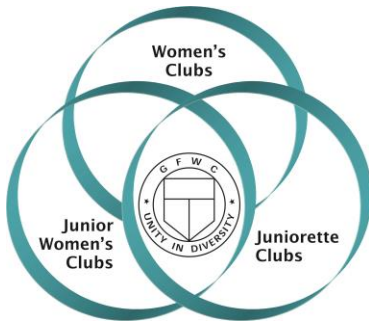


General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts

Lynne M. Stader, President

Your **Official Call** to attend



Annual Convention and Installation of Officers

Sat. May 2 and Sun. May 3, 2020



**The Colony Club
at Tower Square
Springfield**

Parking Garage Entrance
1758 E Columbus Ave.



Dear Friends in Federation,

The annual celebration of our experience together in federation is our **Annual Convention** each year in May - our opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs, welcome scholarship winners, and make new friends during our time together. This year we also honor a new administration with the **Installation** on Sunday of **2020-2022 Officers** followed by a **Celebration Luncheon**.

Have you experienced all your state federation has to offer you as a member? Exercised your voting privileges? Heard about current focus programs? This time I am "calling" you to go west for a weekend you are sure to enjoy. Join us for a day or the weekend and share your GFWC pride. See you there!

Lynne

Pre-Meeting Activities Friday, May 1, 2020

AREA

ATTRACTIONS:

SHOPPING
CASINOS
MUSEUMS



Included in this Call:

Hotel Reservation
Meal Registration Form
Registration Table and Voting Hours
Delegate Information
Suggested Dress
Purse-N-Ality Raffle

GFWC Room Block Rate \$139

Offered until April 7th!

See Page 5

**Registrations must be received by
GFWC MA Treasurer T Jablanski by**

April 20th

See Page 6

Dinner- Group dining reserved at Student Prince Restaurant (German food), 8 Fort Street at 6:00. (See Page 6)

Saturday, May 2 ~ Morning

Complimentary hot breakfast buffet for hotel guests at Currents, Tower Square Hotel, 6:30 am - 9:15 am

***See Page 5 for Directions to the Colony Club**

Registration Table Open 8:45 am - 9:30 am

Vendors and Displays Onsite Saturday only- 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Little Black Dress Federation Materials and Donations
Federation Station- *New Accessories!* Heads Up! Concussion Awareness and Prevention
Junior Membership Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation

BUSINESS MEETING

Annual Reports
Presentation of 2020-2022 Candidates for Office
Resolutions and Bylaws
Report of the Scholarship Committee
MassSTAR



9:30 am- 11:45 am

Recess Voting; Federation Station, Raffle Ticket sales 11:30 am- 12:30 pm

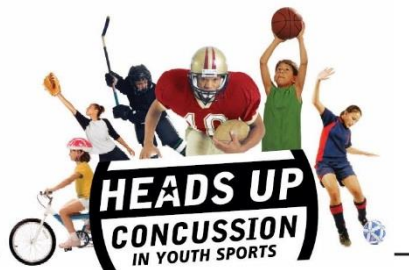
Saturday, May 2 ~ Afternoon

Registration Open 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Luncheon "Treasure the Gift" 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Programming includes:

Music from the **Community Music School of Springfield: Community Youth Chorus**
A special treat! The Community Music School is a gem in the Springfield community.



Guest Speaker: Kaelly Miller

Who do you worry about- a friend, neighbor, grandchild, the students we teach, the elderly? We are all at risk. Kaelly shares a timely message to raise awareness about this important issue adopted recently by GFWC MA as a resolution under Home Life.

Memorial Education Fund Fellowship Recipients

Afternoon session followed by:
Voting 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Installation Rehearsal 3:00 pm For Incoming Officers, Past State Presidents and Installing Officer

1898 Society Reception **Casino Royale ~ Get Your BOND On!** 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

The 1898 Society pays tribute to the year GFWC Massachusetts was formed. It's not too late to join! Make your donation at the Fundraising table and join us for the fun!



Saturday, May 2, 2020 ~ Evening

Registration and Meal Tickets Open

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

COCKTAILS AT THE CLUB

Colony Club Tavern

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Music provided ~ Colony Club Foyer



Awards Banquet

Honoring Our Clubs and Club President

6:30 pm

Purses and Pearls

Time to break out your pearls! Classy, yet simple.

Real or fake, old or new. Solitaire or strands, teardrop, bracelets, sets. Wear a little, wear a lot. Have a story to go with your pearls? Share it with your tablemates.

GUEST PRESENTATION: *Suffragettes in Corsettes*: Centennial Tribute

Did the demise of tightlacing in the 1910s help women gain the right to vote in 1920? Velya Jancz-Urban's gregarious personality and Ehris Urban's serene energy enable this mother/daughter duo to connect with audiences. Funny and frank. Laugh, grimace, and honor our foremothers' journeys.

AWARDS: GFWC Community Service Program, GFWC Advancement Area Awards, Club Performance Awards, Julia Ward Howe Club President of the Year, Clubwoman of the Year

Back by Popular Demand!

**Accessorize Yourself
PURSE AUCTION**

Donate a purse filled with items of your choice: scarves, jewelry, notepads, gift cards, lip gloss and more

PURSE-N-ALITY RAFFLE

Sunday, May 3, 2020 ~ Morning

Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet for hotel guests at Currents, Tower Square Hotel

7:00 am - 8:45 am

Registration and Meal Tickets Open

8:30 am - 9:00 am

BUSINESS

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Annual Reports

Introduction of LEADS Candidate

Report of Elections

Invitation to GFWC New England Region Conference

Break/Registration Table open for Members and Guests arriving

10:30 am - 11:30 pm



INSTALLATION CEREMONY

2020-2022 GFWC of MA Officers

Begins at 11:30 am



Installing Officer

MaryAnn Pierce, GFWC MA President 2012- 2014

Installation Address

Donna Shibley, GFWC MA President 2020-2022

RECEPTION

Presented by GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club

Music provided by Emma Shibley and Anugraha Iyer

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

12:45 pm ~ 3:00 pm

Special Guest Elizabeth Dineen, Executive Director Western Massachusetts YWCA
Courtesies and Announcements
Adjournment



Learn More About the Area

More about:

Tower Square - Springfield

<http://www.visittowersquare.com/>

Tower Square Hotel

<https://www.thetowersquarehotel.com/>

Springfield Things to Do

www.travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/springfield-berkshires-and-western-massachusetts/things-to-do

MGM and the Plaza

<https://mgmspringfield.mgmresorts.com>

About

Community Music School of Springfield

The Community Music School of Springfield is a non-profit community arts school founded in 1983 in Western Massachusetts with a mission is to provide an inclusive center of excellence in music education. The school serves more than 2,000 students annually providing instrumental groups, private lessons, music therapy, preschool programs, Children's Chorus, and more. Community Music School empowers individuals, inspires creative passion, and promotes well-being through community partnerships.

Please join us in supporting the

Western Massachusetts YWCA

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Your donations are appreciated

***Regular Size Only**

Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Combs

Sanitary Napkins, Tampons

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes



About Kaelly Miller

Kaelly is a certified Physician Assistant and practices medicine in Agawam and in Chicopee. Kaelly was selected Miss Hampshire County 2020 with a platform in support of concussion awareness. She is an official spokesperson for "Heads Up! Concussion Awareness and Prevention" sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Massachusetts.



Your Membership and Attendance Matters to Us!

Congratulations, Delegate!

Are you a VOTING DELEGATE for your club at this meeting? Clubs have **1 voting delegate for every 10 members**, however since **members of Executive Board have their own vote, often clubs have more delegate votes than they realize**. Clubs just need to decide who is registering with the responsibility to vote, and who will register to attend as a "non-voting" delegate. Voting Delegates should:

- 1) Share the Proposed Bylaws and Resolutions with your club at your March/April club meeting.** They were emailed to club leaders along with the Call and Registration. Your job is to vote the action your club supports for each item. Delegates may suggest changes to the proposed language in the form of an amendment.
- 2) Check "Club Voting Delegate" on your Registration Form.** The badge you receive at the Registration Table will reflect you are to vote.
- 3) Finally, print out a copy to bring to Annual Convention** so you can follow along.

Please review the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws sent to Club Presidents with this CALL!

The Bylaws Committee has worked hard to propose changes that will update and streamline the operation of GFWC MA as a non-profit while meeting the needs of our changing membership. Proposed amendments include:

- Eliminating District Director/District Nominating positions, replaced with a State-wide Nominating Committee;
- Changing the name "Council" to Executive Committee and the Executive Board to Board of Directors;
- Changing the quorum of the Executive Committee from 18 to 15;
- Clarifying the members elected to the Memorial Forest Committee.

PLEASE DISCUSS the proposed changes in YOUR CLUB! Club DELEGATES need to vote the wishes of the Members.

Hotel Accommodations

A GFWC room block is available for **Friday and Saturday May 1 and May 2:**

Tower Square Hotel

2 Boland Way

Springfield, MA

Call: **(413) 781-7111** and ask for the **General Federation of Women's Clubs** room block at the rate of **\$139+ tax, available only until April 7th.**

**Complimentary
Event Parking
Tower Square
Garage**

See Below

Or Book online using this link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=95080&Chain=5150&arrive=5/1/2020&depart=5/3/2020&adult=1&child=0&group=GGFWCO>

Saturday Luncheon ~ New England Buffet

New England Clam Chowder
Field Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Roast Beef and Herbed Cheese on a Baguette
Roasted Turkey Wrap with Cranberry Mayonnaise
Roasted Red Bliss Potato Salad
Marinated Grilled Vegetables
Freshly Baked Corn Bread
Chefs Selection of Desserts
Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Teas

\$35

Saturday Awards Banquet

Spinach Salad, Grilled Red Onions, Roasted Walnuts, Goat Cheese, Tomatoes with Rolls

Choice of:

Balsamic Glazed Grilled Chicken Breast
Grilled Swordfish, Balsamic Brown Butter
Chef's Seasonal Selection of Starch and Vegetable
White and Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake

Coffee, Tea

\$40

Sunday Celebration Luncheon

Caesar Salad with Fresh Parmesan,
Garlic Croutons

Choice of:

Seared Chicken Breast with a Seasonal
Stone Fruit Chutney
Traditional New England Baked Cod
Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetables

Tiramisu

Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Teas

\$30

Getting to the Colony Club

Best Parking **Tower Square Parking Garage**
Garage Entrance **1758 E Columbus Ave.**

From the Garage- Once inside the Garage, take the ramp marked for Colony Club and follow the signs for both your car and for the elevator. **(To Level CC)**

From the Hotel- Use the doors by Currents Restaurant to access the connecting mall with shops. Follow to the right to a set of elevators. Take the elevators to **Level CC.**

Assistance

The hotel is providing a cart at designated times for any hotel guest in need of assistance with the walk to and from hotel to the elevator. Contact Meetings Chairman Sandy Higgins (508-559-4902/[s.a.sandy@comcast.net.](mailto:s.a.sandy@comcast.net)) **by April 20th** for more information and arrangements.

During construction Currents is only open for breakfast.

Tower Square shops are not open on the weekends.

Pool is not available during this period of construction;
Guests may use the YMCA in nearby CityWalk.

Suggested Dress

Daytime events-
Business



Awards Banquet-
Cocktail





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2020 Annual Convention



Registration Form

Club Name _____

Delegate: Your club is entitled to one (1) voting delegate for every ten (10) members in your club.

	State Voting Delegate	Club Voting Delegate	Non-Voting Delegate	1 st Time Attendee	Guest	1-day (\$15) or 2-day (\$25)	(Circle your Choice - See P. 5) Sat. Luncheon Buffet	Sat. Dinner Chicken/Fish/ Veg	Sun Lunch Chicken/ Fish/ Veg	Indiv. Regist. and Meal Total
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Total submitted with form \$ _____

Contact person name & phone number _____

MAIL to: **T Jablanski, 213 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518**

Checks made out to: **GFWC of Massachusetts**

Due by: **Mon. April 20th**

NOTE: Requests for refunds must be made directly to **T Jablanski, 508-769-9008** by: **Mon. April 20th**

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### Friday Night- Option to join GFWC MA group reservation at the Student Prince Restaurant

List names to reserve a spot at the Student Prince Restaurant (German food) with the GFWC MA group on Friday night. The Student Prince has been a staple in the Springfield area for over 70 years. 6:00 reservation. Meet in the hotel lobby at 5:30. For menu and price range visit <https://www.studentprince.com/dinner>

Name

Cell number (if we need to reach you)

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