



# The BEAT of the Federation

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **Help Wanted:**

We have some  
Chairmen openings:  
**Environment,**  
**Communications and**  
**Public Relations,** and  
**Fundraising Committee**  
Email President Shibley  
if you are interested.  
We'd love to have  
you join the Board of  
Directors.

## **President's message:**

January is all about new beginnings, new promises, and new goals. What promises and goals have you made to yourself? To your club? What new beginnings are you planning to focus on? For your club? Including **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** in your plans with promises and goals, will add to any new beginnings you have for your clubwork. I hope your 2022 is filled with health, happiness, and prosperity ♥



## **GFWC Massachusetts LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) application:**

Consider applying for the class of 2022? Applications are due February 1, 2022, to GFWC MA HQ by mail or email.

## **GFWC MA Website ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/>**

Keep within easy access. Do you have 30 minutes to explore the website ~ this is a great way to find all that is offered to you. Don't forget to send in any upcoming **Club Events** to be included on the Club Events page.

## **GFWC MA Combined Midwinter Meeting:**

The **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Midwinter Meeting: Flannel and Frost** will be held at the John Boyle O'Reilly Hall, 17 Willow Street in Westborough on **Saturday, January 22, 2022**. Highlights will include:

- ♥ Special guest, JoAnn Calnen, GFWC New England President
- ♥ Business: Bylaws up for approval, Report of the Nominating Committee, Club Anniversaries to announce
- ♥ Awarding of Domestic Violence grants
- ♥ Attendees will participate in fun Membership/Leadership mixers
- ♥ Please consider donating to CASA Worcester ~ suggested items to bring: teen pajamas, sanitary products, cash, Amazon gift cards
- ♥ Bring a basket for the Winter Carnival theme raffle.
- ♥ Do you have a comfy flannel shirt to wear that day?

This promises to be another jam packed, socially responsible meeting.

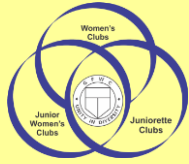
## **TOPICS:**

Editor Darlene Coutu is looking for your Club Holiday Happenings to be included in the next issue of our Federation newsletter. Do you have a story to tell? A donation to let us know about? A picture or two to share? Please submit them to her before January 20. Let us hear from YOU!

## **GFWC MA FaceBook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMA>

Join us for postings that are relevant to GFWC Massachusetts. Like us ♥



**For Sale:**

Support the Massachusetts President's focus area: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



Purchase a heart diversity pin for \$5.00 or a heart/hand bracelet for \$20.00 Also offered are 20 handmade cards with a special card for \$15.00. All proceeds support club DV/SA A&P grants open to ALL clubs. Contact Bernadette Bennett for your purchases:

bbennett@bu.edu

**Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining The 1898 Society.**

Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization. Look for the updated flier listing the gifts you receive for your yearly donations.

\$18.89 ~ attendance at 2022 Annual Convention event

\$50.00 ~ the above and entry into all BoD and State Meeting 1898 Society raffles

\$100.00 ~ above & a stainless wine mug

\$250.00 ~ above & a GFWC embroidered blanket

\$500.00 ~ above & a brick for the Unity Walkway as an 1898 Society member

**GFWC:**

**Can you answer YES to these questions?** If not reach out for assistance.

Are you subscribed to **GFWC News & Notes** (the weekly e-newsletter)?

Can you access the **GFWC Membership Portal**?

Are you signed up for **GFWC Legislative Alerts** from the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**?

Are you a member of the **GFWC Advancements and Program FaceBook** page?

**GFWC MA Yearbooks are needed:** Send to GFWC MA HQ.

GFWC MA is creating a master list of all MA clubmembers. We need one copy of your most recent club yearbook If your club does not produce a yearbook please send a list of club officers, club members with addresses and phone numbers. This information WILL NOT BE SHARED. It is a great way to get an accurate accounting of all MA clubwomen.

**Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:**

There will be an email invite coming to Club Presidents and to anyone else interested to join this State President on Tuesday night, **February 2 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. We hope Oprah Winfrey can pop in as a guest speaker. This is not just for Club Presidents ~ All are welcome ~ Please attend ❤

**Reporting Updates:**

Jen Nowak, Report Writing Chairman and I hope your club has started this reporting process. All forms that you need are on the GFWC MA website for easy download. Reach out for assistance if needed. But most of all let us know what your club accomplished in 2021. Thank you in advance.

**Publicity:** Do you have club news to share with GFWC? Pictures tell a story. Email [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org). to be considered for GFWC's Blog. Share upcoming club projects with **GFWC MA** to be including on our website. We want to hear from YOU!

**Members: Flier and Forms on the website for you as State President:**

- ♥ 2021 Club Participation Awards Form (due 1.31.2022)
- ♥ GFWC Massachusetts Appointments Interest Survey for the 2022-2024 Administration (ongoing)
- ♥ GFWC MA Scholarship applications (due 3.1.2022)
- ♥ Buy A-Brick Order Form (ongoing)

**Featuring: The Woman Next to the Man ~ Coretta Scott King**

Taken from Stanford University, The Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Educational Institute ~ learn more about this remarkable woman. <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/king-coretta-scott>

The widow of one of the most influential leaders in the world, **Coretta Scott King** provided Martin Luther King, Jr., with what he called the "love, sacrifices, and loyalty [without which] neither life nor work would bring fulfillment" (King, *Stride*, 11). An activist in her own right, Coretta King made numerous contributions to the struggle for social justice and human rights throughout her life. Read about her biography and her Massachusetts connections.