

# GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS



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Dear Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts,

I'm honored and excited to send a message on this important occasion, the 2021 GFWC Massachusetts State Convention! All of us have been challenged to new heights in the past months and now have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate each other's accomplishments and enjoy a well-deserved pat on the back.

I'm tremendously proud of each GFWC member and all that you and your club have undertaken in your local communities, as well as in communities around the world. I know it has not been easy. From learning to conduct remote meetings and fundraisers, to championing health care workers, first responders, teachers, and students, and assisting those in dire circumstances – you have done it all – while also embracing a wide variety of GFWC Special, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan projects.

One of the greatest benefits of belonging to a state and international volunteer organization such as GFWC is the opportunity to come together as friends, remotely or in-person, to exchange ideas and learn from one another. After such a difficult year, I hope you will find your upcoming event to be the most meaningful ever.

Congratulations to President Donna Shibley, Director Katie Robey, and the many other Massachusetts leaders who have paved the way to success. Well done!

I send my compliments and best wishes to each of you, as you continue your efforts to enhance communities and improve the lives of others.

Yours in *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

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