



General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region 112th Conference



● Connecticut ● Maine ● Massachusetts ● New Hampshire
● Rhode Island ● Vermont

JoAnn Calnen, President GFWC New England Region

Theme: "Change the Script"

September 17-19, 2021

CALL to the 112th GFWC New England Region Conference
Double Tree by Hilton, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough,
Massachusetts
800-222-8722/ 508-366-5511

Conference Theme: Celebrate Change

2021 Conference Chairman: Jen Nowak, jwnowak@charter.net

Dear Federation Sisters,

You are happily invited to the 112th GFWC New England Region Conference hosted by GFWC Massachusetts in Westborough, MA being held September 17th - 19th, 2021. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We have the opportunity to meet after a year of being apart. I hope that all New England Region members accept this invitation and once again greet each other face to face. As you read the CALL, you will see that GFWC Massachusetts has planned a wonderful time and is clearly ready to welcome us all.

Currently there are no requirements to wear a mask by the hotel; please plan to do what makes you feel safest. The hotel offers a breakfast restaurant and amenities include free parking, high speed internet, mini fridge, safe, pool and gym. Share this CALL with all members of the Region: this is an opportunity to not only visit with old friends, make some new ones, but also to meet our GFWC leaders. GFWC International President Marian St.Clair and GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski will join us for our Conference; we can look forward to their special remarks.

Hope to see each of you soon,
JoAnn Calnen,
GFWC New England Region President
860-550-4756



Celebrate Change
Raffles, Shopping, GFWC Guests,
Fun Nights, Being Together, Speakers, Beautiful Baskets



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Hotel Information for You:

Double Tree by Hilton Room Reservations can be made online at: www.bostonwestborough.doubletree.com click on the special rate button after selecting your check in and check out dates and enter group code **GFW**. Room rates are \$109. The group rates close on 8/16/21 at 11:59 pm. Make sure you mention GFWC group.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Thursday Evening early arrivals: GFWC Massachusetts invites you to a "Meet and Greet" in the hotel lounge at 8:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity to say hello to Marian St.Clair, GFWC President, Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President-elect, JoAnn Calnen, GFWC New England Region President along with all the NER Officers. Please plan dinner with a small group of your region or state friends on your own. There are a variety of restaurants in the area to accommodate individual parties some as casual as Panera Bread or Moe's Southwest Grill, chain favorites like Long Horn Steakhouse, Uno's Pizzeria or 99 Restaurant or for a little more upscale choices, there are Ted's Montana Grill, Arturo's Restaurant, Tomasso Trattoria, The Oregon Club or Tavolino's. There are many more choices if you search the web for restaurants in Westborough, MA. We look forward to seeing the early arrivals in the hotel lounge (to the left when you enter the lobby.)

Friday, September 17, 2021

Registration Open : 9:00am-12:00pm, 2:00-6:00pm



Service Project: St. Jude Walk /Run In support of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 8:30 am-10:30 am.

St. Jude Walk /Run. You can participate in this service project to benefit Jude's Children's Research Hospital right here at the New England Region Conference.

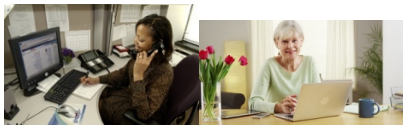
On Friday morning, September 17th from 8:30 to 10:30 am, put on your sneakers and join your Region friends to fundraise to help cure childhood Cancer.

Two course options will be available, a one mile Loop on a sidewalk around the hotel vicinity or a shorter version in the hotel parking lot. Both will be marked for participants to follow at your leisure. How many loops around? That is up to you!

Encourage Club members to come and participate or to support your efforts. Any size donation will be accepted for your Walk fee. Monies collected from the St. Jude Walk/Run will be compiled with other donations collected throughout the weekend. On Sunday we will present one check to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Please make checks payable to GFWC NER with St Jude in memo line.



-----**LEADS Workshop: 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm**



The Leadership Education and Development Seminar is open to any members wishing to develop or expand their leadership skills. Registration is required. A box lunch will be included.



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Friday Continued:
GFWC Board of Director's Meeting 3:30-5:00 pm.
Social Gathering at 6:00 pm, Banquet 7:00 pm



Massachusetts State Night Banquet. "Celebrate Change."

Wear your party clothes - this is the evening to celebrate! Cocktail attire is fine: add a boa, a tiara, or maybe a fascinator.

Special guest speaker is Sara Hammel, author of "The Strong Ones: How a Band of Civilian Women made their Mark on the Army." This is truly an inspiring story of forty-five civilian women, including the author who volunteered for a controversial seven-month Army strength study in 1995. They proved just how strong women can get.

There will be an opportunity to purchase autographed copies of the book.



GFWC New England Region Fun Night hosted by the NER Junior Membership

Everyone at the Convention is invited.

Enjoy New England Region's version of the races at Westboro's Speedway. There will be a mini speedway with racers from all NER states and two special guests. This is a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. It is destined to be a lot of fun!

Saturday, September 18, 2021, Business Session 9:00 am.
Registration Open: 8:00am-9:00am



Processional: 8:45

- We open with our Processional. State Presidents, please remember to bring your state flags and stands.
- **Attire is Business Casual**



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Saturday GFWC New England Luncheon. “Spare Change.”

- Bring your spare change to help support St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital
- Listen to the remarks of our guest speaker: GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski
- Following the close of the business session, 2022-2024 Region President, State Presidents & Director of Junior Clubs should plan to meet with GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski.

Saturday Evening: GFWC New England Region Banquet. “Change is in the Air.” Social Gathering 6:00pm Massachusetts State Night Banquet 7:00 pm

- Our guest speaker will be GFWC International President Marian St.Clair
- Entertainment will be provided by DJ Jerry B. He has been providing professional mobile DJ services throughout New England since 1986 including weddings, anniversaries, class reunions, holiday parties, college parties, and corporate functions. Plan to enjoy a “down to earth experience.”
- **Attire is Cocktail**

Sunday, September 19, 2021. “Welcome Change”

All American Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 am

- Remembrance Ceremony: State Presidents, please email Madeline Marzullo with the names of any New England Region board members who have passed away since 2020. Please email Madeline at: maddymarz2@gmail.com
- Speaker: St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital presentation.
- **Attire:” Emblematic”** Sport all your GFWC Marketplace items: Shirts, Scarves, Bags, Hats, and Mugs with our General Federation of Women’s Club Emblem.

GFWC New England Region Fundraiser Information:

- Each state will have a table available to use for fundraising.
- Information regarding State Basket Raffles: Each State is asked to contribute a basket valued at \$100 for the Region Raffle. **Theme** is “CHANGE”- compose your Basket around the assigned letter below and bring your basket to the conference. Example is C-Connecticut “Candy”

Connecticut	C
Massachusetts	H
Rhode Island	A
New Hampshire	N
Vermont	G
Maine	E



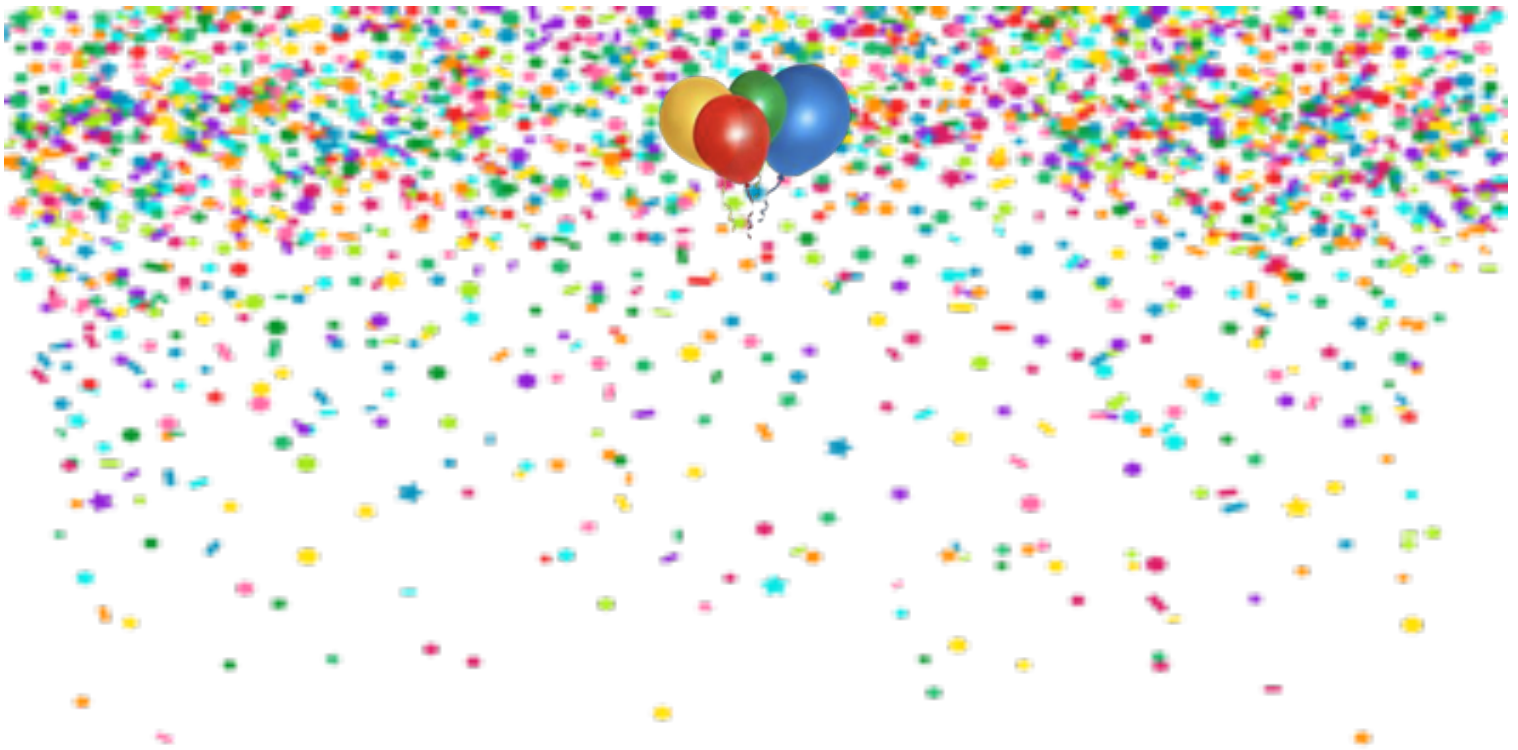
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Marketplace

Sample of some of your shopping opportunities:

- Author Violet Snow- book title "To March or to Marry," Historical fiction by Violet Snow-published June 1, 2021, in New York City of the early 1900s, two young women find their friendship torn apart when one of them abandons the dignified, middle class feminism of their women's club to join suffragettes marching for the vote.
- Home Décor Accents by Diane Newcomb with Stoneware pieces.
- The ever-popular GFWC Marketplace items-Fabulous New England State tables





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MEALS/LEADS RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

State Affiliation: _____ Present Office: _____

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [] Yes [] No

MEALS/LEADS

Friday LEADS Seminar (Cost includes Registration & lunch) Box Lunch \$25

Box Lunch pick one. Mark with X

() Roasted Beef and Havarti on Baguette with red pepper relish.

() Sliced Turkey and Bacon club on Ciabatta Bread

() Hummus and Roasted Vegetable on Spinach Wrap

\$ _____

Friday: GFWC Massachusetts State Night Banquet : Choices includes salad and dessert

Choice of:

() Champagne Chicken topped with prosciutto, Asparagus and sauce \$35

() New England baked Haddock \$38

() Pasta Primavera \$30

\$ _____

Saturday Lunch

() Gourmet Deli Board \$37

\$ _____

Saturday Night: New England Region Banquet: Choices include salad and dessert

Choice of:

() Tuscan Chicken with Herb Stuffing \$37

() Grilled Salmon with Dill Sauce \$40

() Cheese Ravioli \$32

\$ _____

Sunday Breakfast

() All American Buffet \$29

\$ _____

TOTAL MEALS/LEADS \$ _____

Please list any dietary restrictions _____

PLEASE: One reservation form for each attendee (copy if needed)
Make separate check for meals payable to GFWC Massachusetts
Attn: NER Registration, Darlene Coutu, PO Box 236 Pepperell, MA
Questions: treasurer@gfvcema.org

Meal Fee: Deadline September 1, 2021 Sorry no refunds after 9/1/2021



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REGISTRATION FOR GFWC NEW ENGLAND REGION 112TH CONFERENCE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

State Affiliation: _____ Present Office: _____

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [] Yes [] No

[\$20] per person for the entire Conference

[\$15] per person for one day or part there of

Friday 09/17 _____ Saturday 09/18 _____ Sunday 09/19 _____

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Cell Phone: _____

Special Medical Needs: _____

Allergies: _____

PLEASE: One registration form for each attendee (copy if needed)
Make separate check for registration payable to **GFWC New England Region**
Registration must be received by 9/1/21.
Mail this form to: Carol Waters, Box 1073, Exeter, NH 03833
Questions: Cjh20s@comcast.net

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Preliminary Agenda

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm, 2:00pm-6:00pm Registration open

1:00pm-6:30pm Marketplace open

8:30-10:30am Walk for St Jude's Children's Research Hospital

12 - 2:00pm LEADS Workshop

2:15pm Region Officer Meeting

3:30pm Region Board of Director Meeting

6:00pm Social Gathering

7:00pm Massachusetts State Night Banquet

Jennie June nominees honored

Junior Fun Night

Saturday

8:45am Processional Formation

9:00am Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies

Appointment of Committees

Presentation of Conference Rules

Presentation of Conference Program

Reports of Officers

GFWC or Region Committee Reports:

Fundraising and Development

Communications and Public Relations

Signature Program

Workshop

Membership

Report of the Nominating Committee

GFWC or Region Committee Reports:

Capital Campaign

Luncheon Recess

Guest Speaker: GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski

Resumption of Business Session

GFWC or Region Committee Reports:

GFWC Challenge Projects

Juniors Special Program

2020 LEADS Graduates

Recess for Evening

Incoming Leaders meeting with President-elect Debra Strahanoski

6:00pm Social gathering

7:00pm Region Banquet

Guest Speaker: GFWC International President Marian St.Clair

Sunday

8am -9:30am Breakfast

Remembrance Ceremony

State Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs Panel

Guest speaker: St. Jude's Children Research Hospital

2021 LEADS Graduates

Closing Remarks

Invitation to the 2022 New England Region Conference

Closing Ceremonies