



Club Connections

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Winter Greetings...

January 2019

We are already well into the new year, aren't we? The holidays provided opportunities to see our clubwomen in action. Several officers and the Director of Junior Clubs attended the Holiday House Tour sponsored by **Needham Women's Club**. President's Project Chairman Lucille Barton and I were guests at the **Westborough Women's Club** where we picked up 430 books for More Than Words! **Boston Parliamentary Law Club** had a lovely luncheon, lesson and auction of handmade items. Thank you to **Thursday Morning Club** for 300+ books I received today along with an original painting for the Teal and Purple Creativity contest. Thank you to **Hopkinton Women's Club** for their February invitation. Can I join you soon? Check your programming. Meanwhile mark your **2019 calendars** with the events listed below. We want to see you there! Annual Meeting will be here before we know it and I am getting excited. **Gabby Taveras, Miss Massachusetts 2018** will share her own story of survival at the Teal and Purple Awareness Brunch on Sunday. Stay tuned!

Lynne

Members have mobilized to collect over 11,000 books!

MORE THAN WORDS

New! GFWC Massachusetts Partners with Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition



The **Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts (WSCC)** is dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the upcoming 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote. The WSCC presents events and activities that highlight the history of the women's suffrage movement and fight for women's rights. GFWC MA is proud to accept the invitation to partner with the WSCC, sharing the mission of educating others about the significance of this anniversary in 2020. Visit the WSCC website to learn more about their scheduled events.

<http://suffrage100ma.org/who-we-are/wsc-mission-goals-and-board/>

Mark Your Calendars

At Sudbury Headquarters

Club Institute

Thurs. March 7

Bingo Fundraiser

Sun. March 10 1:00- 3:00

SAVERS Fundraiser

Sat. April 20

At Courtyard - Marlboro

Annual Meeting

May 4-5, 2019



Looking for a speaker? MassSTAR has new development directors who would love to visit clubs and thank you for your support. Contact **Nicole Kamal** or **Adrian Petrou** directly to schedule an event: nicole.kamal@massyouthleadership.org and adrian.petrou@massyouthleadership.org



GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar- LEADS

Nominations are Due February 1st. Every club has a member who would be a great candidate for this seminar. LEADS candidates attend the leadership seminar at GFWC Convention- *another benefit of belonging*- and receive tips on organization, public speaking, GFWC history and more.

Financial stipends are given at the state and national level to defray costs of attending. Each year our state LEADS graduate returns from Convention with new confidence to serve in leadership positions at the club level and beyond. Full information found at GFWC.org. The nomination information was recently emailed to club presidents. See <https://www.gfwcma.org/uploads/1/2/9/6/12968947/leads.pdf>

Help Build a National Landmark!

Can you Give \$20 by 2020?

Women's suffrage may not have become a reality without the historic support of GFWC.

We are almost there- meeting our goal to raise \$1000 needed to put **GFWC Massachusetts** on the Donor Wall at this historic sight being built outside of Washington, D.C. Clubs and individuals can donate using the **Turning Point Donation Form** available at www.gfwcma.org .



Arts Community Service Program: Teal and Purple Creativity Contest

The buzz is growing about this new Creativity Contest! Creative clubwomen have been making jewelry, original paintings, wall hangings, pillows, quilting and more. Not too late to start 😊 Items are due to Headquarters by **March 15- just around the corner, yes?** I hope every club has an entry to support GFWC MA Domestic Violence Club Grants in this unique way. Items will be raffled at Annual Meeting and prizes given. There are creative members in every

club 😊 Download the Entry Form <https://www.gfwcma.org/uploads/1/2/9/6/12968947/tealandpruplecontest.pdf>

What else can you find at gfwcma.org?

Are you using your state federation website? Many resources are right at your fingertips.

Here is a clip found under "Members" in "Forms." **What do you need?**

Click [here](#) for the GFWC of Massachusetts **Statistical Form for reports.** *Please report- Due January 31st.*

Click [here](#) for the **Clubwoman Magazine** subscription form. *Do you subscribe? Only \$12*

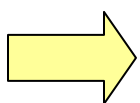
Click [here](#) for the 2018 **Contribution Form** *Support MassSTAR, scholarships, and more. (Due Dec. 31)*

Click [here](#) for the **Club Participation Awards Form** *An easy checklist- send yours by January 31st.*

Click [here](#) for the **LEADS Application.** *Deadline to nominate a clubmember is February 1.*

Click [here](#) for the rules for the GFWC of MA **Clubwoman of the Year Award** *Nominations by April 1.*

Click [here](#) for the **Julia Ward Howe Club Presidents Award Form** *Nominate your club president by April 1.*



Thank you for sending your annual club dues. GFWC MA dues support the federation budget which includes a part-time Headquarters Secretary in Sudbury, paying utility bills and plowing expenses. Dues to GFWC are forwarded to Washington, D.C. each year in February.

GFWC has a limited number of paid staff who- along with GFWC volunteers- do a terrific job planning GFWC events, connecting our members to legislative alerts, maintaining the Women's History and Resource Center, and so much more. Meet the GFWC staff. <https://www.gfwc.org/who-we-are/staff/>