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Lynne M. Stader, President



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"Success must include two things: the development of an individual to his (or her) utmost potential and a contribution of some kind to one's world."

Eleanor Roosevelt



Your 2018-2020 wise, dedicated, strong, caring, generous, witty, creative, and beautiful (inside and out) Officers and Director of Junior Clubs.

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President's Message

Lynne M. Stader

Following the beautiful Installation ceremony at Annual Meeting last month, I am honored to go forward as your state president for 2018-2020.

I am excited to see what all we will achieve together when we engage and mobilize behind the opportunities our state chairmen are working hard to present for this administration. *Read on in this newsletter about:* the new President's Project **More Than Words**, new **Domestic Violence grants for local clubs**, and the Centennial 2020 Committee raising awareness for the **100th Anniversary of the Suffragist movement**. Lots to share when we get back to business this fall.

As this is our summer issue of Federation *Topics*, it is surely time for a summer break as volunteers, but there are some things you can be doing this summer for federation and for FUN:

- Get creative! What can you do with teal and purple? Spread the word to your creative club members about the **We Support Teal and Purple Creativity Contest**. Awards will be given at Annual Meeting 2019 with the items raffled to benefit our DV club grants.
- Get your friends and neighbors to **donate books to More Than Words**.
- Attend your district **Roundtables**. They are a vital to the strength of federation.
- Find opportunities to **rest and refresh!** Read a good book. Write a letter to a friend.



Before you plan your entire summer, please go to your calendars and **Save this Date: Saturday, August 18th - Club Leaders Day at GFWC of MA Headquarters in Sudbury**. We hope to see you- officers, chairmen, new members- **9:30-noon** to give you the tools to support your success as leaders and the materials your club members will need to learn about federation programs.

And don't forget- **summer is the perfect time to plan those invitations!** As I have just retired after 41 years of teaching, I look forward to filling my calendar traveling the state to see our grass roots clubs in action. Keep this in mind as you plan your meetings and prepare your club yearbooks. I am happy to help you celebrate club anniversaries, present membership pins, bring updates to your members, speak on a specific topic, or speak to questions of your members. No formal invites required- email is fine.

Always know that each of you is an important part of the footprint of GFWC, and the reason the collective work of our clubs makes us **STRONGER TOGETHER**.

Lynne



Past State President Elfriede Parker receives flowers and President's Pin from President Stader at April Executive Board luncheon.

Message from Junior Membership



Jen Nowak
GFWC Massachusetts Director of Junior Clubs
2018-2020



Greetings!

April 28, 2018 was the start of a new chapter in my GFWC life. Being installed at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield accompanied by 72 clubwomen, friends and family is a great way to begin this adventure.

As the new Director of Junior Clubs I announced my theme as *GFWC Volunteers Make Magic* and my color choice is red, white and blue. For my focus area is the Veterans with an emphasis on projects to do with women veterans. I decided not to pick a specific project this administration knowing the Junior Membership is already a strong supporter of Veteran's projects. All Junior clubs reported activity in Public Issues in 2017 with many wonderful projects and programs that supported our military heroes. Wreaths Across America holds a special place in my heart and I hope clubs will consider supporting them, many members will participate on December 15th in your local area to lay a wreath or two in memory of a fallen hero.

I am thrilled to announce that the Junior Executive Board has all Officer and Board positions filled. With orientation and the first board meeting completed Junior Membership is off to a strong start. These ladies are ready to show their dedication to GFWC by taking on leadership roles in this state.

I am proud to be one of the many Massachusetts Clubwomen who will be attending the 2018 GFWC International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Looking forward to hearing from our GFWC Partners, participating in the Rise Against Hunger service project, listening to the motivational speakers Nancy Witter and Pierson Phillips, supporting Mary C. Baird as she is installed as the NER President and thanking Sheila E. Shea for her years of dedicated service to GFWC.

I look forward to working closer with all Massachusetts Clubwomen in the next two years so ***GFWC Volunteers CAN Make Magic*** while being ***Stronger Together.***

Jen

Club Happenings



President Stader visited the **Lunenburg Woman's Club** installing new member Patricia Lambi, left and honoring Carol Stone, center, with her 40-year pin. Thanks, Carol for all your service to GFWC of Massachusetts and your community!



Co-Presidents, Marsha Bray and Margaret Mertzic visited with President Stader at the **Barre Woman's Club's** tea at the Jenkins Inn.

An evening of memories of the Jordan Marsh Company with members of the **Millbury Woman's Club** at the Asa Waters Mansion was fun for President Stader.



Residents of the town of Auburn always enjoy the fun and festivity of the **Duck Race** sponsored by the **GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club** on Memorial Day!



More Club Happenings



Elizabeth Hopkins of Boston 25 News, center, with President Stader and **Ousamequin Club** President Leslie Dorr.

President Stader with members of the **Harwich Woman's Club** who are celebrating 40 years or more of service to GFWC of Massachusetts! Way to go, ladies!



Junior Membership Annual Conference

April 28, 2018 - Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield



2018-2020 Officers of GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership
Left to right: Jeanne Dee, Corresponding Secretary, Marisa Jablanski, Recording Secretary, Jen Nowak Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Robey Assistant Director, Nancy Coughlin Treasurer.



Children from the Springfield Community music school performed superbly!



Ibrahim Ali spoke of the uniting benefits of the Springfield area's community gardens and markets.

More Junior Annual Conference



Small Club Bowl
GFWC Taunton &
Raynham Juniors



"Big Bowl" Programs & Activities
GFWC Marlborough Junior
Woman's Club



Large Club Bowl
Needham Women's Club

GFWC of Massachusetts Annual Meeting

May 5-6, 2018

Westford Inn and Conference Center



Color Guard
US Naval Sea
Cadet Corps



2016-2018 Officers,
Director of Junior Clubs and GFWC
International President Sheila Shea



Madelyn Paquette
Nickels for Notes recipient



Fellowship Recipients



Michael Cross presents
"Chocolate, A Secret Indulgence"



2018 Clubwoman of the Year
Jacquelyn Triehey of Pepperell

More Annual Meeting



Newly Installed President Lynne M. Stader receives Massachusetts House citation from Representative James Arciero



More Than Words Partner, Generia with President Stader and a sampling of the books which are sold by the organization



Juniorettes Mary Kate Mahoney (l) of the Girls for a Greater Good and Caitlyn Geary of the Marlborough Juniorettes were happy to meet GFWC International President Sheila Shea.



Lynne M. Stader receives her President's Pin from GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea. She's official!

MassSTAR Conference

Lasell College, Newton



On June 2-3 GFWC club members were once again on hand at Lasell College in support of this leadership weekend for high school sophomores. GFWC members coordinated three service projects on Saturday for the delegates who worked to create dignity bags for Circle of Hope which serves the homeless and they made

care cards for service men and women and for children at St. Jude's Hospital.

On Sunday President Stader addressed delegates and their families during Closing Ceremonies, encouraging delegates to use their talents to be engaged in their communities. She was pleased to announce that GFWC of Massachusetts



clubs had doubled their donations to MassSTAR this year and were proud to continue as a major sponsor.

Martha Casassa and Diane Murphy presented the GFWC Marta DiBenedetto Scholarship Award to a MassSTAR graduate for their continuing education.

Thank you to our clubs for their continued support of MassSTAR!



GFWC of Massachusetts members pose with members of the MassSTAR staff following a very successful service project at the 2018 seminar on June 2nd.

MassSTAR delegates writing to veterans, kids at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and their legislators as part of the service project on Saturday.



MassSTAR closing ceremonies included awarding of the Marta DiBenedetto Scholarship presented by Martha Casassa and Diane Murphy from GFWC Randolph Junior Woman's Club along with President Lynne Stader, GFWC of Massachusetts Bylaws Chairman Katie Robey and Mary Ann Pierce, Past State President

Have you sent in your club's 2018 Manual-Directory Sheet? Our 2018-2019 Manual is set to go to print in just a few weeks and we need your club's current information. If you need a copy of the form contact our Headquarters at gfwcma@aol.com.

Treasurer's Tips

CLUBS, A NON-PROFIT BUSINESS?

Yes, that's what you are! Here are some important reminders.



IRS - Internal Revenue Service - they issue your club's Employer Identification Number (EIN) which gives your club **federal** tax-exemption (non-profit) status because of your membership under GFWC Massachusetts exemption ruling. In order to retain this exemption status, you must file the **990-E** form each year within 5 months of the end of your club's fiscal year.



DOR - Department of Revenue - Massachusetts - they issue your club's Tax Identification Number (TIN) Don't want to pay sales tax? Apply online for an exemption number. It gives your club **state** sales tax-exemption and you will receive an **ST-2 certificate**. You cannot receive this exemption certificate without first having your federal tax-exemption EIN.

GFWC of Massachusetts 2018-2020 President's Project

Lucille Barton, President's Project Chairman and Education Chairman
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Calling all Clubwomen to start now to support **President Stader's 2018-2020 President's Project More Than Words**, a non-profit work-based enterprise that empowers 16-24 year olds from the foster care system, court involved, or homeless to make positive change in their lives.

Young people at **MTW** run two bookstores in Boston and Waltham and an online bookselling business through Amazon. While at MTW the young people are mentored to complete their education and learn important job skills. **Gently-used books are the raw materials used by More Than Words to create change.** More Than Words **has a goal to raise 4 million books by 2019!** GFWC of MA clubs can help them do it.

A **MTW Book Drop** bin has been installed at our **Sudbury headquarters**. Bring books to headquarters, drop off books at the MTW table at state meetings or give books to your District Director or state officer when they visit your club. Members can also purchase books from MTW through the MTW website and on Amazon. Visit mtwyouth.org



Recording your donations

A **Donation Card** has been created to help members and clubs track their book donations. A supply of these cards is on the table at headquarters, and cards will be distributed at Club Leaders Day in August in the **President's Packets**. Donation Cards will also be available at all state meetings and online for clubs to print out their own paper copies as needed. Members can fill out cards individually and pass them along to the Club MTW Coordinator, and club coordinators can use the cards to send totals to state project chairman, Lucille, or you can fill out a card when books are dropped off at headquarters.

Our goal? To collect 5,000 books by Annual Meeting, May 2019! Over 500 books have already been delivered to headquarters- we can do this!

For information or help with donations contact: **Chairman Lucille Barton.**

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

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Support Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness- Buy President's Pins



The banner of this administration features **teal and purple**- two colors of the awareness ribbon for Sexual Assault combined with the more familiar Domestic Violence. The colors are also featured in the President's pin for this administration.

Proceeds of the pin will fund **Domestic Violence grant opportunities for our Massachusetts clubs**. We want to help you help victims in your own communities. Be generous in your support, so that collectively we can provide grants to more clubs.

Go to www.gfwcma.org to find the GFWC of MA **Grant Application** on the home page, and get started now to investigate the needs in your area. The Application Form gives many suggestions for ways the grant money (up to \$500) might be put to use. The first grants will be awarded to clubs at Fall Meeting October 27 in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For more information or pins, contact: **Chairman Donna Canavan**

SAVE THE DATE!

Club Leaders Day

Saturday, August 18, 2018 - 9:30-12:00

GFWC of Massachusetts Headquarters, Sudbury

Are you a club president, officer, membership chairman or a woman interested in taking a leadership role in your club someday? Have you ever wished you could talk with other clubs' members about their fundraisers, how they get new members, what kinds of community service program projects are successful for them?

At our **Club Leaders Day** you can ask them! We want to encourage a dialogue among clubs to address whatever interest them.

So join us on August 18th at Headquarters with your questions and your suggestions to share lots of information and go home with new ideas, new friends and a new resolve to make your club the best it can be!

Look for registration forms and further info in early July.

Resolutions Refresher

Diane McCurley, 2nd Vice President & Chairman of Resolutions

At the 2018 Annual Meeting several of our Massachusetts Resolutions were amended or accepted as new. Issues such as Alzheimer's Disease, Man-made Nuclear Disasters and Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention were addressed. We urge all club members to read and understand these and the entire set of Resolutions as they are the "guidebook" for all of our programs and projects. Resolutions are posted on the GFWC of Massachusetts website and are included in the Manual/Directory which is distributed to all club presidents. If you have questions or comments or suggestions for future work on Resolutions, please contact me at dido67@aol.com.



NEW!

We Support Teal and Purple Creativity Contest!

What can you make with teal and purple? Can you knit a scarf? Create a handbag? Make jewelry? Paint? Decorate a tee shirt? Create note cards? Stitch a pillow? Decorate a picture frame? Make a flower arrangement? Decorate a ball cap? Or maybe you can create a poem?

Members are encouraged to start now to create your entry to the **We Support Teal and Purple Creativity Contest**. Items will be collected at March Club Institute and displayed at Annual Meeting May 4-5, 2019 when awards will be given. These special items will also be displayed and auctioned at a future event to fund continued GFWC of MA Domestic Violence Club Grants. We hope every club will have at least one item entered in the contest. All entries will be recognized.

More information to come in the August President's Packet, but wouldn't summer be a perfect time to get started?

Donna's Directors - Donna Shibley, 1st Vice President

I would like to welcome the District Directors for this administration:

- Cape Cod District ~ Pat Furtado
- North Central District ~ Katherine Dupuis
- Northern District ~ OPEN
- South Central District ~ Joanne Jacobson
- Southern MetroWest District ~ Peg Keddy
- South Shore District ~ Maureen Crowley
- Western District ~ OPEN

For a healthy organization the lines of communication with our club presidents and club members needs to be open. It is important that everyone feels connected to GFWC of MA. These ladies (along with your state officers) are YOUR connections.

If YOU have any questions, feel free to contact them. Please share the happenings in YOUR club with them. YOU are their priority. I am looking forward to attending/hearing about your Roundtables and how we all can stay **Stronger Together**.

Dates to Remember

August 18 (Sat.)	Club Leaders Day , 9:30am-12:00pm (formerly Informational Day) HQ
September 28-30	New England Region Conference , Sunday River, Maine
October 20 (Sat.)	Junior Membership Fall Conference , K of C, Westborough
October 27 (Sat.)	GFWC of MA Fall Meeting , 10:00am, Courtyard Marriott, Marlborough
December 6	“Holiday at Headquarters” Club Institute 10:00 AM

December 31 **Dues/Club Contributions due** (postmarked) to GFWC of MA
Yes, we have moved the date of this to December 31st to coincide with other year-end reporting. This will enable us to reconcile with GFWC information on a more timely basis. We appreciate your cooperation in this change.

Hope you enjoyed this edition of **TOPICS**. When your club does something new/fun/important in your community, takes lots of pictures and please send them to gfwcma@aol.com for publication in our next issue!

Thanks for reading!

Diane McCurley, Editor

