



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:

WELCOME 2021! As we all breathe a sigh of relief that 2020 is behind us, moving forward our work as volunteers is greatly needed. Massachusetts clubs are doing extraordinary work giving back to their communities and supporting global efforts. Our members continue to open their hearts, their wallets, and lend a helping hand. We will continue to give our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** even with current restrictions in place. I am available (a phone call or an email away) to help each Club President with ideas and suggestions to keep your members involved, while working on club business until we are able to safely meet in person.



Publicity: Do you have club news to share with GFWC? If there a club success story to tell? Email to be considered for GFWC's Blog. Share club projects with **GFWC MA** to be including on our website.

Club Yearbooks: make sure you send our HQ Secretary your most current copy. Mail a hard copy or email clubmember names, addresses, phone number, email. This information will securely stay at our HQ.

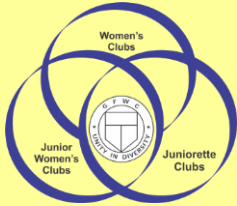
This issue we are featuring information on: Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk, GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship, GFWC MA Scholarships, Club reports, GFWC MA End of Year donations, Club Participation Award, Jennie June Award, January and February fundraisers, Items for sale, 1898 Society, Legislation and Public Policy update, GFWC Membership Grant, John Hopkins live broadcast, GFWC Endorsed Fundraisers, the sixth 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, **February 2 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. Our **special guest, Mary Baird**, GFWC MA Health and Wellness Chairman who will talk about **Loving your Heart**. Please attend ♥

GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship:

The GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship was created in 2012 to help those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarship funds. Application is on our GFWC MA website: About GFWC~What We Do
Deadline: February 5, 2021. Do you know someone who could apply?



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



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 Massachusetts Scholarships:

Mental Health Counseling or Public Health ~ Fields of study selected for 2021 **Memorial Education Scholarship for Graduate Study**. These fields can include programs for Higher Education Counselors and Substance Abuse or Trauma Counselors, and Public Health may have concentrations such as Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, Health Administration, & Environmental and Occupational Health. These fields have been so important as we face modern challenges to global health!

GFWC Massachusetts Scholarships ~ 12 more scholarships are offered for graduating high school seniors, undergraduates and those in a graduate study program. All scholarships are posted on our GFWC MA Website: <https://www.gfwcma.org/scholarships.html> ~ due March 1, 2021

GFWC Massachusetts Club Reports:

Did you complete these? Your state report writing guru Jen Nowak, 2nd Vice President is just an email or phone call away. For any activities done because of COVID-19, a **special award** will be given at our GFWC MA Annual Convention for the club that went above and beyond in this area.

GFWC Massachusetts End of the Year Donation Form:

Thank you to all clubs who submitted their donations. We are grateful for your contributions! Did you include your donations on your state reports? If you haven't submitted, we would still be happy to accept any donations ~ please send in the form as soon as possible.

GFWC Massachusetts Club Participation Award:

Did you submit this? Our **state trophy awards** are based on this information. This form is due January 31, 2021.

Our next **Board of Directors Meeting** is Saturday, February 27, 2021. We are on schedule with the 4 times per year BoD meetings.

GFWC Jennie June Award:

The GFWC Jennie Award, the only national honor bestowed by GFWC, recognizes individual members for personal excellence. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. Your nominee's paperwork is due June 1, 2021.

January's Fundraiser:

LUCKY 2021 ~ \$100 in Lottery tickets. Take a chance on this month's item. Prize entries are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00. Drawing will be held at the end of the month. Pay by check (GFWC MA and mail to Treasurer Darlene Coutu, P.O. Box 236, Pepperell, MA 01463) or pay through Venmo. Visit our website for specific details on how to win ♥
<https://www.gfwcma.org/fundraising.html>

February's Fundraiser:

PRETTY IN PINK/RED/PURPLE ~ A beautiful quilt, made by Jen Nowak Raffle prices the same as January's item. Watch for more information ♥ and a picture of the quilt.



**GFWC MA Website
GFWCMA.org
Scavenger Hunt #6**

Can you find and answer these questions:

**1. About GFWC~GFWC
Did You Know:**

What three Massachusetts clubwomen served as GFWC International President?

2. Events~Club Events:

Which Massachusetts club is making hats for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital?

3. Members~Fundraising:

Who do you contact to become an 1898 Society Member?

4. Calendar: What inspirational words by Martin Luther King Jr. are on the GFWC MA calendar for 1/18.

**5. Members~GFWC MA
Program Information:**

What is the LEADS application deadline date? Who can apply?

Remember your State President as well as the Officers are available for you. Let us know what topic(s) you are looking for ♥ We want you to feel supported at this unprecedented time.

GFWC Legislation and Public Policy:

Legislative Wrap-Up message from GFWC: As the final session of the 117th Congress comes to a close, GFWC would like to thank their members for their advocacy and action over the past two years. GFWC has been closely monitoring and supporting the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act and Miranda's Law, the two pieces of legislation chosen by GFWC members at the eight Region Conferences in 2018. While these pieces of legislation did not move forward during this Congress, our collective voice surely did not go unheard. In total, 2,641 GFWC members wrote 8,005 letters and made 467 calls in support of these bills. Thank you for the work that each of you has done to move these important bills forward.

GFWC MEMBERSHIP GRANT:

Funding is available to help underwrite membership recruiting efforts at the club level. GFWC is offering \$50 for club member recruitment activities in conjunction with seasonal recruitment campaign activities. Applications must be received by these dates for membership events occurring in the designated seasonal recruitment cycle:

- Spring seasonal recruitment membership grant deadline~**March 1, 2021**
 - Summer seasonal recruitment membership grant deadline~**June 1, 2021**
- Find the application on the GFWCMA website.

JOHN HOPKINS: Feb 3, 2021 COVID-19: One Year Later

7 - 8:30 p.m. EST Complimentary. Register for this virtual live program presentation and discussion of public health measures, vaccine safety and lingering effects of COVID-19.

To register: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/awomansjourney>

GFWC ENDORSED FUNDRAISERS:

STARFISH PROJECT:

Purpose: Help exploited women and girls experience freedom, establish independence and develop careers.

Ethical Purchases: 100% of your purchase is invested into their social mission to help trafficked/exploited women experience freedom, establish independence and develop careers.

GFWC Endorsed Fundraiser: 25% of the proceeds from any Starfish Project products purchased through this dedicated [link](#) will go to GFWC's Success for Survivors Scholarship! View Starfish Project's necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, and garments. [Order](#) your next favorite piece.

TERRI LYNN PRODUCTS:

Let's start off 2021 with plans for a healthier self. Watch for this GFWC MA Fundraiser to kick off in February to raise money safely and quickly with these satisfying snacks and mixes from Terri Lynn! Please lend you support.

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

Keep within easy access. There are many forms and documents within reach. Don't forget to send Donna Shibley any upcoming **Club Events** to be included on the website: Events - Club Events.

GFWC MA FaceBook page:

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

Join us here for postings that are relevant to GFWC Massachusetts.