



# PINE TREE NOTES



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## President's Letter

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Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with the love of your family and friends.

By the time you receive this edition of the Pine Tree Notes, hopefully each club will have completed an annual club report, and will have submitted a copy to GFWC Maine Vice-President Mary Libby, one to me, and one to keep for your club records. I am very anxious and excited to read about all the wonderful things each club has been doing in, and for, your communities and beyond during this past year. The information received from each club will go into a report submitted by GFWC Maine to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. While narratives with your reports are not imperative, they are greatly appreciated, and improve our chances of winning an award at

the next GFWC Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona in June 2014.

In November, as GFWC Maine President, I was pleased to go to the 2012-2014 GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Arlington, Virginia for three glorious days! Also attending from Maine were Suzanne Raymond, member of the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee, and Kathy White, member of the GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee. Marge Goodwin, GFWC Maine President-elect, attended the 2014-2016 GFWC Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the adjournment of the 2012-2014 B.O.D. Meeting.

Can you believe this two-year administration is going into the home stretch! I just don't know where the time goes! The next edition of the Pine Tree Notes will contain the "Call to Spring Convention." FYI, this event will take place at the Senator Inn & Spa located at 284 Western Avenue in Augusta, Maine. The dates are May 7th for the

Executive Committee, and the Convention will begin May 8<sup>th</sup> and end on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Sheila Shea, our GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, will be joining us as our special guest. We will enjoy a very special, "Red Dress Banquet." If any clubwoman has, or has had a heart issue of any kind, or a stroke herself, or has a female relative or female friend that has had a cardiovascular incident or issue, please consider wearing a red dress or outfit of your choosing, and "walk" in our fashion show following the banquet meal, as a local cardiologist reads your story. Unfortunately, we can't actually have a "catwalk", because to rent one would cost the state \$1000! This "Red Dress Banquet" was done in Hollywood, Florida this past June at the GFWC Annual Convention. It was wonderful to see, and GFWC Maine clubwomen can do it too! Please call me at 717-7576 if you are interested, or e-mail me at [jkhranch09@gmail.com](mailto:jkhranch09@gmail.com). We have eight ladies who have agreed to participate. We would like to have several more volunteers! This Spring Convention will be one to remember. The final celebration will be the installation

of our new 2014-2016 GFWC Maine President, Marjorie Goodwin and her Executive Committee! Please mark your calendars, and encourage all the clubwomen you know to make plans to attend this extravaganza!

Thank-you for your tremendous support of the President's Special Project, "Newborns In Need." The families who have received these items you have donated, have been extremely grateful, and have expressed their thanks to all of you who have so graciously given of your talents to make these beautiful articles of clothing, or purchased these precious outfits from the stores. The need will continue to be great, so please keep up the good work!

As we begin a new year, let us remember our GFWC theme song, "Let There Be Peace On Earth". (And let it begin with me!)

Thank-you for all you do and give to others. I am so proud to be associated with each and every one of you, and the work you do for others.

May God Bless You All!!  
In Federation Love,  
Anne H. Cress  
GFWC Maine President



### **President-Elect**

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What is it they say about Winter.....time to "hunker down" and get all those things done that you have put off until now. I am trying to get all my

"loose ends" tied together and it does take time. I am looking forward to the next two years.....lots to learn, lots to do and it will be over before I know it. At least that is how it seems to have been these past four years as Vice President and President-elect.

My sincere thanks go to those who have so willingly stepped forward to be a part of the 2014-2016 administration. Together, we will accomplish much and GFWC Maine will grow and prosper. I am looking forward to sharing my hopes and dreams with you in May. Our clubs play an important part in our communities. Just imagine what wouldn't be done in our communities if it were not for the GFWC Maine women's clubs. What a network of capable women we are!

The GFWC Maine Spring Convention will be held at the Senator Inn and Spa in Augusta on May 8th and 9th. President Anne has had a most successful administration. Her project, Newborns in Need, has been embraced by so many clubwomen that it is well known all over the State. Merchandise, as well as money, has been donated to this project all during Anne's term. Clubwomen do make a difference in the lives of others.

It is with much pleasure that I let you know that GFWC Maine will again have a LEADS Ambassador at the next GFWC

International Convention in Chandler, Arizona next June. Her name will be announced at the GFWC Maine Convention in May.

I look forward to seeing you in May. Please come and renew old friendships, make new friends and find out what GFWC Maine clubwomen have been doing in their communities this past year.

In Federation,  
Marjorie Goodwin  
President-elect



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What a winter ! Snow, wind, freezing rain, very cold temperatures, downed power lines also known as "Winter in Maine". I have always loved winter and never have complained much about a Ill that goes with it. However, enough is enough ! I hope all of you have been able to keep safe and warm.

The holidays were wonderful and gave us a chance to spend time with our family and celebrate the gloriousness of the season. The new year is also a time for reflection of the past year and to renew ourselves for 2014.

Thank you in advance for sending in your reports on time. I'm certain we will have 100% of clubs reporting. It is a lot of

work on your part, but I'm sure you are rewarded in seeing all that you have accomplished during the club year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stay warm, healthy and safe. In federation,

Mary Libby

GFWC Maine Vice President.

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## **CLUB NEWS**

### **District 1**

We haven't heard from the **21 Club** in a while, so here is the catch up news. They started off the club year with an awesome potluck and celebrated the fact that several of the longest standing members were in attendance. They also celebrated 15 years of being a part of the *Books for Babies* program. (Congratulations!)

The club had some great programs in the fall starting off with Sylvia Wilson, club member and history buff, presenting "Porter in the Civil War" at the Porter-Parsons field History House. In October, two women from ACTS, Assistance Canine Training Services, visited them with as adult service dog and a puppy in training. In November, club member Jean Stanley shared photos and stories of her recent trip to Italy. December found them getting together for their annual holiday dinner at a local restaurant where they gathered stuffed animals for children in crisis for the Sacopee Valley Health Center.

The 21 Club had two successful fund raisers in the fall, an indoor yard sale and a Thanksgiving pie sale. Monies gathered were put towards various projects. The club collaborated with two other local organizations to pay for the rewiring and relighting of the Moravian star on the steeple of the United Methodist Church in Kezar Falls. They also donated money for Thanksgiving dinners,

gift cards for teens for a local toy drive and the hurricane relief effort in the Philippines.

About 20 club women gathered early on a December morning to pack bags of toys for about 60 families in our area. The room was full of toys generously donated by the community. This has become an annual event that club women look forward to participating in.

In February, the club will provide dinner for one meeting of "Family Literacy Night". This project is a perfect combination for the club to support literacy and cook good food. They look forward to an enjoyable productive second half of their club year.

The **Westbrook Woman's Club** had a very successful November with their annual Lobster Roll Box Lunch. Nearly 1000 lunches were made and delivered and participating club members had lots of fun. It takes many hands to have such a great fundraiser. Also in November they had a very interesting program on missionary work in South America presented by Dr. David Lowell and his wife Venita.

In December they put together Christmas Baskets for Spring Crossing and Presumpscot Commons, two elderly housing facilities in the area. Bags were filled with a wrapped present and goodies donated by their members and decorated very prettily.

On December 10th they held their annual "Mad Hatters Tea Party.". Many men and women attended from different nursing homes. They were served tea in china cups and saucers and cookies on china plates. Entertainment was supplied by the Jubilee Singers and many who attended sang along. A great time was had by all.

The next December meeting was their annual Christmas party and luncheon where they were entertained by the Westbrook High School Jazz Band. It was a wonderful celebration with friends.

In November the **Gorham Woman's Club** learned that the scams you hear about on the news happen locally, too. Officer Ted Hatch, of the Gorham Police Department, provided the group with useful information to help avoid being a victim of a scam; i.e. don't click on links in e-mails from unknown senders, don't provide credit card numbers for supposed family members to get out of jail, or someone posing as a grandchild.

Officer Hatch also reviewed the Yellow Dot Program which is a national program designed to quickly alert first responders to important medical & contact information A yellow dot sticker on a car alerts first responders to look in the glove box for pertinent information about medical conditions, allergies, prescriptions and emergency contact information.

Also in November, members assisted in wrapping presents for the Operation Tribute program which provides gifts to children of military families and they staffed a craft table at a local fair where tatted stationary, rubber band bracelets, pet rocks and greenery were sold.

They had a nice Holiday Luncheon in December and Nancy Kenty made a cute Santa for each member present.

Weather permitting, the club is looking forward to presentations from an author/illustrator and a new transportation program in the coming months.

The **GFWC Research Club of Limerick** has had a busy and successful couple of months. In November they also held a Thanksgiving pie sale where club members donated their precious time to make apple, pumpkin and pecan pies and netted a profit of more than \$200.00. Not bad for a first year project.

Their annual Christmas Tree Lighting and carol sing is always a big draw for the community. Afterward hot cocoa and cookies, prepared by club members are served and they are consumed with much enthusiasm.

Their annual Red Bow project, which decorates the tree in the town gazebo, supported "The Wounded Heroes of Maine" this year. Club members worked to collect donations, exceeding \$800.00 and also for this cause,

household items were collected to support the needs of our soldiers upon their return.

At their Christmas Party, early in December, wrapped gifts are collected from members and donated to our deserving veterans at the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough, also at this time monetary and in kind donations were given to support Caring Unlimited, our local Domestic Violence program.

Club members have chosen not meet in January and February, however, plans are in the works to hold a membership drive in February at our public library and work will be done to supply refreshments at the Limerick Town Meeting in early March.

All clubs wanted wish all a Happy New Year filled with prosperity, health and a rewarding volunteer spirit.

## *District 2*

**GFWC Livermore Falls Woman's Club** had an Election Day bake sale on Tuesday, November 5 and donated \$675.00 to American Legion Post # 10 of Livermore Falls. All baked goods sold out. In November, they had a workshop organizing donated products into donated handbags to be presented to shelters for abused children, women and men.

Their club Christmas luncheon, which included the historical society, took place at LaFleur's Restaurant in Jay on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jerry Ellis entertained them with a medley of Christmas songs

on his piano. They all had a wonderful feeling of the Christmas season as they were leaving. At this get together they collected over \$400.00 in donations for the food pantry.

Club members are looking forward to 2014 and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

**GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** donated a Thanksgiving food basket in November to the Skowhegan men's homeless shelter. The basket included a turkey and all the fixings for a nice Thanksgiving dinner, plus lots of can goods donated by their members.

Their annual Thanksgiving Pie sale was held the day before Thanksgiving and was a huge success. They seem to sell more pies every year.

Club members decorated a tree in an ocean theme for the Redington Home for the elderly Christmas Festival of Trees for the third year in a row and won first prize. Members enjoyed making the decorations and decorating the tree with their creations. A special thank you went out to member Dot Lacasse for designing and making ocean themed fairies to go on the tree.

In December, members were busy delivering calendars that had been ordered in September during their Community Calendar Fundraiser, and also delivering poinsettia plants from their second annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. Members enjoyed a fun filled Christmas party with a gift exchange in the form of a Yankee Auction.

Members also adopted a family from the Domestic Violence Project and made a very special Christmas for this family. Members donated gifts and monetary donations, along with a club donation for their chairman to purchase items that the family desired.

Club members look forward to the New Year. Wishing all of you a great New Year too!

Happy New Year! The **GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club** finished out the year with a bang!

At the November meeting members honored our military men and women. The speaker Rachel Danner, president of Xi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, spoke about how the "Boxes for Troops" had developed in their group. The project began as one box for a former student stationed in Afghanistan, and grew from there to many boxes sent to former students and then to any person from the area that had been deployed. The DKG group pays the postage and items are donated by people that hear about the project as well as purchased by chapter funds. Included in each box is a letter of appreciation and a letter is also sent to their parents or spouse. Rachel was greatly surprised by the amount of items the club donated and said it was enough to fill at least four boxes.

Continuing the theme all members present signed three or more Christmas cards for veterans in the V.A. Hospital at Togus. Sixty

cards were delivered in December to the hospital.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club went all out participating in the Skowhegan Holiday Stroll, held the first weekend in December. The ladies worked diligently through November making items for the club's craft table as well as ornaments to decorate one of the trees at the Redington Home's Festival of Trees. This year they chose a musical theme for the tree and all ornaments were made from sheet music, including the angel on the top and the skirt around the bottom of the tree. Skowhegan Woman's Club won 2nd place; once again beat out by Semper Fidelis Club. Congratulations Semper Fidelis! As part of the stroll the club had a craft table at the Bloomfield School Fair while, at the same time, several members were downtown decorating cookies with children. Sheri Walsh was present for the festivities again this year. Sheri even made cinnamon stick Santa ornaments for the craft table. Thanks Sheri, members love having you.

Our year wrapped up with the clubs annual Yelling Auction.

The **Waldoboro Woman's Club** has had a relatively quiet time since the last writing. In November they had their Bake Sale at the polls which brought in more than before for their Scholarship Fund. A program was presented by one of their members and another member of the Historical Society on the history of Waldoboro Dishes. The



December meeting was held at a senior living complex in Damariscotta. The food was great and they collected many gifts for the children of Waldoboro through the Toys for Tots program. They also baked cookies for the residents of the Lincoln Home, an assisted living facility. In January they look forward to a musical program presented by a local minister and a past Chief of Police - should be fun! Hope all of you are staying safe in this harsh weather and a belated Happy New Year to you all!

The **Skowhegan Dove Society** continues on its successful path providing for the less fortunate and improving our community whenever we can. After preparing our gardens in Coburn Park for a long winter's rest, the members began working on two of our most successful fundraisers.... Rada Cutlery and Christmas wreaths. We buy, collect and transport the plain wreaths then decorate them in Carol's garage and deliver to the customers. I must say, they are just beautiful and we are very proud of them.

As we approach the holiday season, we all prepare for the Bloomfield Elementary Craft Fair. This is our second year there and each year it gets better and better. Shortly after the craft fair we start working on our Christmas family. We choose a family that is a victim of family violence. Two of our club members go shopping for the family and do an amazing job of providing a wonderful Christmas for the mother and her children

who have been displaced due to violence in the home.

After all this hard work, we gather at Carol Jarvais's for a meeting, pot luck dinner and a Yankee gift swap.

### *District 3*

**Patawa Club** members have had a busy fall and winter season! In November, the club continued with the theme of "hunger in our community" by hosting the Eastern Area Agency on Aging and packing 83 boxes with non-perishable food items for distribution as part of their organization's "Pantry Project," which supplies seniors with pantry staples. They also held their annual "Night Out with Patawa," which includes wine and beer tasting by State Street Wine Cellar, appetizers, door prizes and free salon services by Anthony John's Spa. Keeping with the eliminating hunger theme, attendees were asked to cast their vote in favor of Good Shepherd Food Bank or the Bangor Humane Society, with the winner receiving 50% of the evening's proceeds and the second place finisher receiving 25%. The event netted approximately \$1,200 after expenses. In December, the club held their holiday dinner and auction and collected gift certificates for use at grocery stores for families during the holiday season. Members look forward to continuing the theme in the New Year with scheduled speakers and projects relating to hunger in the community.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** held their annual bake sale at the polls on Election Day. After only four hours, the club raised \$309! At the November regular meeting, club members brought Christmas gifts for teens to give to the Sunshine Club, as well as items for Newborns In Need. The club voted to give a \$25 donation to their local food cupboard. The guest speaker for that meeting was club member Peggy Kaufman, First Lady of the Anah Shriner's. She spoke about what it's like to be First Lady and all the wonderful work the Shriners do to raise money for their hospitals located all across the United States. For years the club has collected can tabs which have been donated to the Shriner's Hospitals. The December meeting was a Christmas party at President Laura Neal's house. Club members enjoyed a potluck luncheon with dessert, punch, and coffee. While Christmas music played in the background, members played many silly Christmas games, and ended the day with a Yankee Swap. Club members also made out Christmas cards to be delivered to area nursing homes.

The holidays are always a busy time of year, but not too busy for members of **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft** to be doing some things to brighten the days of others! After one of the business meetings, a "done-in-a-day" project was completed in the hopes of lifting the spirits of a recovering soldier at Walter Reed Military Hospital. Christmas cards

were signed and notes written, with the plan to send them out right after Thanksgiving. Again this year, a child was "adopted" to support the local Kiwanis Club Christmas project. The club was able to provide everything on the wish list – a winter coat, boots, shirt, hat, mittens and of course, a couple toys - a Barbie doll and little pony play set!

Happy New Year from the **GFWC MIOSAC Club of Dover-Foxcroft!** During the month of November, Club members were treated to a talk from Nicole Snow, founder of Darn Good Yarn which is headquartered in her home in Sebec, Maine. Ms. Snow gave the Club a quick history of her background, as well as the philosophy behind her business. Her yarns are made from recycled materials, and their manufacture keeps tons of silk scraps, and other recyclable goods, out of landfills, and employs spinners in India. The spinners earn a living wage, enabling them to raise and educate their children. The company is international in other ways in that technical employees are located in Europe and South Africa. Everything is connected via the internet. Ms. Snow's views concerning the impact of micro businesses on the economy are also interesting. Another November program saw the Club mesmerized by a PowerPoint presentation of a river cruise in Russia from St. Petersburg to Moscow. The cruise took place on more than one river, connected by canals and locks. The slides showed Russians engaged in everyday life along the banks of

the river. Buildings are frequently brightly painted, and evidence of the vast amounts of raw materials in that country could be seen along the river banks. Mainers think that we have log piles! The presenter said that it took at least thirty minutes to steam past one Russian log pile. The trip was the presenters first trip to Russia and changed her perception of the country from that of a grey and glum place to a country of painted buildings, lovely flower gardens, intriguing churches and music. December 3<sup>rd</sup> saw the MIOSAC Club enjoying its annual Christmas party. A good time was had by all as Club members exchanged gifts, sang Christmas Carols, socialized and enjoyed yummy food and drink.

In November, the GFWC Outlook Club was treated to a slide presentation of a two-week trip to England by Sue and Rick Stoughton from Stetson. It sparked members' interest in travel. For the December meeting, Nancy Giggey shared her lovely and varied handcrafts, including 3-D cards and jewelry. The January meeting was cancelled due to snow and frigid temperatures. Spring is already looking good!

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** continues to meet during the winter months though these last few weeks' weather may give them cause to wonder at the wisdom of such! The September meeting is designated as a membership meeting and features a potluck meal which always brings a goodly number together.....and one new member is about to join the group! The

club acknowledged Domestic Violence Awareness month in Oct. with a speaker from Womancare in Dover-Foxcroft. Several items were donated to the facility and sent home with the speaker. Several snack, as well as personal care, items were also collected and sent to soldiers serving their country. Andrew Dyer, Nokomis' Maine Youth Leadership candidate for 2013, shared his experience at the MYL seminar last June. He encouraged the Club to continue to support this project for future Sophomores.

As is usually the case, December found members resurrecting their tastiest recipes to share at the Christmas meeting. An ornament exchange (Yankee Swap style) created much fun. 2014 holds a full agenda of speakers and programs. Now for the cooperation of the weather.

The **Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club** held their October meeting at the Pittsfield Public Library. The speaker for the evening was Ray Berthelette from the group Heart of Pittsfield. He spoke about how the group was formed and is working toward making Pittsfield a better community in which to live and work. The club offered to make snack bags and baked goods for their upcoming Halloween event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting of the ARTS club enjoyed Vaughn Woodruff of Renewable Resources, a local business he recently started. He installs solar panels and noted how this is a good way to turn

solar into heat for our homes and area businesses. It is costly but pays for itself in a few years. The club held their annual Avon fundraiser in November and added \$60 to their treasury. The club held their annual Christmas Craft Auction Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately thirty-five people had a chance to bid on some wonderful crafts and homemade goodies. The club's honorary members provided wonderful refreshments during intermission. This was again a big success and the club netted approximately \$475.00. The club enjoyed their Christmas party on December 10th at the home of Valory Slymon. A wonderful Italian meal was enjoyed by sixteen members and one guest. A donation of \$160 was given to the town's heating assistance program. Presents and gift cards were also collected at the Christmas party and given to the area Domestic Women's Shelter. This is always appreciated and the club hopes it helps to make their Christmas a little better. The speaker for our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our own Maine GFWC District President Libby Wiers. Club members look forward to seeing Libby and hearing her speak on what is going on at the state level. And one final note from the District President - please mark your calendars to save the date of Saturday, April 5, 2014. There will be a District 3 meeting and HS art show again at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. Details and registration forms to follow in due time.

## *District 4*

The **Castine Woman's Club's** eventful and memorable centennial year 2013 just flew by and another new year has already arrived! The **Castine Woman's Club** plans to fill 2014 with lots of fun and interesting events and meetings. Even though the Club does not hold general meetings in January and February, the Club does have a number of winter activities lined up.

The CWC will host its popular winter bridge luncheon on Thursday, January 23 at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Local bridge players look forward to this wonderful annual scholarship fundraiser graciously organized each year by Sharlene Daly and Jane Herfort.

On Tuesday, January 28, the first of two 2014 winter Dinner-at-Noon lunches will be held at Town Hall to benefit the Community Improvement Project. Over the past few years, CWC Vice President Jeannie Reed has generously taken on this special project initiated by Marge Wood. The Club will utilize the Town Hall's newly renovated Marge Wood kitchen for facilitating these meals. The second 2014 Dinner-at-Noon will be on Tuesday, February 25. Open to the community, these dinners are a "cabin fever reliever" to combat isolation and encourage community members to come out and socialize during the winter months. For a new twist this year, the Club plans to invite local knitting clubs and individuals to

stay for a "knit-in" after the January Dinner-at-Noon to knit items for Newborns in Need or for their own needs. The Club is hopeful for a good turnout to increase the sense of community among local knitters and crocheters.

When the Club gathers together again on March 4, speaker Kasey Hutchins will discuss the Castine Health Clinic and physical therapy. On April 1, Amanda Provencher of King Hill Farm will talk about Community Supported Agriculture. These meetings will be held at the Castine Town Hall. GFWC Maine members and the community are always welcome at any of the Club's meetings or events.

Keep bundled up and best wishes from Castine Woman's Club for a Healthy and Happy New Year 2014!

The **GFWC Lubec Woman's Club** held its annual Turkey Raffle in November to benefit our scholarship fund and other youth programs. As usual, the residents of the area were generous, and it was very successful. Over 200 of the tickets which were sold were designated by the purchasers for a "needy family." Gift certificates for two baskets were sent to the Whiting Community Food Pantry.

At the December meeting, members donated to the Whiting Community Food Pantry and also towards the purchase of diapers for the We Care Baby Center in Machias. A cookie swap was held, and each member who attended baked extra cookies for



the annual community Christmas party for seniors and disabled veterans. Several club members helped serve the meal.

Donations have been coming in for the club's new "Cash 4 Careers" program. We will be finalizing the details with the local bank soon.

Best wishes for a successful new year as we work together in Federation.

The **GFWC Narraguagus Women's Club's** donation of \$100.00 was given to the Milbridge Area Merchants Association (MAMA) for their "Breakfast with Santa" project. What a great event for the families in the area! It is a wonderful sight to see the different generations participating in this holiday gathering. Breakfast is served along with musical entertainment and dancing. Children meet Santa and have their picture taken with him. All the children receive a gift from Santa.

The members once again chose to give Christmas presents to a deserving young person in Washington County rather than exchange gifts. The Club coordinated this project with the Washington County Children's Program in the Machias area. The WCCP Outreach Coordinator, Sonja Ramsdell, furnished the club with a name of an individual and a list items the young person could use - from toys to clothing and underwear. The gifts were presented to Sonja Ramsdell at

the Club's Christmas Luncheon Meeting on December 11 held at the home of Barbara Kneeland. What a great way to spread holiday cheer to a deserving child.

A committee will furnish goodies, paper products and balloons for the Valentine Parties to be given at the Grace Home and the Milbridge Sunrise Home. The club meetings will be recessed until April 4.

## ARTS

There are many diverse art contributions and immense potential within our GFWC Maine membership, woman distinguished in the arts that provide audio and visual delights for our emotions. It is that creative spirit that needs to be nurtured.

Please enter the short story and poetry contest. Deadline is March 1, 2014. Please enter the Photography Contest. Deadline to notify of intent to enter is April 15. Bring your photos May 8<sup>th</sup> to the Spring Convention. Show set up is at 8:00 a.m. The judges begin judging at 9:00 a.m. Check the directory for all Rules. Send the student art show rules to your local high schools.

Now many artists are using the medias for their creative artist endeavors. Photo and designer greeting cards can be seen on this site along with a free chapter of a book titled, Allagash Brave. [www.hathawaydesignart.com](http://www.hathawaydesignart.com) The first chapter is free to print and is in Audio also. A free art lesson shows painting of a small sunset landscape. An opportunity to link with this sight is offered for a period of time. Several works of art in different

mediums, by TM the Painter of Sunsets, is shown in the photo album. Art related info about Pleine. Air workshops and retreats offered and a Touring Loon sculpture are included on the site. Enjoy the rendering with subjective possibilities and inspiration.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership

6 to one, ½ a dozen to the other  
Love & Marriage  
Life and Death  
Members = Numbers,  
Numbers = Members

All these things add up to the same thing. You can't have one without the other (sounds like an old song I've heard!).

We live our lives trying to make things even out. We try not to do more for one than we do for another thus, the 6 to one, ½ a dozen to the other.

Our heart strings sing out when we become infatuated with another or perhaps we fall hard at first sight. We hope the feelings are mutual and develop into a lifelong commitment of marriage thus, Love & Marriage.

We are born, grow, and live our lives to the fullest. We reach a point when our time here is over and move on thus, Life and Death.

The last items in the list: Members = Numbers, Numbers = Members. How true is this statement? Very true! We all are members of clubs, clubs that wouldn't exist without members. What are members? They are numbers! Thus, Members = Numbers and vice versa Numbers = Members. You can't have members without numbers. Sounds pretty simple doesn't it, but we all know how hard it really is. We work hard to keep our clubs going and to keep our members interested. We also work just as hard to encourage new people to join our efforts. All the while we do wonderful things to help our families, friends, neighbors, and communities. I applaud each and every one of you for all the things you are doing. As I look forward into 2014 I see us continuing with all the things we do, adding a few new things to our list of accomplishments, and increasing the number of members in our clubs. Increasing those numbers is important and hard to do. We have all asked people we know to join our clubs and have received negative replies. But, you know the old adage, "the squeaky wheel gets the oil"! Maybe if you asked just one more time the answer might be a resounding "Yes!" We must all keep on keeping on trying to increase our membership numbers. I know each of you will give it your best.

Carol Jarvais  
Membership Chair

Here's a little something I came across. It put a smile on my lips

and I hope it does the same for you...

### How to Cross the River

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength...and the tools...to cross this river. Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying "Please God, give me the strength and the Tools...and the intelligence...to cross this river." And Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, and then walked across the bridge!!!

## PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

### Newborns in Need

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Are you sick of the snow already?? I am.

Not much activity at this time of year. I would like to thank the following clubs for their donations

GFWC/Miosac Club  
GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club  
GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club  
GFWCNewport Woman's Club  
Checks have been sent off to Florida.  
We thank you for your generosity.

Keep the knitting needles and sewing machines going to keep warm while making things to keep babies warm.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.  
Think SPRING!

Minnie McCormick  
President's Project Chairman

### EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Just a reminder to pass word to the high school guidance offices of the GFWC Maine assistance given to high school seniors as they apply for college admission following graduation. Although a change in the loan application is pending approval of the

Executive Board at their February meeting, the Maude MacKenzie application form remains the same and will be mailed directly to you for selection by your committee. This year, I am asking that you download from our website any forms required, If this is not possible, let me know and I will gladly send you the usual packet.

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## DELEGATES FUND

### Delegates Fund Report

“Thanks you” to the following clubs for your donations to the Delegates Fund:

GFWC/The Dove Society

GFWC/Lubec Woman’s Club  
Dexter Womens Literary Club  
Westbrook Womens Club

A total of \$55 was received.

Juanita Pressley  
Chairman

## ESO

I became a snow bird this winter and put all your information on thumb drives. All reports may be mailed to:

1710 Mason Terrace,  
Melbourne, Fl 32935.

As I hear you are having perfect Reading Weather ...stay warm and snuggled with a book.

Maxine Russakoff  
ESO Chairman



Holiday Stroll  
Festival of Trees  
Skowhegan, ME  
December 6, 2013

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Skowhegan Women’s Club

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## Jennie June Adventures



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