



Important Updates from GFWC Massachusetts

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Recently I have received 3 emails that I want to share with GFWC Massachusetts Membership: Please pass these on to your clubwomen.

This first one came from **Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC 1st Vice President** saying: GFWC is currently creating a log of stories from our grassroots members, and we need to hear from YOUR members!

From Leslie Capps, Founder, Wild Woman Marketing, and GFWC Communications and PR Honorary Chairman

Throughout the coming year, we want to share the stories of GFWC members from across the country—grassroots members, new members, long-time leaders, and women whose service quietly changes lives every day. These stories will help us honor who we are, preserve our history, and inspire both current and future members. They will also help us show the public the depth, diversity, and character of the women who make up this Federation.

If you have ever wondered whether your story is “big enough,” “interesting enough,” or “important enough,” let me reassure you: it is. Some of the most powerful narratives come from ordinary moments—your first project, the woman who invited you to join, the moment you realized your contribution mattered, or the experience that taught you something about leadership, service, or resilience.

Your story does not need to be polished. It does not need to follow a specific structure. It just needs to be true.

If you feel called to share, or if you would like to nominate a fellow member whose story deserves to be told, we invite you to reach out. We have created a dedicated email address for submissions to **MyStory@GFWC.org**. A member of the Communications team will follow up with simple next steps.

As we move into 2026, let us honor what has always made GFWC extraordinary: the women who show up, serve boldly, and lead with heart. By sharing your story, you help preserve our legacy—and you help spark the next generation of GFWC who are searching for a place to belong and a purpose to live out.

Your voice matters.

The second one came from **GFWC Northboro Junior Women's Club**, co-presidents Elaine Rowe and Mary Ellen Duggan – opening this incredible event to other clubs.

Registration has opened for our Women in STEM Conference.

Can you please share the following opportunity with our other MA clubs? Thanks!!

On behalf of the Northboro Junior Woman's Club, we are excited to inform you that the 2026 Women in STEM Conference for Middle School Girls registration opens today!

On April 11, 2026, the Northborough Junior Women's Club will be hosting the 18th Women in STEM Conference for Middle School Girls. This free conference, open to 5th to 8th grade girls, seeks to actively engage and empower pre-adolescent girls in STEM workshops presented by dynamic women role models working in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Please see this registration form for more details:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCDGaSS10FCyNwnmyini_OhkncU5JwOo8tzwunBdli4XmfRrw/viewform

This conference historically fills to capacity VERY quickly and there is always a waiting list, so don't delay!

Prior to submitting the registration, , please consult with your daughter(s) about their preferences.

If you are registering more than one child, you will need to complete a separate form for each child.

Please feel free to share.

We are excited to see you on April 11th!!

And the third email came from the **MassSTAR – Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation** reaching out for support at their Annual Conference

The conference will be held June 5-6, 2026, at LaSalle College. They are asking for members to come and help with the service project that will happen Saturday afternoon (June 5th). Attached is the flyer with more detailed information. They also are looking for donations of supplies for the service project. Those can be purchased through their Amazon wish list (attached on flyer) or items can be brought to GFWC MA Day at the Forest on May 17th.

The **CALL for GFWC Annual Meeting** is posted on the website, we are looking forward to a great weekend. Has your club picked your Rosie the Riveter yet?

Jen Nowak
GFWC Massachusetts President, 2024-2026