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Help Wanted:

Interested in serving on the 2022-2024 Board of Directors? Email T Jablanski with your completed Interest Survey.

GFWC MA FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMAMassachusetts>

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President's message:

The month of April's focus is varied and offers causes in:

Child Abuse Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, National Volunteer Month, National Poetry Month, Autism Awareness Month, Keep America Beautiful Month and many more. So many possibilities

of areas to support as a club! By including **Hearts &**

Hands for GFWC in your club work this spring, you can make a difference in the lives of others.



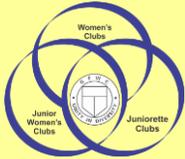
GFWC MA Combined Annual Convention: Please join your fellow Massachusetts clubwomen as we ***Cherish the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Create the Future***. Highlights include Awards and Recognitions to YOU for your club work in 2022. We would like for you to come for all of the Convention but if you can only come for part of it that works, too. We are planning to celebrate with a fun dress up evening on Friday, business casual or GFWC emblematic wear on Saturday day for awards and dress up on Saturday evening for special awards and recognitions. Haven't been to a State Meeting during this administration? This is your opportunity to attend. Join us for the **Installation of Officers** for the 2022-2024 administration and the Saturday night After Party celebration.

GFWC 2022 Annual Convention: Catch the Volunteer Spirit and Let the Good Times Roll!: from June 25-28 at the Hilton New Orleans

Riverside. Registration is open in the [Member Portal!](#) "The Big Easy" offers something for everyone, with world-famous lively music, creative cuisine, and vibrant nightlife, as well as its multi-cultural heritage and festivals. Business, convention speakers, workshops, service project with USO, tour options, and federation fun are on the agenda.

MYL MassSTAR: Every Massachusetts high school is invited to nominate one outstanding sophomore to participate in this dynamic weekend. The annual MassSTAR Citizenship Conference brings together high school sophomores from across Massachusetts to participate in three days of leadership training, civic education, and personal development with the aim of promoting their understanding of what it means to be an active and engaged citizen. Based on 5 key areas: Respect, Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, and Intentionality through intensive workshops, panels, group discussions, and activities, students are empowered to see that change in their world begins with them. This conference is presented free of charge to all students and schools.

<https://www.massyouthleadership.org/nominate.html>



For Sale:

Support the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention area



♥ SALE ♥

Purchase a heart diversity pin for 2/\$5.00 or a heart/hand bracelet for \$10.00 Also offered are 20 handmade cards with a special card for \$15.00. All proceeds support the D&SVA&P area.

Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining The 1898 Society.

Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization. Watch for the 2022-2024 1898 Society initiative coming soon.

Terri Lynn nuts & candies

You can buy quality products and support GFWC MA!
We appreciate your orders!



[Fundraising for GFWC Massachusetts | \(terri Lynn.com\)](#)

Fliers/Forms on the website for you as State President/Clubmembers:

- ♥ Buy A-Brick Order Form (ongoing)
- ♥ Memorial Forest tribute and memorials are due by May 8 ~ Federation Day at the Forest is May 21.

GFWC Affiliate UNICEF continues to support Children of Ukraine:

UNICEF remains committed to scaling up response efforts as over 2 million children have been forced to flee Ukraine, 2.5 million more are estimated to be internally displaced, and needs for essential supplies increase. Thus far, UNICEF has sent more than 1,000 tons of emergency supplies - including medicine and medical equipment, winter clothes, hygiene kits and educational resources - to support children and families inside Ukraine and across refugee-hosting countries. Teams have also set up Blue Dot hubs, one-stop safe spaces that offer vital protection and care for refugees fleeing the crisis.

GFWC MA Website ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/>

Keep within easy access. Do you have 30 minutes to explore the website ~ this is a great way to find all that is offered to you. Don't forget to send in any upcoming **Club Events** to be included on the Club Events page.

Publicity: Do you have club news to share with GFWC? Pictures tell a story. Email PR@gfwc.org. to be considered for GFWC's Blog. Share upcoming club projects with **GFWC MA** to be including on our website. We want to hear from YOU!

NEW GFWC Affiliate Hope for Justice

Announcing Hope for Justice ~ fighting human trafficking and helping victims and survivors all around the world. This work is only possible because of a growing global movement of ordinary people who support this life-changing work in many different ways. Be part of it.



Commemorating 100 Years of GFWC History:

Since April 1, 1922, GFWC has called the beautiful building at 1734 N St. NW, Washington, DC, home. Since the purchase of the mansion, it has been filled with the stories of countless clubwomen and their guests. Join in celebrating this exciting milestone by enjoying the GFWC 100th Anniversary Virtual Tour, hosted by International President Marian St.Clair and President-elect Deb Strahanoski. Registration is available through the [Member Portal](#), once you register, starting on April 24, you will receive a link to view the virtual tour which will be active until the end of June.

Featuring: An Extraordinary Woman to Know ~ Julia Ward Howe

Born in New York City in 1819, Julia Ward Howe became one of the 19th century's most influential women. A writer, abolitionist, suffragist, lecturer, and clubwoman, Julia Ward Howe surrounded herself with notable writers and creators from a young age. In 1862, Howe's poem "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was published for the first time in *Atlantic Monthly*. Battle Hymn is still considered the Civil War anthem of the Union and is Howe's best-known publication. After the war, Howe helped to establish and lead major women's organizations, including GFWC. GFWC Massachusetts is proud of our first President.