



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:

This Massachusetts President continues to attend to Federation work. Besides getting prepared for our GFWC Combined Fall Meeting and the NER Conference, the focus this past month has been on Memorial Forest filling out cost-share paperwork to secure our grant for the Forest Stewardship Plan and Foresters for the Birds Program. This grant will allow us to pay for a new Forest Management Plan (our previous plan expires this year), practice long-term guardianship of our woodlands, learn more about native birds and other wildlife in our forest, and possibly conduct tree harvesting as a GFWC MA fundraiser.

Keep the **GFWC MA website** ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/> within easy access. There are many forms and documents within reach. Have you seen the VOTING Process document recently posted (thank you to the Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman, Diane Murphy)? Have you seen the recently shared GFWC Top Ten projects for 2019? Congratulations to the six MA clubs who were recognized!

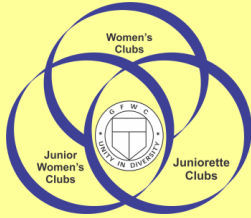
The GFWC MA Board of Directors met in person at our Headquarters in Sudbury and via Zoom on Saturday, August 29 to conduct business. Our next Board of Directors Meeting/Holiday party is Saturday, November 21. We are on schedule with the 4 times per year BoD meetings.

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. I was excited to be invited to my first club meeting ~ The Needham Women's Club 85 anniversary celebration. Thank you to President Elaine Oppenheimer for the invite and chance to present the club with their anniversary certificate from GFWC along with Director of Junior Clubs Katie Robey.

This issue we are featuring information on: TOPICS, Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk, Tools of the Trade~Club Leaders Day video, GFWC New England Region Conference, GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting, Items for sale, SAVERs fundraiser, 1898 Society, GFWC MA Scholarships, Top 10 Projects for 2019, Advocates for Children's Week, Usborne Books, GFWC Affiliate updates, the second website scavenger hunt as well as other pertinent info. Please share this newsletter with your club members.

TOPICS ~ GFWC Massachusetts State Newsletter (editor Darlene Coutu)

Did you 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

SAVERS FUNDARISER

The Fundraising Committee encourages all members to purge, and donate soft goods by October 9th - our drop off date.



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, **October 6 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. The goal is to check in on you and the pulse of your club. Our State Treasurer, Darlene Coutu and Fundraising Chairman, Mary Ann Pierce will be on hand to answer any of your questions. If need help to use Zoom, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE ~ CLUB LEADERS DAY:

Did you view the video posted on **Saturday, September 19** of our **Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day** video presentation. Organized by Treasurer Darlene Coutu this video offered many informative presentations and is 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 video and let us know that you did view it.

Don't forget to enter the hammer contest.



111th NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE ~ BIG MARKER VIRTUAL MEETING: October 16-17, 2020.

The **Call** to register is available. Please consider joining club women from throughout the New England states to attend the virtual NER Conference with JoAnn Calnen, NER President presiding.

Friday, 10/16 11:30am-1:30pm **New England Region LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) via Zoom for any member who wishes to register with a fee of \$5.00. Please sign up for this unique experience to gain leadership ideas from the presenters.

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

Saturday, 10/17 1:00 pm 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 is \$35.00 per member. This will entitle you to all materials, presentations, handouts as well as the opportunity to meet our GFWC International President, Marian St.Clair and President-elect, Deb Stahanoski. Please reach out to me if you need help registering.

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** on **Saturday, October 24** is out. We are holding a hybrid meeting with some of us meeting at GFWC MA Headquarters in Sudbury and many more participating via Zoom. Registration for the conference is \$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. Please support our **Fundraising efforts**. We will have fun surprises; it should be a wonderful day even while socially distancing. Director of Junior Clubs, Katie and I are finalizing the programming and we look forward to the day of the event. A representative from each club should attend. Registration form is available on our website.

**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 #2**

Can you find and answer these questions:

1. About GFWC-GFWC

Did You Know: Who penned the Unity in Diversity motto? Why?

2. Scholarships: What scholarship is given to a woman returning to school after an absence of at least four years?

3. Newsroom-Action

Alerts: Have you supported: H.R. 8015, The Delivering for America Act?

4. Calendar: What special day is October 4th?

5. Members-MA Program Information: Top 10

Projects: How do teddy bears fit in? Does this give you an idea for a virtual meeting theme?

SCHOLARSHIPS:

YES~Clubwomen ARE eligible for GFWC Scholarships.

YES~Application forms are available on the GFWC.org website..

YES~We need YOU, our Members, to help get the word out to others about GFWC MA scholarships. Please contact our State Scholarship Chairmen, Lucille Barton and Lynne Stader for suggestions on connecting local high school guidance departments to student opportunities for recognition and financial assistance.



ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK is **October 25-31**~What can you and your club do this week? This Advocates for Children yearly event could be a great way to attract more members, brand your club, and show the resiliency that GFWC has had during these pandemic times.

GFWC TOP TEN PROJECTS for 2019

The list is out; Massachusetts clubs were recognized six times! See details of each project on the list posted on our website: Members-Program Information header Top Ten. Hearty congratulations to:

- ♥ **GFWC Agawam Junior Woman's Club**
- ♥ **GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club**
- ♥ **GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club**
- ♥ **GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (twice)**
- ♥ **GFWC Dedham Junior Woman's Club**

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE FUNDRAISER for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Have you heard of Usborne Books & More? They are such creative, engaging and high quality books. GFWC MA is hosting a FaceBook party online~Thursday, November 12th at 7pm. This is a great chance to get holiday shopping done for the children in your life! Any rewards we get from sales will go directly to book donations to children of victims of domestic violence. Get in your PJ's, grab a snack and join online. There will be prizes!! Email me to be included in the event group.

GFWC AFFILIATES:

UNICEF:

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to put children first. UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization by providing health care and immunizations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. What can you do to support **Trick or Treat for UNICEF**?

CANINE for COMPANIONS for INDEPENDENCE:

DOGFEST NEW ENGLAND 2020: A National Signature event benefiting CCI. Founded in 1975, Canine Companions breeds, raises and trains the highest quality assistance dogs for children, adults and veterans with disabilities. Recipients receive these dogs completely free of charge.

Watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FENrMhsCS2U>

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