

January 29, 2024  
From President T Jablanski

Dear Club Presidents,  
I hope this message finds you all doing well! I wanted to take a moment to discuss the registration process with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's (AG) office for public charities. Many of you have been in touch regarding this matter, and I apologize for any inconvenience caused.



### Final Club Charity Registration Certificates

I wanted to inform you that our accountants have been working diligently with the AG office to file your club's registration. However, due to the high volume of applications, the AG office is currently experiencing a backlog of 8-12 weeks.

In the next few days, your club's designated contact person will receive an email from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts "public charities DO NO REPLY." Please remember to check your spam folders, just in case the email ends up there by mistake. If you cannot locate the email, you can right-click on the following link and select "open link" to check if your club has already been registered: <https://masscharities.my.site.com/FilingSearch/s/>

Additionally, I wanted to remind you about the importance of the **Certificate of Solicitation**. Each club is required to have this certificate and renew it annually. If you have already received your certificate, **kindly send a copy to our headquarters:**

GFWCMA

245 Dutton Rd. Sudbury, MA 01776

Here is a sample of the Certificate of Solicitation



### State Club Forms & Reports

I also wanted to extend our gratitude to those clubs that have already submitted your forms and reports. Thank you for promptly meeting the January 31 deadline. If you haven't yet submitted your clubs **Club Statistical Form**, **Projects Report**, or **Club Participation Award Bowl entry**, please make sure to do so.

There are a few upcoming deadlines that I wanted to bring to your attention as well. **The Writing Contest** submissions are due by **February 15**, and should be sent to: **Donna Canavan** at [donnacan715@aol.com](mailto:donnacan715@aol.com).

**The Clubwoman of the Year** and the **Julia Ward Howe Club President's Award** nominations are both due on **April 1**. These awards are a **fantastic way** to recognize deserving members and presidents, respectively.

Lastly, I wanted to inform you that February will be a busy month for this state president, your state director of junior clubs, officers, and chairpersons. We will be preparing our national reports to highlight your outstanding volunteer work, generosity, and dedication. We are **incredibly proud** of your accomplishments here in Massachusetts and eagerly look forward to celebrating them at the national convention in Chicago.

Thank you all for your attention to these matters, and please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Take care and stay warm.

Peace,

T Jablanski

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