



# The BEAT of the Federation

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Help Wanted:**

We have some  
Chairmen openings:

**Environment**  
**Communications and**  
**Public Relations**  
**Legislation/Public**  
**Policy**

**Fundraising Committee**

Email President Shibley  
if you are interested.

We'd love to have  
you join the Board of  
Directors.

**President's message:**

So much has been happening with this Massachusetts President since the last issue. Federation work has continued even though we have not been able to meet in person. Updating our **GFWC MA website** ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/> has been a priority; please make sure you visit each page (from GFWC MA History and Accomplishments to our Members area). Kuddos to our State Chairmen and Second Vice President, Jen Nowak for getting MA Program Information fliers ready with many suggestions for programs and projects of interest in our state. There is a great deal of information within easy reach.

This President virtually attended the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting on August 22 and 23, and will have much to share with you. The GFWC MA Board of Directors will meet in person at our Headquarters in Sudbury and on Zoom on Saturday, August 29 to conduct business. We will continue to give our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** even with current restrictions in place. I am available to help each Club President with ideas and suggestions to keep your members involved and working on club business until we are able to meet in person. Please join me for our next **Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk**. Would love for you to join us.

Thank you all who reached out to me with words of sympathies and support on the loss of my mother. I appreciate your kindnesses. "Hold dear to your parents for it is a scary and confusing world without them." ~ Emily Dickinson

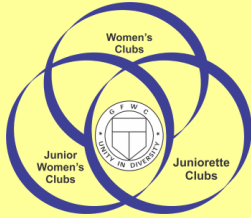
This issue we are featuring information on: Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk, TOPICS, GFWC MA Membership VidHug, Suffrage 100MA, GFWC September Webinars, Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day, GFWC New England Region Conference, GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting, 1898 Society, website scavenger hunt as well as other pertinent info. Please share this newsletter with your club members.

**Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:**

There will be an email invite coming soon for you as Club President to join this State President on Tuesday night, September 1 @ 6:00 for a Heart to Heart talk. The goal is to check in on you and the pulse of your club. If you do not know how to use Zoom, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you.

**TOPICS ~ GFWC Massachusetts State Newsletter (editor Darlene Coutu)**

Please forward any club pictures of your clubwomen in action to the editor. Watch for the first issue coming out in October which will feature the Women's Club and Junior Women's Club Officers.



### For Sale:

Support the Massachusetts President's focus area: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



Purchase a heart diversity pin for \$5.00 each or a heart/hand bracelet for \$20.00. All proceeds will go towards club grants and DV/SA A&P.

Contact Bernadette Bennett for your purchases: [bbennett@bu.edu](mailto:bbennett@bu.edu)

### THIS IS US~Unity in Diversity Brick Walkway



The Memorial Forest Committee encourages all members to tell their story and memorialize it in stone (or brick) by becoming a part of the **THIS IS US~Unity Walkway**. Form on the website.

### GFWC MA Membership VidHug:

One of the newest ways to feature your club in the spotlight is through VidHug video. It is easy to use, fun to put together, and a wonderful way to make a short video to show others about your club and its projects. Check out the Membership recruitment video your state Membership leaders put together:

<https://app.vidhug.com/BkKl1ewzP/hug>

### SUFFRAGE 100MA

Join Suffrage100MA for the premiere of their film on THE centennial of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, August 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

<https://suffrage100ma.org/join-us-for-womens-equality-day-2020/>

No registration required!

This film, The Fight for Women's Suffrage: Looking Back, Marching Forward! gives a multi-faceted glimpse into the suffrage movement, from the abolitionist movement in the 19th century that led to the suffrage movement, to the ratification of the 19th Amendment 100 years ago. Learn the dramatic herstory and be inspired to VOTE!

### GFWC September Webinar Series:

*Webinars will be open to the first 500 to register. Any member who has set up her member portal profile (through GFWC) will be able to register and attend. Members who registered for one or more webinars during the initial offering will be sent a link on September 1 that will enable them to view those specific webinars again, without registering a second time.*

#### Tuesday, September 1, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Leadership (1 hour)

Chairman Shannon Bailey and Committee

- Building Your Leadership Toolkit

#### Wednesday, September 2, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Legislation/Public Policy (1 hour)

Chairman Vicky Ann Trimmer and Committee

- Gathering Facts & Working for Change—Legislation/Public Policy Activity in an Election Year

#### Thursday, September 3, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Communications and Public Relations (1 hour)

Chairman Karyn Charvat and committee

- Communications 101: From Club to Crisis and Everything in Between

#### Friday, September 4, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Juniors' Special Program (1 hour)

Chairman Carrie Zimmerman and fellow Junior Board members

- Advocating for Children in GFWC Volunteering: It's not just for Juniors anymore

#### Tuesday, September 8, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Membership (1 hour)

Chairman Becky Wright and Committee

- Hats Off to Membership

#### Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:00 pm ~ GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention (1 hour)

Chairman Jan Allen and Committee

- GFWC Signature Program: Leading to better Tomorrows

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

Members are  
dedicated to the  
financial well-being of  
our state organization,  
funds contribute to the  
welfare of this  
Federation. We  
encourage all members  
to join each year at  
\$18.98 per year.



GFWC MA Website  
GFWCMA.org  
Scavenger Hunt

Can you find and  
answer these questions:

**1. About GFWC-GFWC**

**Did You Know:** What is  
the Federation color  
and Federation flower?

**2. Scholarships:** What is  
sitting on the book stack  
on the clip art?

**3. Join a Club-Benefits  
of Membership-Benefits  
of Belonging flier:** What  
store gives GFWC  
Membership Discounts?

**4. Calendar:** What  
special week is  
celebrated October 25-  
31?

**5. Members-Tax Filing  
for Clubs:** fill in the  
blanks: The Information  
provided here is solely  
for \_\_\_\_\_ Massachusetts  
\_\_\_\_\_ clubs.

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE ~ CLUB LEADERS DAY**

Keep the date of **Saturday, September 19** on your calendar for the availability of our **Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day** video presentation. Organized by First Vice-President T Jablanski and Treasurer Darlene Coutu this video will offer many informative pre-recorded presentations and will be chock full of valuable informational tools for you as Club President and/or club leader. You can watch this video on your own time. We are requiring that a representative from each club watch the Club tax information and let us know that you did view the information. We are excited to share this opportunity with you.

**111th NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE ~ BIG MARKER  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Save the Date - **October 16-17, 2020.**

Please consider joining club women from throughout the New England states to attend the virtual NER Conference.

**Friday, 10/16** 11:30-1:30 a **New England Region LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) will be offered via Zoom for any member who wishes to register. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. You are encourage you to sign up and have this unique experience of sharing leadership ideas and learning new ones.

**Friday, 10/16** 6:00-7:00 pm those registered for the conference will be invited to a **Zoom Social and Junior Fun Night**. This will be an opportunity to connect with others. A virtual fundraiser will be held at this get together, "Pearls of Wisdom" raffle that should be great fun.

**Saturday, 10/17** the New England Region Conference will convene via the BigMarker online platform. The Region "It's In The Bag" fundraiser opportunities will be held.

Registration for the conference will be \$35.00 per member. This will entitle you to all materials, presentations, and handouts as well as the opportunity to meet our GFWC International President, Marian St.Clair and President-elect, Deb Stahanoski. More information is on the GFWC MA website: Events-New England Region Conference.

The **Call** with a link to register will be available soon.

**COMBINED WOMEN'S AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S FALL MEETING**

The **CALL** to our **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting: The Spirit of Change is in the Air** which will be held on **Saturday, October 24** will be available soon. We are unable to physically meet at the Oliver Wight Tavern in Sturbridge, so we are holding a hybrid meeting instead. Some of us will be at GFWC MA Headquarters in Sudbury many more of us will be participating via Zoom. Registration for the conference will be \$15.00 per member. This will entitle you to participate in the business of our Federation (voting for registered delegates), all materials, presentations, and handouts as well as the opportunity to meet and hear our scheduled speakers. We will have fun surprises; it should be a wonderful day even while socially distancing. I am looking forward to working with Director of Junior Clubs on the programming and the day of the event. Hopefully you have the save the date marked on your calendar.

**Remember your State President is available for you. We want you to feel supported at this unprecedented time.**