



January 1, 2026

Subject: January Updates, Midwinter Meeting, Service Projects and more

Dear Club Leaders and Members,

On behalf of Director McKeon and myself, Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, I am thrilled to share what we have in store for January. We are off to a fantastic start, and I want to ensure everyone has the details needed to make our upcoming events a success.

GFWC Midwinter Meeting

Theme: Cozy, Comfy, and Connected!

Join us for a day of fellowship and productivity. We encourage everyone to wear your comfiest sweater as we cozy up with friends and foster new connections.

When: Saturday, January 31, 2026

Where: Hudson Concord Elks Club

Times: Registration starts at 8:30 AM | Meeting begins at 9:30 AM

Incentive: Check the "CALL" for details on how one member per club can receive a free lunch!

How to Prepare: Important Actions

Please pay close attention to the following requests as we prepare for our gathering:

1. Service Project: 200 Hygiene Kits

We are excited to assemble 200 hygiene kits during the meeting! To ensure we have enough supplies, we are asking clubs to sign up to donate items (many are available in bulk on Amazon).

Action: Please visit the Sign-up Genius Link to commit to specific items.

Questions: Contact Elizabeth Young, Director-elect, at ecy@mit.edu.

2. "Sweet Connections" Dessert Contest

Show off your baking skills!

To Enter: Email HQSecretary@GFWCMA.org with your name and club by 1/25/2026.

The Goods: Prepare 4 dozen bite-sized desserts, ready to serve.

3. Club Challenge

The Challenge: Come ready to share a new or "tried and true" technique for writing club reports.

4. Important Deadlines & Documents

Club Grants: Applications for your local Domestic Violence Shelter/Program are due 1/15/2026.

Review: Please share the attached Nominating Committee Report and Proposed Bylaws with any members attending the meeting.

Deadline to Register: January 22, 2026

What to Bring on January 31st

Raffle Basket: One "Cozy & Comfy" themed basket per club.

Donations: Hats and gloves for our winter collection to help those in need.

An email can't go out in January without mentioning End-of-Year Reports! Now is the time to gather your club's 2025 activities! Check the website under "Report Writing" for resources. We have prepared you throughout the year. Reach out if you have questions.

We are looking forward to a productive and warm start to 2026. If you need anything at all as you prepare your reports or plan for the meeting, please reach out. We are always here to help!

Stay Warm & Cozy, Beth and Jen