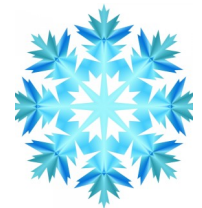


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Federation TOPICS

A newsletter for Clubwomen



Editor: Darlene Coutu

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Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Grant Club Recipients

On January 22, 2022, at the GFWCMA Combined Midwinter Meeting (FLANNEL and FROST), Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman, Bernadette Bennett presented \$500 grants to each of the following clubs:

Ousamequin Club to benefit Project PACK; Millbury Woman's Club for CASA Worcester; Woman's Club of Newton Highlands helping the Second Step Dedham; Braintree Women's Club providing aid to the Braintree Alliance for Safe and Healthy You (BASHY); Needham Women's Club supporting Public Health Town of Needham; Westborough Women's Club aiding Westborough Connects; GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club sponsoring New Hope Attleboro; GFWC Agawam Junior Woman's Club helping the Western Massachusetts YWCA; and the GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club assisting the Western Massachusetts YWCA. Proceeds for this President's Project came from donations made throughout her administration particularly the "Blue and Yellow" fundraiser held last fall. The fundraiser consisted of items crafted by GFWCMA members that became items in an auction held at Fall Meeting.

Message From President, Donna Shibley



This State President is proud to continue to lead the way with your support ♥ Our volunteering efforts have had many challenges, but we continue using our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** in positive ways to keep our efforts moving and get our volunteering back in motion.

Feel free to invite me to a virtual or in person Club Meeting.

See *Tips from the Prez* later on in this edition of TOPICS for ways your club can initiate Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention **Teen Violence Awareness** programs/projects in the month February.

The **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Annual Convention** will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Natick on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 2022. This in person meeting is currently being planned. Do you have a suggestion for a meeting theme?

We've used the following themes so far this administration:

- Combined Fall Meeting 2020: Spirit of Change is in the Air
- Combined Annual Convention 2021: Hearts and Hands Together
- Combined Fall Meeting 2021~ Fall in to Serve Together
- Combined Midwinter 2022: Flannel and Frost

If your theme is picked, you will be awarded free registration for this meeting.

SAVE the DATE:

The **2022 GFWC Annual Convention: *Catch the Volunteer Spirit and Let the Good Times Roll***, will be held at the Hilton New Orleans, Louisiana from Saturday, June 25-28

Our last GFWC Massachusetts **Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on Saturday, March 19 in person at our HQ in Sudbury. This Board kept the schedule of meeting four times a year. Thank you to all who serve GFWC MA in that capacity.

Have you as a Club President or club leader participated in one of the **Heart to Heart** talks via Zoom? We've had eighteen chats so far. These informal Zoom talks are meant to help us stay connected and sometimes we have special guests. Watch for an email the first Sunday of the month for the invite to:

Wednesday, February 2 (special guest announced in the January The BEAT of the Federation.

Monday, March 7

Tuesday, April 5 ~ our last chat.

Hope to see you there.

The monthly President's newsletter **The BEAT of the Federation** is delivered via email to Club Presidents and Board of Directors members. Please continue to share with your club members. It includes timely topics of interest, save the dates, happenings across the state, and updates from your State President.

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“Champions keep playing until they get it right.”

Billie Jean King

President's Message *continued from page 2*

VENDOR EVENT and TAG SALE coming to GFWC MA HQ

On June 11, 2022 GFWC MA will be holding a large vendor event and tag sale on our property.

Want to help? You can be on the organizing committee. Contact Donna if you are interested.

Who can sell? Any GFWC MA club can ask for an 8' X 8' space, no fee. Anyone can reserve a space for a donation fee of \$35.00.

What can you sell? Vendors can sell their products. Crafters can sell their products. Proceeds to benefit the **Pave the Way to Headquarters** fund for our new driveway.

DUE DATES:

Club Participation Form ~ due January 31, 2022 ~ to be eligible to receive awards

GFWC Massachusetts Clubwoman of the Year ~ due April 1, 2022 ~ to honor a clubwoman

Julia Ward Howe Club President's Award ~ due April 1, 2022 ~ a Club VP fills out to honor a Club President

I hope your winter is not too harsh, and is filled with hot cocoa, cozy blankets and lots of stress relief. Take time for yourself, for your health and wellbeing. We need YOU! I appreciate every one of our clubmembers. Your passion and commitment to making this world a better place - one project, one donation, one helping hand, one heartfelt action at a time is valued.

Have a success story to tell?

Email PR@GFWC.org to have your club project considered for the GFWC Blog!

President's 30-week NEW Beginning Challenge:

EXPRESS ~ EXPLORE ~ EXPAND ~ and so much more

September 8, 2021 ~ April 6, 2022

The goal is to try something NEW each week. Trying new activities opens your horizon, pushes you a little bit out of your comfort zone and you might just find a new activity, hobby, or craft you would like to get to know a little better while investing in YOU♥ You have all week to complete each challenge. If you are new to the challenge ~ Google instructions as necessary and have fun trying it out. If you have tried the activity before ~ try it again, only this time, add more zest.

Good luck and have fun learning something new♥

January 26 ~ Make or buy a meal for someone

February 2 ~ Read a poem (or 20 by Maya Angelou)

February 9 ~ Make and send a homemade Valentine out

February 16 ~ Make an origami animal



“Only those
who care to
fail greatly
can ever
achieve
greatly”

*Robert F.
Kennedy*

Director of Junior Membership, Katie Robey



A new year is here, and I'm reminded of the song "Feeling Good: by Nina Simone -- It's a new dawn, It's a new day, It's a new life for me." While not quite a new life, this new year does mean both an end and a new beginning for me. In a few months, my time as GFWC Massachusetts Director of Junior Clubs will end and I will hand the Junior Membership gavel to Marisa Jablanski as she is installed as GFWC MA Director of Junior Clubs. I know Marisa is ready to take on this role after attending the Orientation for the 2022-2024 GFWC Board of Directors. I also attended this Orientation where my new beginning will include being a member of the 2022-2024 GFWC Fundraising and Development Committee.

As I write this column, I know Junior Membership clubs are busy writing their reports and emailing them so they can be distributed to the Junior chairmen for review. I look forward to reading those reports describing how, regardless of the impact of the pandemic, you have all been honoring the Junior Pledge "living each day, trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist." I look forward to celebrating your successes at the upcoming GFWC MA Combined Annual Meeting.

At the recent GFWC MA Combined Midwinter Meeting, this Director described how for Junior Membership, this meeting begins anew a Midwinter (January) Meeting held in the even-year of each administration. A proposed Bylaw change to have a single Secretary as an officer of Junior Business was on the agenda and the vote carried with a proviso that the change would not take place until after the GFWC MA Annual Meeting 2022. The slate of officers for the next administration was announced: Elizabeth (Beth) McKeon (GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club) Assistant Director; Sarah Sargent (GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club) Recording Secretary; No Nominee Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Young (GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club) Treasurer. Congratulations are extended to all the nominees who met the challenge of Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, to "Stick Your Neck Out."

So, I end this with some words from another song, "Circle of Life"

It's the circle of life
And it moves us all
Through despair and hope
Through faith and love
'Til we find our place
On the path unwinding
In the circle
The circle of life

In Junior Friendship,

Katie Robey
GFWC Massachusetts Director of Junior Clubs 2020-2022

"Success is
liking
yourself,
liking what
you do,
and liking
how you do
it."

*Maya
Angelou*



Message From President-elect, T Jablanski
Where will you be in 2023?

How about joining US and the 2022-2024 GFWC Massachusetts board? Be brave! Try something new! Environment? Legislation & Public Policy or Civic Engagement your thing? How about Music or our Federation History? Perhaps it's Health & Wellness. We NEED you and have positions available. Contact T for more details and interest forms. tjablanski@gmail.com



What's coming up in 2022:

GFWC will be using the full name of our Community Service Programs (CSP), Special Programs (SP) and Advancement Plans from now on. This will help communities know what we are referring to when we talk about our volunteer work categories.



2022-2024 Nominees

“It’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up.”

Vince Lombardi

Be sure to sign up for the Legislative Action Center

Sign up and keep abreast of legislation on affecting issues or find your representatives and their contact info from the national level to the local level. On the GFWC MA website homepage click on the scroll bar Take Action on Legislation ~ then Join Now (Join the Legislative Action Center) the link to sign up.

*****CHALLENGE*****

The GFWC Legislation Public Policy Committee has a Challenge for all States and Regions to increase their percentage of members who are signed up for the Legislative Action Center. Our state standing as of June 16:

Massachusetts is at 9% of our total membership number. GFWC Massachusetts has a GREAT chance at winning this challenge if we get our members to sign up.

Contact Martha Casassa and learn how to sign up: labmom416@gmail.com

Tips from the Prez ~

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



The theme for TDVAM 2022 is “Talk About It”. Talk About It is a call to action for young people and those who support them to engage in meaningful conversations about healthy relationships and navigate what may be unhealthy or even abusive relationships. The GFWC Signature Program Committee is encouraging our clubs to visit: <https://www.loveisrespect.org/> for more information.

The awareness color for teen dating violence is **Orange**. Please wear Orange and encourage as many people as you can to wear something orange in honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and to promote respect and healthy relationships!

TDV includes four types of behavior:

- Physical violence
- Sexual violence
- Psychological
- Stalking

Teen dating violence, also referred to as “dating violence”, can take place in person or electronically, such as repeated texting or posting sexual pictures of a partner online without consent. Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Teens often think some behaviors, like teasing and name-calling, are a “normal” part of a relationship. But these behaviors can become abusive and develop into serious forms of violence. However, many teens do not report unhealthy behaviors because they are afraid to tell family and friends.

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy.”

Dalai Lama

Is your Club sponsoring a **Teen Dating Violence Forum** at your local high school?

GFWC Massachusetts Scholarships

Lucille Barton, Chairman

The stress of searching for financial aid is overwhelming for parents and students. Please remind your membership that the GFWCMA Scholarships are available to Massachusetts residents and awarded to High School, Undergraduate and Graduate students. Applicants do not need to belong to the GFWCMA, they just need to go to our website (www.gfwcma.org) and apply. At the present time we offer the following scholarships: **Nickels for Notes Music Scholarship, Music Scholarship for Undergraduate in Voice, Boston City Federation Scholarship for women returning to college, Catherine Philbin Scholarship for study in Public Health, Communication Disorder/Speech Therapy, Education-Teaching Scholarship, International Study Abroad Scholarship, Women’s Italian Club of Boston Scholarships, Julia Ward Howe Scholarship in Political Science, and a Business Scholarship.** This year **the Pennies for Art Scholarship** has been updated and revised. In addition to the Traditional Art Portfolio, applicants may submit a Digital Arts Version Portfolio for those whose interests are in Media Arts. Deadline for all applications is March 1, 2022.

For further information contact Lucille Barton, Scholarship Chairman at Scholarships@gfwcma.org



Memorial Education Scholarships

Lynne Stader, Chairman

Memorial Education Scholarships: Applications are due March 1st!

PUBLIC HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH and PUBLIC HEALTH are continuing as the focus areas for the GFWC MA Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies 2022. But LOOK a little closer!



Do you know anyone doing post-graduate work in Environmental Health? Epidemiology or Nutrition? Biostatistics and Analysis or Public Health Administration? Maybe School Counselor? A Clinical Social Worker, Family Therapist, or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner?

Many career paths fall under the umbrellas of Public Health and Mental Health, and we want to support bright, dynamic young women who are making a difference in these fields.

Memorial Education scholarships are awards of \$3000 available to women with Massachusetts residency. The application can be downloaded from the website at Memorial Edu Ap (gfwcma.org)

Scholarships are major to our mission as clubwomen. Please help spread the word about the GFWC MA scholarship opportunities and the application deadline: March 1, 2022. Announce this at your next club meeting. Put notices in your club newsletters and on your club Facebook page. Tell your family and your neighbors! The scholarship selection committee hopes to have many qualified applicants to review in March.

2022 COMBINED ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 29~30 (notice the date change). This in person meeting is currently being planned to be held at the Courtyard Marriot in Natick. Friday night think *Dress Your Best with tiaras, crowns, and sashes* and Saturday day and evening is all about *Awards and Recognitions*. Junior Fun Night will be Friday night after the dinner. Speaker Susan Howards will share her insights on current Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention issues Saturday morning. Of course, we will be looking forward to the installation of the 2022-2024 Women's Club and Junior Membership administrations on Saturday night. The Save the Date flier will be out soon with more details.



“Your imagination is your preview of life’s coming attractions.”

Albert Einstein

Health & Wellness

Mary Baird, Chairman

“LOVING YOUR HEART”



“Every
moment is a
fresh
beginning.”

T. S. Eliot

Nearly 80% of cardiac events can be prevented, cardiovascular disease continues to be a women’s greatest health threat. Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of 1 in 3 women every day. Did you know stroke is the nation’s number three killer?

Warning Signs & Symptoms of Heart Attack and Stroke

Heart Attack:

1. Pressure, squeezing pain in center of heart
2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back of neck, jaw or stomach
3. Shortness of breath
4. Breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

Signs/Symptoms of Stroke:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
3. Sudden trouble seeing or blurred vision on one or both eyes
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance
5. Sudden severe headache with no know cause

Heart attack and stroke are life-or-death emergencies-every second counts. If you think you or someone you’re with has any symptoms of heart attack or stroke, call **911** immediately.

Don’t Die of Doubt when an emergency strikes, hospitals are still the safest place--even during a pandemic. Calling **911** at the first signs of a heart attack or stroke it’s better to be safe than sorry.

Learn CPR

CPR has changed it’s **Hands-Only** now. It’s easy to learn it can save a life. Most fire stations hold classes, call your local station and sign up. If you think someone is having a stroke, note the time when the first symptoms appeared. A clot-busting drug received within 3-5 hours of the start of symptoms may improve your chances of getting better faster.

HEALTHY EATING

HEALTHY EATING (you might not like my next statement bear with me)

Sometimes it’s not the diet---Sometimes we don’t lose weight because we were never taught how to eat right. There are many good diets available and people do lose weight with them, however, it becomes your lifestyle, meaning don’t stop what works for you.

Learn to add color to your diet. It makes the plate of food enjoyable.
Make cooking fun not a chore.

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Sharpen up your cooking skills take a cooking class or watch the Cooking channel or Pinterest. Eating Smart helps you lose weight and keep it off. Being satisfied with 2-3lbs a month taking it off slowly helps to keep it off.

Healthy Lifestyle also includes:

- A good night's sleep
- Stress management---YOGA/Meditation
- Quit Smoking
- Limiting your alcohol

FITNESS

Walking, joining a gym or the YWCA, get advice from a trainer, take fitness class to strengthen your muscles, YOGA, SPINNING. Don't want to go to a gym at this time then use your phone. There are plenty of fitness apps and do it at home. Almost every city and town has a Senior Center. Please take advantage of the health and exercise class available as well at your YWCA.

Having said that---"**You Need to take control of your life and your body because no one else can do this--only you. Please set aside time everyday to improve your body, your mind and your heart. Guess what your heart will love you because you're loving your heart.**

PETS

Pets and your health they create bonds, make you happy, they are company especially if you live alone, they do silly things, make you smile and can drive you crazy at times. My personal opinion get fish -- they make you smile and don't eat your personal belongings.

REMINDERS

If heart disease runs in your family see a cardiologist and if you have high cholesterol and high blood pressure it's wise to have a consultation to see how often you should have an EKG, stress testing, cardiac USN of heart and arteries.

Wear RED on Friday Feb 5th take a picture and post on Facebook and state "why you are wearing red".

The heart is the vital center and source of one's being, emotions and sensibilities it's the repository of one's deepest and sincerest feelings and beliefs.

IT's called "LOVING YOUR HEART"



"Believe you
can and
you're
halfway
there."

*Theodore
Roosevelt*



1898 Society

- Become a **Bronze Member** for \$18.98 which includes attendance to the Members Only Reception in May 2022
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- Become a **Platinum Member** for \$250.00 which includes all the above plus GFWC Embroidered Blanket
- Become a **Platinum Plus Member** which includes all the above plus a Brick with your Name as a Member of the **1898 Society** for the Unity Walkway.

All proceeds support GFWC MA. Please use the membership application on page 16.

Chickadee Shirts

\$20 each. All proceeds support GFWC MA.

Other items for sale

Contact Donna Shibley for colors and choices

Tissue pack holders \$4.00 each or 3/\$10.00 this would be a fun stocking stuffer, or a small gift for someone special.

Pup Bandanas - \$10.00 each for the fashionable pup or 3/\$20.00. XS, S, M, L, XL

NEW ADDRESS for March of Dimes Blankets:

Please send your blankets and hats to:
 March of Dimes Fulfillment Center
 Attn: GFWC (+Club Name)
 930 Markeeta Spur Road, Bldg 2, Suite 1
 Moody, AL 35004

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

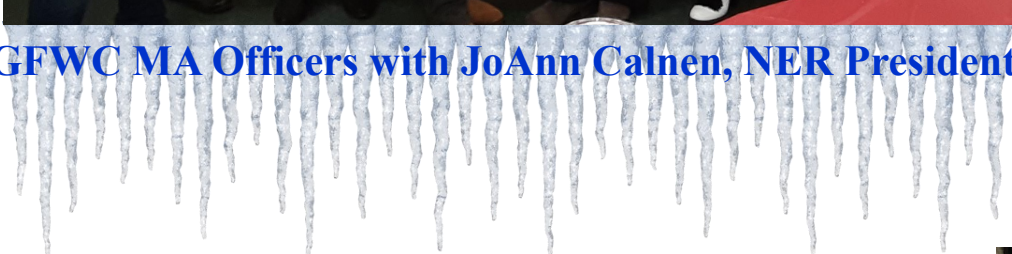
Anne Frank

GFWC MA Combined Midwinter Meeting

FLANNEL AND FROST



GFWC MA Officers with JoAnn Calnen, NER President



Membership/Leadership Winter Carnival Team Awards





Boston Parliamentary Law Club

The GFWC Boston Parliamentary Law Club members provided holiday gift bags for the clients of RIA House (Ready, Inspire, Act) in Framingham. BPL Members purchased items and filled forty gift bags. Each bag included a pair of gloves, a hat, two pairs of socks, chocolate gifts, and a calendar. Forty gift bags were delivered to the Framingham house where grateful recipients accepted and appreciated the donations.

Braintree Women's Club

At the Braintree Women's Club November meeting the coordinators of the BASHY, Braintree Alliance for Safe and Healthy Youth program were invited to educate the members on their services provided to Braintree students. Bashy's mission is to provide a community wide effort to support both school and community programs and projects which promote comprehensive school health and human services including health education, tobacco, alcohol and other prevention, a safe and healthy environment, nutrition and wellness. Their programs included addressing issues of Domestic Violence, especially Teen Dating Abuse.

We listened with special attention to the information provided by The Director of Nursing Services, Kristin Houlihan. In May of 2018 our ladies had the pleasure of awarding Kristin our Women Helping Women Scholarship for \$1000. This is an annual scholarship given to a local woman who is returning to school to advance her employment opportunities. That particular year, despite all efforts to promote the award there were no applicants as we approached the application deadline. The club then decided to redirect the money towards increasing the high school scholarships. Two days before the meeting when members were to vote to approve this decision, I received an application from Kristin. She was a nurse in the Quincy school system, a single mom, with two children in college and her goal was to gain the certifications she needed to advance in her field of School Nursing, especially as it pertained to Teen Health and Wellness. A more worthy candidate there couldn't have been. The vote to increase the high school scholarships was not presented for vote but replaced with approving the Women Helping Women scholarship. With heartfelt appreciation Kristin accepted our scholarship presented to her at our Annual Meeting Banquet and used it to propel herself towards her goal.

At that November Meeting the Braintree Women's Club saw the fruits of its commitment to community service and could not have been any prouder to greet the Braintree School System's Nursing Services Director, Kristin Houlihan.

Terry Rouvalis
 Veteran's Committee Chairman
 Braintree Women's Club
 Recording Secretary GFWC MA



Dennis Yarmouth Women's Club Community Giving

Kathy Kurniawan, Community Improvement Chairman with a car load of donations during the club "drive through" donation site.

The Dennis-Yarmouth Women's Club continued the annual holiday giving to several charities. Though the club was not meeting in person they held several "drive through" donation days. Members came and dropped off all their donations for the various partner organizations they support. The club members donated 72 pajamas for A Baby Center. This support helped the center give each family a new pair for

each child. In addition, Safe Harbor received \$850 in gift cards. The Salvation Army distributed \$350 in gift cards to their teen program. As part of their annual support both Housing Assistance Corporations and the Needy Fund received a \$100 donation.

In support of local veterans club members donated \$100 of new kitchen utensils and \$750 in grocery gift cards to the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach, Inc. The donations will support veterans moving into living quarters and at their food pantry.

The club is twenty-seven years old and provides an environment of friendship and service to support the educational, cultural, environmental and human need of our community.



Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors

Elaine Backer Scholarship Chairman with the clubs scholarship recipients and their parents. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded.

Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors
enjoy a Soup and Chili Cook-Off.



Millbury Women's Club



Veterans & Active Military Donations

Marguerite Duncan; 2nd VP, Diane Erickson, President; and Diane Hill, Veterans Chairman.

Donations amounting to \$832 in food items collected from members for the Veterans and Active Servicemen and \$760 in gift cards for the USO Pantry at the Westover Air Force Base which is used by active members on the base.

Annual Fundraiser

The Annual Fundraiser was held at the Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post 3339 on November 5th. The Raffle, Food and table Decoration Committees outdid themselves and a great time was had by all who attended.



Diane Erickson with Ventriloquist Devin Driscoll and Friends



MWC Fundraiser Raffle Committee



MWC Centerpiece Committee

GFWC Massachusetts President's 30-week NEW Beginnings Challenge
September 8, 2021 ~ April 6, 2022

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Week of	Activity	What You Did
September 8	Purge 10 items from your closet - donate	
September 15	Try a new recipe or use a new ingredient	
September 29	Use pencil, draw a cartoon character, share	
October 6	Find something from nature to craft with	
October 13	Take a 30-minute walk/hike	
October 20	No TV day	
October 27	Read a book to a child	
November 3	Shut your phone off for one day	
November 10	Free choice	
November 17	Sit outside/watch the clouds for 10 minutes	
November 24	Learn a new dance, show someone	
December 1	Cook green, white and yellow vegetables	
December 8	Clean that one drawer	
December 15	Donate money to a cause	
December 22	Sing a holiday song in a public place	
HALF WAY DONE		
December 29	Recycle/reuse something from your trash	
January 5	Paint a watercolor picture, share it	
January 12	Play a childhood game (jacks, pick-up sticks)	
January 19	Free choice	
January 26	Make/buy a meal for someone	
February 2	Read a poem (or two) by Maya Angelou	
February 9	Send a homemade Valentine's card out	
February 16	Make an origami animal	
February 23	Tell a friend why you are grateful for them	
March 2	Make green eggs and ham	
March 9	Make a pot of soup	
March 16	Try a different exercise routine	
March 23	Meditate for 10 minutes	
March 30	Learn a new solitaire card game	
April 6	Plant some things in a garden	
/ 30	Number of activities completed	

Return this paper postmarked by April 11, 2021 to:
 Donna Shibley, 55 Rowley Street Agawam, MA 01001
 Feel free to reflect on your experience on the back of this chart.

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal

Every purchase of premium nuts, gourmet confections, and Sweet & savory snack mixes benefits our cause.



Terri Lynn offers an incredible assortment of premier products not available in retail stores--there's something for everyone!

 **SHOP TO SUPPORT US NOW!**

<https://gfwc-massachusetts.terri Lynn.com>



Fundraising Webstore
Supported by Terri Lynn



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 year 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 2022
- **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
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- **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 Mary Ann Pierce with questions.

Your contribution to the *1898 Society* is Greatly Appreciated

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 31 Women's Club's Statistical Forms and Project Reports are due (award bowls)
- Feb 1 LEADS Applications due
- Feb 2 Junior Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 1 GFWC MA Scholarship Applications due
- Mar 1 Junior Membership Contests due
- Mar 9 GFWC Women's History Celebration, GFWC HQ, Washington DC
- Mar 19 Board of Directors Meeting - social 9:30am, start time 10:00am at HQ
- Apr 1 Clubwoman Award and Julia Ward Howe Presidents Award due
- Apr 2 Executive Committee Meeting - social 9:30, start time 10:00am at HQ
- Apr 6 Junior Executive Board Meeting
- Apr 23 Reflection & Recognition of 2020-2022 Administration
- Apr 24 GFWC Federation Day
- Apr 24-30 GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
- Apr 29 Fun Night and 1898 Society Reception
- Apr 29-30 Combined Annual Convention & Installation of 2022-2024 Officers (details TBD)
- May 21 Day at the Forest
- June 11 Tag Sale at HQ
- June 24-28 GFWC Convention - Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA
- Sept 23-25 New England Region Conference - Warwick, RI

HAPPY NEW YEAR!