



General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region



Connecticut ● Maine ● Massachusetts ● New Hampshire ● Rhode Island ● Vermont
JoAnn Calnen, President GFWC New England Region
OCTOBER 16-17, 2020
President's Theme: "Change the Script"

Call to the 111th GFWC New England Region Conference Virtual Meeting

Dear Federation Sisters,

You are cordially invited to the 111th GFWC NER Conference being held October 16th - October 17th, 2020 so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be a virtual meeting via "Big Marker" and "Zoom." The Conference will begin remotely at 1:00 pm – see below for agenda.

GFWC Vermont asks that you join us for this safe experience as we begin the 2020-2022 Administration with our New England Region Federation.

Friday , October 16, 2020

Friday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Leadership Workshop: Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar via "Zoom."

- You will receive a link by email and a ID to join the meeting after you register.
- You may join on any device such as a iPhone, iPad, Laptop or desktop.
- You may listen by audio on your phone.

Friday Afternoon: 2:30- 3:45 pm Board of Directors Meeting via "Zoom"

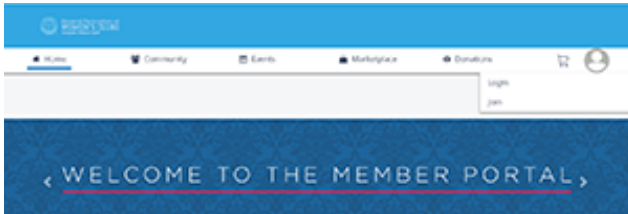
Friday Evening: 6:00-7:00 pm Registered participants will be invited to a Junior Fun Night and a "Zoom Social Virtual Fundraiser" Prizes, Surprises and Social Chatter will be the Agenda.

Saturday , October 17,2020 at 1:00 pm the Conference will convene via "Big Marker".

To register, visit www.GFWC.org click on member login in the upper right corner. If you have already created an account go to **Events**, Browse Events, scroll to Region Conferences and select New England Region; follow your prompts to make your payment.



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If you are doing this for the first time:

Visit GFWC.org

Member login

In the drop down, select Join; sign up with a new account and then register by following the same instructions for selecting our Region Conference.

Registration for this conference is \$35.00. You also have the opportunity to purchase chances for a lovely Red Maple Leaf quilt made by Anne Englehardt that is supporting the Toronto International conference. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance if needed to register.

Remember if you are presenting a report, please send by email : one copy to JoAnn Calnen NER President: jcalnengfwc@cox.net, one copy to Karen Leach, NER Secretary : sackett159@aol.com

The preliminary agenda is attached to the CALL as well as information and forms to take advantage of the fundraising events. As this is a virtual conference, segments are pre-recorded, so we appreciate that you adhere to any of the deadlines given. I encourage you to take this opportunity to attend the New England Region Conference; the decision to hold a remote conference was made to ensure there was the ability for as many members that wished to attend could attend without concern for safety. The conference is our chance to share ideas and learn about GFWC's programs. This is the unique opportunity to do it from home.

There will be a memorial honoring those New England Region board members who have passed away in 2019/2020. Please send their names , club name, state federation, brief biography and if possible a digital photo to: Maddy Marzullo, by 9/20/20.

maddymarz@sbcglobal.net

(860) 689-0594

Warm wishes

JoAnn Calnen

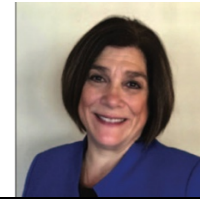
GFWC New England Region President



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Speaker: 53rd GFWC International President
Marian Simmons-St. Clair



Speaker: 53rd GFWC President-Elect
Debra Strahanoski

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

New England Region Fundraiser “It’s in the Bag”

Each state is asked to be creative by filling a bag such as: Beach Bag, Tote, Vera Bradley Bag or something unique and fun with items related to their state’s theme. Each state has their own **Theme**. The value of items is requested at \$100. States should send a photo of their bag with a list of the contents to:

MaryAnn Pierce, 161 Harris Ave. Needham, Mass 02492 by 9/15/20.

Winners to be announced October 17, Saturday during the Conference.



Magical in MA **Mystical** in ME **Naughty** in NH **Relaxing** in RI **Vivacious** in VT **Cozy** in CT

Fundraiser for the GFWC Capital Campaign – Pearls of Wisdom

This is a competition for creativity and success amongst the Regions-let’s make New England STAND OUT!!

Each chance you purchase gives you a virtual strand of pearls . When the fundraiser begins, you will pick heads or hearts: a toss of the coin will decide which it will be. If you run out of strands, you are out of the game. The game continues until one person is left - that person will win half the sales of the virtual pearls.

The more STRANDS you purchase the more chances to stay in the game to the end. Wear your own strands the night of the game if you wish.

Strand of pearls cost \$5.00 each.

Winner to be announced Friday night.



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FUNDRAISING Activities

All Opportunity Purchases must be made in advance and received no later than 10/10/20.

- **Separate checks** are appreciated for each fundraiser.
- **Virtual Strands of Pearls**
 - 1 Strand of Pearls for \$5
- **“It’s in the Bag.”**
 - 3 Chances for \$10
 - 7 Chances for \$20

Checks made payable to GFWC New England Region

Send to MaryAnn Pierce, Chairman, 161 Harris Ave, Needham, Mass. 02492



“Pearls of Wisdom” to support Capital Campaign #Iam GFWC

This is a Fundraiser that all regions will be participating in.

Let’s show how New England Region can have great fun and connect with our GFWC sisters while supporting GFWC Headquarters.

\$5.00 a virtual strand of pearls

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Strands purchased: _____

Total Amount \$ _____



“It’s in the bag.” New England Region Fundraiser : 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Chances purchased: _____

Total Amount \$ _____



**General Federation of Women's Clubs
New England Region**



LEADS Workshop Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

State Affiliation: _____ Present Office: _____

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [] Yes [] No

WORKSHOP \$5.00

PLEASE: One reservation form for each attendee
(copy if needed)

Check payable to : **GFWC New England Region**

Mail this form with check to:

**Carol Waters
15 Oak St.
Exeter, NH 03833**

Questions to: Cjh20s@comcast.net
Due by 10/5/20



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Preliminary Agenda

Friday, October 16, 2020

- 11:30am-1:30pm LEADS via Zoom
- 2:30-3:45pm New England Region Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
- 6:00-7:00pm Junior Fun Night and Capital Campaign Fundraiser via Zoom
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Saturday, October 17, 2020

- 1:00pm
- Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies
 - Thought for the Day
 - Reports of the NER Officers
 - Reports of the Community Service & Advancement Programs
 - Communication and Public Relations
 - Signature Program
 - Legislation and Public Policy
 - Fundraising Program
 - Guest speaker: GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski
 - Virtual tour of Clemmons Family Farm
 - Election of the NER Nominating Committee
 - Report by the Standing Rules Committee and Proposed Standing Rules Amendments
 - Jennie June Region Chairman Report
 - Break
 - Guest speaker: GFWC President Marian Simmons-St. Clair
 - Reports of the Community Service & Advancement Programs
 - Membership
 - Leadership
 - Juniors Special Program-Advocates for Children
 - Capital Campaign
 - Memorial
 - State Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs Panel
 - Invitation to the 2021 Region Conference
 - Closing Ceremonies
 - Adjournment



New England Region Conference 2020
 Junior Fun Night on the SS GFWC
 Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT
 Friday, October 16, 2020
 6:00 to 7:00 PM

GFWC NER President JoAnn Calnen
 extends an invitation to the
 Junior Fun Night Lip Sync Contest
 during the virtual cruise of beautiful Lake Morey

Entry Rules:

- ⚓ You must be registered for the NER Conference to participate
- ⚓ Entries can be single performer or group performance.
- ⚓ Pick a song, learn the words, create a costume (or not) and be ready to dazzle your NER sisters.
- ⚓ As this will be held via Zoom, we ask participants to be prepared to perform with their own musical recording of the song. However, for those who may have Internet access issues or can't attend on Friday (but are registered for Saturday), we will accept a pre-recorded entry which would be played for the attendees.
- ⚓ Entries will be limited; it's first come first served.
- ⚓ Entries must be received by October 10th by 6 PM.
- ⚓ There will be judging with certificates mailed to winners.

Name of contestant(s):

Title of song and length of song:

Your state:

Club name:

Address for award:

Send your entry information and any pre-recorded video to:
 Katie Robey, GFWC MA Director of Junior Clubs ~ kdrobey@robeybaur.org
 Put NERC Lip Sync Contest in subject line

Standing Rule Amendments

1. Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 3. Eligibility: Candidates for office shall:

b. Insert "First" before "have." Strike "at least one term on the GFWC Board of Directors" after "served" and before "as" and insert after "President," the words "if no candidate is available, then second would be a Past State Director of Junior Clubs and third would be a Past State Officer. If there are no candidates from that State, then a candidate from one of the other states, not represented, may be considered following Article IV. Section 9. Vacancies."

If adopted would read:

b. *First* have served as a State President, *if no candidate is available, then second would be a Past State Director of Junior Clubs and third would be a Past State Officer. If there are no candidates from that State, then a candidate from one of the other states, not represented, may be considered following Article IV. Section 9. Vacancies.*

Rational: To broaden the list of qualified candidates who may not have served on the GFWC Board.

2. Article V. MEETINGS

Section 4. Insert at the end of the first paragraph a subsection:

"The quorum for the semi-annual meeting shall be ten (10) members with representation from at least four (4) of the six (6) New England States."

If adopted would read:

4. A semi-annual meeting shall be held during the GFWC Convention at which time the agenda shall include, in the even-numbered year, the installation of Region officers. The semi-annual meeting will be scheduled by the GFWC President.

The quorum for the semi-annual meeting shall be ten (10) members with representation from at least four (4) of the six (6) New England States.

Rational: To specify a quorum to allow for voting , if necessary, at this meeting.

3. Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 4. The Secretary

Re-letter "c" to "b" and "d" to "c".

b. Insert "of" between "and" and "the semi-annual". Insert in this section after the word "minutes" before "within" in the last sentence the words "electronically, for electronic signatures,"

If adopted would read:

b. She shall record the minutes of all meetings of the GFWC New England Region, of the Board of Directors meetings and *of* the semi-annual meeting held during the GFWC Convention. She shall submit minutes to the President and committee members appointed for approval of the minutes *electronically, for electronic signatures*, within three (3) weeks after each meeting.

Rational: To update to electronic signatures.

4. Article IX. STANDING COMMITTEES

2. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE Strike "four (4) and insert six (6) after "of" and before "members" and strike "not more than" between "members" and "one". Put a period after "elected" and strike the rest of the sentence.

If adopted would read:

2. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE of *six (6)* members (one from each state) shall be elected. The committee shall be elected at the Conference in the even-numbered years and, immediately following election, the committee shall elect its Chairman.

Proviso: if adopted, would go into effect for the 2022-2024 administration

Rational: To allow for a member from each state to participate if a new officer needs to be selected.

5. Article X. FINANCES

7. Strike the following "eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850) after "sum of" and before "by" and insert "nine hundred dollars (\$900)". Insert period after "Treasurer" and strike "from the receipts of registration." after "Treasurer." The second paragraph to remain unchanged.

If adopted would read:

7. The hostess state federation shall be reimbursed the sum of *nine hundred dollars (\$900)* by the GFWC New England Region Treasurer.

The hostess state shall provide a complete report for Region records with a copy for the next hostess state's reference.

Rational: To conform to the approved budget. Since we pay out of budget we do not need to say where the money came from.

6. Re-number Article XIV. REDISTRICTING AND/OR DISSOLUTION CLAUSE to Article XV: Of the same name.

Insert a new Article XIV. EMERGENCIES

If adopted would read:

"In the case of a national emergency, state emergency, or any type of event (man-made or natural) that could potentially put members in danger, the GFWC New England Region President, with the consent of the majority of the GFWC New England Region Board of Directors, may hold electronic meetings. If necessary, any important business for those meetings will be sent by mail prior to the meeting. The information will be sent to each state president who will send it out to all state clubs. The clubs will return any votes to the NER President and copy State President by mail by the designated deadline. Each club will be entitled to as many votes as the number of delegates it is allotted when a convention is held."

Rational: To allow for electronic meetings if necessary and to allow for voting by the usual form of communication for the states. Since this proposal says that a ballot will be *sent* to each club, that would

allow emailing the ballot if the clubs in your state, or the members of your club, communicate by email. Otherwise, the ballot must be sent by USPS mail.