



# General Federation of Women's Club of Massachusetts

Donna M. Shibley, President  
Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs

## Official *Call* to the Combined Annual Convention Hearts and Hands Together

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

via Zoom

**9:00am ~ 1:00pm**

Zoom opens at 8:45am

**Massachusetts Clubwomen Use Their Hearts and Hands  
Together Through All That They Do!**

### Early Morning Session

#### *TOGETHER with Business*

Opening  
Introductions  
Annual Reports  
Financial Report

#### *Move Forward All TOGETHER*

Updating Bylaws and Resolutions

#### *Highlighted Awards, Contests, Reports*

Scholarship Awards  
Contest Winners  
Club Anniversaries  
Donations  
GFWC LEADS Candidate  
GFWC Convention in Atlanta  
GFWC New England Region Conference  
Updates on President and Director Focus Areas  
Raffles

### Late Morning Session

#### *TOGETHER with our GFWC SPECIAL GUEST*

GFWC Guest Speaker ~ Deb Strahanoski

#### *Highlighted Awards from our work in 2020*

#### *GFWC MA TOGETHER*

Awards and Trophy Presentations  
Courtesies  
Closing

### *Together We Take Action!*

Share proposed Bylaw and Resolution amendments with clubmembers; empower club attendees to vote the wishes of your club. Proposed amendments are included with this *CALL* to all Club Presidents.

See the *Club Manual* for your club's delegate numbers. A **quorum** is needed at State Meetings to move forward.

### Join us on

**Friday night, April 30 @ 7:00pm  
for a night of FUN**

Let's Play ~ **Reverse Trivia**

Attendees will be given an answer and will need to provide the question. Have paper and pen ready to write out your responses.

If you register for the Combined Annual Convention you will be sent the Zoom link ~ all are invited!

### ♥ Attend the GFWC MA LEADS SEMINAR ♥

Join **Alicia Sheridan**, GFWC MA Leadership Chairman and **Beth McKeon**, GFWC MA Junior Leadership Chairman as they hold a prerecorded leadership seminar:

#### **Understanding Membership as a Leader**

No charge to attend. Open to ALL.

Prior registration is required.

Send your name to:

[gfwcmaleads@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcmaleads@gmail.com)

## Together Let's Welcome GFWC Special Guest: **Deb Strahanoski**

**Deb Strahanoski** has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 32 years and is regarded as a great mentor to many. Deb's boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served GFWC Illinois in various roles on the Board of Directors including Director of Junior Clubs 2000–2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen, President 2008–2010, and currently serves on the Leadership Committee.



Deb is also a highly respected volunteer and leader within her community. She has served Easterseals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois at both the regional and state levels and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois.

A member of the National Easterseals Development Leadership Network and Brand Marketing Council, Deb has been employed with Easterseals for the past 15 years, managing all annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation.

Deb also continues to assist her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. Married for 38 years, they have two children and two grandchildren.

Her visionary leadership, extensive experience, and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

### What to do while you are Zooming:

Are you missing the **Hands-on Service Projects** that usually come with State Meetings? Are you thinking there won't be one for the Combined Annual Convention because the meeting is remote?

Well...you can still do one! We are encouraging club members to still complete a hands-on project, but this time it will be your choice what you can do! See the attached flier for how to tips.

**Knit ~ Crochet ~ Tie ~ Sew ~ Assemble ~ Cut ~  
Paste ~ Decorate ~ Create ~ Donate**

## Clubwomen have Giving Hearts Much needed items you can donate:



### Essential Items for clients at **The Second Step, Newton**

Donate these requested items prior to the meeting and order through the Amazon link:

<https://a.co/520OpvC>

- Much needed toiletries, household items and more
- Please include GFWC and club/individual name in the gift note when checking out to allow GFWC MA to track donations.

This is the **E** in our **H-E-A-R-T** Meeting Collection

### MassSTAR and The Second Step

Representatives will be on hand to thank GFWC MA for our support.

## Clubs are encouraged to provide a raffle prize for the **From your Heart Raffle**

### Directions:

- Suggested donation should be \$25.00 - \$100.00
- We are looking for gift cards for businesses that could be used statewide or lottery tickets

### Things to know:

- **Donated raffle items** must be dropped off at HQ in Sudbury, by April 22 or sent to Mary Ann Pierce 161 Harris Avenue, Needham, 02492
- **Tickets are 5 for \$10.00 or 12 for \$20.00**  
Tickets must be purchased in advance (see registration form to purchase raffle tickets)
- **Prizes will be drawn and winners selected** on day of the event and winners will be mailed their prize.

**Thank YOU for supporting**

♥ **GFWC MA and Junior Membership** ♥

## GFWC MA: 1898 Society

### Mary Ann Pierce, Fundraising Chairman

- Become a member for \$18.98 yearly
- All proceeds benefit GFWC Massachusetts
- Checks made payable to GFWC MA
- Send your check to Mary Ann Pierce.

**Join us on Friday night, April 30 @ 8:00pm  
for the 1898 Society Reception via Zoom**

If you are an 1898 Society member and register for the Combined Annual Convention you will be sent the Zoom link!



**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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**2021 COMBINED ANNUAL CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name/email	State voting Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Club voting Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-voting Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Guest <input type="checkbox"/>	# of raffle tickets \$ amount
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\$15.00 Registration per person

**TAKE A CHANCE:**

**GFWC MA and GFWC MA Junior Membership From Your Heart Raffle**

Mary Ann Pierce, Chairman  
tickets are: 5 for \$10.00 or 12 for \$20.00

TOTAL raffle tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** enclosed with \$ \$15.00 Registration per person and Raffle ticket purchases \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **Darlene Coutu, PO Box 236 Pepperell, MA 01463** with check payable to:

**GFWC Massachusetts** postmarked by **April 23, 2021.**

**Or use VENMO ~ GFWC Massachusetts look for the three blue circles ~ @GFWC-Massachusetts**

Use the Venmo notes to detail what you are purchasing (eg. one Registration and 12 raffle tickets = \$35.00) and make sure to send Darlene your registration information by email ([Treasurer@gfwcma.org](mailto:Treasurer@gfwcma.org)) or mail.

**♥ Shop with your Heart ♥**

**Please Support these GFWC MA and GFWC MA Junior Membership Fundraising Opportunities by visiting both websites:**



**GFWC MA President's Focus Area Shop**  
**GFWC MA State Fundraising items**  
**and**  
**GFWC MA Director's Shop**  
**Items available on their respective websites**

**\$\$\$ Support GFWC MA \$\$\$**  
**and GFWC MA Junior Membership**



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