



The BEAT of the Federation

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Email T Jablanski with
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Interest Survey.

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President's message:

March's focus is **Women in History, Social Work, Youth Art, Nutrition, and Developmental Disabilities Months**. Where do you see your focus area? By including **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** in your club work this spring, you can offer your best efforts to so many causes and needs. ♥



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 Annual Convention:

The CALL is out. Awards and Recognitions to YOU for your club work in 2021 are the focus of this State Meeting. We would like for you to come for all of the Convention but if you can only come for part of it that works, too. We are planning to celebrate with a fun dress up evening on Friday, business casual or GFWC emblematic wear on Saturday day for awards, and dress up on Saturday evening for special awards and recognitions. Haven't been to a State Meeting during this administration? This is your opportunity to attend. Join us for the Installation of Officers for the 2022-2024 administration and the After Party after Saturday night's awards.

GFWC 2022 Annual Convention from June 25-28 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside with the theme Catch the Volunteer Spirit and *Let the Good Times Roll!* Registration for the 2022 GFWC Annual Convention is open in the [Member Portal!](#)

The hotel is within walking distance of the French Quarter and Jackson Square and about 15 miles from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY). Tour options include Oak Alley Plantation, National World War II Museum, and a Creole Cajun Cooking Demo.

GFWC MA REPORT WRITING and CONTESTS:

Thank you to all clubs who reported their statistics and club projects. The Massachusetts numbers add up to:

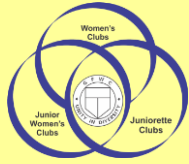
Projects: 942

Hours: 43,805

In-Kind Donations: \$98,599

Monetary Donations: \$101,669

Fundraising monies raised: \$111,494



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's thoughts are with the Women's Club of Ukraine:

The Women's Club of Ukraine has been busy teaching first aid and doing what it can to give people hope during these precarious times. GFWC applauds the club for continuing to help its community and is keeping all members in its thoughts. You can extend thoughts of kindness, unity, and support to the club through its [Facebook page](#). GFWC Affiliate Organization [UNICEF USA](#) is at the forefront of the humanitarian response for Ukraine and is providing essential services to vulnerable children and families affected by the conflict. [Donate](#) today to support their efforts and help ensure children have access to clean water, nutrition, health care, education, and safe conditions.

GFWC MA Yearbooks are needed: Send to GFWC MA HQ. We need one copy of your most recent club yearbook, hard copy or electronic copy. If your club does not produce a yearbook please send a list of club officers, club members with addresses and phone numbers.

Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:

Watch for the email invite; open to anyone interested to join this State President on Tuesday night, **March 15 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk with special guest: **Robin Putnam**, Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation talking about **Online Safety**.

Publicity: Do you have club news to share with GFWC? Pictures tell a story. Email 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!

Fliers/Forms on the website for you as State President/Clubmembers:

- ♥ Clubwoman of the Year (due 4.1.2022)
- ♥ Julia Ward Howe Club President Award (due 4.1.2022)
- ♥ Buy A-Brick Order Form (ongoing)~Federation Day at the Forest is May 21

GFWC Affiliate Prevent Child Abuse America



Pinwheels for Prevention:

Get ready for April ~ [National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) and **Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA)** in its Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Many clubs have helped raise awareness of child abuse prevention and promoted healthy childhoods with these pinwheels. Order yours today!

Featuring: An Extraordinary Woman to Know ~ Frances Perkins

"The people are what matter to government, and a government should aim to give all the people under its jurisdiction the best possible life."

Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and the first woman to serve as a cabinet secretary, was the driving force behind the New Deal, credited with formulating policies to shore up the national economy following the nation's most serious economic crisis and helping to create the modern middle class. She was in every respect a self-made woman who rose from humble New England origins to become America's leading advocate for industrial safety and workers' rights. Learn more about Frances from the loaned Traveling Display at the GFWC MA Combined Annual Convention.