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CLUB Yearbooks: Do we have yours?
Once a year all clubs are asked to send a copy of their club yearbook to GFWC Massachusetts Headquarters. If you haven’t done so...please bring the Yearbook to FALL MEETING.

President’s message:

There certainly has been a whirlwind of Federation updates since the virtual May 9th GFWC MA Officer installation. GFWC MA FaceBook has been revised as well as a new and improved GFWC MA webpage. All Club Presidents, Board of Directors members, Executive Committee, and Past Presidents should have gotten the May 10th WELCOME letter from me highlighting the new administration. I know our Massachusetts clubwomen will give their Hearts & Hands for GFWC even with current restrictions in place. I can’t wait to experience your successes with you.

Please make sure to send me an invite to attend a club meeting, project, or event. Don’t forget to send club newsletters and updates to me so I can share them with the state Officers~ we want to know about the worthwhile contributions you make locally and statewide.

This issue we are featuring information on: GFWC Summer Webinars, GFWC Manual, Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day, GFWC New England Region Conference, GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting, Club Yearbooks, as well as other pertinent info. Please share this newsletter with your club members.

GFWC Summer Webinar Series:
Webinars will be open to the first 500 to register. Any member who has set up her member portal profile will be able to register and therefore attend. Anyone who has issues signing in and getting started with the Member Portal, should call GFWC Headquarters for assistance.

Monday, July 20, 2020
7:00 pm ~ Leadership (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Shannon Bailey and committee
• Building Your Leadership Toolkit

8:30 pm ~ Legislation and Public Policy (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Vicky Ann Trimmer and committee
• Gathering Facts & Working For Change
• Legislation/Public Policy
• Activity in an Election Year

Monday, July 27, 2020
7:00 pm ~ Communications and Public Relations (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Karyn Charvat and committee
• Communications 101: From Club to Crisis and Everything in Between

8:30 pm ~ Juniors’ Special Program (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Carrie Zimmerman and fellow Junior Board members
• Advocating for Children in GFWC Volunteering: It’s not just for Juniors anymore
Help Wanted:
We still have some Chairman openings:
- Environment
- Communications and Public Relations
- Legislation/Public Policy
- Fundraising Committee
Email Donna if you are interested
We’d love to have you join the Board of Directors.

Monday, August 3, 2020
7:00 pm ~ Membership (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Becky Wright and committee
  • Hats Off to Membership
8:30 pm ~ GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention (45 minutes-1 hour)
Chairman Jan Allen and committee
  • GFWC Signature Program: Leading to better Tomorrows

GFWC MANUAL

A key benefit of belonging to GFWC is access to the comprehensive resources, developed through strong relationships and creative leadership, compiled for members into one, and easy-to-use reference: the GFWC Club Manual.

The GFWC Club Manual contains information that is vital for effective and efficient club management, including suggested program guidelines and resources, tips on reporting, a directory of state and national leaders, and strategies for club administration.

No GFWC club should be without this valuable tool.

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.

The Massachusetts Chairmen have been very busy writing their corresponding page of information specific to Massachusetts. Under the leadership of their counselor Jen Nowak, these pages will soon be up on the GFWC MA website.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE ~ CLUB LEADERS DAY
Keep the date of Saturday, September 19 on your calendar for our Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day. This day at our Headquarters in Sudbury will be chock full of valuable informational tools for you as Club President - feel free to bring other Club Officers with you.

NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE
111th Conference ~ October 15-18, 2020
Please consider joining club women from throughout the regions to attend the NER Conference at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee Vermont.
GFWC National Officers in attendance:
GFWC International President Marian St.Clair (from South Carolina)
GFWC President-elect Deb Strahanoski (from Illinois)

COMBINED WOMEN'S AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S FALL MEETING
As we begin planning our state federation commitments as well as our club activities, I ask you to keep Saturday, October 24 open on your calendar to attend the GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting at the Old Sturbridge Village. Look for the Call to Fall Meeting for more details, and what out for the new Fall Meeting.
And watch for an exciting meeting name change!