



President Stader with Angela Christiana, Chapter Leader Boston-Metro Moms Demand Action at GFWC MA Fall Meeting.

# Club Connections

With GFWC Massachusetts State President  
Lynne M. Stader

## Acting Locally, Thinking Globally!

October 2019

Thank you to all who attended Fall Meeting this past weekend on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Great Pond Hall in Braintree. Those of you not in attendance- we missed you! During the morning programming we met our **2019 LEADS graduate Beth McKeon**, honored Jennie Award nominees **MaryAnn Pierce** and **Alberta Durfee**, updated GFWC MA resolutions and bylaws, and learned about **Moms Demand Action**, a dynamic direct action advocacy group with 300,000 members across the country working to stop gun violence in America and strengthen communities. Club basket donations were appreciated as always and congratulations to the winners.

Fall meeting saw our members *Acting Locally*, while *Thinking Globally*. Rachel Merrill of **Heifer International** was on site with materials, members had a unique opportunity to hear about **Foundation for Peace** from our own First Vice President Donna Shibley and Treasurer T Jablanski, and members supported Trick or Treat for **UNICEF**.

Stronger Together? Absolutely. It is always a special day to see our clubwomen in action together at a state meeting. Will you join us for the next one? Save the date! **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at Stoneforge Tavern in Raynham.

~ *Lynne*

## Toilet Paper Pumpkins? (Pictured above)

Many ladies asked me after Fall Meeting how to make the Toilet paper pumpkins that were featured in the tablescapes arranged so beautifully by members of the Braintree Women's Club. Fabric, cinnamon sticks, ribbon, and toilet paper rolls. **So simple- no sew- no glue!**

**Two tips:** I purchased the fabric last year after Halloween, at 75% off. Also, don't miss the step about unwinding and rewinding the paper several rounds- helps them develop a somewhat rounder shape 😊

**And the best part?** With a suggested donation of \$3.00 to go in the orange **UNICEF** boxes on the table, every pumpkin was adopted by the end of the Meeting, providing a donation in support of this important GFWC partner, and of children in need. Instructions and video online at:

<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/how-to-make-cute-plaid-pumpkins-using-toilet-paper-rolls.html>



## Mark Your Calendars

### Savers FUNDrive

Drop off Soft goods at  
Headquarters  
November 2

### BINGO Designer Purse

#### Bash with

#### Go RED for Women

Wed. November 6, 2019  
Braintree

### Holiday at Headquarters

December 5, 2019  
10am- 12pm  
Cookie Swap!



**GFWC Members are Making Their Voices Heard!**

**Help pass: Senate bill 1831**

**Call your Senators and Representatives Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

One of GFWC's Brand Initiatives is to make 1,000 contacts to Senators and Representatives in support of the 3 D Printed Gun Act. Join GFWC members across the country on Wednesday, October 23 urging the passage of this bill and make your voice heard until it passes. GFWC's collective support will speak volumes about how critical this legislation is for making our communities safer. Encourage friends and family to contact their Senators and Representatives. Here are two numbers to get you started:



**Senator Ed Markey 617-565-8519**

**Senator Elizabeth Warren 617-565-3170**

Remember to state your name, your address, and be sure to mention that you are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and give the name of your Club, then state the bill you are supporting.

**NOTE: Phone calls carry more weight than emails.**

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**Fun and Fundraising- the perfect combination!**

## **BINGO Designer Purse BASH**

**With *Go Red For Women***

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 6:30 pm**

Great Pond Hall, 120 Bay State Road, Braintree, MA

**BINGO: Chances to win 10 authentic designer handbags/purses, valued at \$200**

**EXTRA: Door prizes - Vendors - Raffles - Buffett - Cash Bar - Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Buffet Table also included- catered by Fasano's Catering**

Fill a table with friends and family- GFWC membership not required, but every club should be able to support this state fundraiser. Plan a Girls Night Out! You can use Pay Pal to buy your tickets online now or pay by check. See complete flyer at [www.gfwcma.org](http://www.gfwcma.org). All tickets will be held at the door. For information contact: Donna Shibley

@ 413-519-1845 / [dmsibley@gmail.com](mailto:dmsibley@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Pierce [mapgfwc@msn.com](mailto:mapgfwc@msn.com)



**President's Project**

**MORE  
THAN WORDS**

Clubwomen have donated  
over **22,700** books!

**Thank you!**

Don't stop there! Plan a  
Day of Service with MTW.  
Meet the young people,  
help scan books, and  
learn more about MTW.

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**NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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President Lynne Stader

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T Jablanski.

[HQSecretary@gfwcma.org](mailto:HQSecretary@gfwcma.org)- use to direct/receive emails with Mary Kemp,  
Headquarters Secretary.

**VISITING HEADQUARTERS**

Want to drop off donations to the SAVERS Fundrive? Need to reserve the building for a club or committee meeting? Please reach out to Mary Kemp or President Stader to confirm someone will be there to assist you.