



Club Connections

With GFWC Massachusetts State President

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Jen and I with GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Shafer.

Convention Issue 2019

Massachusetts clubwomen are so dedicated to volunteerism in our communities and I am certain you know how proud I am to serve as your state President. Do you know you were recognized for your projects and donations at GFWC International Convention in June? This issue is my opportunity to help you feel the pride I felt along with Director of Junior Clubs Jen Nowak every time we went forward to accept an award on behalf of Massachusetts clubwomen- and that's all of YOU! **Have you ever thought about attending a GFWC Convention?** Workshops and learning opportunities are excellent, as well as the speakers, service projects and opportunities to meet clubwomen from near and far.

As a club leader, please pass this issue along to your members and **encourage them to put the dates into their calendars.** Your officers and board are busy this summer on your behalf, updating the Club Manual, handbooks, scholarship forms, preparing for Club Leader's Day and LEADS Training, and much more.

I hope I see you in August! Be sure to introduce yourself.

Lynne

Mark Your Calendars

**Club Leader's Day
and Mini LEADS Training**
Sat. Aug. 24th
At Sudbury Headquarters

GFWC MA Fall Meeting
Sat. October 19
Braintree

**GFWC MA Juniors
Fall Conference**
Sat. October 26
Dedham

SAVERS Fundraiser
Goods collected until
November 2

Club Institute
Thurs. Dec 6th

NEW "Brand Initiatives"- Members to advocate for 2 Bills

At the Gala Banquet at GFWC Convention **GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock** gave a report on the success of the **7 Grand Initiatives** outlined at the 2018 Convention (*see P.2 in this issue*). As GFWC works to strengthen its brand and support issues that matter to our members, **3 "Brand" Initiatives** were also introduced- Watch for more information, but share these with your members and discuss at your next meeting.

#1-Support Miranda's Law- Members are asked to make 1,000 contacts **on September 23, 2019** through phone calls or emails to their United States Legislators asking them to support passing Miranda's Law.

#2- 3D Printed Gun Safety Act- Members are encouraged to make 1,000 contacts **on October 23, 2019** to Senators or Congressmen themselves or to urge their friends to participate.

#3- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women Winning the Right to Vote- Clubs throughout the Federation are asked to plan 1,000 community service projects to celebrate **August 26, 2020.**

These are 3 things EVERY CLUB and its members can do.
Please put these dates in your club calendars and on your websites.

Massachusetts
Recognitions
At GFWC
Convention
Austin, Texas

Thank you for your reports, and all you do as Volunteers!

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness
1st Place- Category 2

GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program Award
1st Place- Category 2

GFWC Communications and Public Relations Award
1st Place- Category 2

GFWC Juniors Special Program: Advocates for Children 1st Place

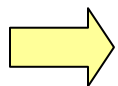


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| GFWC Signature Program Domestic Violence Fundraising | Overall- 7 th Place |
| International Outreach- Club Creativity Award | GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club |
| 2019 Millie Crom Award-Junior State Leadership- Director of Junior Clubs Jen Nowak- Platinum Level | GFWC Marlborough Juniors |
| Juniorettes Participation Award | GFWC Girls for a Greater Good (Melrose) |
| Juniorettes Participation Award | GFWC Massachusetts -2 nd Place |
| March of Dimes | GFWC MA President Lynne Stader |
| Heifer International – 2019 Heifer Hope Award | GFWC Massachusetts |
| Canine Companions for Independence Citation | GFWC Massachusetts |
| UNICEF USA- Certificate of Appreciation | GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club |
| UNICEF USA- Certificate of Appreciation | Nancy Brown, First Place |
| <u>GFWC</u> Volunteers in Action Photography Contest | GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors |

GFWC Resolutions Adopted at Convention

What is it we “resolve” to do as members of GFWC clubs? Attendees at Convention were diligent in their attention to adopting new resolutions on issues that matter to the members, while also rescinding outdated ones. New resolutions include: **Social Media**, **Miranda’s Law**, **Printed Gun Safety Act**, and **Reducing Youth Obesity**. Twenty resolutions were rescinded, such as **015-090 Direct Dial 911** and **014-150 Prayer at the United Nations** because the goals of those resolutions have been achieved. Several resolutions were also updated through amending. To learn more on resolutions visit <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Resolutions-June-2018.pdf>

GFWC’s “Grand Initiatives” Yield Impressive Results!



Look at what the collective power of GFWC clubs across the country can do! We were challenged to:

- Do **1,000 Projects** for Women in the Military.
To date: **799 Projects** reported.
- Have 1,000 members join GFWC Legislative Action Center.
To date; **1,594 people joined** since July 2018.
- Plant 1,000 trees for Federation/Arbor Day.
To date: **17,811 trees planted**.
- Donate 1,000 pairs of shoes to Soles4Souls.
To date: **36,763 shoes** donated.
- Donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books. To date: **50,716 books** donated!



Massachusetts delegates pose during a break in the Business Session at GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas in June.



Watch for updates on the GFWC Grand Initiatives for 2019-2020 or visit <https://www.gfwc.org/sevengrandinitiatives/>