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PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC/MFWC Newsletter
September/October 2010



"Home Sweet Home. . . Reaching Out Beyond Our Own"



President's Letter

Greetings to each and everyone, This is an exciting time and it is such a wonderful honor to serve as your state president! Here I am composing my first article for Pine Tree Notes as President (and I better get on the ball, the deadline is fast approaching!) My life has been very hectic lately with preparations for this administration, plus the pleasure of extra summer company. My house has been a flurry of activity with my daughter and five grandchildren staying with us for three weeks, in addition to 2 brothers from away. It has been a great homecoming for all of them. With that being said, please know that I take this position very seriously and have been very busy since the installation of officers at Spring Convention in May.

The 2010 – 2012 Administration is up and running! I was thrilled to have opportunity to travel to Omaha and attend the GFWC Convention in June (the trip there

and back was an adventure it itself). I'm not sure how I lucked out and got held over in Detroit an extra day both ways. It's always wonderful to get away, but I'm sure you'll agree, "there's no place like home." While in Omaha I enjoyed the company of six other Maine club women – which was awesome!! We had a wonderful time together with women from all over the country, great meetings, speakers, entertainment, food . . . you name it – it was fantastic!

July arrived sooner rather than later, it seemed. Practically in the blink of an eye, Summer Advisory Meeting has come and gone! It was a very successful meeting—GFWC/Maine officers, district presidents, community service program chairmen, standing and special committee chairmen, the finance and audit committees, as well as many club presidents got together for this administration's kick-off event. Forty-four members present, representing 23 of our 26 clubs, what a great beginning. What a fantastic leadership team! This officer is truly blessed to be flanked by such outstanding, supportive, *(continued on page 2)*

President's Schedule

Aug. 26-29 GFWC Board of Directors, Arlington, VA
Sept. 7 Castine Woman's Club
September 9 GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
Sept. 14 Pittsfield Tuesday Club
Sept. 24 -26 GFWC/ N.E. Region, Warwick, RI
Oct. 11 GFWC/MFWC Executive Board, Waterville
Oct. 12-13 GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference, Waterville
Nov. 3 GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath



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dedicated women. One of the highlights of our meeting was the leadership presentation by Barb Austin (2009 LEADS graduate). This was a great learning experience as we discovered some things about our own leadership style based on our personality - - and of course, we learned some things about *each other* as well!! It was a smashing success – and I think it’s quite fitting to have Barb present it again at our fall conference so everyone can enjoy it! Those of us who have participated already can be mature enough to do it again. I was most impressed to see that the member appointed to be President’s Project Chairman happens to be an “A-2.” I couldn’t have made a better choice.

Speaking of the President’s Project, I am so pleased to inform the entire membership that the Advisory Committee unanimously gave approval for my selection, “Operation Smile.” Thank you so very much. Through the generosity of members present, \$205 was donated that day!!!! This is so heartwarming! Since then, several other donations have been made, so we already have raised enough money to perform one surgery – which will change a child’s life (not only the child’s life, but the entire family.) Operation Smile is a tremendous volunteer organization that has mobilized a group of medical professionals and caring people who provide safe, effective reconstructive surgery for children born with facial deformities such as cleft lip and

cleft palate. It’s hard to believe, but more than 200,000 children are born with a severe cleft condition each year – very often they can’t eat, speak, socialize and they often are shunned and rejected. Since 1982, Operation Smile has provided free surgeries (only through the medical volunteers, plus a whole host of other volunteers - like us!!) to children in over 50 countries. More than 150,000 boys and girls lives have been transformed – with their smile, they are given hope for a bright future! Please join us at fall conference to learn more and hear some of the ways we can help. In the meantime, feel free to visit their website www.operationsmile.com. We do ask that in order for this administration to keep track of our financial donations, that all individual or club donations be sent to President’s Project Chairman: Barb Austin, 838 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426.

Great things are being planned for fall conference. Being such a time crunch, you will see that the tentative agenda in this PTN may appear more tentative than usual. For this I apologize, however, I assure you, our time together will be memorable, enlightening, a “too good to miss” meeting. At the end of our first busy day together, we are going to have a really fun evening banquet – pretend you are coming to my home for the evening -- We are going to have a pajama party!! Be creative - dress it up (silk lounge wear) or dress it down (flannel PJ’s or nightie), **just be dressed!** And while you’re at it,

since October is Domestic Violence Awareness month – please considering bringing a pair of women’s pajama’s which will later be donated to a woman’s shelter! Toothbrushes and toothpaste will be welcomed as well.

In closing, ***consider yourself personally invited*** to our fall conference. It just won’t be the same without you!

With love to my federation friends,
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Officers



President-Elect

Anne Cress

This beautiful summer is fleeting by all too fast! I hope you are all enjoying this wonderful weather!

Congratulations to President Suzanne for conducting her first Summer Advisory Meeting with such ease and grace. The information we received was well prepared and presented. We all realize we have an exceptional leader for this administration and are truly grateful to have her as our President.

We are so pleased President Suzanne selected “Operation Smile” as her President’s

Project. This project will save the lives of many children, one smile at a time. There is no greater gift than being able to help a child and change his or her life and the life of the family forever. This project will indeed make a difference through our volunteerism and generosity.

As Dean of District Presidents, it gives me great pleasure to introduce them to you now. District 1, Mary Libby. District 2 Co-Presidents, Gail Pooler and Carol Jarvais. District 3, Raejean Hersey. District 4, Valerie Taub. All the clubwomen of Maine thank you ladies for stepping up to the "plate" to lead the clubs in your district forward into the future. Without your willingness to accept these vitally important roles, our clubs could not stay connected.

With our President Suzanne at the helm, this promises to be a very exciting administration! Please plan to join us at the GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference which will be held on October 12th and 13th at the Holiday Inn in Waterville. Renew old acquaintances, make forever new friends, learn a tremendous amount to help others help themselves, and always have FUN!!! Please encourage all members of your club to attend. They will be so very pleased they did!!!!

Anne H. Cress
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Vice President

Marjorie Goodwin

Summer is moving swiftly and soon we will be back to the regular fall schedules. I hope that this summer has been an enjoyable one for all. I have been able to do several things with friends that have been most enjoyable for me. Summer is too short here in Maine, unfortunately.

I hope that everyone is keeping track of their volunteer hours. That makes it much easier for the Club Presidents when they put together their year-end reports for MFWC. Hopefully, the new Club Manuals will arrive in August and we all will have a better idea of what is expected in the reporting process.

In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer. The Fall promises to be a busy one for all of us. Plan to attend the Fall Conference in Waterville in October as that will be the "kick-off" for Suzanne's term. We always learn much from each other and it is fun to hear what Clubwomen have been doing in their respective communities.

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I would like to thank Libby Wiers for the excellent records that she has maintained for the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Her organizational skills have made this transition nearly effortless. Thank you Libby, for all your help.

Just a few things to put on your calendar and your TO DO list.....Each club needs to bring or send 10 copies of their program to Fall Conference for distribution to and for the use of MFWC officers and District Presidents.

The deadline dates for Pine Tree Notes to me is November 1st, January 4th and March 1st.

I look forward seeing all of you again at Fall Conference.

Parliamentary Advisor



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Reaching Out Beyond Our Own

District News

District 1

Most clubs in District I do not meet during the summer months. They are however, busy behind the scenes with new officers planning for the coming year.

An exception to this is the **Cosmopolitan Club of Bath**. Their meetings ended in June with a banquet and installation of officers, but their activities continued into July.

Since June they have hosted their annual Senior Tea for Morse High School. Students, parents, and teachers were invited. The club also hosted their annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival held July 4 in conjunction with Bath Heritage Days.

Soon their new website design will be complete. Their meetings resume September 1.

The **21 Club of Keezer Falls** had an election of officers in April. The new officers are: Marilyn Holland, President; Mary Hannaford, Vice President; Joan Ahlberg, Secretary; Pat Bardugone, Treasurer. Their meetings begin in September.

Westbrook Woman's Club celebrated their 90th year of federation in March. Club members put on a skit depicting the Club's history. It was a meaningful event for everyone. Their annual meeting was held in

April at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach. It was followed by the installation of officers. These women were elected to serve for the term 2010 – 2012: President, Mary Libby; 1st Vice President, Norma Manning; 2nd Vice President, Roberta Morrill; Secretary, Carole Quint; Treasurer, Betty Young; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Curran.

It is my privilege to serve as District I President. I am looking forward to visiting the clubs in our district and meeting all of the members.

Mary Libby
District I President

District 2

District 2 is pleased to announce that it has a president for this administration. Carol Jarvais and Gail Pooler, members of GFWC/The Dove Society, have volunteered to take on the task as co-presidents. We look forward to serving the clubs in the district and look forward to seeing you all at Fall Conference. The clubs of District 2 have been busy as always and have the following information to share.

The **GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club** learned in March about the strange things happening to garden seeds these days with a program titled "Who Grew Your Seeds?" They explored the reasons for checking where your seeds came from and how to collect and preserve seeds from your own garden with Gail Slade and Barbara Hathaway as

presenters. They enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Original Weathervane Restaurant in Readfield.

April brought a meeting at La Fleur's Restaurant in Jay with a very informative program by Representative Gary Knight who educated members on some of the many ways work gets done in the halls of the Capitol in Augusta. He gave results of a survey he conducted concerning recent legislation.

In May the Club held a lovely meeting at the Greenwood Mountain Inn Bed and Breakfast where members enjoyed a tour of the Inn and the gardens. A delicious lunch was presented and then they made the hills come alive with the sound of music as Nancey Drinkwine led them on the flute in "The Maine State Song" and "Pines of Maine".

The Club also presented the Livermore Library with a check for \$585.55 as a result of their bake sale at the voting polls in June, plus their "Pennies for Penny" jar which netted \$97.50 in it. Co-President Lucille Lavoie made the Library her special project during her administration and it has been extremely successful, providing much needed extra funds to keep the library running and buy new books.

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** held its' May meeting at 995 Main, a great restaurant owned by two of the members. Billie

Sherman, District 2 co-chair, installed the new officers.

In June the members met to make the dried flower notecards which were sold at the Whale of a Sale in late June. In spite of fewer attendees this year the club raised almost \$3,000 for their scholarship fund and other donations that we make during the year.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club members have been quite active through the late spring and early summer months. They wrapped up the 2009-2010 club year with their annual spring dinner and installation of new officers at the Lakewood Inn.

Club members along with a local Boy Scout Troop planted a Domestic Violence Awareness Garden consisting of all purple flowering plants in Coburn Park in Skowhegan.

Individual members have been involved in Relay for Life, the American Lung Association's Trek across Maine, and Feed the Kids Program.

Nancy Ames, the newly elected club president was the LEADS participant from Maine and attended GFWC International Conference.

The members of the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** ended the club year in May with the installation of officers for the 2010-2012 administration. New officers are: President – Billie Sherman, Vice President – Joyce Noonan, Secretary – Crystal Tufts, and Treasurer – Ellen

Govoni. Congratulations...and club members look forward to an active year. The "Enid Currier Volunteer of the Year Award" was presented to Past President Fran Savage.

During the summer months club members work with sister clubs GFWC/The Dove Society and GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club members making crafts that will be offered for sale at MFWC Fall Conference, holding a Yard Sale on August 14th, and offering a Christmas card embroidery class. Proceeds from these events will go toward GFWC/The Skowhegan Three's pledge to the Skowhegan Public Library's Project 2012.

Sundays in July and August our members can be found at the Concerts in the Park selling refreshments. This is a very successful fundraiser.

Officers and Board Members are meeting in August to complete plans for the coming year. We look forward to a wide variety of guest speakers.

April showers bring May flowers. The spring banquet and annual meeting of **GFWC /The Dove Society** held at The Heritage House on May 9th brought new blossoms to our club. A slate of new officers was installed by Lynnette King for the 2010-2012 administration. New officers are: President – Lisa Turner, Vice President – Dawna Esty, Treasurer – Raelynne Knight, and Secretary – Laurie Pease. Congratulations, ladies!

The Executive Board met in July to plan out the new club year. Looks like a busy and fun filled year ahead!

We will be helping with the **big** GFWC/Skowhegan Three yard sale on August 14th. The yard sale proceeds will benefit the Skowhegan Public Library renovation project. The three clubs are well on their way to achieving their pledge of \$10,000.

Our Dove Garden at Coburn Park is looking good. Thanks to all the efforts of the ladies who donate their time to keep it up! The Margaret Chase Smith Rose Garden and the Peace Garden are also looking good this summer. All the hard work of cleaning them up and maintaining them is really paying off.

The summer will end with a splash at a pool party hosted by Carol Jarvais. This will be a Longaberger Basket Fundraiser Event for the clubs' high school scholarships.

District 3

In March, the GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club secured a federal tax exempt ID number to operate as a non-profit organization; In April, 5 members attended the District 3 meeting and high school art show. The speaker for the April regular club meeting discussed the status of the new farmers market that will operate out of the old Fossa building on Main

Street, and club members endorsed President Laura Neal as a candidate for GFWC/MFWC Recording Secretary. In May, 4 members attended the spring convention where one member, Nina Speed, won first place in the Great States Photography contest. Her photo will be hung at GFWC Headquarters. In June, club members had their meeting and a potluck luncheon at Corinne Neal's cottage on Ripley Pond. Members will be selling Directory Ads through July and there was discussion about membership issues and planning for the upcoming year. A white elephant sale and membership social will be held in August.

The **GFWC/MIOSAC Club** of Dover-Foxcroft has been busy this summer even though our regular meetings have finished until October. The club enjoyed a lovely birthday dinner at the Wildwoods Lodge and Resort in May, had a cleanup day for the Marion Doore Park in town and participated in the Whoopie Pie Festival held in Dover-Foxcroft in June. The club had a booth where the club's cookbook, "What's Cookin' with the GFWC/MIOSAC Club" was sold. They also sold vintage, homemade aprons sown by club members. The cookbook will also be sold at the town's annual Homecoming Celebration.

Plans are being made for a fun and informative club year. Stay tuned for more of what's cookin' with the MIOSAC gals!

District 4

The **Acadian Community Woman's Club** once again awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating from Sumner High School. The two students will be attending The University of West Florida studying Political Science/Pre Law and Plymouth State University study Music Education.

The Memorial Day Observance planned and hosted by the Woman's Club featured a parade, guest speaker, wreath laying, and patriotic songs sung by the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Refreshments were served after the ceremony at the Masonic Hall.

The club held a yard-sale fundraiser on May 17th during Winter Harbor's Annual Trade Day. The club members met for their annual banquet at Gerrish's Café on June 22nd. Annually on the second Saturday in July you will find the members holding their annual craft bazaar. This year they sold out of baked goods very quickly and earned several hundred dollars.

The club still maintains the planters throughout town and the Memorial Garden at the town office.

Upon President Sue Macdonald taking office in June, the **Castine Woman's Club** was off to a running start. The annual Yard Sale was held June 19 at the town hall. This big job required many helping hands and, as

always, was a lot of hard work but fun. On July 17, they held a pie sale on Main Street as part of "Celebrate Castine Days." On July 18, club members held their annual dog show "Canine Capers." Other fundraisers this fall include the Club's annual Innisbrook wrapping paper sale in October and the Election Day bake sale on November 2.

On August 3, they hosted a "Welcome Tea" at the Wilson Museum's Appleman house to explain the purpose and history of the Club to prospective members. Summer residents and Maine Maritime Academy employees were encouraged to attend as well as year round residents. Other monthly meetings this fall and winter will include MFWC President Suzanne Raymond speaking on "Operation Smile" and CWC Publicity Chair Danielle Mutty speaking on her work with the "Children of Haiti: Hope of the Future." The annual membership luncheon will be held in October at the Manor Inn. The December meeting will focus on making holiday wreaths and centerpieces. CWC president wrote, "The goal of my term of office is to enliven the club with new members and activities. With Val Taub as my able vice president and program manager, I am confident that we will have an excellent year!"

The **Hancock Woman's Club** held its annual banquet at Chipper's Restaurant in May. The theme of the annual meeting was "New Year's Eve" as the past year was reviewed. Service

awards were given to Nancy Kephart, Betty Johnston, Myrna Coffin, and Eunice Phillips, past presidents who continue major commitments to the Club. Also, the coming year was previewed.

At the June meeting, speaker programs for 2010-2011 were presented. The July meeting was held in the restored one-room 1870 Hancock Point Schoolhouse. Speakers were club member Patty Moll and husband Dick, owners of the Maine Historic Registry site, and member Lois Johnson, curator of the Hancock Historical Society.

One way the Club aims to increase membership is to emphasize families in its fundraising activities and encourage the use of the Community Center which the Club owns and maintains. The club invited all Memorial Day parade marchers and watchers to a reception in the Center, which was enthusiastically attended. The Club's annual fundraisers, the Chicken Barbecue (July 31) and Lobster Dinner at Tidal Falls (August 21), were planned in conjunction with the Taunton Bay Education Center, which offered family programs just before the meals. This year for the first time, the Club offered special children's menus. Also, the 1870 Schoolhouse was opened to the public after the Chicken BBQ.

The August meeting featured Christopher Holmes, Hancock Fire Department Chief, speaking on home safety and firefighter training. The September meeting

will feature Yoga instructor Mary Seward who will speak on the theory and benefits of Yoga and invite attendees to try introductory exercises.

This year's monthly business meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. (every first Thursday), for members only. The public is invited to attend the speaker's program, which begins at 7:30 p.m., and concludes with fellowship and refreshments. This new schedule has helped to make the business meeting quicker and more rewarding.

In July, members Sue Croteau and Ruth Dietze started a crafts group that meets twice a month. Members wanted to have a chance to get together informally between meetings, to attract women from surrounding towns, and ultimately offer an opportunity for experienced crafters to display and teach in the Community Center. At the July 13 meeting, women responded to newspaper publicity and came from as far away as Eastbrook, Bucksport, and Bar Harbor. They enjoyed conversation, shared projects, and won impromptu door prizes.

The **Lubec Woman's Club** had a very successful Fourth of July yard sale making over \$1100. President Cecile Gardner asks, "Please, everyone keep Noni in your thoughts and prayers." She is doing very well. Cards will all be read and greatly appreciated. Cards can be sent to Ocean View Nursing Home, 2 South Street, Lubec, ME 04652.

The **GFWC/Ursula Penniman Club** currently has four members. President Billie Ingalls said the club will be "working on growing our membership." Lunch meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month at various area restaurants. Their first meeting will be September 21. Also, they are planning a Christmas party for December. They plan to continue their contributions to Next Step. They also plan to continue to fund their \$100 Senior High School Scholarship Award and their \$100 Porter Memorial Library Award for the purchase of children's books.

Notes from Jennie June Bear:

Since I last saw GFWC/MFWC members I have been travelling quite a bit. When I left Spring Convention, I was a travelling companion to Sheri Walsh, of the Acadian Community Woman's Club, and her daughter Erin.

Sheri asked me to travel with her as chaperone to the Sumner High School French Club on their trip to Montreal. I was not sure how I felt about travelling with a bunch of high school kids. You know how difficult that can be at times but it was a wonderful trip and we visited many great places. On the trip to Montreal we saw three moose and Mount Washington. Once in Montreal, I went to the top of the Olympic tower, visited the swim center in the Olympic village, and the Bio-Dome. It was snowing the day we visited the Olympic area.

I went on a Ghost tour through the Old City, took a walk through Chinatown and visited the Underground City. I took a boat tour down the St. Lawrence River and had dinner in a revolving restaurant that overlooks the city and the St. Lawrence River. It made me a little dizzy and I had to take a nap in Erin's tote bag.

The best part of the trip was seeing Cirque Du Soleil. There was one performer, a very handsome Native American dancer, well, I think I fell in love. However, it was not meant to be as I was only in Montreal for a few days.

I spent two months in Winter Harbor with Sheri and her family. I had several adventures including riding in Sheri's red Trans Am with the T-tops out and the wind blowing in my fur. Her husband has a Jeep and a Mustang convertible and I was able to take a ride in both of those vehicles as well. Did you know that Sheri lives at the entrance to Acadia National Park, Schoodic section? Schoodic Point is great and the waves crash against the shore. It was scary but thrilling at the same time. I attended school one day at Sumner High School and also attended the Prom. I was asked to leave because I was not appropriately dressed. It seems the slit in my dress was a little more revealing than most of the other girls in attendance. I didn't even get to dance one dance. The Chief of Police of Winter Harbor, Mike Walsh, who is very nice, escorted me from building

and was kind enough to give me a ride home from the prom. It was a little embarrassing to arrive home in the back of a police cruiser. But thankfully it was dark and none of the neighbors saw me. I enjoyed my visit in Winter Harbor very much.

After attending GFWC/MFWC Advisory Board meeting at the Margaret Chase Smith Library on July 1st I was invited by President Billie Sherman to visit with the GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club. WOW! What an interesting group of ladies! Thus far I have posed for a portrait, attended a number of Concerts in the Park, assisted in selling ads for the MFWC Directory, attended an officers' luncheon, and it is only the end of July! By the time October comes around I will be ready for a "well deserved" rest! See you at Fall Conference!

Community Service Programs

Community Service Program

The GFWC's Community Improvement Program Award (formerly the Community Improvement Contest) aims to enhance the lives of GFWC's neighbors around the world by meeting community specific needs, and elevating our clubs' status within those communities. The

Community Improvement Program Award is the heart and soul of GFWC." Club presidents should check the new GFWC Club Manual when it arrives in August and become aware of the contest rules, etc. Now is the time to start thinking of a Service Project that your club may wish to pursue for your local community. More information will be coming to the club presidents after this chairman has received the GFWC Manual.

Pat Treworgy, Chairman of CSP

Committees

International Community Outreach Service Program

Dear Friends in Federation,

As you are by now probably all aware, our Presidents Special Project during this administration is Operation Smile. Since this is an International Program, I will be a bit involved in it too.

Aside from Care, Unicef and the other programs that your clubs would like to sponsor, and that I hope you will not forget, this is an especially important one and I urge you all to help wherever you can. There are many ways to get involved big or small. I recommend to heck operationsmile.org for details.

Everything is there, even a pattern for a simple, little doll.

I am sure our president, Suzanne, and her special project chairman, Barb Austin, are also eager to give you any information you need. One thing I would like to recommend: Have a pint jar with a screw-on lid available and displayed at all your meetings and functions, download some pictures and text from their website and paste them on the jar.

Please call me or email rdietze@myfairpoint.net with any questions you may have. I also have two very detailed Operation Smile DVDs available that I can mail to you to show at your club meetings. They show children from all over the world before and after and a lot of details. Believe me, these pictures and stories make you cry when you see those disfigured little faces and smile with them after the simple.

While most of the help is needed all over the world and while the surgery may be covered by Medicare/Medicaid in the USA, funds are also needed for Scientific Research right here in the USA to end the occurrence of cleft lip and connected facial disfigurements. Operation Smile is very active in this area too.

Public Relations

"Women's Club"? What's that?"

Public relations is a way in which we answer that question to the newspaper reader, the internet

surfer, townspeople and neighbors, and our own members. Any time we answer, we have the opportunity to advertise and promote those things that make GFWC valuable and distinguishable from other groups.

Probably every club puts notices of monthly meetings in the local newspaper (and on our website). In every article, you can include a statement of mission, such as: "(Our Club) is a volunteer community service organization, with proceeds from fundraising events used to fund local scholarship", or similar wording that fits your club better. You can take a crash course in "Women's Club" by reading "Capsule Histories" in our Maine Federation Directory, and the "Know Your Organization" section in the GFWC Club Manual. These show that GFWC was founded, and continues, as an organization of diverse women promoting education and providing volunteer community service.

Another way of describing your club is to identify it as a local unit of a larger, broader, influential statewide and nationwide organization. Some clubs have added the initials GFWC and MFWC to their names. We know what the initials stand for, but we can't assume that the public, prospective members, and even our own members do! Also, some clubs do not have "Woman" or "Women" in their names. So in every article, you may add: "(Your Club) is a

member of the General and Maine Federations of Women's Clubs".

These examples are two simple ways of including the mission and scope of your club in your publicity. It might even be a way of turning the question from "'Women's Club'? What's that?" into "'Women's Club'? Tell me more."

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- 2010 ambassador -

A sincere **THANK YOU** to the following clubs for their gifts towards the great success and impact of the 2010 Seminar –

Dexter Women's Literary Club
Lubec Woman's Club
Newport Woman's Club
Livermore Falls Woman's Club
Waldoboro Woman's Club
GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club
Westbrook Woman's Club

GFWC/The Dove Society
Skowhegan Woman's Club
Research Club of Limerick
Pittsfield Tuesday Club
GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of
Dover-Foxcroft
GFWC/The Outlook Club
GFWC/MFWC Miosac Club
The Arts Club/Pittsfield
21 Club
Patten Woman's Club
Patawa Club
GFWC/Narraguagus Woman's
Club

A full scholarship is \$250, but any amount given is greatly appreciated.

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Gloria Tewhey,
GFWC/MFWC MYL Chairman

Fundraising

Fall Conference Market Place

There will be a market place this fall for fund raising and informational purposes. Please remember each administration is different and each hotel we attend has different rules. Listed below is how the 2010-2012 administration is going to handle the market place. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

1. Full tables will cost clubs \$10 to rent.
2. Half tables will cost clubs \$5 to rent.

3. No food items will be sold by clubs at fall conference.
4. One table per club please.
5. Only 10 tables available so first come first serve.
6. State chairmen if you need a table it will not cost anything but you can not double with your club, all clubs pay table fees.
7. Send Ann Heald MFWC fund raising co-chair your request and payment if you or your club needs to rent a table

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The book sale was a great success for the last administration so we are going to give it a go again, bring in a book or two that you think another woman might like to read. All books will be sold for \$1.

President's Project

Final report for 2008-2010
President's Project:

The 2008-2010 President's Project was The Food Pantry, Partnering with Good Shepherd Food Bank (GSFB). While not every club sent donations to MFWC, several clubs made donations directly to GSFB and one member made a sizable donation by way of her United Way contribution at her place of work. Not every club sent in a report of what was done locally, but listening to your stories at state meetings leads me to

believe that nearly every club DID participate in their community in some way. The results from this project wildly exceeded the expectations of your chairmen, and we THANK YOU one and all! The final numbers, as collected by the chairman or reported by clubs, look like this:

Donations directly to GSFB: \$2100.00
Donations via MFWC, including raffles/jars/etc: \$2733.78
Donations made locally by clubs & members: \$6369.00
Grand total of cash: \$11,202.78
Food donated: \$1767.00, estimated value, plus 560 pounds
Volunteer hours reported: 1769

Libby Wiers and Kendra
Chubbuck, Co-Chairmen

OPERATION SMILE... **MFWC 2010-2012** **Presidents Project**

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you enjoying the last days of our glorious summer and gearing up for a great fall season with MFWC. I am so proud to be the Chairman for President Suzanne's Special Project - Operation Smile. Our smile is our own person ticket to the world. We smile at others and in return we get a smile back. Instant recognition we are seen and accepted. But imagine if you couldn't smile. And your own face made others look away. How would your life play out? With joy and the possibility of a bright future? Or with ridicule and exile? Operation Smile is a volunteer organization that

repairs cleft lip and cleft palates around the world. Their Mission Statement is, " Operation Smile mobilizes a world of generous hearts to heal children's smiles and transform lives across the globe." For just \$240 and as little as a 45 minute operation a child's life is changed for the better.

Many of you were present at the Summer Advisory meeting held in Skowhegan in July and were able to witness first-hand the overwhelming support for this project. Much more information will be shared in future Pinetree Notes and at our Fall Conference

in Lewiston on Oct 8-9th but in the meantime each club can begin brainstorming ideas for raising much needed funds and gathering supplies that will assist the mission teams in their great work. Along with monetary donations the following items can be collected and brought to Fall Conference:

new washcloths
child size toothbrush
hotel size bar of soap
sample/travel size toothpaste
8 pack box of crayons
thin 8 1/2" x 11" coloring book
small stuffed animal (beanie baby size)

small comb
small mirror (approx 3"x3")

All these items are compiled to make a Smile Bag which is given to each child post surgery. Imagine, for just \$240 a child's life can be changed for the better and the ripple effect is felt in their family, their community and worldwide. I know all clubwomen across this great state of Maine will join me in supporting President's Suzanne's Special Project-*Operation Smile*. Sending you smiles of friendship,
Barb Austin

DATES TO REMEMBER

State Meetings

October 12-13, 2010 – Tues/Wed – Fall Conference – Holiday Inn, Waterville

May 12-13, 2011 – Thurs/Fri – Spring Convention – Senator Inn, Augusta

October 13 – 14, 2011 – Thurs/Fri – Fall Conference – Merry Manor Inn, So.Portland

May 10 – 11, 2012- Thurs/Fri – Spring Convention – Black Bear Inn, Orono

GFWC and NEW ENGLAND REGION DATES:

GFWC/NER Conference Sept 24 – 26, 2010 Warwick, Rhode Island

GFWC 120th Convention June 18 – 20, 2011, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GFWC/NER Conference Sept 23 – 25, 2011, Connecticut

Did you know? . . .

. . . that in 2009 your Executive Board adopted a policy that the "GFWC/MFWC President is entitled to receive 75% of the IRS Business Rate per mile roundtrip when traveling to local clubs?" It's important that clubs know this!!

. . . that in 2009 at the 118th GFWC Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, that the membership approved a resolution to use the word "chairman" to designate presiding officers who are not presidents or vice-president? The reasoning is that the current edition of Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised provides the word "chairman" – therefore the General Federation of Women's Clubs encourages its members to use the term "chairman" instead of *chairwoman, chair, chairperson or any other term.*

. . . that you can sign up to receive GFWC's News and Notes, an electronic newsletter, to keep up to date information from GFWC on a regular basis? Sign up at GFWC.org (we will be providing some time at fall conference for those who may wish to have some assistance signing up for this!)

--submitted by Suzanne

Raymond, GFWC/MFWC President

Holiday Inn**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Fall Conference - October 12 & 13, 2010****Holiday Inn - Waterville, Maine****Guest Room Rates****\$88.00 (plus tax)/night, single or double occupancy****RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
September 17, 2010**

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.

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

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

Hotel facilities include: Free high speed wireless internet, business services, fitness center, and pool, and continental breakfast

In-room amenities: Cable TV, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, coffee maker, and daily newspaper

Check-in time 3:00 pm - Check-out time 12:00 pm

Holiday Inn, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine 04901

(207) 873-0111 or (800) 785-0111

Visit www.holiday-inn.com/watervilleme for more information on this hotel.

Holiday Inn is located just off Interstate 95 at exit 130.

"Welcome Home" - Let's have a pajama party!!!!

Attire for the Tuesday banquet - it will be fun and relaxing - wear your pajamas, or your nightgown, slippers (hair rollers if you want!!!) You decide! Dress it up, dress it down, just be dressed!!!

Please bring a pair of pajamas (or nightie) to donate to a local woman's shelter -
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Toothbrushes/paste are welcomed also!

Call to GFWC/Maine Fall Conference – Tuesday & Wednesday, October 12 & 13, 2010
Holiday Inn – Waterville, Maine

"Home Sweet Home. . . Reaching Out Beyond Our Own"

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, October 11, 2010	2:00 PM	GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea Marketplace
	10:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies / Business Session Committee Reports Presentation: Operation Smile
	12:00 PM	Luncheon - Honoring District & Club Presidents
	1:00 PM	Business Session Reconvenes Speaker: President's Project Plans
	1:15 PM	Count us in! American Mural Project
	1:30 PM	Report Writing Workshop – get in on the ground floor, there are changes!
	2:30 PM	Announcements Marketplace open
	5:30 PM	Social Hour
	6:30 PM	<i>It's a Pajama Party!</i> Banquet Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Past State Presidents Entertainment
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea Marketplace
	9:30 AM	Business Session / Committee Reports
	10:30 AM	Speaker: <i>Your</i> Leadership Style
	11:00 AM	Committee Reports/District Presidents
	12:00 PM	Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon - Honoring Community Service Programs & Committees (wear purple!)
	1:00 PM	Speaker: The Family Violence Program Committee & Final Reports
	3:00 PM	Adjournment

NOTE: Marketplace **WILL** be available to clubs at this fall conference! Remember to register with Ann Heald, Fundraising Co-chairman, if you want a full or ½ table. Refer to her article in this issue for details. MFWC committees have no fee for this, but you still need to register - with Ann. Thank you.



Barbette Schafer, Lynette King and Kay Warren at Summer Advisory Meeting



2010-2012 Executive Board
Back row (L to R): Laura Neal, Sheri Walsh, Sally Manchester, Gloria Leveillee, Front Row (L to R): Marjorie Goodwin, Suzanne Raymond, Anne Cress

Smile You are on Candid Camera



Jane Shaw, Maxine Rusakoff and MFWC members at Summer Advisory



Nancy Ames and Billie Sherman at Summer Advisory Meeting

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118 years of Volunteer Service



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**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
November 1, 2010**

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