



# The BEAT of the Federation

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **Help Wanted:**

We have some  
Chairmen openings:  
**Environment,**  
**Communications and**  
**Public Relations,** and  
**Fundraising Committee**  
Email President Shibley  
if you are interested.  
We'd love to have  
you join the Board of  
Directors.

## **President's message:**

December is all about giving. Have you embraced the spirit of giving? Whether it is a small monetary donation, a hands-on project, or a large organized fundraiser for a special cause your efforts are appreciated. By giving with your **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** you can and will make a difference. I am giving you a wish for a wonderful holiday and a joyous new year. Thank you for all you do. See you in 2022 ❤️



## **GFWC MA Domestic Violence Grant Application:**

Please consider applying. Deadline is January 10, 2022

## **GFWC Massachusetts LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) application:**

Consider applying for the class of 2022? Applications are due February 1, 2022, to GFWC MA HQ by mail or email.

## **GFWC MA Website ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/>**

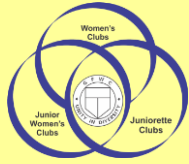
Keep within easy access. Don't forget to send us any upcoming Club Events to be included on the Club Events page.

## **GFWC MA Combined Midwinter Meeting:**

The **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Midwinter Meeting: Flannel and Frost** will be held at the John Boyle O'Reilly Hall, 17 Willow Street in Westborough on **Saturday, January 22, 2022.**

The CALL was sent out and it attached again. Highlights will include:

- ♥ Special guest, JoAnn Calnen, GFWC New England President
- ♥ Speaker Susan Howards, Criminal defense attorney with a focus on family violence including domestic violence, restraining orders, abuse and discrimination.
- ♥ Business: Bylaws up for approval, Report of the Nominating Committee, one club anniversary to announce
- ♥ Awarding of Domestic Violence grants
- ♥ Attendees will participate in fun Membership/Leadership mixer activities to share with your clubmembers.
- ♥ Please consider donating to CASA Worcester through the Amazon link ~[Amazon Custom Gift List](#) ~ shop, check out, click on the CASA address, write in Gift Message: donation for **GFWC MA and your club name**, and then purchase
- ♥ Bring a basket for the Winter Carnival theme raffle.
- ♥ **Do you have a comfy flannel shirt to wear that day?**



**For Sale:**

Support the Massachusetts President's focus area: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



Purchase a heart diversity pin for \$5.00 or a heart/hand bracelet for \$20.00 Also offered are 20 handmade cards with a special card for \$15.00. All proceeds support club DV/SA A&P grants open to ALL clubs. Contact Bernadette Bennett for your purchases: [bbennett@bu.edu](mailto:bbennett@bu.edu)

**Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining The 1898 Society.**

Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization. Look for the updated flier listing the gifts you receive for your yearly donations.

\$18.89 ~ attendance at 2022 Annual Convention event

\$50.00 ~ the above and entry into all BoD and State Meeting 1898 Society raffles

\$100.00 ~ above & a stainless wine mug

\$250.00 ~ above & a GFWC embroidered blanket

\$500.00 ~ above & a brick for the Unity Walkway as an 1898 Society member

This promises to be another jam packed, socially responsible meeting for our members.

Don't forget to book your Friday night hotel room at the Doubletree by Hilton in Westborough if you plan on staying over! Register for our special rate of \$129.00 (plus taxes) which closes January 11, 2021.

**GFWC:**

Please share the **GFWC Clubwoman Magazine** with your clubmembers that was sent to you in the 12/19 email.

Hope you signed up for the **Holiday at Headquarters Tour** ~ this is a wonderful opportunity to "see" our Headquarters at no expense to you. Register through the GFWC Member Portal.

**GFWC MA Yearbooks are needed:**

GFWC Massachusetts will be creating a master list of all Massachusetts clubmembers. Please send one copy of your most recent club yearbook to GFWC MA HQ. If your club does not produce a yearbook a list of club officers, club members with addresses and phone numbers is needed. This information WILL NOT BE SHARED with any outside sources. It will be a great way to get an accurate accounting of all MA clubwomen.

**GFWC MA Usborne Books and More FUNdrasier:**

This shopping experience closed with a profit of \$120 in free books and this President added to that total with \$84 of half price books – books were donated to children at the Western Massachusetts YWCA shelter.

**Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:**

There will be an email invite coming to Club Presidents and to anyone else interested to join this State President on Monday night, **January 4 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. The topic will be a tutorial on How to Navigate the GFWC and GFWC MA websites. This is not just for Club Presidents ~ All are welcome ~ Please attend ♥

**GFWC MA Interactive Zoom Reporting Workshop:**

Join GFWC Massachusetts Report Writing Chairman Jen Nowak on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 to answer all your report writing questions. Navigating our new reporting format will be on the agenda.

**Publicity:** Do you have club news to share with GFWC? Pictures tell a story. Email [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org) to be considered for GFWC's Blog. Share upcoming club projects with **GFWC MA** to be including on our website. We want to hear from YOU!

**Members: Flier and Forms on the website for you as State President:**

2021 Club Contribution Form (due 12.31.2021) attached

2021 Club Participation Awards Form (due 1.31.2022)

GFWC Massachusetts Appointments Interest Survey for the 2022-2024 Administration (ongoing)

Buy A-Brick Order Form (ongoing)

**GFWC MA FaceBook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMA>

Join us here for postings that are relevant to GFWC Massachusetts.