



The BEAT of the Federation

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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Help Wanted:

We have some
Chairmen openings:

Environment
Communications and
Public Relations
Legislation/Public
Policy

Fundraising Committee

Email President Shibley
if you are interested.

We'd love to have
you join the Board of
Directors.

President's message:

Today this Massachusetts President was excited to preside over the GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting with Director of Junior Clubs Katie Robey. If you attended, I am sure your brain is in information overload right now. Take the time to go through your notes and reach out to Chairmen as needed. Besides taking care of essential federation business, and preparing for the past two weekend meetings, I have been busy with all things GFWC Massachusetts. And fundraising sewing! Have you seen the tissue pack holders and pup bandanas for sale? Check out the fundraising page on our GFWC MA website.

Keep the **GFWC MA website** ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/> within easy access. There are many forms and documents within reach.

Our next Board of Directors Meeting/Holiday party is Saturday, November 21. We are on schedule with the 4 times per year BoD meetings.

We will continue to give our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** even with current restrictions in place. I am available to help each Club President with ideas and suggestions to keep your members involved and working on club business until we are able to meet in person.

This issue we are featuring information on: Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk, voting information, recap of GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting, recap of GFWC New England Region Conference, Usborne Books Fundraiser, upcoming Holiday at Headquarters in D.C., Advocates for Children's Week, GFWC Affiliate updates, Photography and Writing Contests, Items for sale, 1898 Society, the third website scavenger hunt as well as other pertinent info. Please share this newsletter with your club members.

Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:

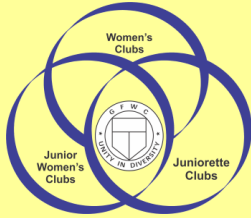
There will be an email invite coming soon for you as Club President to join this State President on Tuesday night, **November 11 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. The goal is to check in on you and the pulse of your club. Our Report Writing Chairman, Jen Nowak will come on to present a Mini Report Writing Virtual Workshop. Learn some helpful tips to make report writing less stressful. This will be a great learning opportunity.

VOTING INFORMATION:

The time is now to do your civic duty. VOTE!!!

Check out this document, also on our website, for the https://www.gfwcma.org/uploads/1/2/9/6/12968947/voting_for_website.pdf





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 each or a heart/hand bracelet for \$20.00 All proceeds will go towards club grants and DV/SA A&P. Contact Bernadette Bennett for your purchases: bbennett@bu.edu

REMINDER

Did you watch the Tools of the Trade~ Club Leaders Day video? Please do!

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Thank you to all who donated (3567 lbs) and a special thank you to all who packed the truck and delivered the goods.



COMBINED WOMEN'S AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S FALL MEETING:

The **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting: The Spirit of Change is in the Air** was held on **Saturday, October 24**. This hybrid meeting, with myself and Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Robey presiding had **54** attendees. Some of us met at GFWC MA Headquarters in Sudbury and many more participated via Zoom (thanks to Marisa Jablanski for being our technical support). We conducted essential business of our Federation, heard reports and many timely updates by our State Chairmen. Thank you to all who participated in our fundraising efforts. Special presentations by Ashley Bendiksen, advocate and national speaker on domestic violence issues and Steven Sycks, March of Dimes and new mom, Mary Beth Ryan were indeed heart touching. The extra touches (the PowerPoint, trivia contest, videos, and songs) made the day one to remember. Some technical difficulties didn't dampen our spirits. Special thanks to all who made this possible.

111th NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE:

Friday, 10/16 I had the opportunity to join other NER Leadership Committee members to present Protocol tips at **NER LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) **and** attend the Board of Director's Meeting **and** I participated in the **Zoom Social and Junior Fun Night**. Did you see the Massachusetts Attemptors perform? Thank you to Marisa Jablanski and Jen Nowak for joining in the fun with me. Katie Robey moderated the evening and Mary Ann Pierce expertly handled the NER and Capital Campaign fundraising opportunities. Congratulations to Robin O'Connor on her BIG win! Then **Saturday, 10/17** the New England Region Conference convened via BigMarker presided by NER President JoAnn Calnen, with guests GFWC International President, Marian St.Clair and President-elect, Deb Stahanoski. I was happy to present the State President's report for Massachusetts, and hear the many Chairmen reports. NER attendees viewed the prerecorded welcome to the 2021 NER Conference (Jen Nowak is NER 2021 Conference Chairman) which will be held in Springfield, MA. We do wish we met in beautiful Vermont, but we are looking forward to next year.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE FUNDRAISER for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Have you heard of **Usborne Books & More**? They are such creative, engaging and high quality books. GFWC MA is hosting a FaceBook party online~Thursday, November 12th at 7pm. This is a great chance to get holiday shopping done for the children in your life! Any rewards we get from sales will go directly to book donations to children of victims of domestic violence. Get in your PJ's, grab a snack and join online. There will be prizes!! Email me to be included in the event group.

HOLIDAY at HEADQUARTERS WEBINAR:

Information is coming soon from GFWC International President Marion St.Clair about a **Holiday Webinar** in early December showcasing the decorations at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Each state was asked to contribute 1-2 ornaments for this year's theme "What a Wonderful World !!" Thank you to Katie Robey for her beautifully crafted counted cross stitch ornaments representing our state.



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

Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization, funds contribute to the welfare of this Federation. We encourage all members to join each year at \$18.98 per year.



**GFWC MA Website
GFWCMA.org
Scavenger Hunt #3**

Can you find and answer these questions:

**1. About GFWC-GFWC
Did You Know:** The

Collect for Clubwoman was written in what year? As a _____?

2. Members-

**MA Leadership-
Organizational Chart:**

The current President is the _____ to have served in this position.

3. Members-Fundraising:

What two items made from fabric are featured?

4. Calendar: What special day is November 13th?

5. Members-MA Program Information: LEADS Who can apply? What is the deadline to the state?

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK is **October 25-31**~What can you and your club do this week? This Advocates for Children yearly event could be a great way to attract more members, brand your club, and show the resiliency that GFWC has had during these pandemic times.

GFWC AFFILIATES:

SHOT@LIFE:

Walgreens and Shot@Life are teaming up again for **Get a Shot**. Give a Shot., an award-winning partnership that is helping provide 100 million lifesaving vaccines to children in need around the world by 2024. For every immunization administered in a Walgreens pharmacy, Walgreens will donate the cost of a vaccine to Shot@Life, up to a total of \$2.6 million.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL:

<https://www.heifer.org/>

Accelerating the path to living incomes includes: nutritious food, shelter, clean water, a decent education, access to health care, and a safe and secure environment. All fundamental for a life free from hunger and poverty. Yet millions of people can't afford them. Become a part of the grand mission of ending hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.

GFWC Massachusetts Photography Contests:

GFWC Photography Contests encourage members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests.

• **GFWC Volunteers in Action**

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they volunteer in groups or one-on-one.

• **The World in Pictures**

These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives, in these three categories:

- **Our World Up Close** ~ Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image taking the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.
- **Natural Wonders** ~ Use wide angles and panoramas to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.
- **Reflections** ~ Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

GFWC Massachusetts Writing Contests:

For Clubwomen and Youth 2021

- **GFWC Member Short Story Writing Contest**
- **GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest**
- **Youth Short Story Writing Contest**
- **Youth Poetry Writing Contest**

Please see all the information about each specific contest posted on the GFWC MA website.

**Remember your State President is available for you.
We want you to feel supported at this unprecedented time.**