



Club Connections

With GFWC of Massachusetts State President

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Please share these
Opportunities with
your members:

Sat. October 20
Junior Fall Conference
K of C, Westborough

Sat. October 27
GFWC MA Fall Meeting
Courtyard Marriott
Marlboro

Thurs. Dec. 6
Club Institute
Holiday at Your
Federation Headquarters

May 4-5, 2019
Annual Meeting
Courtyard Marriott
Marlborough

Federation Greetings...

as signs of fall begin to arrive. And with September your State President along with the officers has been busy on your behalf. Last week Meetings Chairman Sandy Higgins and I finalized details with Courtyard Marriott for **Fall Meeting**, and I joined the members of the new **Headquarters Commission** under Chairman Martha Scarsdale to review the needs of our Sudbury property. GFWC of Massachusetts **Headquarters** is a busy place, with meetings of the Executive Board, Club Institute and Junior Executive Board using the facility as well as clubs. Our **Headquarters Secretary** Diane McCurley works 3 days a week in the office there as well. Keep Headquarters in mind when reviewing club contributions- everything from paving to parking to plowing is part of the business of federation- yours and mine☺

Ready-set-go! I asked and you responded. Invitations to clubs around the state came quickly last month. This week I joined the **Woman's Club of Brockton**, where I picked up several bags of books for More Than Words (*thank you!*) and was guest of the **GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors** where I helped assemble "Thank you!" mints to be delivered to first responders in honor of 9-11. Tomorrow I'm headed to the **Ousamequin Club Tea in Bridgewater**, and on Thursday Donna Shibley and Diane McCurley will join me in **Great Barrington** for a lovely luncheon with the **Thursday Morning Club**. It's a privilege to see the strength of our federation up close and personal. Keep the invitations coming!

Lynne

21 Clubs ~ Over 4,000 Books!
And we're just getting started!

Do you have members who are moving or downsizing? Would your book club donate books to **More Than Words**? There are so many ways you can help source books for the **President's Project**. Chairman Lucille Barton has received Book Donation Cards from 21 clubs just since May- *applause and thank you!* I know we are **Stronger** when we combine our energies **Together** behind one cause. Contact Lucille with any questions at jeblab@beld.net.

Club Manuals were distributed at September Board. District Directors should be delivering them at Roundtables, I will bring some to clubs I am visiting, and others will be mailed. Please contact Headquarters if you do not receive your **Club Manual** and Directory. (978-443-4569)

Manuals

Looking ahead...

GFWC New England Region Conference- Sunday River Resort, Newry, Maine- Do you have club members attending Region conference September 28-30? Please make sure to let me know their names and email so that I can provide them with the details of the President's Welcome and Wine Reception planned for Friday 5:30-6:30pm.

Domestic Violence Club grants. We want to help you help victims in your own communities. The Deadline for grant applications (up to \$500) is around the corner- October 15th.

Go to www.gfwcma.org (bottom of the homepage) to find the GFWC of MA **Grant Application** and get started now to investigate the needs in your area. You can find your local domestic violence shelter by going to the "Search Programs Directory" at http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/search



**The first club grants will be awarded at Fall Meeting October 27
in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**



Focus Project for 2018- 2020

What would you give for your right to vote?

Watch for the **Call to Fall Meeting** encouraging members to come and hear plans for building the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Washington. **The 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment is around the corner- in 2020- and GFWC Massachusetts will help with a donation to this important site.** Club donations are encouraged and individual donations are welcome.

Ladies, how can we not?

Visit their website and share information about this historic project with your club members.

<https://suffragistmemorial.org/>

Help Wanted

Chairmen needed:

Home Life

Topics Newsletter

Editor

**Community
Improvement**

Contest

**Email Lynne at
Lynne@stader.org**

We'd love to have
you on the state
Executive Board

Club Leader's Day Recap

Thank you to all the club members who attended Leaders Day in August. We hope the materials and presentations help you have your most successful club year yet. Share contest forms and scholarship information and other packet materials with your local schools and your members.

If you have not yet received your club packet
contact Headquarters (978-443-4569)