset balances and an analysis of student loans outstanding, shall be published in the Directory or Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes).

The Treasurer shall be bonded for such sum as the Executive Board may direct, cost of bond to be reimbursed \ from the Educational Loan Fund.

The Educational Loan Fund Chairman's duties shall include publishing notice of the availability of the loan and scholarship in the GFWC/MFWC Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) each mid-year and shall provide updated Educational Loan Fund Committee's Rules of Procedures for publication in GFWC/MFWC Directory.

Section 2. There shall be an **ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE** of (5) five **(3) three** members whose duties shall be to further awareness of the purpose of the Fund. The interest accrued from funds raised through the promotion of sales items and from endowments and from donations by clubs, provides GFWC/MFWC with operating funds. (See Endowment Fund History in GFWC/MFWC Directory).

(Section 2, change 5 to 3)

Rationale: to make it easier to form a committee due to reduced membership

Section 3. There shall be a **FINANCE COMMITTEE** composed of (5) five members which shall include the President and the Treasurer of the Federation and Chairman appointed by the President. Two other members shall be nominated and elected from the floor. This committee shall prepare a budget for approval by the Executive Board. The Chairman shall countersign all vouchers before their payment by the Treasurer.

Section 4. There shall be a **HISTORIAN** who shall collect and have custody of all State Federation Directories, Club histories, State Spring Convention (Annual Meeting) programs, Fall Conference programs, and files of the Federation Newsletter (Pine Tree Notes) and such records as the Executive Board shall require. She shall give

her successor an itemized statement of all properties held by her. She may give an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. There shall be an **INTERNAL AUDITING COMMITTEE** composed of (3) three members from three separate districts. A chairman and (2) two members shall be appointed by the Executive Board and announced at the first Advisory Committee Meeting of the Administration. It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, the Educational Loan Fund Treasurer, and any committee chairman or officer having charge of any Federated funds. The financial review shall be completed by July 31st of each year to be acted upon by the Executive Board.

Section 6. There shall be an **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** composed of (3) three members and the President and the Treasurer, ex-officio. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend the investment of funds to the Executive Board.

Section 7. There shall be a **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of (7) seven (5) (five) members; (A Chairman and three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and announced at the first Advisory Committee meeting of the administration. One of these shall be a Past President of GFWC/MFWC; three additional members shall be nominated from the floor. No two members of this committee shall represent toe same District. No members shall serve two consecutive terms.

(Change Nominating Committee members from seven to five and Delete above and insert bold print below.)

Rationale: to make it easier to find a committee due to reduced membership and since the Past President is often the Chairman, it clarifies the selection of the two appointees.

(A Chairman and one member of the committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board and announced at the first Advisory Committee meeting of the administration. One of these appointees shall be a Past President of the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Three additional members shall be nominated from the floor. No two members of this committee shall represent the same District. No members shall serve two consecutive terms.)

- a. The duties of the Nominating Committee are to provide a slate of candidates for each elective office of the GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.
- b. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall call meetings and arrange for ballot by mail if required.
- c. The committee shall appoint a secretary to keep records of meetings and to tabulate ballots.
- d. To be eligible, a candidate shall have served as GFWC/MFWC District President, on a Department, Program, Standing or Special Committee or the equivalent.

(Rework section d to read:)

d. To be eligible, a candidate shall have served as GFWC/MFWC District President, State Chairman of a Department or a Program, or as a member of a Standing or Special Committee. She shall be endorsed by her club which shall send the endorsement to the President of GFWC/MFWC.

Rationale: to clarify.

The list of candidates shall be presented at the Fall Conference preceding the Annual Meeting on an election year. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be mailed with the official call to the Annual Meeting in the election year.

Before the election at the Annual Meeting, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Eligibility considerations observed by the Nominating Committee shall be observed for nominations made from the floor. Nominations from the floor shall have had prior permission from the member to have her name proposed.

Section 8. There shall be a **POLICY COMMITTEE** composed of the Past Presidents of GFWC/MFWC.

The immediate Past President shall be chairman for the purpose of calling the committee together. Duties of the Policy Committee shall be to review overall policy for the purpose of smoother functioning of the Federation; to review, consider, and present to the delegated meetings **the MFWC Executive Committee any recommendations to be voted on for their approval** such as appear to be pertinent; and to be called upon in an advisory capacity.

Eliminate: the delegated meetings and such as appear to be pertinent.

Rationale: To follow GFWC Policy and to clarify.

Section 9. There shall be a committee on **RESOLUTIONS**. All resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions, in order to be considered, must be sent to all Federated clubs from the office of the President in the call for the Annual Meeting or for the Fall Conference. Emergency resolutions shall be read aloud to the assembly and referred, without debate, to this committee, which shall consider same and report to the assembly. The committee is empowered to make additions or modifications as it deems best and may frame resolutions of its own. It shall report each day, for action, such resolutions as it has approved. Members have the right to bring before the assembly any resolution which the committee may have rejected.

Section 10. Other Standing and Special **or Ad Hoc** Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board **as necessary**. Their duties shall be defined by the Board.

Eliminate Standing and - and add as necessary.

Rationale: The Executive Board does not have the right to set up a standing committee. This is done by a change in the by-laws. To clarify.

ARTICLE X - (STATE) MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting, also known as Spring Convention, shall be held in May of each year unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. There shall be a Fall Conference if deemed advisable by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Official Call to these meetings shall be received **sent** at least six weeks prior to the respective dates.

Section 4. A registration fee may be charged to defray the expenses of the State meetings whenever deemed advisable by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Registration at Annual Meeting and Fall Conference is open to all Federated club Members and their guests.

(Add State before Meetings in heading.)

Rationale: to clarify and make consistent

(Change received to sent)

Rationale: to clarify because we can't determine when calls will be received.

ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS - VOTING PRIVILEGES

Section 1. All state officers, with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary (who shall be appointed by the President-Elect), shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall have presented a slate of candidates for each office. (See Article IX, Section 6 for description of duties of Nominating Committee, opportunity to make nominations from the floor, and eligibility guidelines to be observed).

Section 3. Candidates for office shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Nominating speeches may be made to furnish information on qualifications of candidates and shall be limited to two minutes.

Section 4. The list of candidates shall be posted in plain view and the election shall be conducted by ballot. A plurality of legal ballots shall elect.

Section 5. Each club member in good standing shall have voting privileges at each of the state meetings.

Section 6. If a national emergency shall exist so that the holding of an Annual Meeting is deemed inadvisable by the Executive Board, said Board is empowered to arrange for the election of officers by mail. If that should occur, circumstances shall be evaluated and instructions for conduct of balloting by mail shall be provided to GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs members.

Section 7. Tellers shall be assigned by the Executive Board for the hours of balloting. Tellers shall count ballots and the Chairman of tellers shall present the report to the presiding officer.

ARTICLE XII - QUORUM

Section 1. Representation from ten (seven) clubs shall be sufficient to constitute a voting body for either the Annual Meeting or Fall Conference. At any meeting, one third of the voting body be a quorum.

(Eliminate ten and insert seven, to make establishing a quorum easier)

Rationale: to update due to decreased number of clubs.

(Eliminate At any meeting, one third of the voting body shall be a quorum.)

Rationale: to update, everyone present votes now.

Section 2. The quorum for the Executive Board shall be four. Quorum for Advisory Committee shall be ten.

Section 3. Quorum for committees shall be a majority of the members assigned.

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order this organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any delegated meeting by a two thirds vote of those present and voting, notice of the proposed amendment having been appended to the call for the meeting or presented at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

If this organization should be dissolved, the Executive Board shall comply with the requirements of the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act and shall, after making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation to another organization or organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

No assets may be distributed to individual members.



RESOLUTION ON PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM SEX OFFENDERS ~ "JESSICA'S LAW"



The Resolutions Committee of GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs proposes the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, 30-40% of girls and 13% of boys experience sexual abuse during childhood, and
Whereas, the trauma caused by sexual abuse is well-documented and may affect a victim throughout her/his life, and
Whereas, about 60% of sex offenders are under conditional supervision in the community, and
Whereas, the average sentence for sex offenders is only almost 3 years (1993), and
Whereas, an estimated 1 in 4 imprisoned sex offenders had a prior history of conviction for violent crimes and 1 in 7 had a previous conviction for a violent sex crime, and
Whereas, within 3 years of release from prison, 38.6 percent of sex offenders were returned to prison, as a result of a new crime or technical parole violation, and
Whereas, the protection of our children from sex offenders is of critical importance,

Therefore let it be resolved that GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs support the adoption of "Jessica's law" including a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years for a sexual offense against a child under the age of 14, with no time off for 'good behavior,' no early release on parole, and mandatory consecutive sentences for each act resulting in a conviction, and
Let it be further resolved that GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs support expanding "child safe zones" from 200 feet to 2000 feet from schools, day care centers, athletic field, park, playground or recreational facility or other place where children typically gather.

This proposed Resolution will be presented at Fall Conference on October 18-19, 2007 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, Maine.

GFWC/MFWC Resolutions Committee ~ Lynnette King, Lacey Sloan, Barbara Jones, Linda Brawn and Phyllis Anctil



MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE!

"Each One, Reach One!"



Think about if EACH member invited just ONE friend to join them at Women's Club! And we all have friends that are not involved in club work... We could double our membership! Wow! And just think, all we would EACH have to do is just get ONE friend to join... Doesn't sound that hard, does it? We're going to challenge EACH and every ONE of you to do just that!

Between now and December 31st, you will have a chance to put your name in a drawing for EACH friend that you get to join your club. You will need to fill out a certificate signed by your club president stating that you are responsible for that person joining your club and that her dues have been paid. This certificate will need to be mailed to me and postmarked no later than December 31, 2007. The drawing will take place at the Winter Executive Board Meeting held in Bath next February. You can earn more than ONE chance, but we are asking EACH member to earn at least ONE chance by having at least ONE friend join.

If 100+ members qualify, first prize will be an all expense paid trip (other than travel) to Spring Convention in Ellsworth on May 8 and 9, 2008. This will include registration, one night free lodging and four meals. **If 50 to 99 members qualify**, first prize will be registration and one night free lodging at Spring Convention in Ellsworth. **If less than 50 members qualify**, first prize will be registration and a free evening banquet meal at Spring Convention in Ellsworth. No matter what level we attain, there will also be a **second prize** of a free subscription to **Clubwoman Magazine**, and a **third prize** of a **free directory**.

Remember all entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2007 and sent to: **Nancy Kenty, GFWC/MFWC Membership Chair, 279 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038**. Please feel free to use the form below. Winners will be notified immediately after the Winter Executive Board Meeting. We are a very special organization and we need to spread the word. Remember the POWER of ONE means "Each One, Reach One!"

<p>GFWC/MFWC MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE "Each One, Reach One"</p> <p>_____</p> <p>has become a member of</p> <p>_____</p> <p>because</p> <p>_____</p> <p>invited her to join.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>GFWC/MFWC Club President</p>
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Lobby Day Report

Fourteen GFWC/MFWC members representing clubs from various areas in the state met in Augusta on May 22, 2007 for GFWC/MFWC Lobby Day. What a day! It started with a warm welcome by Hannah Pingree, Majority Floor Leader. Lacey Sloan, GFWC/MFWC Public Policy/Legislative Chairman then instructed us with tips on how to lobby our legislators. Governor Baldacci joined us for a half hour talk where we discussed some of the legislation for which we were advocating that day. We were then recognized from the floor of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House, Glen Cummings.

Then, the work began.

Each of us "buttonholed" our state representative and state senator in the "lobby", and passed on important information regarding the four bills we were supporting. The real success, however, is that three of these four bills have passed:

LD 101 - An Act to Enhance Screening for Breast Cancer had already passed, but was signed into law on that very day - May 22, 2007.

LD 792 - An Act Concerning Postpartum Mental Health Education passed and was signed into law on June 6, 2007. LD 1039 - An Act Regarding the Determination of the Predominant Aggressor in Domestic Violence Situations was signed into law on June 20, 2007.

Unfortunately, we were not successful in seeing LD 1224 An Act to Prevent Vio-

lence against Maine Families and To Provide Adequate Intervention in Cases of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This bill died in committee primarily due to the funding required. We will need to continue to advocate for passage of such a bill because as Iris Snowfire, one of our clubwomen has said, "it is more costly NOT to adequately fund prevention and intervention of this problem."

We should be proud of our efforts in lobbying for what we know is needed in our society. A sincere thanks to Lacey Sloan, GFWC/MFWC Public Policy and Legislative Chair for organizing this day. Many thanks to our fellow clubwomen for any letters of support that were sent to our state legislators advocating for passage of this legislation.

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14 MFWC members attended Lobby Day



Dear Fellow Club Members,

Congratulations and sincere gratitude! The first year of the 2006-2008 GFWC administration has been one of remarkable achievements.

The outstanding programs and projects promoted by our members in the GFWC President's Special Project: Domestic Violence has been recognized at the national level with a proclamation by the President of the United States of America; a special tribute in the Congressional Record, and partnership in a national program to end domestic violence.



GFWC has partnered with the National Domestic Violence Hotline on a national program entitled: Million Voices Campaign to End Domestic Violence in America. GFWC members had the opportunity to be the first of the million voices to sign this national campaign pledge at the 116th GFWC Annual International Convention and will continue to make a difference in the awareness and prevention of domestic violence by participating in the national Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2007.

It is hoped that each of you will take the opportunity to become more involved in GFWC at the local, district, state, region, and national level. Your presence at meetings scheduled in your district and state, your attendance at the conference in your region this fall, and your participation at the 117th GFWC Annual International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in June 2008, are special advantages awarded to you, the club member.

However, of utmost importance is the work that is done within our communities throughout the world. As we continue to enhance the lives of others through our volunteer service; as we unite in our diversity to achieve national credibility; and as we strengthen the bond of friendship in our mutual concerns and beliefs; we uphold the theme of this 2006-2008 administration GFWC...Empowering Women...One by One!

Yours, in Federation Service,

Jacquelyn Pierce
GFWC International President

Ramada Inn Conference Center

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"GFWC - Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow" Ramada Inn Conference Center - Lewiston, Maine

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Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive contract rates, you must refer to "GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR, so if mobility is an issue please specify a first floor room.

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

To expedite check-in, you should give the hotel the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates
- Estimated time of arrival
- Room preference (first floor/second floor, single, double/double, all non-smoking)
- Credit card type to be used for payment, including number and expiration date
- Home address

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2. **From South:** Take Interstate 95 North into Maine. Get off at Exit 80. At stop sign make a left. Follow signs for Industrial Park. At traffic light, go straight, Hotel straight ahead on the left.

GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Call to Fall Conference - Thursday & Friday, October 18 & 19, 2007
Ramada Conference Center - Lewiston, Maine

"GFWC- Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow"

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 17, 2007	3:00 pm	GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2006	8:30 am	Registration Marketplace Coffee and Tea Available
	10:00 am	Opening Session - GFWC Video GFWC Identity Project Update GFWC/MFWC Strategic Plan GFWC/MFWC History Proposal Reporting Reminder and Tips
	11:30 am	Break for Lunch Marketplace
	12:15 pm	Luncheon - "Service - Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow" Honoring our "Jennie Award" Nominees, and State Winner Presenter: Elizabeth Johnston, Chairman Jennie Awards Speaker: Ann Marie Withee-Heald, Chairman GFWC/MFWC President's Project Speaker: Merlene Sanborn, Coordinator Project Linus
	2:00 pm	Service Workshop - Project Linus or Leadership Seminar
	4:00 pm	Committee Meetings Marketplace
	6:00 pm	Social Hour/Processional
	7:00 pm	Banquet - "Leadership - Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow" Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Leaders GFWC/MFWC Past Presidents GFWC/MFWC District Presidents GFWC/MFWC Club Presidents GFWC/MFWC LEADS Graduates

Speaker: Gloria Tewhey, Project Chairman
Maine Youth Leadership

Speaker: Marjorie Goodwin
2007 LEADS Graduate

Speaker: Shirley Gomes
GFWC/NER President

Entertainment: Sebago Saxophone Quintet

9:30 PM Reception in Honor of Shirley Gomes,
GFWC/NER President

Friday, October 19, 2007

8:30 AM Registration
Marketplace
Coffee and Tea Available

9:30 AM Conference Reconvenes -
GFWC/MFWC Budget Proposal FY 08
GFWC/MFWC Bylaws Proposal
GFWC/MFWC Membership Challenge -
"Each One, Reach One"
GFWC President's Project -
Million Voices Campaign

10:30 AM Identity Theft Workshop
Presenter: Seth Blodgett
Attorney General's Office

11:20 AM Presentation: Muriel Bowerman/Ruth Gammon
Public Affairs Dept. Co-Chairmen

11:30 AM Break for Lunch
Marketplace

12:15 PM Luncheon -
"Projects - Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow"
Honoring our Department, Program
and Project Chairmen

Speaker: Corinne Neal, Chairman
Home Life Department

Speaker: Maxine Russakoff, Chairman
Education Department

Speaker: Kali Lightfoot, Coordinator
Maine Senior College Network
and Executive Director - NRC/OLLI

2:00 PM Business Session -
GFWC/MFWC Nominating Committee Report
Administration 2008 -2010

Final Report of Registration
Courtesy Committee Report
Drawings and Raffles
Announcements

3:00 PM

Adjournment

Additional Information on the 2007 GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference:

1. Attire:

Thursday Business Session: GFWC or MFWC Emblematic Attire (It's time to wear that GFWC or MFWC T-shirt, hat, sweatshirt, bracelet, pin and/or carry that tote bag. Let's show everyone that we are members of GFWC Maine Federation of Women's Clubs!)

Thursday Banquet: "Put on the Ritz" (It's time to wear the absolute dressiest outfit you own... time for the sequins, jewels, and/or your Sunday best! GFWC/MFWC members have style - and we'll be "strutting our stuff" that evening!)

Friday Business Session: We will be highlighting the Home Life Department and the Education Department so you have a choice. Come wearing some yellow (Home Life) or blue (Education) or both!

2. Thursday Leadership Seminar or Service Workshop (select one on registration form):

Leadership Seminar: This workshop is being presented with incoming or aspiring club, district or state leaders in mind. Topics covered will include meeting basics (the agenda, procedures, etc...), public speaking, conflict resolution, leadership styles and the GFWC LEADS opportunity. Even if you are already an officer, but you are new to the job, this workshop will provide you with invaluable information.

Service Workshop: During this "hands on" workshop, GFWC/MFWC Vice-President will lead us in making blankets for Project Linus. It can be done, and it will WITHOUT sewing machines. What an opportunity to come together, as volunteers from around the state, to do what we do best volunteer!

3. Donations:

In honor of the GFWC/MFWC President's Project, the Home Life Department and the Education Department, I would like you to consider donating to the following organizations by bringing the described items:

Classy Lady Boutique, Lewiston (Recipient of 2005 Maine Women's Fund Grant):

In order to help women dress for success, this nonprofit seeks donations of gently worn clothing. All donations must be of professional attire (no jeans, or sweatshirts, gently worn (no holes, missing zippers, etc...) and clean (dry cleaned preferred but not required). So, have you cleaned out your closet yet? For more info - www.classylady.net

Heavenly Hats (Home Life Department Program): Donate new hats to cancer patients who lose their hair due to cancer or other medical conditions. Soft "bucket", "newsboy", scarves, turbans or bandanas, as well as baseball caps are welcome. More info - www.heavenlyhats.com

Library Books (Education Department): You bring the new children's book and we'll find a local Lewiston area domestic violence safe house program which will receive the books.



Newsletter & Directory Orders

Just a reminder that many clubs and individuals have not sent in orders for the Directory and Pine Tree Notes for this new club year. Club presidents will have their names added to this order/mailling list, with payment expected by the time you pick up the Directory at Fall Conference. Anyone on last year's E-list will continue to get the electronic version, but those wishing to receive paper copies in the mail MUST send an order form with payment to the Corresponding Secretary: Libby Wiers, PO Box 159, Saint Albans, ME 04971-0159. The forms are available at the website: www.gfwcmaine.org.

Tidbits



Important Deadline

NER Call and registration forms have been forwarded via email (or regular mail) to all members of the Administrative Team at the state level and to all Club Presidents. Club Presidents should have made copies of the call and registration for their club members who might be interested in attending. The registration deadline is **August 25!**



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.



Where is Jennie June Bear?

We've had some hints as to her travels over the summer. (Did you read the District reports?) Whoever has her now, please remember to bring her to fall conference when you come. We all want to read her journal to see where she has been; and that way she can easily continue her tour of the clubs.



PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE



September 6-9
September 12
September 14-16
September 18
September 19
October 3
October 16
October 17
October 18-19
February 9, 2008
May 7, 2008
May 8-9, 2008
June 27-July 1

GFWC Board of Directors, San Antonio, TX
Winterport Woman's Club
GFWC/New England Region, Nashua, NH
Ursula Penniman Club, Machias
GFWC/The Dove Society, Skowhegan
Patawa Club, Bangor
Westbrook Woman's Club
GFWC/MFWC Executive Board, Lewiston
GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference, Lewiston
GFWC/MFWC Winter Executive Board, TBA
GFWC/MFWC Executive Board, Ellsworth
GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention, Ellsworth
GFWC Convention, Chicago, IL

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Fall Conference - October 18 & 19, 2007 - Ramada Inn - Lewiston, Maine**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Name for nametag: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ E-mail _____
 Name of Club/Position: _____
 GFWC/MFMC Position: _____

Registration Fee - [] Thursday \$15.00 [] Friday \$15.00 [] Both days \$25.00
(Register early for Early Bird Discount - see below...)

IMPORTANT

1. Make check payable to GFWC/MFMC for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete **a separate registration form** for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check **by October 1, 2007** to: Marjorie Wood, PO Box 27, Castine, Maine 04421-0027, Phone 326-4876, Email jernaffe@hypernet.com
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after October 8th, 2007**.
5. **Early bird discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before September 27th** and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!



Thursday Lunch:

Sandwich Bar (create your own) \$15.00 _____

Thursday Dinner:

Dinner Festival
 (sit-down buffet including
 ham, chicken, fish and pasta) \$25.00 _____

Friday Lunch:

Business Lunch Buffet \$17.00 _____

Registration Fee _____

I qualify for **Early Bird Discount!** (deduct \$10 or \$5) _____
 (see above)

TOTAL _____

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

ON THURSDAY, I WILL ATTEND: ____ LEADERSHIP SEMINAR ____PROJECT LINUS SVC WKSHOP

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**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
October 24, 2007**