

February 23, 2023
From President T Jablanski
Good Afternoon,

Mother nature has finally decided to remind us that we are indeed living in New England. I was enjoying the warmer weather but do not mind see this lovely "white-scape". Our spring gardens will appreciate it.

Speaking of appreciation - **Club Reports.**

I want to thank you for all your work on your club reports. I can really appreciate all the organizational skills and time involved.

Many thanks to **Jen Nowak** and **Terry Rouvalis** who have been working hard pulling together all the information from *your* reports for our national reports.

It will be at our national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, when we, GFWC Massachusetts, will be recognized for all of your clubs' projects, programs and donations that you shared with us. Thank YOU!

March 1 - Deadline for Scholarships www.gfwcma.org click on **Scholarships**

We have so many wonderful opportunities for individuals looking for financial support through our scholarships. There is **music**, **business**, **speech therapy** and **arts** to name a few. Be sure to let your members and educators know about these monetary opportunities.

March 1 - Deadline for Photography Contests

With today's phones who can't take a fabulous picture.???

Just scroll through your photos on your phone. Of course, if you are like me there are several hundred, see if one of your photos meets the required entry description of:

The World in Pictures

Our World Up Close
Natural Wonders
Reflections

and enter the contest. It's that easy.

There are also the following photography contests:

Living the Volunteer Spirit and **GFWC Photography.**

The *guidelines* for these can be found at www.gfwcma.org

click on: **WOMEN'S CLUBS**, then click on: **MA program information** - scroll down

March 15 - Deadline for Website and Newsletter Contests

Does your club use a **newsletter** to communicate with your members? How about a **website**?

You can enter your clubs in the **GFWC Newsletter** contest and or **GFWC Website** contest by sending it directly to jnowak@charter.net.

Jen Nowak GFWC MA 1st VP, is also our national Communications, Public Relations chairman.

April 1 - Deadline for Club President Award and Clubwoman of the Year Contests - www.gfwcma.org click on **WOMEN'S CLUBS**, then **Fliers & Forms Clubwoman of the Year** - *(taken from the application)*

The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary Massachusetts clubwomen who are standouts in your club. When nominating, you should think of considering the clubwoman who has gone above the call of duty for her club, who almost always says "yes" to further the goals of your club, who takes on roles both as follower and leader, who represents her club in the most positive light, and who always promotes the club and its activities.

Consideration should be given to those women who are not always in the spotlight, but those who are tireless through their roles as volunteers within their clubs.

Please contact **Elaine Brickman**, Membership chairman with any questions
- aelainebrick@gmail.com

Julia Ward Howe - Club President Award - *(Presidents be sure to share with your officers)*

Show your appreciation for the leadership in your club.

This award goes to the Club President who exemplifies Federation leadership within her club and her community. There will be special recognitions for ALL nominees at our upcoming GFWC Massachusetts Annual Convention in May 2023.

Please contact me, **T Jablanski** at: www.president@gfwcma.org

Our GFWC Massachusetts **Annual Convention** will be **May 6th** in Natick. It is my hope that this wonderful "white-scape" is all gone, and we are enjoying our May flowers.

Wishing you all a very green St. Patricks' Day and a Happy Easter.

*"Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time you have.
Look for the good in each day. Focus on growth, purpose, peace, love, kindness and gratitude."*

Peace,

T Jablanski

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