



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:

As we celebrate mothers this month (and all those aunts, caregivers and anyone in the role of mother) please accept this virtual bouquet from me. Let us also take some time to breathe in all you have accomplished



while continuing to give back to your communities and beyond. We all can give our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** with current restrictions slowly lifting. I am available (a phone call/an email away) to help Club Presidents with ideas

and suggestions to keep your members involved, while working on club business until we can all safely meet in person.

A WONDERFUL STATE CONVENTION:

This State President is honored to have virtually presided over the **2021 GFWC Massachusetts Combined Annual Convention: Hearts and Hands Together** with Director of Junior Clubs, Katie Robey on **Saturday May 1, 2021**. We had 65 members and 3 guests attend and managed to get business of the Federation, annual reports, awards, recognitions, anniversaries, raffles, thank you from MassSTAR and The Second Step, and fun facts all accomplished in under 4 hours. Thank you to ALL who helped make this a successful event by your attendance and participation. All winning Women's and Junior Women's clubs projects, individual and club recognitions are posted on the GFWC MA website. Special thanks to **GFWC President-elect, Deb Strahanoski** our motivating guest speaker. Her powerful message was inspiring.

From Your Heart Raffle ~ 15 winners

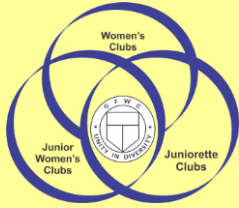
The Second Step ~ Essential item were donated ~ <https://a.co/520OpvC>

Hands on Activities ~ Members participated in the project show and tell at the end of the meeting. Members also participated in the:

- Friday night **Fun Night** ~ Reverse Trivia (thank you to Katie)
- Friday night **1898 Society Reception** (thank you to Mary Ann Pierce)

GFWC New England Region Conference

The **2021 GFWC NER Conference: Celebrate Change** will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Westborough on **Friday September 17- Sunday, September 19, 2021** with GFWC Guests: GFWC President Marian St.Clair and GFWC President-elect, Deb Strahanoski. Massachusetts is the host state so make sure to put on your party clothes to join us at the state night banquet featuring special guest author Sara Hammel. Join for the fun and federation friendship with fellow New Englanders. Chairman Jen Nowak is looking forward to a well-attended event. If anyone has any connections for freebees to give to attendees, please reach out to her.



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 or a
heart/hand bracelet for
\$20.00 All proceeds
support 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.
Look for the updated flier
with gifts you receive for
your yearly donations.
\$18.89 ~ attendance at
2022 Annual Convention
event
\$50.00 ~ the above and
entry into all BoD and
State Meeting 1898
raffles
\$100.00 ~ above & more
\$250.00 ~ above & even
more
\$500.00 ~ above & a
special honor

GFWC International Convention

The **2021 GFWC Annual Convention: Celebrating Culture, Cultivating Connections** will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia (\$129 per night) from Saturday, August 28, to Monday, August 30. Additionally, a Board of Directors Meeting, the 2020 and 2021 LEADS training, a 2020-2022 Installation, and a Celebration Banquet "Gateway to the World," will be held on Friday, August 27.

GFWC Jennie Award: LAST CHANCE to honor a MA clubwoman

The GFWC Jennie Award, the only national honor bestowed by GFWC, recognizes individuals for personal excellence. Nominee's paperwork is due to the State President **June 1, 2021**.

GFWC Massachusetts Federation Day at the Forest:

This hour-long event is being presented by the Memorial Forest Chairmen, Nancy Coughlin and Mary Kemp and their committee. Donations will be recognized and clubwoman, family and friends will be remembered. A special dedication of the Diane McCurley Memorial Garden will also take place. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 29th @ 1:00pm** directly following the GFWC MA Board of Directors Meeting. All are encouraged to attend this outside event.

Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:

There will be an email invite coming for you as Club President to join this State President on Wednesday night, **June 2 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. Our **special guests, Jen Nowak** and **Marisa Jablanski** will continue with part 2 of the Continuing the Conversation on Combined Annual Convention project award winners. Please attend ♥

Publicity: Do you have club news to share with GFWC?

Is there a club success story to tell? 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!

May Fundraiser:

GET Pampered ~ assorted items to make you smile worth over \$100

- 31 zip top organizing utility bag
- Grey birds on branches scarf 35" x 68"
- Two Italian wines: Friuli Pinot Grigio (white) and DaVinci Chianti (red)
- Michel Design Works ~ hand and body lotion 8 oz
- Global Beauty Care ~ Dead Sea Mud mask and Anti-Aging spa treatment mask
- Spa Sister ~ Ramie belt, eye mask, bath brush, treatment socks
- Beautiful live plant (inside or outside ~ your choice) picture not included

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 via Venmo.



June Fundraiser: 4th of July Mania (donated by Jen Nowak)

Past Fundraiser winners:

- LUCKY in March \$100 Lottery tickets ~ Jen Nowak
- April Amazon gift card ~ Bernadette Bennett



**GFWC MA Website
GFWCMA.org
Scavenger Hunt #10**

Can you find and answer these questions:

1. About GFWC: GFWC

Leaders What two MA clubwoman portrayed Charlotte Emerson Brown, the first International President and Millie Crom, the first Director of Junior Clubs at the 2016 GFWC Convention in Baltimore?

2. Events ~ Club Events:

Which club is sponsoring a Duck Race to support scholarships and community events?

3. Members ~

Fundraising: What GFWC MA history book can you buy for only \$5.00?

4. Calendar: When is the Suitcase Stories event hosted by the Dedham Juniors?

5. Members ~ GFWC MA

Program Information:

When is the summer Membership Grant application due?

Remember your State President as well as the Officers are available for your club meetings as presenters. Let us know what topic(s) you are looking for ♥

GFWC MA High Tea Garden Party  Membership Event:

Join us for a fun afternoon with friends and family. Don your fancy hats, flowery dresses, pearls, parasols while we enjoy tea, scones, petite sandwiches, and scrumptious desserts. Surprises for all attendees. Bring your own teacup and small plate. Chair: Mary Ann Pierce & Committee. Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 @ GFWC MA Headquarters in Sudbury from 1:00 ~ 3:00pm Your donation: \$30.00 (includes 5 raffle tickets) Be part of the FUN ~ bring a guest or two ~ all are welcome!

State Blue and Yellow Fundraiser:

Can you knit/crochet a hat or scarf? Stitch a pillow or quilt? Create note cards or stationery? Paint a picture? Create jewelry? Not crafty? Store bought items are welcome! Members are encouraged to start NOW to create/donate your entry to the **Blue** and **Yellow** FUNdraiser. Items will be collected at HQ in Sudbury, please donate by October 7, 2021. These special items will be raffled and auctioned at the Combined Fall Meeting October 16, 2021. Proceeds will be used to fund **GFWC MA Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Club Grants**. We hope every club will have at least one item donated. All entries will be recognized. Time to get creating or shopping. Contact Bernadette Bennett for more information: bbennett@bu.edu | 781.690.2824



GFWC Affiliate:

♥ **UNICEF News:** The country's health care system is severely overstrained by this crushing second coronavirus wave. India was beyond devastating: In just 24 hours, 412,000 new cases and 4,000 deaths were confirmed. So far, UNICEF has delivered 3,000 oxygen concentrators, diagnostic tests, PPE, medical kits and other equipment to critical care centers. But more urgent aid is needed to halt this deadly surge. Donations are needed: [Humanitarian Aid for Children in Crisis](#) | [UNICEF USA](#)

Legislation and Public Policy:

Please Take Action on GFWC's Legislative Priorities for the 117th Congress

- **Federal - HR 485** ~ A bill to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes.
- **Federal - S J Res 1** ~ Equal Rights Amendment
- **Federal - H J Res 17** ~ Equal Rights Amendment
- **Federal - HR 7** ~ A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.
- **Federal - S 205** ~ A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

GFWC MA FaceBook page:

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

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

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

Keep within easy access. Don't forget to send Donna Shibley any upcoming **Club Events** to be included on the Events: Club Events page.