

PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFMC Newsletter
September/October 2008



“It Is Better to Give than Receive”



President's Letter

It is an honor and privilege that I serve as the 60th GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Club President. It was wonderful going to Chicago and being one of the eight Maine women attending this informative conference. I will be attending the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Washington DC the first weekend in September.

It was great to see so many people at the Advisory Committee Meeting on July 16 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. We are working on the Fall Conference that will be held at the Holiday Inn in Waterville, October 24 & 25. (Friday and Saturday) This will be the only conference on a weekend.

The theme for the 2008 – 2010 Administration is “IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE”. It is always better to do for others and not always for one's self. The President's Project will be “THE FOOD PANTRY/ PARTNERING WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK”. The Good Shepherd Food Bank is located in Auburn and serves about 600 food banks in MAINE. More will be heard about this at the Fall Conference. This a project the members can continue to work in their local communities. I am excited about this project and I learned a lot that I didn't know about food banks.

I will be willing to attend your club meeting to speak anytime. Please let me know when you would like me to attend.

Please let me know if you want a Marketplace table at the GFWC/MFMC Fall Conference. I'll see what room is available for you at the Holiday Inn. Hope to see you all at the fall conference.

Yours in Federation,

Jane L. Shaw

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Officers



President-Elect

Summer is well underway, and so too is this Administration! Summer Advisory Meeting is behind us and President Jane is off to a good start! I believe all would agree, her selection of "The Food Pantry" as her President's Project couldn't be more timely. With sky-rocketing fuel costs, the trickle down effect means everything else increases in cost as well. Sadly, there will be more people needing assistance this year than ever. Is it any wonder that the President's Project was met with overwhelming approval? "The Food Pantry" will be on the *front burner* during the next two years and it will be wonderful to be a part of GFWC/ Maine making a difference in the lives of others in some unique ways as well as the usual method of helping through financial support.

Spending time during our breakout session at Summer Advisory, I had the pleasure of meeting with our District Presidents. I want to thank each of them for their willingness to share their time and talents as they step into this leadership position. They all shared some excellent ideas as this journey begins for the 2008 – 2010 Administration.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce them to you now:
District 1 – Sally Manchester
District 2 – Marjorie Black &

Billie Sherman
District 3 – Marjorie Goodwin &
Raejean Hersey-
District 4 – Sherri Walsh
District 5 – _____

Could *this* be the position you've been looking for? Lillian Zanchi served as District President the past 2 years and graciously is willing to be a **contact** person until someone steps forward to assume the role. If you have even an inkling of taking this on, but don't quite dare to, give me a call - - many hands make light work, as the saying goes. Please give it some thought - - we really need someone (or two)! I'd be most interested to hear your ideas. My contact info:
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sraymond72@roadrunner.com
or phone 564-8817.

Ladies, I am looking forward to seeing you at Fall Conference. I know it will be a good time, it always is. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

Suzanne T. Raymond



Treasurer

I would like to thank the membership once again for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your State Treasurer. The summer has been filled with "transitioning" accounts, reports, report forms, etc... from our past State Treasurer, Marjorie Wood, to the new State Treas-

urer - me. Many thanks to Marjorie Wood for all the help she has given me and this organization. We're in business again, and I will be reporting to you all in the fall at our Fall Conference on October 24th and 25th at the Holiday Inn in Waterville, Maine.

Gloria P. Leveillee
Treasurer



Corresponding Secretary

A most important reminder, the next Pine Tree Notes deadline is: **November 1.**

Directories will be available at Fall Conference in Waterville and there is still time to get your order in - should you have forgotten that you'd like one. Perfection is a goal and rarely a reality, so please get any corrections to me in writing at Conference or by email or inclusion in the next issue or continuing updates for any issue.

Many thanks to the clubs who did such a fine job gathering ads. The count isn't final yet, but there seem to be even more than last year. This helps keep the cost of publications at current levels in spite of postage increases.

See you in Waterville!

Libby G. Wiers
Corresponding Secretary

District News



District 1

Suffice it to say that despite the HOT and QUITE RAINY summer, the clubs in District 1 have been very busy finishing up the 2007-2008 club year and planning with excitement their activities and projects and fund raisers for 2008-2009.

The **GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club**, with its newly elected officers, have planned a Pot Luck Luncheon for September and a speaker from the Maine League of Women Voters for October. In keeping with President Jane's theme, "It is Better to Give Than Receive" and her project, they will have a food basket for donations to their local food pantry at each meeting.

The **21 Club** also finished its year with a Pot Luck Lunch at which they invited and honored 3 community members who had volunteered many hours for Meals On Wheels, road side clean up and Thanksgiving Baskets. They also wrapped up a two year community improvement project which raised money to repair and restore the Porter Old Meeting House. They raised over \$700.00 for this project

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** is ending its year with its annual "funky themed auction". This year they are picking a holiday item or items to put together to auction

off. The directors are planning next year's programs and activities and they will kick off the first year of this administration with their annual Pot Luck Dinner in September.

The **GFWC/MFVC Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** had their annual yard sale in May in conjunction with the Bath community wide yard sale event. They hosted the annual Senior Tea for Morse High School. In June the Club prepared for its annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival held on July 4 in conjunction with Bath Heritage Days. The proceeds are contributed to various organizations and help pay for the oil to heat their beloved Club House. The Club doesn't meet during the summer but they have been very busy selecting programs and preparing the program booklet for the upcoming year. For the September 10th meeting, they have scheduled the annual pot luck and are having an Antique Apron Fashion Show.

The **GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club** takes the summer off, but ended their year with a Pot Luck and swim party at the summer home of Elizabeth Spiller on Sebago Lake. They are busy planning next years activities and will have more to report next time.

Clubwomen, feed them and they will go anywhere.

Sally E. Manchester
President



District 2

At the GFWC/MFVC Spring Convention, District 2 clubs were well represented and received many awards for their community work during the last year. We were especially proud of the **GFWC/The Dove Society** as they were awarded the Carolyn Lombardi Trophy for the second consecutive year. Also, at the convention, District 2 received some disturbing news as the Madison Woman's Club reported that they were dissolving. We will miss them and hope they will, once again, join us in the future.

May serves as the end of the club year for most and, as such, brings with it the installation of the newly elected officers and board members. The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** and the **Waldoboro Woman's Club** had David Barter, past state president, install their new slate of officers with the assistance of the outgoing presidents of the clubs. New members were also inducted into the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** and the **GFWC Semper Fidelis Club**.

May also is she time when we think of helping those who wish to continue their education. The awarding of \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors as reported by the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** (two) and **GFWC/The Dove Society** (four). **Waldoboro woman's Cub** awarded seven scholarships of \$1000 each. Three of those scholarships went to continuing education students and four to high

school seniors. This was made possible, in part by the success of the **Waldoboro Woman's Club's** annual Whale of a Sale fundraiser where more than \$2600 was raised for scholarships. The event featured a bake sale, plant sale, food sale Treasures from the Attic, Jewelry boutique, raffle and silent auction as well as a popular crab roll, blueberry cobbler and ice cream lunch.

Besides the above fundraiser, members of the **Waldoboro Woman's Club** volunteer at Sea Thrift Cottage at Lincoln Home in Newcastle and will be helping at a White Elephant and bake sale there during Founder's Day in August. They also open the German Church for visitors every afternoon during July and August and help provide refreshments for the annual service on the first Sunday in August.

The **GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club** reported programs on Domestic Violence, Multiple Sclerosis, and Service dogs. They held a Project Linus workshop during which they made 7 blankets and pieced together 2 afghans. Club members support the Norland's Living History Center and, after the disastrous fire, members and middle school students worked together to clean and replant the flower garden. Then they helped with a 'thank you' picnic for the 11 fire centers that worked so hard to save the historic mansion. Their garden committee planted flowers at the Gateway garden, started a garden at the new Paper Museum, and raised close to \$1800 by holding a plant sale to benefit the library.

They planted the 'leftover plants' near public buildings. After all of this, they had time to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of their members, Helen Coburn.

GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club members have participated in the Women's Ride for Heart Health (a 5, 10, or 25 mile bike ride) in Freeport, paddled canoes for Pine Tree Camp, biked in the Trek Across Maine for the American Lung Association, and participated in the Relay for Life Walk for the American Cancer Society. They also participated in various activities for the Skowhegan Riverfest. To top all of this off, they still have enough energy left to meet on Monday evenings for walks around the high school track!

GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club reported that Maxine Russakoff was awarded their Enid Currier Volunteer of the Year award. In June, they had the planning meeting to prepare the program for the coming year. This summer, their members have provided baked goods and cold drinks to be sold at the Summer Concerts at Coburn Park, each Sunday evening throughout July and August. Members have also been busy making craft items to raise funds for the coming year.

GFWC/The Dove society held a yard sale fundraiser in July and have plans for an August "planning" meeting.

Plans were made to gather women from various

community organizations for a meeting at Lakewood Theater on August 17th. Participants will see a play, have a reception during intermission with desserts being made available, and socialize with members from other organizations. This is being promoted by the **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club**.

Wilma (Billie) Sherman
Marjorie Black
Co-Presidents



District 3

The **GFWC/MIOSAC Club** had their year end banquet and Birthday Party in May. They have been busy during the summer with the annual yard sale with half of the profits donated to a member's daughter, a breast cancer survivor, who is walking in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Boston in August. Keeping with their new project to increase breast cancer awareness, the club is sponsoring a Pink Tulip Project. They sold crafted pink tulip gardens this fall around Dover-Foxcroft for breast cancer awareness. In conjunction with the Homecoming parade in August, they had a float in the parade and collected food to be donated to the local food pantry.

The **GFWC/Newport Woman's Club** is selling raffle tickets for their Scholarship Fund. This goes to a Nokomis student each year. The tickets are \$2.00 apiece and raffle prizes are 100 gallons of #2 fuel (delivered within a 15 mile radius), a hand braided rug, a

\$25.00 gift certificate to Bud's Shop & Save and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Irving Oil. The winning tickets will be drawn at their September 11th meeting. The meeting will be at Claudette Amoroso's camp and will have a pot luck supper at 5:30 pm. This will be their Membership Night, also.

The **GFWC Pittsfield Arts Club** (Always Ready To Serve) had their annual Dinner meeting in May. Over 200 people were served at the Early Bird Breakfast during the Pittsfield Egg Festival. This is an annual project that has been done many years.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** will be meeting at the Town Hall, starting in September. They had a very special ceremony recognizing 7 members with at least 25 years as GFWC/MFWC members and the announcement was put into the local paper. At June's meeting President Laura Neal passed out a "Club Member Survey" form for everyone to fill out so that she can have a better idea of what club members think about their club and how to make improvements. Four members went to the Spring Convention where Jane Gilbert found out that her photograph won 1st place at the State level. She was also one of four that received the Century Award pin in the ESO Reading Program. Congratulations, Jane! Members are selling ads for the State Directory, and are working on an idea for a fantastic Fund Raiser that will be announced at Fall Conference. In July, 7 members went to Hospital Chaplaincy in

Newburgh to work on making crafts that will be distributed to hospitals all over the State of Maine.

The **Pittsfield Tuesday Club** met at the Heritage House Restaurant in Skowhegan for lunch and then went to the Margaret Chase Smith Library for their annual meeting. A film about Senator Smith's life was presented to members and all enjoyed a tour of Senator Smith's home. The Summer Tea was held in July at Carol Morse's home in Clinton. Members spent an hour or two talking about their summer activities. The next Tea will be held at Barbara Jones' home in Pittsfield on August 19th. Plans are being made to have a luncheon available to Pittsfield citizens on Election day in November. This will be a service to the community as well as a fund raiser.

GFWC/Outlook Club repeated their 'Mother's Day Tea' fundraiser in the spring to benefit Somerset House, the county safe house. They participated in Hartland Fun Days in June, selling pies to raise money for their annual scholarship. The club is on vacation until fall.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Presidents



District 4

Following tradition, the **Acadian Community Woman's Club** hosted Winter Harbor's Memorial Day observance. Area veterans, scouts and public servants participated in a morning parade and service at the new Memorial Park. The annual meeting in May brought two new members. At the Summer Memorial High School graduation in June the ACWC issued two \$1000.00 college scholarships. One was awarded to a graduating senior, the other to a local student who is returning for his third year of college. The Acadian Community Woman's Club was honored at the graduation for Summer's Adult Learning Center for their "Career Closet", where students can choose several outfits suitable for job interviews and the workplace. In June members gathered at a local restaurant for the annual banquet. Several members live in the area only during the summer and this provided a great opportunity to get to know them better. The 2008/2009 program was recently published. The programming for this year includes a Feng Shui expert, Scrapbooking workshop, Mental Health professional and another February Bunco luncheon for District #4 clubs. Fall plans include a potluck supper and participation in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on the Bangor Waterfront.

The **Castine Woman's Club** has been very busy with various social events and fundraising events in support of their annual scholarships. January through March the club hosts their

“Dinner at Noon” project. They serve a lunch at the town hall where the public is invited and gives them an opportunity to socialize during the long dreary winter months. In May, they held their bridge luncheon where six tables of bridge players tried to outplay their opponents. In June, they held their annual yard sale to raise funds. They are now gearing up for their annual Election Day bake sale and their holiday gift wrap sale. A new fundraiser this year that was so successful it may be considered for an annual event was their Canine Caper Dog Show.

The Hancock Woman’s Club held their indoor yard sale in March. Their annual meeting was held in May. The club awarded two scholarships to local students in June. The June meeting was very informative with guest speakers, State Representative Rob Eaton and his opponent in the upcoming election Richard Malaby, a local Hancock resident. Their annual Chicken BBQ, held on the last Saturday in July, is a major fundraiser for their scholarships and for operations of their club building. Several club members were in attendance at the Spring Convention in May.

GFWC/The Lubec Woman’s Club has been busy with the West Quoddy Lighthouse. Members have staffed the visitors’ center and interacted with lighthouse enthusiasts from around the world as the lighthouse marked its 200th anniversary. On the fourth of July they again held their yard sale in conjunction with The Lubec Historical Society. Boy scouts from the local

troop assisted the Woman’s Club in carrying and setting up items for the sale. The organizations profited over \$1600.00. The boy scouts were given a generous donation for their assistance. The club continues their monthly Senior Social at a local church.

The GFWC/Narraguagus Woman’s Club resumed its meetings after the winter break on April 7th. Master gardener, Dorice Timko, gave a program on planting and caring for flowers. The members attended a luncheon at Millside Dining in Harrington on April 21. Members were given lessons in the art of bell ringing, with the members directed in playing a couple of familiar songs. Club members and guests drove to Blue Hill to visit the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in May. Did you know the library is a source of music for musicians throughout the world? Later the group enjoyed lunch at Marlintini Restaurant in Blue Hill. The annual election/installation of officers was held at the home of Barbara Kneeland in Cherryfield. The Executive Committee furnished luncheon to the members and guests. Juanita Pressley of Lubec installed the new officers. Billie Ingalls of Machais was presented with a centerpiece in honor of the seventy years she has been a member of MFWC. Juanita was presented a corsage to thank her for service to the clubs of Washington County as District 4 Co-president. The women’s club passed the hat for donations to The Ark Animal Shelter in Cherryfield, a “pet project” of the

club. The Club presented their annual scholarship to a Narraguagus High School Senior. Ten art students from Narraguagus High School participated in the High School Art Show held at the Machias Savings Bank in Machias.

The Ursula Penniman Club recognizes two members of their club. Congratulations and best wishes to Jane Shaw as she begins her administration as the GFWC/MFMC Maine State President. Billie Ingalls was recently recognized at the GFWC International Convention as Maine’s Empowered Woman of the Present.

One of District 4’s art pieces from the local high school art contest was selected as the winner at Spring Convention.

Sherri Walsh
President

Losers LET
things happen;
Winners MAKE
things happen.

We are winners!

Departments



Education

EAT DESSERT FIRST.

I saved the best 'til last in my report at convention and ran out of time to fully honor these ladies for all their time and effort in participating in the wonderful ESO reading program. History was made May 8, 2008 when four ladies earned the Century Certificate for reading 100 books in various categories. Congratulations to Muriel Bowerman of GFWC/Livermore Falls Club, Jane Gilbert of GFWC/Dexter Woman's Literary Club, Virginia Jordan and Maxine Russakoff of GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club for this achievement. We welcome Iris Snowfire of the GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft as the newest member of the ESO program. Keep those book reports coming.

GFWC/ Outlook Club of Hartland received special recognition in the literacy program with their "BOOKS ALIVE" project and GFWC/Livermore Falls Woman's Club in the lifelong learning program with their "Adopt a Library" project.

The \$225.00 we gathered by raffle tickets was sent as a donation from GFWC/MFWC to Reading Is Fundamental, a GFWC approved program. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Maxine Russakoff
Chairman



Home Life

Well, it's the beginning of a new administration and we all wish the next two years to be very productive. We are all behind you Jane, go girl.

In our household, we received a phone call saying our card had been discontinued at the Skowhegan Savings Bank. The caller said they would give us a new card, all we had to do was call the phone number they gave to us. We knew something was wrong because we didn't have a card at that bank. We went to the bank to check out this offer. Guess What? It was a SCAM.

The past two years at our meetings, we have been stressing the idea of being careful about scams. Every day a new scam appears. I urge you to be very careful in giving out personal information to strangers.

I plan to attend our next conference and I will have cook books to sell. The Funeral Directors Association is partnering with Wreaths Across America and have had cook books printed. For every cook book sold, another wreath will be placed on a soldier's grave. On December 11, a memorial service will be held at the rotunda at the capital in Augusta. All are invited to attend.

Corinne Neal
Chairman



International Affairs

If your life goes anything like mine at the moment, you may be very busy entertaining friends and family from away, showcasing our beautiful State of Maine in all its glory. For me, being a "from away Mainer", it certainly is a lot of fun. My family and friends from Germany fell in love with Maine, the scenery and the people. I'm very proud and happy to live here.

When the summer activities are slowing down, perhaps you might find some time to think of the upcoming Halloween with its "Trick-or-Treat" collection bag for UNICEF. I am very happy to report again that the Patten Women's Club and the GFWC/ Outlook Club from Hartland each had a very successful "Trick-or-Treat" campaign last season helping the school children and boy scouts collect hundreds of dollars for UNICEF. Please would you consider a program like that also this year? I can help you to obtain the boxes or you can just get them through www.unicefusa.org/trickortreat

And remember the other organizations that GFWC supports, like CARE and Plan USA, Heifer and Clowns without Border to name a few, all in desperate need of help!

Many clubs reported last year on their International activities such as hosting students from away, having get-togethers with an International theme and food, potluck, auctions – a lot has been

going on and I hope even more activities will be reported this year. Thank you all for your enthusiasm in acting locally and thinking globally.

Remember, all contributions that your club wants to make on the international level need to be sent to me (26 Harbor View Drive, Hancock, Maine 04640) so your club can get credit for it and be nominated for awards. Everything will be forwarded to our treasurer, that's the way, it's supposed to be handled.

As always I appreciate all you do and am looking forward to hearing from you.

Ruth Dietze
Chairman

Jana Kenney, graduate of Dexter Regional High School, admitted to the University of Maine; Eliza Garland, graduate of Bangor High School, admitted to the University of Vermont.

The Committee owes a big thanks to the District Presidents, who took care of distributing applications for both the loans and scholarships to the high schools in their areas and, with their committee, selected the scholarship finalists. Thanks so much!

If you have any questions regarding either the loans or scholarships, please contact me either by e-mail or phone: 866-2653 or alida.coates@Maine.edu.

Alida Coates
Chairman



Endowment Fund

A new Administration has begun. It is now time to plan for your club donations to the ENDOWMENT FUND for your 2008 - 2009 club year.

This fund helps with expenses of the State Federation in addition to providing activities and speakers at state meetings. Only the interest from the Fund is used so there is a continuing need for more monies. A suggested donation is to raise \$ 1.00 per club member per year. All members are urged to read the history of the fund in the Directory and see some of the innovative ways that clubs have raised money in the past.

If you have any interesting fund raising ideas that clubs might utilize, please send them to this chairman to be included in the next newsletter. You could also pass them on at the Fall Conference.

Patricia Smith
Chairman

Committees



Educational Loan Fund

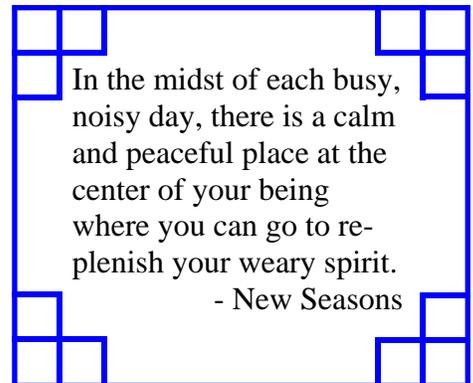
This fall, thirteen high school graduates will have received interest free loans of \$600.00 from our Educational Loan Fund - eleven new loans and two renewals. The distribution was: District 1, 2, and 3 – one applicant each; District 4 – five applicants; District 5 – three applicants. The two renewals are from District 2. We received a greater number of loan applications this year and all were approved. Recipients of the \$1,000.00 Maude MacKenzie Scholarships were:



Clubwoman

Have you ordered your subscription to 'Clubwoman' magazine? It's most informative, beautiful and all in color. It's truly a source of inspiration and challenge and makes us proud to know we are affiliated members of such an international group helping to make our world a better place in which to live.

Billie Ingalls
Chairman



In the midst of each busy, noisy day, there is a calm and peaceful place at the center of your being where you can go to replenish your weary spirit.
- New Seasons



Fundraising

The Fund Raising Committee wishes to extend thanks to all who supported our money making endeavors last year. We still have white & green totes available for \$15.00 and the MFWC shirts for \$27.00. The Committee will have new and interesting merchandise available at the Fall conference. If you have any ideas for us, PLEASE let us hear them! We are open to suggestions because we want to have items that will interest all members. We hope to attend all of the District meetings and show the members what we offer. My e-mail is dgoodwin@zwi.net and Raejean's is lupinehill@zwi.net. Please contact us if you have ideas.

Marjorie Goodwin
Raejean Hersey
Co-Chairmen



Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award is the highest honor bestowed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly. Jane Cunningham Croly was a journalist and was best known by her pen name "Jennie June."

The nominees for this award are chosen for their personal excellence by their clubs, states, regions, and a national GFWC Jennie Award Committee at GFWC Headquarters. They are being nominated not only for their

outstanding commitment to their clubs, but also for outstanding commitment to their communities, and family as well.

Although this award was first given by the Federation during the 2004-2006 administration, Maine did not participate during that administration. We had four clubs that submitted nominations during the 2006-2008 administration and **Corinne Neal of GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club was honored as MFWC's 2006-2008 Jennie Award Nominee** and had her name forwarded to New England Region. Congratulations to Corinne!! Maine has so many outstanding club members who would be worthy candidates so it is my hope that many clubs will participate and nominate one member by submitting her name to President Jane Shaw by **June 15, 2009** for state-level judging. Remember, the candidates have to be GFWC/MFWC dues paying members. Each club president has the Contest Rules, Judging Criteria, and Nomination Form located in the Special Projects section of her 2008-2010 Administration Booklet. Let's honor our outstanding members!!

Lynnette Gravel King
Chairman



Leadership

What an exciting summer this has been. I was privileged to be able to attend the GFWC International Convention in Chicago as MFWC LEADS representative. The day was filled with great speakers and a great deal of information about the GFWC organization.

I would like to thank all of MFWC members for the opportunity to represent them. I look forward to the next 2 years as Leadership chairman

Mary Libby
Chairman



Maine Youth Leadership

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"There is no way I can explain what MYL has done for me, but I can tell you that it will stay with me for the rest of my life. Those four days were the best four days of my life and I would not trade that time for anything in the world."

- 2008 Ambassador

"The few days at MYL have been one of the best experiences of my life. I have learned a lot about myself and others. Listening to all of the speakers really inspired me to go out and make a difference. Thank you so much to all those

who make this possible."
- 2008 Ambassador

Maine Youth Leadership Seminar is a time for the chosen sophomores to discuss a whole host of concepts from ethics to justice, responsibility to team-building, personal choice to acceptance, in an attempt to challenge their understanding and decision-making. They are told that this time at the seminar is time invested in themselves and that they are worth it. They are challenged to open their eyes to reality, listen with their hearts, act with their heads and expand their vision of the future. The MYL experience teaches that anything and everything is possible!

Please support the next seminar as generously as you have in the past. Be sure to check out the MYL website (www.mainejuvenileleadership.org) to view the video of the last seminar.

A full scholarship is \$200, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to:

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Gorham, ME 04038
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gtewhey@maine.rr.com**



**Public Relations
& Website**

"Tis the season...for clubs to work on their club programs for the upcoming year! I want to remind you to please include www.gfwcmaine.org and www.gfwc.org in your club programs. That information will be handy for all your club members.

Don't forget that we still have the "WHAT'S NEW" section on our website. This is for your club to announce a special event that you want everyone to know about, special anniversaries or fundraisers or speakers you want other clubs to know about, etc. This isn't just for clubs, either! Attention Department Chairmen and State Officers: the "WHAT'S NEW" link is for ALL news concerning our state federation! So, if you want to get the word out, please e-mail me at ljneal@msn.com with your information and/or photos.

Laura Neal
Chairman



**MFWC
President's
Project**

"The Food Pantry: Partnering with the Good Shepherd Food Bank" is the President's Project for 2008-2010. Could we ask for anything more timely? With heating fuel and gasoline nearing all-time highs – with no reprieve in sight – and the ripple effect that raises the cost of everything we buy, including food, many Maine families are facing a choice: heat or eat. Towns all over our state have local food pantries, food cupboards, food shelves – call it what you will, this is neighbor helping neighbor. The Good Shepherd Food Bank is an organization that assists these local endeavors by providing food at pennies on the dollar, so our donations locally stretch many times over. All non-profit organizations that shop at the Good Shepherd Food Bank pay only 16 cents a pound for food! What a huge bargain!

At Fall Conference, look for a 50/50 raffle to raise funds for this project. The catch: the winner is honor-bound to donate 50% of her winnings to her local food assistance program.

We will have more information about Good Shepherd and more ideas for fundraising opportunities, so do keep your eye on this column!

Libby Wiers
Kendra Chubbuck
Co-Chairmen

	PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE	
September 4-7	GFWC Board of Directors, Washington, DC	
September 9	Pittsfield Tuesday Club	
October 16-10	GFWC/New England Region, Burlington, VT	
October 21	GFWC/Westbrook woman's Club	
October 23	GFWC/MFMC Executive Board, Waterville	
October 24-25	GFWC/MFMC Fall Conference, Waterville	



Membership

A new year is beginning with new leaders, new ideas and hopefully lots of enthusiasm. As we begin, I hope you have plans for 'Act in Oct' with special and ideas at your meeting. How about 5 new members this year! Look around where you live or work. Invite the new person to your club meeting. Be enthusiastic about the club and the activities because enthusiasm is catching.

I found this recipe by an unknown author that was reprinted in GFWC Membership Matters. Hope it helps.

Recipe for a GOOD CLUB

4 Cups intelligence
 13/4 cups sifted initiative
 1 1/2 cups responsibility
 4 cups ability
 2 cups open mindedness
 3 cups ambition
 1 quart understanding
 2 cups unbeaten patience
 3 cups cooperation
 1 cup tactfulness [heaping]
 1 1/2 teaspoon attitude
 Dash of judgement
 [positive brand only]

Do let me know of any celebrations that are taking place this year.

Nancy Kenty
 Chairman



Editor's Note

Due to space constraints, a list of award winners from Spring Convention and the columns on the Arts and by our Parliamentary Advisor have been saved for the next issue.

Tidbits



Appreciation

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to GFWC/MFWC for honoring me as Maine's Empowering Woman, and allowing me the opportunity to attend the 117th GFWC International Convention in Chicago. It was an experience of a lifetime and a wonderful climax to 70 years in Federation. I thank the seven officers and members from Maine for their wonderful help and consideration accorded me while in Chicago. They were great and I could never have done it without them.

Billie Ingalls



2006-2008 President's Project Final Report

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!!! We did it! We raised \$5,039.00 for the Maine Women's Fund. 27 out of 28 clubs sent donations, 19 of those met the \$5.00 per member goal and 12 of those clubs entered the contest "Make Big Changes with Small Change Painlessly". The winner of that contest was the Pittsfield Arts Club. They played fun games with humorous questions and for every question someone got right they had to pay in at the end of the meeting; the money was col-

lected with a butterfly net. The Arts Club won a huge basket full of goodies to share or raffle off.

The totals: club donations, \$3,315.25; raffles and butterfly sales, \$1,369.75 and other donations, \$354.00; grand total, \$5,039.00. You purchased 117 colorful paper butterflies in honor or in memory of a woman or girl in your life; in a brief dedication, all 117 names were read in honor of these women and those who purchased the butterfly.

So thank you for giving me your men - I mean money - it is going to a great cause and I am proud to have worked with each and every one of you.

Ann Marie Withee-Heald
 Chairman



Meeting Dates

2008

October 17-19 - Burlington, VT
 New England Region
 October 24-25 - Ellsworth
 Fall Conference

2009

May 7-8 - Ellsworth
 Spring Convention
 June 13-15 - Cleveland, OH
 GFWC Convention
 July 15 - Skowhegan
 Summer Committees
 October 8-9 - Lewiston
 Fall Conference
 October 16-18 - Massachusetts
 New England Region

2010

May 6-7 - Orono
 Spring Convention
 June 12-15 - Omaha, NB
 GFWC Convention

Holiday Inn

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Fall Conference - October 24 & 25, 2008

Holiday Inn - Waterville, Maine

Guest Room Rates

\$99.00 (plus tax)/night, single or double occupancy

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive contract rates, you must refer to "GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged.

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received by 6:00 PM on arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

To expedite check-in, you should give the hotel the following information:

Arrival and departure dates
Estimated time of arrival
Room preference (first floor/second floor, single, double/double, all non-smoking)
Credit card type to be used for payment, including number and expiration date
Home address

Hotel facilities include: Free high speed wireless internet, business services, fitness center, and pool

In-room amenities: Cable TV, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, coffee maker, and daily newspaper

Check-in time 3:00 pm - Check-out time 12:00 pm

**Holiday Inn, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine 04901
(207) 873-0111 or (800) 785-0111**

Visit www.holiday-inn.com/watervilleme for more information on this hotel.

Holiday Inn is located just off Interstate 95 at exit 130.

Special notes for this conference:



1. For the Friday banquet - see the Fancy Nancy poster on page 14 for attire and donation items.
2. On Saturday, please wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness. You might bring the following items for donation to a local shelter - hats, scarves, mittens, warm pajamas - for women or children.



**GFWC/MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Call to Fall Conference - Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25, 2008
Holiday Inn - Waterville, Maine**

"It is Better to Give than Receive"

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, October 23, 2008	2:00 PM	GFWC/MFVC Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 24, 2008	8:30 AM	Registration Marketplace Coffee and Tea Available
	10:00 PM	Business Session Committee Reports Speaker: Good Shepherd Food Bank President's Project Report
	12:00 PM	Red Rose Luncheon Honoring our District & Club Presidents
	1:15 PM	Conference Reconvenes Speakers: Nonie MacBride & Billie Ingalls Reporting Workshop & Award Winning Report Writing Marketplace open following workshop
	6:00 PM	Social Hour/Processional
	7:00 PM	Banquet - "Fancy Nancy" Feast Honoring our GFVC/MFVC Past State Presidents Entertainment - TBA
	9:30 PM	Reception in President's room
Saturday, October 24, 2008	8:30 AM	Registration Marketplace Coffee and Tea Available
	9:30 AM	Business Session Reports of Chairmen Domestic Violence Awareness Project
	12:00 PM	Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon Honoring our Department, Program and Project Chairmen
	1:15 PM	Business Session Membership workshop Reports of Chairmen 2008 GFVC Award LEADS Final Reports
	3:00 PM	Adjournment

Fancy Nancy

The theme to this year's Feast (Banquet) is Fancy Nancy based on the best-selling children's book so get out your favorite and fanciest attire and **DON'T FORGET TO ACCESSORIZE!!!**

Suggestions

Hats ~ big or small

Tiaras/ Crowns

Feather boas

Beads/ Necklaces

Big rings

Flowers

Flashy purses

Barrettes

Dangly earrings

Sunglasses

Bracelets

Fans

Glamour gloves

Glitter

Ribbons

Bows

Let's have FUN ~ Come on ladies; you know the little girl in us still loves to play dress up 😊

Someone will even be crowned
"Fancy Nancy"!!

Since "It is better to give than receive," please bring non-perishable food item(s) to the feast. They will be donated to the Greater Waterville Area Food Pantry so others may enjoy a feast too. Merci beaucoup!!

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs
Fall Conference - October 24 & 25, 2008 - Holiday Inn - Waterville, Maine

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Name for nametag: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail _____
Name of Club/Position: _____
GFWC/MFMC Position: _____

Registration Fee - [] Friday \$15.00 [] Saturday \$15.00 [] Both days \$25.00
(Register early for Early Bird Discount - see below...)

IMPORTANT

- 1. Make check payable to GFWC/MFMC for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check by October 6, 2008 to: Lynnette G. King, 49 Norridgewock Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976, Phone 474-2926 (h) or 474-7133 (w), Email: lking@mcslibrary.org.
4. Please note that no refunds will be possible after October 12, 2008.
5. Early bird discount - Mail registration form and check postmarked on or before September 29th and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!



Friday Lunch:

Soup & Deli Buffet \$18.00 _____

Friday Dinner:

Crabmeat Stuffed Haddock w/ Lobster Sauce \$25.00 _____
Chicken Marsala \$25.00 _____
Pasta Primavera over Linguine w/ Alfredo Sauce \$20.00 _____

Includes: veggie, potatoes, tossed salad, popovers, dessert, beverage

Saturday Lunch:

Business Lunch Buffet \$20.00 _____

Includes: roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and veggie
lasagna, tossed salad, veggie du jour, potatoes, rolls, dessert, beverage

Please note that meal prices include tax and gratuity.

Registration Fee _____

I qualify for Early Bird Discount! (deduct \$10 or \$5)
(see above) _____

TOTAL _____

Please indicate any special dietary need and we will try to accommodate you:

GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



116 years of Volunteer Service



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**Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline
November 1, 2008**

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