



GFWC Massachusetts Federation TOPICS



A Newsletter for Clubwomen

NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE



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The 113th New England Region Conference was held in Warwick, Rhode Island from September 23-25. NER President Libby Wiers' theme, "Moving Ahead with Big Dreams", combined with the conference theme Oceans '22 was the nautical inspired focus throughout the weekend. There were one hundred nineteen attendees from New England, and 31 proud GFWC Massachusetts members in attendance.

The Rhode Island Friday State night banquet "Captains Ball at the Bay" honored past and present Rhode Island leaders including NER Officers and GFWC International President, Deb Strahanoski and GFWC President-elect, Suellen Brazil in the processional. It was wonderful to see these GFWC Officers' high-energy presence throughout the weekend. Sarah Hammel, author, and first GFWC Croly Award recipient was the evening's guest speaker. Junior Fun Night followed the evening festivities with a rousing game of Family Feud organized by Marisa Jablanski with help keeping the scores from Jen Nowak.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT T JABLANSKI



With winter right around the corner, I love the thought of hibernating all cozy in the warmth and safety of my home. Winter is a time for us here in **New** England to get prepared, pull out our winter clothes, shovels and dig-in for the season.



This past summer and fall have been a very busy time for our federation. We have accomplished so much. A **new** board and board members, **new** paint, **new** layout, **new** furniture, **new** projects, and **new** memories made. I am so thankful for all of it, and I look forward to our **new** year together.

A **new** year brings with it a fresh start, **new** beginnings, and the tradition of making resolutions. The hustle of our everyday lives can be exhausting. It is so important for your physical and mental health to take your down time, quiet time and prioritize what's important to and for you. What's working, what should you let go of? Having resolutions can help you with those priorities.

While a lot of people who make **new** year's resolutions do break them, research shows that making resolutions is useful. Many studies show that those who set resolutions are 10 times more likely to achieve them.

How about setting some club resolutions? What will your **new** club year look like? Maybe it's a **new** meeting location/setting, or a goal for more members, fresh **new** projects, letting go of projects, fundraising goals, or donation or scholarships goals. Wintertime is the perfect time to sit back, research, discuss and re-group with some club resolutions.

So, let's dig-in as clubwomen, leaders, and volunteers. Set some goals, make some resolutions that show you and your members that you "Know Your Worth". You can do it! I believe in you.

Be safe, warm, and open-minded to **new** ideas and **new** ways this season.

I wish you all the joys and blessings that the holidays bring.

Peace



KNOW YOUR WORTH

FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, MARISA JABLANSKI



We are in the full swing of the holiday season, and I hope you are all enjoying time with your family and friends, doing all the fun and festive things that this season brings. While Thanksgiving is known for the time when people express their gratitude, I always see Christmas as the season for it as well. I'm grateful for making it through another year, grateful for the extra time with family, and grateful to be a part of an organization of such amazing and caring women. The work you have done in your communities this year, as well as the work you will continue to do right up until the end of 2022, is inspiring, and truly making a difference in the lives of others. If your club hasn't started already, be sure to get to work on your annual reports once



the holidays are over. **STAND TALL AND PROUD** of the work you have accomplished and get that information written down. Annual reports need to be emailed in between January 16-22, so you have a month to get together and write them. Brag about the service projects, fundraisers, and collections your club has done in the last year. I know I can't wait to read everything that you've done! I'd also like to send a special thank you to all Junior clubwomen who participated in the HundredX survey fundraiser. Your support in this no spend fundraiser is so greatly appreciated. I wish you and your families all health, happiness, and hope this holiday season. Here's to 2023 being GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership's best year yet!



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER KATIE ROBEY

This treasurer has sent out dues bills to all GFWC Massachusetts clubs. If you have not received one, please let me know at treasurer@gfwcma.org. Please remember that dues are due by December 31, 2022. Thank you to those clubs who have submitted their dues payments. Also thank you to those clubs who have submitted an End of Year donation.

[Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season and new year.!](#)

REPORT WRITING TERRY ROUVALIS, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The report-writing season is just around the corner, we want to familiarize members with the current process for sending in club reports.

There are a total of 13 reports and 1 Statistical Form we would like to receive from each club:

Special Programs (SP) ~ Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, and Advocates for Children

Community Service Programs (CSP) ~ Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

Advancement Areas (AA) ~ Communications and Public Relations, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation/Public Policy, Membership and WHRC.

The guidelines, documents, and deadline information you will need can be found on the gfwcma.org website. Look for the **Report Writing** page under the respective tab, Women's Clubs or **Junior Membership** for Junior Clubs.

Each community **SP**, **CSP**, and **AA** has its own document, when saving the file on your computer, rename it with the specific **SP**, **CSP**, and **AA** name and add your club name.

Now it's time to fill out your club data. Fill out the grid at the top by using the same figures as the statistical sheet. Under that grid, you have the option to write a detailed description of up to four projects you did in that area. Here is one example of how more details can really tell your story.

#1 ~ Anytown Women's Club held our annual Halloween costume parade for the elementary school. Many children showed up and families donated canned goods to the local food pantry. We gave out prizes to winning costumes and sent in an article to the newspaper afterward.

#2 ~ Anytown Women's Club held its annual Halloween costume parade for the Anytown Elementary School. Over 40 families showed up and participated. Families brought canned goods for the food pantry. Prizes were awarded and a press release went to the newspaper following the event with pictures. 6 members spent 4 hours preparing and executing this event.

#3 ~ **Halloween Costume Parade – 6 members/24 hours/68 items donated (\$98 in kind)**

GFWC Anytown Women's Club held its Annual Halloween costume parade for the Anytown Elementary School, with over forty families in attendance. To participate in the parade, families were encouraged to bring a donation to the school's food pantry. AWC was proud to deliver over 68 items to the food pantry the following week. When prizes were awarded to the winning children, pictures were taken, and a press release was then drafted and sent to the town newspaper for publication.

Your officers know how hard you club ladies work for your communities. However, you need to tell us what you do so we can tell your sisters throughout the country and have your efforts acknowledged. Ladies, there are four of us, Jen Nowak, Marisa Jablanski, Beth Keon, and myself Terry Rouvalis, who can't wait to read about the wonderful things you did for your community.

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REPORT WRITING

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For questions on Women's Clubs reach out to:

Terry Rouvalis, trouvalis@msn.com or Jen Nowak, jwnowak@charter.net

Please submit your Women's Club reports (due January 31, 2023) as follows:

HQSecretary@gfwcma.org | mail to PO Box 679, Sudbury

For questions on Junior Membership reports reach out to:

Marisa Jablanski, Director@gfwcma.org or Beth McKeon, Elizabethmccurley@gmail.com

Please submit your Junior Membership reports (due: 1/16/23-1/22/23 by 11:59pm) as follows:

GFWCJRMAreport@gmail.com

Terry & Jen or Marisa & Beth are ready and willing to help your club with the reporting process. Phone calls or Zoom meetings can be set up for individual clubs to answer questions you may have. Reach out early to reserve a time.



PRESIDENT'S FOCUS AREA CHAIRMEN

Good Mental Health, Wellness, and Awareness

The Holidays should be a joyful time but unfortunately that is not the case for everyone. Reach out to friends, family or neighbors that might be having a difficult time during this season and don't forget to take care of your own mental health. Here are some tips to help keep the season fun and happy.

Happy Holidays to All!

Be Realistic

- Set Boundaries
- Take Time for Yourself
- Take Time for Loved Ones
- Reach Out
- Practice Gratefulness and Kindness
- Let Go



HEALTH AND WELLNESS PENELOPE OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

Ready or Not the Holidays are Coming!

Whether it's Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, or New Year's Eve, we step into the role of expectations. Expectations we place on ourselves and expectations others place on us to celebrate "correctly". Our to-do lists become overpopulated and we want to do it all. There are cards to be sent; gifts to be purchased; cookies to be baked; shows and ballets to attend; lights to see; seasonal music to listen to; people to visit; and money and time to be found to make all this happen. We're looking for the Charles Dickens perfect English Holidays.

The big holiday for me is Christmas. I grew up with the magic of a Christmas tree loaded with presents. There were many small presents, each wrapped separately making the appearance of never-ending presents. As a young mother wanting my children to experience the same magic, I stressed to make sure there were many presents under the tree. I got caught up in the materialism and my expectations to duplicate my childhood memories.

So, sometimes we're trying to match something we had as children and sometimes we're working to create something better than what we experienced. I find that expectations close the door on spontaneity. When I'm living in expectations and some adventure presents itself, what will I do? Continue with my rigid plans or make a different choice just because it's something I want to do? Ask yourself, what are the most important pieces of the holidays you want to experience this year? Be willing to let go of the "shoulds" and create that which brings you joy. Remember it's okay to say "no" when it will best serve you and keep you from becoming stressed and anxious.

Change shows up at the holidays. The faces around our holiday tables will change. Children grow up and make different plans for their holidays. The circle of life continues and we find empty seats of people who have died. I look at pictures of my childhood Christmas dinner and cry as I see pictures of my grandparents, my mother, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are no longer among us. I thought they would always be there.

Experiencing grief during the holidays is pretty common. It can be because someone close to us has died. It can be because there has been a major shift around how friends and relatives want to experience the holidays and we may or may not be included in this new structure. We experience grief because we have loved. When we pull back our memories, we may remember that every holiday gathering one family member was always argumentative, and yet outside the argument was love.

When the feelings of grief come up, embrace them and honor them. Be grateful that you loved so well that you are aware of the changes — that you loved the way things were then and are now open to something new and unknown. And, if appropriate, share stories from the past. It brings younger generations into our memories and allows them to embrace where some of the traditions originated.

Be gentle with yourself. What doesn't get done this year can be choreographed into next year's celebration.



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Saturday began with a regal processional including the Warwick Police color guard. Tradition has two processions during the weekend with Saturday's devoted to state leaders accompanied by state leaders carrying their respective state flags, NER Officers and NER Parliamentarian, with GFWC leaders. Myself, serving as NER Protocol and Meetings Chairman, organized these processions, set reserved seating, and helped with all meeting responsibilities. Tina Smith, NER Vice President, Mary Ann Pierce, Massachusetts's favorite fundraising chairman and NER Secretary, NER Treasurer, Beverley Pallmerine, and Joan Prue, NER Parliamentarian were seated at the head table with our GFWC guests. GFWC International President 2016-2018, Sheila Shea was recognized for her federation service.

The business session, "Sea of Knowledge" included NER Officer reports, and presentations by GFWC Community Service Program Chairman and Committee Members. We heard about the Community Connection Initiative ~ presented by Donna Shibley, Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children ~ presented by Katie Robey, Chairman, Legislative/Public Policy ~ presented by Committee Member Debbie Fiore, Fundraising ~ presented by Marth Casassa, Committee Member and Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence and Awareness ~ presented by Mary Baird, Committee Member with help from audience members, were informative, educational, and impressive.

Lunch brought us to the afternoon session, "Anchors Away" featured guest speaker, GFWC International President-elect, Suellen Brazil with her focus on attitude and action. Attendees received even more information from GFWC Chairmen including Writing and Photograph Contest ~ presented by myself, Writing Contest Chairman, and Annual Giving ~ presented by Mary Ann Pierce, Committee Member. The Membership/Leadership/Communications & Public Relations workshop ~ presented by Nancy Ames, Chairman, JoAnn Calnen, Committee Member and Jen Nowak, Chairman, respectively ended the presentations.

Massachusetts LEADS graduate, Robin Gendron participated in the LEADS 2022 Panel. Other Massachusetts workers throughout the weekend included Jen Nowak, NER Fundraising Chairman with assistance from Darlene Coutu (over \$2000 was raised on the NER basket raffle), Robin O'Conner staffing the Massachusetts Fundraising table, and Diane Murphy distributing hand-outs throughout the conference.

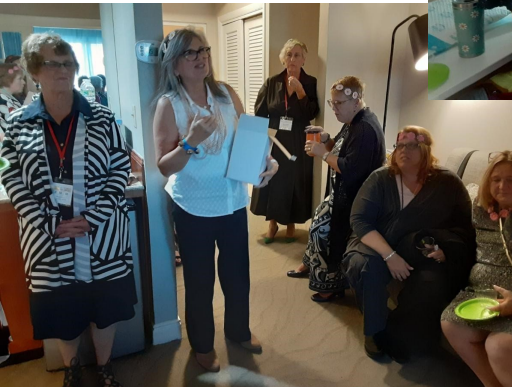
Saturday evening GFWC MA President, T Jablanski hosted a reception for all Massachusetts attendees in her hotel room. She passed out bells (see next paragraph) and daisy headbands (for a photo op) for everyone there. Saturday evening dinner, "Cruising the Coastal Waters" featured guest speaker, GFWC International President, Deb Strahanoski with her focus on passion, perseverance, and pride. After dinner, everyone enjoyed listening to the music and dancing to duo Katelyn & Joey. NER President Libby Wiers recognized attendees at this reception with a token gift.

Sunday morning began with a breakfast buffet. The annual Remembrance Ceremony had Mary Baird, GFWC Massachusetts President, 2008-2010 giving a heartfelt tribute to GFWC Massachusetts President 1992-1994, Clementine (Tina) Macrina. Day One Executive Director thanked attendees for their generous donations of items for the children in the facility. Next were presentations from each state leader presenting their administration goals and how they related to the NER President's theme. Massachusetts members were proud of our leaders when Director of Junior Clubs, Marisa Jablanski presented her plan. And when President, T Jablanski recognized the 31 Massachusetts members in attendance, bells were ringing!

NER Conference is a time to collect GFWC information, meet GFWC national leaders, reconnect with other New England Region members, secure new friendships, and have fun. Hope you are looking forward to the next New England Region Conference in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, September 21-24, 2023. I know I am.

Submitted by Donna Shibley, New England Region Protocol and Meetings Chairman

NER CONFERENCE



GFWC MASSACHUSETTS 1ST ANNUAL HUNDREDX FUNDRAISER



There are not enough ways to say THANK YOU to the 182 people who participated in the HundredX Fundraiser. Although I was hoping to give some final numbers in this edition of TOPICS, I can only share the ESTIMATED totals prior to validation. Are you sitting down? When have a potential of making \$11,872! A total of 5,936 surveys were taken. HundredX was able to let this campaign run for a few extra days and there were many fast fingers working that week with 502 more surveys taken.

HundredX is a company that reaches out to large corporations and companies that benefit from hearing how the public feels about their business. HundredX then works with foundations and non-profits, like GFWC Massachusetts, and offers them the opportunity to raise funds without any out-of-pocket cost. They offer turn-key marketing materials for non-profits to use when promoting the fundraising campaign.

This has been by far is one of the most satisfying, lucrative, and easiest fundraisers we have ever done. Being the first time we have tried this type of fundraiser; I am thrilled at the success. Throughout the campaign, I would receive a report from HundredX each business day with the accumulative totals for our group. EVERY SINGLE report I received had increased from the previous report. I truly appreciate everyone's effort to promote this fundraiser. It has been exciting to receive emails as someone has completed their 75 surveys and to enjoy their success with them.

For everyone who has completed 75 surveys, their names will be entered into a drawing for a \$75 Amazon Gift Card. There will be 3 winners drawn once HundredX gives us the final report at the completion of this event once all surveys are validated.

Thank you once again to those of you who supported this event, and we will be looking forward to more people getting involved in November of 2023.

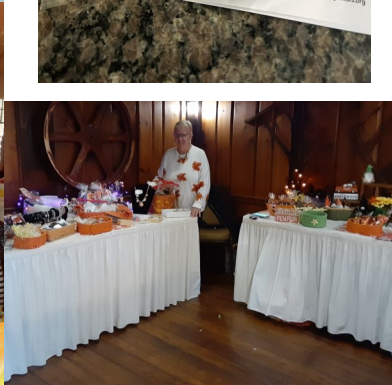
Submitted by Jen Nowak, GFWC 1st Vice President, and Finance Chairman

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FALL MEETING



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GFWC WRITING CONTEST DONNA CANAVAN, CHAIRMAN

Please consider entering the **GFWC Writing Contests**. Poetry and short story are the genres on which GFWC focuses.

Writing must have taken place from January 1-December 31, 2022. Entries must be submitted (postmarked by January 31, 2023) to the President of your local club for review of entry requirements, prior to forwarding to the State Chairman, postmarked by February 15, 2023.

See the Writing Contest information located on the GFWC MA website (Women's Clubs~MA Program Information).

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST BERNADETTE BENNETT, CHAIRMAN

Please consider entering the **GFWC Photography Contests**.

Pictures must have been taken from January 1-December 31, 2022.

Sponsoring clubs must deliver all entries to GFWC MA Headquarters by March 1, 2023.

See the Photography Contest information located on the GFWC MA website (Women's Clubs~MA Program Information).

Categories include:

The World in Pictures

- o Our World Up Close ~ a novel viewpoint or a macro image
- o Natural Wonders ~ showcase mountains, waterfalls, oceans
- o Reflections ~ memories of a favorite setting or an image reflected

GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit ~ a special moment in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.

Monetary awards are given for first place (\$100), second place (\$75), third place (\$50) in each contest and category.

GFWC MA WEBSITE DONNA SHIBLEY, WEBMASTER

Please send any club happenings to dmsibley@gmail.com for addition to the state website. We are always looking to help YOU publicize your club events, programs, and projects. We can even feature your event on our GFWC MA FaceBook page. Send a flier to me and I can do the rest.

HELP needed?

Ø Do you need help in learning how to navigate the state website? Please feel free to reach out to me and I will set up time to help you. There is **so** much information there that you can access with just a click.

Ø Social media is the way to communicate in 2023. Do you need help in getting your club's name out on FaceBook? Do you need help setting up your club event on FaceBook? Please reach out and I will be happy to assist you.

HOLIDAY AT HEADQUARTERS



SAVERS FUNDRIVE



Millbury Woman's Club

The Millbury Woman's Club held their November 7th meeting at the Asa Waters Mansion. The meeting was dedicated to the Veterans, and Ronnie Jablanski was the recipient of a Quilt of Valor with a small ceremony given by the Freedom Quilters of Millbury.

Ronnie Jablanski PFC 3rd Marine Division. He was awarded The Bronze Star with Valor. He was awarded medal for his heroic achievement in connection with operations against insurgent forces of Vietnam while serving with Company Rifleman on the 13th September 1969. On that day he displayed exceptional courage and professional skill directing the fire of two machine gun teams as he led the assaulting element through the entrenched NVA to the top of the hill. PFC Jablanski constantly concerned for the combat readiness of his unit, tirelessly trained his men and molded them into an effective fighting force through his leadership. Professional competence and steadfast devotion to duty throughout reflect great credit upon himself, the Marine Corp and the Naval Service. Ronnie Jablanski on the 17th of September 1969 was severely wounded and medevacked to a hospital ship. Ronnie received his Bronze Star with Valor medal after 49 years at a ceremony held in Hudson, New York on the 19th of June 2019. As well as the special ceremony dedicated to Ronnie, the MWC collected approximately \$400 dollars in donations and \$1700 in Gift Cards that will be supporting the USO at the Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA.



**Ronnie Jablanski PFC 3rd Marine Division
Recipient of the Quilt of Valor
Made by the Freedom Quilters of Millbury.**

The meeting also honored GFWC Massachusetts State President, T Jablanski as well as Club Presidents:

Michelle Butler

*Auburn Junior Woman's
Club*

Sandy Krafsig with guest
Sue Young

*Northboro Junior Woman's
Club*

Doris Early

Hopkinton Women's Club

Marisa Jablanski

*GFWC Massachusetts
Director of Junior Clubs*

Jen Nowak

GFWC Massachusetts

First Vice President



Ronnie with wife, President Jablanski



Members of the Tea Committee

Article and photos submitted by Diane Erickson, President Millbury Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Newton Highlands



The Woman's Club of Newton Highlands members decorated and were busy getting ready for Breakfast with Santa. This tradition started in 1984 whereas, the neighborhood school was closed and children went to a regional school. The Clubwomen decided to have Breakfast with Santa to give the neighborhood a chance to meet together. We won an award from GFWCMA for this Community project and have continued every year except for 2020.

The club held Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9 to noon. Parents brought their children and the children received organic apple juice, Cheerios and fresh fruit. They provided coloring pages and holiday theme paper on the table to color. When they were comfortable, they would go up to see Santa and then the parents would take pictures.

Submitted by Bernadette Bennett, President



Grandmother with daughter (who came as a baby with her older brother) and now with daughter.



Clubwomen have completed preparations for Breakfast with Santa.

Hanover Woman’s Club Juniors

Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors program chair Cissie Rogan presents funds collected by the club in baby bottles to Missy Porter, Director and co-founder of Bethesda House. Bethesda House is a safe environment for unwed pregnant women and homeless moms with newborns to stay for up to two years while nurturing their child while working toward a future of self sufficiency. Club members collected a total of \$517. in coins in the baby bottles and donated items of clothing, diapers etc. worth \$200. Missy spoke at a club meeting.

Submitted by Mary Anne Cirino, President



Woman’s Club of Newton Highlands

Barbara Chandra and Mary McElroy on the steps of the Woman’s Club of Newton Highlands Club-house.

Woman’s Club of Newton Highlands had a Welcome Back Potluck Luncheon with 3 guests at our Clubhouse. We had the most delicious salads, hot casseroles, homemade biscuits, and variety of desserts.

On November 16, 2022, GFWCMA First Vice President, Jen Nowak joined us and shared information about "Let's Give Them Something to Talk About".

Submitted by Bernadette Bennett, President





Julia Ward Howe



Julia Ward Howe was the founder of the GFWC Massachusetts Federation. She served as the first President 1893 to 1898. Among her many contributions to American society is her famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and was co-editor and writer for *The Woman's Journal*, which lobbied for suffrage and human rights. Julia traveled the world promoting Women's Rights, Peace, Prison and Education Reform as a preacher, lecturer, and dignitary. She was seen as a bridge between Society and Reform and used her celebrity and social status to further her ideology.

Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining the 1898 Society. Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization, all funds raised contribute to the welfare of this Federation and help to maintain our property and headquarters building. GFWC Massachusetts is a 501(c) organization.

We encourage all members to join each administration and we will celebrate together at the Members Only reception which is held at Annual Convention.

Membership Levels

- **Bronze Membership for \$18.98** - includes attendance to the Members Only Reception in May 2024
- **Silver Membership for \$50** - includes the above plus Raffle Ticket at BoD & State Meetings
- **Gold Membership for \$100** - includes all the above plus GFWC Stainless Wine Tumbler
- **Platinum Membership for \$250** - includes all the above plus GFWC Embroidered Blanket
- **Platinum Plus Membership for \$500** - includes all the above plus a Brick with your Name as a Member of the 1898 Society for the Unity Walkway

Name _____ Level _____

Address _____

Email _____ Date _____

Club Name _____ Amount _____ Venmo or Ck # _____

Venmo or Check payable to GFWC MA with 1898 Society in the memo line. Contact Jen Nowak with questions.

Your contribution to the *1898 Society* is Greatly Appreciated

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts
T Jablanski, President
2022 Club Contribution Form

Club _____

Person Completing Form _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club Contribution Deadline is **December 31, 2022.**

Late donations will be crediting to the following year.

*Send ONE check for the total donations recorded on this page payable to:
GFWC Massachusetts, P.O. Box 679, Sudbury MA 01776-0679*

GFWC Massachusetts State Focus Areas:

- ❖ Headquarters Fund (*upkeep and maintenance*) \$ _____
- ❖ Memorial Forest Fund (*upkeep and maintenance*) \$ _____
- ❖ President's Focus ~ GFWC MA Mental Health Club Grants \$ _____
- ❖ Directors Focus ~ Membership - CPR Grants \$ _____
- ❖ MassSTAR ~ High School Leadership Conference \$ _____
- (Cost to sponsor one student is \$300.00 ~ any donation is appreciated)*
- ❖ Miscellaneous/Other _____ \$ _____

GFWC Massachusetts Scholarships

- ❖ Business Studies Scholarship \$ _____
- ❖ Communications Disorders/Speech Therapy Scholarship \$ _____
- ❖ International Study Abroad Scholarship \$ _____
- ❖ "Nickels for Notes" Scholarship \$ _____
- ❖ "Pennies for Art" Scholarship \$ _____



GFWC Affiliates ~ National Emphasis Areas

- ❖ GFWC Success for Survivor's Scholarship ~ Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention \$ _____
- ❖ Heifer International \$ _____
- ❖ Canine for Companions \$ _____
- ❖ March of Dimes \$ _____
- ❖ Operation Smile \$ _____
- ❖ Hope For Justice \$ _____
- ❖ Shot @ Life (Immunization) \$ _____
- ❖ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital \$ _____
- ❖ UNICEF \$ _____
- ❖ Women's History & Resource Center (WHRC) @ GFWC Headquarters, Washington D.C. \$ _____



KNOW YOUR WORTH!

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022 (check amount) \$ _____

If you have any questions, please contact:
GFWC MA Treasurer, Katie Robey: Treasurer@gfwcma.org | 508-561-4898

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thank you for all the ways you support your Federation.



General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts Junior Membership – DONATION FORM



Please send **ONE** check made payable to: **GFWC of MA Junior Membership**
Mail to: Elizabeth Young, 593 Stow Road, Marlborough, MA 01752

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: December 31, 2022.

Late donations will be credited to the following year.

Club Name: _____ Treasurer's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Report In</i>	<i>Amount</i>
GFWC Emphasis Areas		
GFWC Signature Program - Success for Survivors Scholarship	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention	
Women's History and Resource Center	WHRC	
GFWC Affiliates	For abv. see below*	
Canine Companions for Independence	AC, CEO, HW	
Heifer International	AC, CEO, EL, E, HW	
March of Dimes	AC, AfC, CEO, HW	
Operation Smile	AC, AfC, CEO, EL, HW	
Hope for Justice	DVSAAP	
Shot@Life	AfC, EL, CEO, HW	
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	AC, AfC, CEO, EL, HW	
US Fund for UNICEF	AC, AfC, CEO, EL, E, HW	
Contributions ~ MA Junior Membership		
Ricky Gomes Memorial Scholarship (2 Scholarships; 1 for clubwoman and 1 for child of a clubwoman)	Education & Libraries	
Marta L. DiBenedetto Fund	Membership	
Director's Focus Area – Future Membership/CPR Grants	Membership	
Contributions ~ GFWC MA		
Headquarters Fund (Upkeep & maintenance fund)	Membership	
MassSTAR (High School leadership conference)	Education & Libraries	
Memorial Forest Fund (Upkeep & maintain grounds)	Environment	
President's Focus Project – Mental Health Club Grants	Health and Wellness	
Scholarships ~ funded solely through club contributions:		
Business Studies	Education & Libraries	
Communication Disorders/Speech Therapy	Education & Libraries	
International Study Abroad	Education & Libraries	
Nickels for Notes	Education & Libraries	
Pennies for Art	Education & Libraries	
Total Contributions for 2022		
*You chose where to report, these are suggestions from GFWC Manual– Arts & Culture (AC), Advocates for Children (AfC), Civic Engagement & Outreach (CEO), Education & Libraries (EL), Environment (E), Health & Wellness (HW)		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 7	GFWC Holiday Reception - GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC
Dec 31	Club Dues are due
Dec 31	End of Year Contributions are due
2023	
Jan 7	Executive Committee - Holiday Meeting
Jan 11	Junior Executive Board Meeting
Jan 22	Junior Reports Due
Jan 31	Statistical Forms & Project Reports due
Feb 1	LEADS Applications due
Feb 11	Board of Directors -- Sudbury Headquarters
Feb 15	Writing Contest Entries due to State Chairman
Feb	Junior Executive Board Report Writing Workshop via Zoom
Mar	Executive Committee Meeting (TBD)
Mar 1	DEADLINE for Scholarship Applications, Photography Contest & Junior Contests

