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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC Maine Newsletter
September/October 2011



Home Sweet Home.....Reaching out beyond our own



President's Letter

Dear Federation Friends,
What an amazing time this has been! My schedule has been bursting at the seams, and I am sure yours has been as well. We often think summer is the season to ease up a little, slow down, catch our breath. . . when in fact it's one of the busiest we all experience each year. Volunteerism is still high on our list of important things to do – add in the extra family reunions, vacation plans, special summer yard and house projects, simply put – it's a busy, albeit, a marvelous time of year!!

My summer has been filled with adventure. What a fantastic time at the GFWC International Convention in June held in Milwaukee! It was an awesome experience: great speakers, great workshops, great friendships, great networking! A workshop entitled, Promoting, Publicizing, and Publishing - Keys to

Successful Public Relations" was superb. This was conducted by publicity expert, Joan Stewart. If you are looking for some free expert information (who isn't?), check out her website www.PublicityHound.com. You won't regret it - lots of great information there.

On July 13, 2011 several of our committees met at the Margaret Chase Smith Library to work on important state federation business. The morning session included the finance committee, the audit committee and the nominating committee. In the afternoon, your executive officers convened for a very productive meeting as well. A very special thank you to all of you who took time out of your own busy summer schedules to work on the necessary business aspect of our organization.

At our Spring Convention in May this officer was very proud to share some great information gleaned from your club reports. Just a quick snapshot, take a look at this:

Number of volunteer hours:
31,033

Amount of dollars raised/donated:
\$91,401.00

Amount of "in kind" donations:
\$20,521. 00

This is truly amazing! Keep up the great work!!

What an impact on our communities, our nation, and our world! I am indeed blessed by the dedicated support of our club women to the president's special project. In addition to the many toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, etc. donated, in addition to the hundreds of smile dolls and hospital gowns you have made thus far– GFWC Maine has to date – sent to Operation all the money that has been raised in the first year of this administration. Hold on to your hats, ladies - **\$2008.50**. At \$240 per surgery – this equates to **changing the lives** of 8 children!!! One of the children that tugged on my heartstrings the first time I saw the documentary on Operation Smile several years ago is a boy from Viet Nam whose name is Thanh – which means "blue sky." In honor of Thanh and all the

children in need of our help, my personal goal for us as GFWC Maine continues to remain the same: **The sky's the limit!** GFWC Maine clubwomen are proving this is true! Thank you so much!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at our Fall Conference. As this newsletter is being prepared, lots of plans are being formed to put together a great time. We will be meeting in South Portland at the Merry Manor Inn, October 13 – 14th. One of the highlights will be an opportunity to meet GFWC 1st Vice President Babs Condon. She is an inspiration! She not only will be sharing her wonderful self with us about GFWC – but she will be sharing about her experience as an ambassador on an Operation Smile mission. I can hardly wait.

We are conducting a report writing workshop as well. Now that you've caught your breath after that big gasp. . . . we have room for improvement! This will be presented by Marjorie and myself. *Do you know the difference between partnership and collaboration? Do you wonder why we need to bother to report? Learn the answer to the BIG question many don't dare to ask, "Can I report my personal volunteer activities?"* and more. To make the workshop as successful as possible, it would be great if you have a specific question that you email it to Marjorie Goodwin, GFWC Maine Vice President by September 15th

to ensure your question is addressed. Email her at dmgoodwin2@live.com or call 426-8870. Please note, **we promise**, no need to announce who asked the question!! ☺

For those who like the added flair of a themed banquet – here's your opportunity! Dress up as a character in a children's story book – and bring that book to donate! If that's not your style, than your option is to wear cocktail attire! I've heard some great ideas rolling around out there – it's going to be a real hoot – not to mention a wonderful chance to donate our books to an organization in the Portland area!!

That's all for now – come to our conference so we can catch up with all that's going on! - I can't wait to see you!

With love to my federation friends,

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I truly hope you have all enjoyed the summer as we begin the beautiful fall season and pleasant temperatures!

What a fantastic time I had in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the 120th GFWC Annual International Convention in June! This was my first International event and it was terrific! The workshops were great and informative. The marketplace is where most of my finances were given up freely! A shopper's paradise!!! I met many great women from all over the country and bonds have already been made. It is surprising how fast you can make friends over blueberry cheese and wine! If you have never been to a GFWC International Convention, you just HAVE to do it at least once! The next Convention will be in Charlotte, N.C. in June. Please make your plans to attend.

At this time, I would like to invite you, as well as remind you, to please encourage your fellow club members to fill out a LEADS application to attend the seminar next June in Charlotte. The LEADS seminar is the day before the 121st GFWC International Convention begins. Every clubwoman who attends this powerful seminar comes out of it a stronger and more confident woman in all aspects of her life. GFWC Maine would like to see every club select a candidate and encourage them every step of the way. It is a tremendous honor and opportunity to learn leadership skills, meet new people and become forever friends. Each state LEADS ambassador brings back to her state what has been learned so our organization can continue to grow. It is great privilege for some lucky

clubwomen in our midst to represent GFWC Maine. The deadline date for an application to be submitted is November 15, 2011. This application will need to be sent to me. I have application forms and information necessary for submission. Please call me for information at 717-7576.

The New England Region Conference will be held in Mystic, Connecticut September 23-25 with our own Kathy White presiding. This will be a fabulous event and I hope to see many of you there!

I look forward to seeing you at our GFWC Maine Fall Conference in South Portland at the Merry Manor Inn in October. It promises to be an excellent Conference with lots of valuable information and lots of fun! Don't miss out! Be proud of GFWC and your membership in it. Take time to remember all it represents to help your communities, state, country and the world. Please support this organization with your whole hearts!

With love to my federation friends,

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Vice President

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What a warm Summer it has been, thus far! I hope that all Club

members have enjoyed time with family and friends. The time goes swiftly and before we know it, Fall will be here. I think we all need the time to relax and gather energy for the busy months ahead. Enjoy!

The Fall Conference will be in South Portland on October 13 and 14 at the Merry Manor Inn. This is a great time to re-connect with friends from other Clubs and find out what they are doing in their communities. President Suzanne is planning a very interesting Conference for the clubwomen in Maine and I hope the above date is on your calendar.

Fall is the time to begin gathering information for the year-end reports. The reporting should be easier this year as the reporting process will not be "new". There were a few questions about reporting this past year, but overall, the process went smoothly.

Again, enjoy the rest of the Summer. I look forward to seeing you this Fall.

In Federation,
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The next submission of **the Pine Tree Notes is November 1st.**

It is not too late to order an email version of the Pine Tree Notes. let me know if you would like to receive it via email.

I want to thank the members of GFWC Maine for the incredible opportunity to attend the GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee as your LEADS ambassador. It was a very rewarding experience. Thank you.

Sheri Walsh
Corresponding Secretary

Parliamentary Advisor



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CLUB NEWS

District 1

The clubs in District 1 have been active even though it has been great beach weather. **The Research Club of Limerick** had its annual meeting with a progressive supper. In July they were entertained by members Janice Day and Nina Stinson

sharing anecdotes of "Good Ol' Days in Limerick".

The **Cosmopolitan Club** held their annual yard sale in May. They also hosted their Senior Tea for graduating seniors of Morse High School. they will meet in August to work on their non-profit status application. Their 98th birthday will be celebrated with a potluck on September 7th. Congratulations to the Cosmopolitan Club on 98 years.

A 21 Club Salute was held by the **21 Club of Keezer Falls**. This year the club chose 3 remarkable individuals from the community. They were guest of honor at a potluck, and they were publicly acknowledged by an ad in the local newspaper.

The **Gorham Woman's Club** had their annual meeting in May. The club is still unable to fill the office of president. Members volunteered to be president pro tem for meetings in the coming year. They have interesting programs planned for the year.

Westbrook Woman's Club held their annual meeting in April. This summer members enjoyed an outing at the home of Elaine Spiller on Sebago Lake. It is an event that everyone looks forward to. Members are gearing up for the lobster roll luncheon that takes place in November. Regular meetings begin in September.

District 2

WOW! What a wonderful Spring

Convention! District Two was well represented and received many awards. Way to go, Ladies!!

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to all our clubs from your district co-presidents for all the money you collected throughout the year and gave toward our "Pennies for Porkers" project. We were amazed at what the clubs did from Semper Fidelis Club providing individual piggy banks for each member to fill, to the lovely, super porker made by Skowhegan Woman's Club. Another big **THANK YOU** goes out to all Federation members who made a contribution at convention. Your generosity is overwhelming. To date you have donated just under \$300. That is enough for 2½ pigs!! You are a great bunch of women.

May brought a taste of spring, finally! Spring Convention was great and at the end of May club strolled through the McLaughlin Gardens in South Paris just at Lilac season. It was a lovely day to enjoy and share a great lunch at Chez Maurice's. In June the **GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club** held their bake sale at the polls on Election Day. The funds were dedicated to The Beals Hospitality House at the Veterans Administration, Togus campus. Beals House provides a place for families of Veterans in the special care unit or undergoing surgery to stay overnight. It is a homelike setting and a wonderful support especially for those who do not know the area. We raised \$400.00 for them this time. Fall is coming fast with our meetings

resuming and Fall Conference as well as NER Conference. Busy time of year!

Even though the club does not officially meet during the summer months, the members of the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** have been busy. The Officers and members of the Board have planned an outstanding array of speakers for the 2011-2012 Club Year.

They have also been busy providing homemade snacks which they sell at the Summer Concerts in Coburn Park. The concerts are held every Sunday during the months of July and August.

In August, the "Skowhegan 3" host a Yard Sale with the proceeds going to the Restoration Fund for the Skowhegan Library. Members are checking their closets, attics, and basements for items to sell.

In addition to all of the above activities, they have been busy coming up with some very special items to bring to The Market Place at our GFWC Maine Fall Conference...so be sure to stop by and see them there!

The ladies from **Waldoboro Woman's Club** have been very busy. They hosted the annual Senior Tea at Medomak Valley High School in May and in June had a "Whale of a Sale" fundraising event.

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club and GFWC The Dove Society

These two clubs are actively recruiting members to donate items from their attics, garages, and homes to the GFWC Skowhegan Three yard sale. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the public library's Project 2012. Members will also be donating their time to work the event.

All the clubs are busy planning for the new club year. We are anxious to see what they have in store. We know it's going to be good. Hope to see you at GFWC Maine Fall Conference and at New England Regional Conference!

District 3

The **Pittsfield ARTS Club** held their annual meeting at Vittles restaurant(Pittsfield) in May. Officers remained the same except Jean Mayo is now the club's new treasurer.

The club does not hold meeting during the summer, but continues to hold their breakfast at the Central Maine Egg Festival. This is one of their major fundraisings and is an enjoyable event for festival goers.

The club will be preparing their 2011-2012 calendar soon and hopes the Pittsfield Tuesday club will join them for a meeting or two

The **GFWC/Miosac Club** women ended the year with a Birthday dinner where members dressed up like club women of yesteryear! It was a hoot and everyone had a fabulous time. The summer

months are pretty slow for the club but they did manage to have a booth at the 3rd annual Whoopie Pie Festival in June to sell their cookbook and some handmade items.

The Advisory Committee met and plans were made for the coming club year. A picnic is planned for late summer to hand out the year's notebooks and to regroup for a wonderful new year of volunteering in Dover-Foxcroft.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held an Operation Smile workshop in April making bags, johnnies, and dolls. Their picture is in the latest edition of Club Woman Magazine!! 3 members attended the MFWC spring convention. One member of our club, Jane Gilbert, was recognized and congratulated for being the first in the state to reach the ESO Second Century Award. At the May annual meeting, they had a speaker from Pine Tree Hospice. The June meeting was held at Corinne Neal's cottage on Ripley Pond. Members brought a bag lunch and enjoyed catching up with each other. Last year's Directory ads were handed out for members to start selling again; and the meeting ended with guest speaker, Ginger Hutchins from Womancare in Dover-Foxcroft, talking about domestic violence.

GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft took a nice "nap" in the summer months but this year they have got one eye open. Homecoming is August 6th so along with parade, food and fireworks members will be out

club selling their "As good as cash" raffle tickets. They will also sell Victorian type dolls, backpacks and other assorted goodies. Wish them well.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** held their annual meeting in May. A mystery ride to a restaurant in Hampden was enjoyed by members in late May. In June, the annual "planning Brunch" was held at Rae Hersey's home. This meeting is looked forward to by members, as it provides delicious food and an opportunity to plan the meetings for the coming year. The September meeting will be a field trip to Augusta to tour the Maine State Museum. They hope to increase membership during the coming year by having interesting meetings and inviting prospective members to them.

Like most clubs, **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** recesses during the summer months. Members are still busy as they meet the second Tuesday of each month and go to Hospital Chaplaincy in Newburgh. They create comfort/care items to be used in all of Maine's Nursing homes. Members also created 70 learning kits that were presented to registering kindergartners in the Newport/Plymouth Elementary school. This "Woman to Child" program got a big boost this year with a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart. The calendar committee is busy setting up next year's schedule which we hope will interest new members.

District 4

The **Castine Woman's Club** has had a busy Spring and Summer. On March 26th, the Club provided a food service to Castine residents during the annual Town Meeting with proceeds going to the Club's scholarship fund.

On April 16th, the CWC hosted the District 4 Art Contest – Hancock County. With Val Taub as Chairperson, the event was well attended and a huge success. The Club was excited that Castine's own Meredith Olivari won the contest and went on to win the State Art Contest at Spring Convention!

In May, the Club held its annual Spring Bridge Luncheon. Sharlene Daly coordinates these enjoyable luncheons. May also saw Norma Sheard win the State Poetry Contest of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Norma generously donated her cash award back to the CWC.

In June, the CWC awarded \$3000 in scholarships to local students to be distributed in the fall. On June 14th, to help promote local business, the Club held a Shopping Review consisting of a fashion show and lovely tea at the summer cottage of CWC President Sue Macdonald. This fundraiser generated approximately \$1000! And on July 4th, CWC held a pie/bake sale in front of Town Hall during the annual parade. Funds from both events will go towards 2012 scholarships.

The Club will again hold its August Tea at the Wilson Museum Meeting Room, which provides an opportunity for club members to enjoy the use of the CWC silver tea service housed at the Wilson Museum. Attendees will be treated to a performance by the local all-women a cappella group, Ellacappella!

In an effort to support local businesses, the Club's September meeting will feature a casual pizza lunch at Castine's newest restaurant, Danny Murphy's. The annual membership October Luncheon will be held at The Manor again this year. Many new programs, venues and formats are being planned for Fall and Winter. The Club looks forward to an exciting year!

GFWC/The Lubec Woman's Club entered a float in this year's 4th of July Parade since it was also Lubec's 200th birthday! Sherry Evers-Jenkins, Sylvia Boomer and Ceil Gardner worked on the float, decorated it with red, white and blue, and incorporated the Club's yearly accomplishments: donations and fundraisers. (Sherry and Sylvia did most of the work and deserve most of the credit.) One of the local boys dressed in a cap and gown for scholarships and two little girls represented books for RIF and the Club's support of the local library. The children in the parade threw out candy to the children in the crowds. Shelley and Sylvia gave out bookmarks to the children. Leona (Noni) MacBride had a seat of honor in the float and enjoyed waving to

friends as much as they enjoyed waving to her. Another member, Norma Hampton, rode in the lead car (a Model-T Ford) with the town's former dentist, Doc Crosby. Norma also happens to be the oldest resident in Lubec and carried "The Boston Post Cane" which signifies this honor.

The Club's 4th of July yard sale, usually held on July 4th, was finally held on Saturday, July 16th. The day was perfect, sunny and breezy. The Woman's Club and the Historical Society split the profits. The event was a successful venture for both organizations.

The **GFWC/Narraguagus Women's Club** went to Marshfield and toured the Maine Sea Salt plant in April. It was interesting to see the process that sea water goes through to become what we know as SEA SALT. Members enjoyed perusing the gift shop and most of them ended up with a variety of Maine Sea Salt products. After the tour the members had lunch at Helen's Restaurant. They then went to the Machias Savings Bank in Machias to view the art pieces from the four Washington County high schools that had entered the Washington County division of the District 4 High School Art Contest.

The club had a very successful fundraiser in April. Tickets were sold for two complete Easter Dinners at supermarkets in Columbia and Milbridge. The baskets included everything from appetizers to dessert. Colored

Easter Eggs and Easter candy were also included. Most of the members make homemade food items for the dinners. The ticket sales proceeds were more than \$700.

The Club closed out the program year with the election and the installation of the officers. Valerie Taub, District 4 President, installed the following officers for the program year 2011-2012: Patricia Treworgy, President; Christine Fredenburgh, 1st V.P.; Cathy Farrah, 2nd V.P.; Joyce Nash, Recording Secretary; Betsy Willey, Treasurer; and Joan Page, Corresponding Secretary. The president selected Claire Babcock and Eleanor Mille from the membership to be on the Executive Committee.

The membership voted to meet on Saturdays this year in hopes of recruiting new members. The Executive Committee is working this summer on the programs for the coming club year. The Club has received permission to have the September meeting at the Milbridge Historical Society. A new member is working on a recruitment ad to be placed in the Downeast Coastal Press. Members of the Executive Committee are making up a basket to be raffled during the Milbridge Day Celebration.

Committees

ARTS

Summer Art

Summer is a wonderful time for ART, Plein Air Painting, art retreats, art shows, photography, theater, cultural activities, museums and musicals all add to the excitement of summer. It's a time of inspiration, getting ideas to use in art programs and projects; a time to meet new friends involved in the arts and see where the Arts are making a difference.

As we continue our dedication to the arts, please think of the economy where school budgets cut art programs and where high school students, ready for collage art, find the expenses overwhelming. Please continue your art department donations. Also share with your groups the idea of an art scholarship. At the spring convention over \$100 was raised by having a fund raising table of art items for purchase, silent auction and raffle. Thank you to Muriel Bowerman, Minnie McCormick, Roberta Morrill, Wilma Sherman and Gail Slade for providing the creative art items. We will need more art items for the art fund raiser next spring, so use your art talents to make something special for this project or it can be art that someone else made. Thank you for your support.

Merna Dunham is the Partnership Chairman and is always helpful, with a smile, as we open the High School Student Art Show & Club Women Photography Contest. Thank you, Merna.

Please continue to encourage the high school students to create art

for this show. Start early so they have time to make the art. Also we want more Club Women photography so get out your cameras this summer and let's see what you can do. Share your talents with us. Artists have a special way of seeing life which helps others to look at life with more enjoyment.

Barbara Hathaway
Painter of Sunsets
MFWC Art Collaboration
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CONSERVATION

I am sorry to inform you all that Jane Seidel of the Waldoboro Woman's Club and past Conservation Chairman of MFWC during the administration of Kathy White passed away on July 12. She will be greatly missed.

Please don't forget your Conservation Partnership Comm. Service Programs (The Humane Society of the United States and Keep America Beautiful).

For further information and refer to the GFWC Manual.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are enthusiastically looking forward to the Club year!

Judi Lawrence

Home Life

GFWC Maine Clubwomen are truly amazing. As 2011 club reports came to this Chairman to

be compiled, it was very obvious that you respond with ingenuity and generosity to the needs of the Community. The Homeless Shelter For Men project from the GFWC /Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan was submitted for national award consideration.

Collaboration is about creating club inspired projects, created "outside the box" projects not created through GFWC. We would especially like to know "how" you identify the needs of individuals, families, and communities. Please keep this in mind as we begin yet another club year and emphasize the "how" as you prepare your 2012 reports.

Gerry Richardson
Home Life Collaboration
Chairman

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Domestic Violence Awareness

As I sat watching the news on June 10th after the triple murder in Dexter, I knew I needed to get to work on some DVA Projects. That night it stated 6 acts of DVA had occurred since the first of June. That particular event was close to home and Amy was my grandsons kindergarten teacher several years ago. Then the murder in Farmington hit close as well because she was my former sister-in-law as well as distant cousin.

I am urging all clubs to become more active in Domestic Violence Awareness Projects. I am

planning for GFWC/Miosac Club to do a Purple Ribbon Campaign in Dover-Foxcroft in October like the Skowhegan Women's Clubs did last year. I have already spoken to two gals from Women Care and we plan to meet in July to get the project going. If you need help, contact me and I will try to give you some ideas. Also consult the GFWC programs book.

GFWC/Miosac Club also will be having a Silent Auction in October to raise money for DVA. We must do all that we can to combat this problem.

After the Dexter murders, I received an e-mail asking if we would do something to try to change some of the laws regarding DVA. It seems that the Protection Orders are just a piece of paper and don't mean a thing. Perhaps if Mr. Lake had been jailed when he threatened a year ago, those 3 people would be alive today. I am hoping the Women's Legislative Council will get on board too. Perhaps we need to talk to our legislators. Invite them to a meeting and have that as the main topic.

I will appreciate all that you can do.

Now for the report of Spring Convention.

Raffle	\$104.00
Bear Sale	\$ 75.00
Peace in Our Homes	
Luncheon	\$ 77.35
Total	\$206.35

Thank you all so much!! It is greatly appreciated!

I will not be doing raffles at fall conference. Suzanne and I are working on a different idea. We will let you know in the call to conference.

Hope you all had a great summer and that your gardens gave you lots of fresh produce.

See you in October.
Minnie McCormick Domestic
Violence Awareness Chairman

LEADERSHIP

As I sit in reflection of what I have done this summer and think to what I have to do this fall, a light comes on...

I had the privilege of taking a boat tour out of Bar Harbor to view the wonders of Acadia National Park from the water and to see five lighthouses and hear their stories. What does this have to do with leadership you ask? Men of vision set in motion the necessary steps to preserve the land and establish a park for the benefit of all through the ages. I see our clubs as being like those visionaries, seeing what we have in our communities and doing what we can to help sustain them, maintain them, preserve them, and move them forward. We do this through our volunteer club work, showing what can be done and taking the lead to do it. Lighthouses are beacons of light warning us of dangers to avoid and guiding us to safe harbors. Leaders are like lighthouses. They are dependable,

always there to guide us through our many projects, to help us to get where it is we need to be. Granted, we work on a smaller scale than those who established Acadia, but what we do is no less. Our leaders are just like the lighthouse keepers. They work hard and quietly sending out their beacons leading us into another year of volunteer service.

The light has sent me its signal! It's time to gear up and get ready for a new club year. I know I am anxious and excited to get started, to attend state and regional conferences, to see my fellow club women, to get caught up on all their doings, and to partake in everything all our leaders have planned. I hope you are, too. Remember, if you are a volunteer **you** are a leader! Think about it.

Good bye, Summer, Hello, Fall!!
Carol Jarvais

FUNDRAISING

It was really good to see everyone at the Spring Convention in Augusta. The Lucinda pins were a really big hit we sold 17 pins thank you ladies. We still have 10 left so you will have a chance to buy a one of a kind pin from a Maine artist in the fall. Congratulations to the winners of the raffles. I hope you enjoy your winnings. We still have GFWC membership pins, GFWC Maine pins and GFWC Club and District Presidents pins so give me a call or check us out at the fall meeting. We will NOT have the book sale in the fall instead we will have some holiday goodies to

tempt your purses. Thank you for your purchases because of YOU we made \$518 for the GFWC/Maine Fundraising.

Peace and Love,
Ann Heald & Charlotte Withee

JENNIE AWARD

Jennie June Award

We found our STAR! Her name is ...! She is from ... club. Want to know what ... stands for? Come to South Portland in the fall to find out! See you there.

Barbette Schafer, Chairperson
Jennie Award
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PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

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

Hello everyone! I wanted to share with you the final tally from the collections of money and items from the Spring Convention back in May. \$524.50 was collected in pledges and raffle money and was sent to Treasurer Gloria in late May. Also 5, again **5, huge boxes** were shipped to the Operation Smile warehouse in Newport News, VA! They were filled with 210 Smile dolls!! and assorted other items needed in the field for operations.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

This fall at conference will be the last collection of items. So plan now to bring your smile dolls,

johnnies, tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, clean, new facecloths, 8 packs of crayons and small coloring books. Please remember only sample sizes of toothpaste, soap and shampoo can be sent.

Also feel free to bring your pledge forms and money to conference and I will collect those as well. Happy Summer!

Barb Austin
Presidents Special Project Chair
Operation Smile

A Personal Thank You to Club Women

Please know that Phil and I and the rest of our family really appreciated all of the cards and kind messages from our friends in GFWC Maine. The expressions of sympathy and understanding on the loss of our grandson, CPL Mark Goyet, while in combat in Afghanistan, were indeed comforting. Thank you so much.

Nancy Curran

**CALL to GFWC Maine Fall Conference
October 13 & 14 – Merry Manor Inn – So. Portland**

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Wednesday, Oct. 12th 2:00 PM GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting – Forest View Room

Thursday, Oct. 13th 8:30 AM Registration / Coffee & Tea / Marketplace

10:00 AM Opening Session/Business -

Reports – Speakers - Presentations

Fundraising

Endowment Fund

Delegates Fund

PTN/Directories

Educational Loan Fund/Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund

President's Project Update

Operation Smile Mission Trip- GFWC 1st Vice President Babs Condon

11:30 – 12:00 Marketplace

12:00 PM Friendship Luncheon
Honoring our District & Club Presidents

1:30 PM Reporting Workshop: Come join the *Myth busters!* We would like you to send your questions to Marjorie Goodwin, GFWC Maine Vice President, by Sept. 15th at dmgoodwin2@live.com or call 426-8870 to help us prepare the best workshop possible!!

2:30 PM DVA Presentation

3:00 PM Recognizing our State JENNY AWARD Winner/Nominee

MARKET PLACE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 4:00 PM

6:00 PM Social Hour/Processional

7:00 PM *Character* Building Banquet
Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Past State Presidents

Entertainment – Portland Community Chorus – Outreach Singers

Reception in President's suite following the entertainment to honor GFWC 1st Vice President and to honor GFWC Maine's Jenny Award Winner

Friday, Oct. 14 th	8:45 AM	Registration / Marketplace (bring your own coffee/tea)
	9:30 AM	Business Session Reconvenes Membership Leadership Maine Youth Leadership Community Improvement Contest
	10: 00 AM	Roundtable Discussion/Workshop – Thriving programs and projects
	11:30 AM	Speaker: Babs Condon, GFWC 1 st Vice President. “What would our world be like without GFWC?”
	12:00 PM	Leadership Luncheon Honoring Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen
	1:30 PM	LEADS - 2011 Milwaukee! 2012 Charlotte, NC – Could it be you? Report of GFWC Maine Historian – Trail of Maine Pioneer Invitation to GFWC NER 2012 President’s Report Concluding Activities Final Report of Registration Other Business Courtesy Committee Report Announcements Raffles
	3:00 PM	Adjournment

Please bring a children’s story book to donate! There will be a collection box – some of these books will be used as table centerpieces at the banquet!! All the books will be donated in the Portland area- TBD.

Also, items for Operation Smile are most appreciated as well!!

Best Western Merry Manor Inn – So. Portland

**GFWC Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Fall Conference – October 13-14, 2011**

**Guest Room Rates
\$89.00 (plus tax)/night, single or double occupancy**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
September 25, 2011 for the guaranteed room rate**

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. 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.

Your room will include FREE high speed wireless internet, cable television with HBO, AM/FM clock radio, coffee maker, hairdryer, iron and ironing board.

Other features -

- Heated outdoor year-round pool.....
- Large Whirlpool Tub with a therapeutic waterfall
- Business services
- Lobby Computer with internet access
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- Free parking **www.merrymanorinn.com**

**... good time to bring
your
swimming suit!!**

**Call to make reservation (207) 774-6151
Check-in time 3:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 pm
Merry Manor Inn – 700 Main Street / Route 1 – So. Portland**

Easy access: located just off Interstate 95 – Exit 45

What to wear?

Thursday banquet – Get ready for the fun “Character Building” time! Use your great imagination – dress up as a character from a favorite children's story book. For added goodwill and character, bring a copy of the book to donate to a children's charity.

Friday attire – business casual – accessorized with your GFWC emblematic items!

NOTE: Marketplace WILL be available to clubs at this fall conference!
Register with Ann Heald, Fundraising Co-chairman, if you want a full or ½ table. See below.

FALL CONFERENCE MARKETPLACE - REGISTRATION FORM

Under direction of Ann Heald, Fundraising Co-chairman - If your club is interested in raising some money with projects or items to sell or raffle off, fill out the application, **make checks payable to GFWC/MFWC** and mail to: Ann Heald, 11 Summer Street, Madison, ME 04950.

Any questions, call Ann at 696-3662. **Deadline date to register: October 1, 2011.**

PLEASE NOTE: Table space for state chairmen is FREE **but you still must sign up to reserve your space – whether a full or half table.** Examples of those exempt from fee: delegates fund, domestic violence awareness, president's project, corresponding secretary for directories, etc.

Simply write "No Fee" in the space you select – fill out the rest of form and mail to Ann at the above address.

Marketplace space: full table \$10.00 _____	Marketplace space: 1/2 table \$5.00 _____
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Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

☐ Club or ☐ State _____

List club name or state category

**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
November 1, 2011**

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