



PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC MAINE – *A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs* January/February 2020



Greetings to all GFWC Maine club women on this warm winter day, however tomorrow will be a different story. After all, we do live in Maine! I love driving down my road after a night of light, puffy snow that clings to the branches like a winter wonderland. Then five minutes later I say to myself, “okay – now you can melt!”

It’s hard to believe the 2018-2020 Administration is on its final stretch. Doesn’t it seem the older you get the faster time passes by? GFWC Maine has accomplished so much in the past two years. I have enjoyed visiting your clubs, working together on projects and just the social part of meeting with all of you.

I am thrilled to announce we have reached our goal to sponsor a complete bus trip for forty veterans on an Honor Flight Maine mission. We will have a speaker from this organization at our Spring Convention in May. We have also met our goal to have GFWC Maine recognized on the donor wall at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Fairfax County, Virginia. A big thanks goes out to Libby Wiers, GFWC Maine Northern District President for spearheading the presentations to our clubs – what a wonderful job she has done informing us about the memorial. A group of GFWC Maine delegates will be at the grand opening of the memorial in August – how exciting! I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and support for the President’s special project, “Honoring Those who Serve.”

GFWC Maine Spring Convention will be held May 14th and 15th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor. The “Call” will be in the next edition of the Pine Tree Notes. Start planning now to attend – and bring a new comer from your club with you. What better way to show them what GFWC Maine is all about!

Let’s continue to “Be the Change” in the lives of others by creating positive changes through our volunteer service and acts of kindness, both large and small.

In Federation and in Friendship,
Nancy Ames
GFWC Maine President



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GFWC Maine 2018-2020





GFWC Maine 2019-2020 Executive Committee



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For the 2019 holiday season, GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock asked each state president to send a gift-wrapped box depicting their state to decorate headquarters. This is our "gift" GFWC Maine "Merry Christ-Moose" decorated by Dot LaCasse of the GFWC Semper Fidelis Club.



MEMBERSHIP



The New Year, 2020, is an ideal time for us to focus on "Membership Equals Service." GFWC is the best service organization for members to perform charitable work either by direct hands-on efforts or by raising money to help others in their community, state, or around the globe. Everyone benefits when Federation members come together in a service project to make a positive and lasting change for someone in need. The most effective way we can continue to support GFWC's goal to "Volunteer to Make a Difference," is to

recruit new members--the game changer for all our volunteer efforts. When new and existing members join together, we can learn many valuable lessons from volunteering.

"I strongly support a Maine Club Woman to go to LEADS. I went in 2018 and the big picture of being at a National Convention was such a wonderful experience. I went again last year! I was moved to start a Juniorette Club. These girls will one day replace us. They will not forget GFWC. What we have given to them has come back 10-fold to Cheryl Stevens and I. They are a blessing".



If anyone is interested please call or email me I would be happy to share my experience (207) 341-1538 or lindamlougee@gmail.com.

CONSERVATION

GOOD TIMBER

The **TREE** that never had to **FIGHT** for *sun* and *sky air* and *light*,
But stood out in the open plain and **ALWAYS GOT ITS SHARE** of rain,
NEVER became a **FOREST KING** but lived and died a *scrubby* thing.

The **MAN** who *never* had to **TOIL** to gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who **NEVER** had to win his share of *sun* and *sky* and *light* and *air*,
NEVER became a *manly man* but **LIVED** and **DIED** as he began.

GOOD TIMBER does **NOT** grow with *ease*:

The *stronger wind*, the **STRONGER TREES**;

The **FURTHER** sky, the *greater* length;

The **MORE THE STORM**, the **MORE THE STRENGTH**.

By sun **AND** cold, rain **AND** snow, in trees and men, **GOOD TIMBERS grow**.

Where thickest lies the **FOREST GROWTH** we find the **PATRIARCHS** of *both*.
And they hold counsel with the stars, whose broken branches **SHOW THE SCARS**
OF MANY WINDS and much of **STRIFE**. This is the common **LAW OF LIFE**.

Douglas Malloch
1877-1938

Epsilon Sigma Omicron - ESO



Now that the holidays are over and here in Maine, we are sometimes confined to our homes due to weather, it is a great time to read some books. Be sure to send your ESO book reports to me either snail mail or email. A number of members are getting close to completing a level in their ESO reporting. I am looking forward to presenting certificates etc. for their accomplishments. Until the next edition of the Pine Tree Notes happy reading

Marjorie Coburn-Black ESO Chairman – 207-474-5963 - mhb770@outdrs.net

LEADERSHIP

Happy New Year! From our family to yours, we hope you have enjoyed your holiday season! When we were young, there weren't enough hours in the day. Then as we grew a little older, there weren't enough days in the week. As time continued to pass, there weren't enough weeks in the month. Now we know that somewhere along the line we dropped the ball completely, because now there aren't enough months in the year to keep up with all the activity!

Is your Club ENERGIZED and ready for a new decade? Why not try some of the following Energizing Tips:

- Award a "Leader of the Month" certificate to recognize an exceptional amount of time and energy given for the good of the Club.
- Have established Club leaders share "What I Never Knew About Myself" until I became a leader.
- Make sure all members have a POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE. Fine anyone who expresses a negative thought \$.25 and put that money towards one of your projects.
- Start a Club leadership lending library to include books, articles, newsletters and other resources on leadership.
- Recognize and reward individual contributions at every opportunity. Balloons, trophies, flowers, certificates, thank you notes or fuzzy grams are some examples.
- Create ways to recognize ideas from your general membership. Try a "Great Idea of the Month" award.
- Donate a book on Leadership to your local library in honor of your Club President.
- Hold a "You Deserve a Break" meeting where the Vice President presides and the President sits out with the membership.
- Give recognition to members for their accomplishments outside the Club as well as within the Club. Implement annual awards for years of service, perfect attendance, volunteering in the community, etc.
- Reevaluate some of your standard projects and programs. If they are not still effective, get rid of them by holding a "Funeral" for those projects that need burned and disposed of.
- Try at least ONE new project a year

Remember, there should be a genuine interest, energy and enthusiasm for the goals of the Club with the Leader communicating that interest, energy and enthusiasm.

Anne Cress GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman - jkhranch09@gmail.com

PUBLIC ISSUES

The Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.

Legislative Action Center

Having GFWC's collective voice heard by members of Congress is essential and the Legislative Action Center holds many of the answers. That's why this Initiative aims for more GFWC members to sign up for the Legislative Action Center by June 2020. If you haven't already signed up, visit the [Legislative Action Center](#) (or go GFWC.org under Public Policy) and sign-up now!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



GFWC and Heifer International share a common desire to make life better for our neighbors worldwide. GFWC has supported Heifer projects for decades, and to date, GFWC has raised over \$100,000 since May 2018 towards fulfilling [Heifer's School Milk Project](#).

With the help of clubwomen, Heifer has fully funded the Heifer School Milk Project as well as created additional child nutrition projects with milk and dairy components in numerous countries. A daily serving of dairy for a student provides high-quality protein, vitamins, and nutrients needed for healthy minds and bodies—empowering them to focus on learning instead of hunger.

Through projects in Kenya, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Rwanda, and Honduras, Heifer is creating opportunities not only to help dairy farmers through training and connecting them to markets; they are also increasing the nutrition for hungry children and their families in these communities. It's through the dedicated efforts of GFWC members that makes this life-changing work possible.

Visit www.heifer.org/gfwc to see what blessings you can bestow on hungry families.

Operation Smile's Amazon Wish List

The increasing costs for shipping child life therapy and medical record supplies around the world is a growing concern. GFWC Partner Operation Smile is currently hosting a drive for supplies through its Amazon Wish List. Operation Smile has carefully curated this list to ensure items in the most need for its missions are included, which is eligible for **free** shipping through Amazon Prime.



Visit [Operation Smile's Wish List](#) now. Be sure to select a gift receipt so that your club is properly recognized.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Make a difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors. Here are some ideas for implementing into your Domestic Violence Awareness projects:

- **Hope Bags for Human Trafficking Victims.** Creating backpacks of clothing and personal care items to provide to those rescued by their local police department's Human Trafficking division.
- **Shelter Safe Room Refurbishment.** Refurbish a room at a local shelter. This included repairing damage, repainting, and providing items such as bedding and shelves.
- **Hug Project.** Providing local shelters with clear plastic bags filled with items needed in emergency situations. The bags can contain a washcloth, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, comb, brush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razor, and feminine products, and label "Courtesy of the GFWC ***** Club."
- **Support the Girls.** (www.isupportthegirls.org), an organization that provides bras, underwear, pads, and tampons to women and girls in need. The club collected, washed, sorted, packed, and delivered products. Members can collect bras from stores, friends, family, community members; Try another way?....



Visit www.gfwc.org for more ideas.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Since its founding in 1890, GFWC members have been leaders in community volunteering and advocacy. While many clubs are well-known within their individual communities, the collective impact of over 80,000 women improving their respective communities through volunteer service is not as powerful as it could be. Making GFWC a part of your club name and using the GFWC emblem in all communication materials are great first steps that will result in a heightened awareness of GFWC, but your publicity efforts cannot stop there. Increased publicity for and awareness of GFWC will lead to greater partnership

and collaboration opportunities for clubs everywhere.

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman

ARTS

Art is magical. It connects your eye with your brain and motor skills to show your very talented personality. You can tell so much about the artist by really looking at their art techniques in fine arts and in the photo composition. For 2020, let us have an insight to your interests in the arts.

For Scrapbooking, check out page 81 in the GFWC Maine Directory.

GFWC Contests for Clubwomen, Creative Writing, check page 83.

Note: Deadline is March 1, 2020 and are sent to:

Roberta Morrill

4 Emily Lane #3

Windham, ME 04062

or email to rjdutton36aol.com.



Roberta will be looking for entries in Poetry and also in Short Stories. Let's fill her mail box. The Clubwomen Photography Contest information is on Directory pages 84 to 86. You can bring your photos to the GFWC Maine Spring Convention. Please let the Art Department know how many photos you are bringing so we can plan for space. Your photos can be in black & white and/or in color. Check Directory for rules.

High School Art Contest Rules are on page 82 in the Directory. Please encourage all of the district high schools to participate in this very important art opportunity. Also, you can check with your District Presidents for confirmation of dates planned for the District art show.

Let 2020 be the year Art Abounds in our programs and in the community. Go ahead and express yourself in the arts. Sing and write. Take photos and share your art experience with others.

Barbara Hathaway GFWC Maine ARTS Chairman – bhaway@myfairpoint.net

→ A quick note from the GFWC Maine Northern District:

Save the Date: Thursday, April 9th, 2020

Our District Meeting and High School Art Contest will be held at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. Registration and art set up from 9-10am with coffee/pastries; meeting from 10-2, with buffet lunch at noon.

Club Presidents be on the lookout for email/snail mail with further details, art prize donation request and registration forms by end of January.

Libby Wiers Northern District President



Informational websites:

www.gfwc.org

www.gfwcmaine.org

www.honorflightmaine.org

www.travismills.org/foundation

www.sewmuchcomfort.org

www.shotatlife.org

www.heifer.org

www.operationsmile.org

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

www.soles4souls.org

www.clynk.com this program through local Hannafords bottle redemption – get your Clynk bags today!



On November 17, 2019, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Pierce, International President from 2006–2008, passed away that. Born and raised in Hannibal, Missouri, Jacquelyn earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Illinois State University and her MA in Arts Administration from the University of Illinois. She was a

dedicated teacher for more than 20 years and earned a plethora of accolades throughout her life. Her honors included the AAUW Susan B. Anthony Award, Cosmopolitan Women of the Year, YWCA Leader Luncheon Volunteer Award, and *Chicago Magazine* Woman of the Year Finalist. This past summer, Jackie completed all requirements to become a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP).

The 2006–2008 Administration focused on domestic violence awareness and prevention and oversaw a multitude of accomplishments. Under Jackie's Administration, the Public Policy/Legislation Committee (now Legislation/Public Policy Committee) and the Public Relations Committee (now the Communications /Public Relations Committee) were formed

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

Castine Woman's Club – Northern District

The **Castine Woman's Club** enjoyed an eventful year in 2019 that just roared by! Another exciting new year is already upon us!

The Club closed out 2019 with an engaging baking workshop in December led by new member Hale Asyali, who hails from Turkey. Participants were treated to a hands-on workshop on baking traditional Turkish cookies for the holidays. Hale is sought out locally for her popular cooking classes on delicious Turkish and Greek cuisine. Everyone enjoyed kicking off the holidays socializing over coffee, tea, and fresh-baked Turkish cookies.

The CWC plans to fill 2020 with engaging events and meetings. The Club, as usual, will not hold general meetings in January, February, and March. The Club is scaling back on its winter activities. The Club will resume its regular monthly general membership meetings in April. The Club's general meetings will continue to be held at and generously co-hosted by the Wilson Museum this year. As usual, the community is invited and always welcome.

The Castine Woman's Club wishes everyone a thoroughly thrilling new year for 2020!
Val Taub – President

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

Clubwomen have been hustling and bustling with a variety of things as the final months of 2019 unfolded. These are some of the things we were involved with since we last reported.

The MIOSAC Club participated again in the Miracle Tree Event put on by the Builders Club. The Builders Club is comprised of young people at the local middle school and is affiliated with Kiwanis International. Club women had selected "winter" as the theme and donated a fully lit seven-foot tree and decorated it with a wide assortment of items. Hand knitted hats, mittens, scarves, winter themed knick-knacks, table runner, quilt, etc., were tucked underneath. With over \$150 worth of gift cards hanging from the branches and an adorable plush moose seated beside the tree, this tree drew a lot of attention and many attendees dropped their tickets in the MIOSAC bucket hoping to win it! This is a wonderful community event and a great opportunity to join in with other civic and business groups to help raise money for local charities.



We were happy to help with Kiwanis Club Christmas project. This is a longstanding commitment we have enjoyed for many years. With money donated by members, we were able to adopt 3 children this year. A list was provided by the Kiwanis Club as to the needs and sizes of the children (warm coats and clothing is the priority – and of course a few toys are always added in!) A committee of elves was formed to do the shopping for our three children. In addition to shopping for these three, our elves also shopped for other children to further assist the Kiwanis Club. Sometimes members or businesses in the community participate by donating money, but prefer not to do the actual shopping. Listening to the stories of the

elves and seeing the smiles on their faces after the shopping has been done, there is no doubt, this is a club favorite activity!!

Peace to all in the coming year!

Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS club had Melissa Loving from Togus speak on what items are on the Fall Wish List for veterans at Togus at their November meeting. The ARTS club held their December meeting at the Congregational Church. A pot luck Christmas dinner was enjoyed by members. Rather than exchanging gifts, items were brought for Togus veterans and the Women's Shelter in Madison. Games were played and a good time was had by members attending.

The Breakfast with Santa fundraiser in December did not have as good an attendance as last year. There were many other events happening at the same time. Perhaps the Club will try the fundraiser another year.

The Club is preparing to make pillows for hospital patients at their January meeting and Valentine bags will be filled for the Assisted Living home residents on Route 100 at the February meeting.



Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club – Northern District

What a busy Fall we had. In October, we had a remembrance time for members, and others close to us, that have passed this year. The Art Committee and members made kokodama moss balls, herb markers from corks, and stained-glass stakes, to sell at a fundraiser. In November, Margie Williams, a veteran was our speaker. Plans were made to work with the Girl scouts on a suffragette project, which will help them get their "19th Amendment Badge." Work was begun on Nov. 4. After a mock voting experience, each girl chose a woman from the suffragette movement to research and do a report on. These reports, signs, glittered flowers, and more was used to decorate a tree at the Redington Home called, "The Road to the Vote." The girls will plan to join us in the Memorial Day Parade, and hear speaker Anne Gass. She will speak at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on April 27 at 6 PM, paid for jointly by GFWC Skowhegan's Woman's Club and GFWC Semper Fidelis. This event is open to the public and we welcome all to join us that night. We participated in the Festival of Trees, at the



Methodist church; the tree was called, "A walk on the wild side." celebrating woodland animals. On December 4, we decorated cookies with over 300 children during the Holiday Stroll. The December meeting featured our annual Holiday auction. We enjoyed Northern District President Libby Wiers at our January meeting. January will also feature an ESO/library book sharing time at the Library on the 15th at 10AM. The Winter craft series at the Library, will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, Jan.-March. 10AM-12 noon. This is free to the public. January will feature Wire Jewelry and Water Color painting. Happy New Year!

June Nickerson-Hovey, Secretary

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District



Here we are with the first edition of the Pine Tree Notes in 2020. My how the time seems to fly by. Seems as if we were just preparing for the holiday season and it is done. On to a great start for everything planned for the new year.

November was a very busy month for us as we had three fundraisers going on and overlapping each other. Our annual poinsettia sale was a success netting \$500, the Thanksgiving Pie Sale was the biggest to date with 67 pies sold making \$876 and the RADA Cutlery sale brought in a profit of \$760. Members gave freely of their time making these fundraisers a success.

Our meeting speaker, Dawn Fickett, talked about the 21st Century Program offered through RSU/MSAD #54. This is an after-school program offered to help at-risk students. This was also a craft night with Wilma "Billie" Sherman of the Skowhegan Woman's Club. We made designs with old pieces of costume jewelry and placed them in picture frames. Some of the designs were really artistic.

Donations of food were collected and put into a Thanksgiving basket which was given to a single parent with four children.

December found us participating in the Main Street Holiday Stroll. We decorated a tree at the Redington Home. Our theme was angels and the tree was covered in angel wings made by members and angels of different shapes and forms. The angels were from the personal collection of a member's mother-in-law who now resides at the home. We provided cookies and hot chocolate to all who attended on Saturday visiting Santa and looking for the hidden elf. Our tree took second place in voting. Our second annual Ugly Sweater Walk fundraiser also took place during the stroll. Those wishing to participate donated money which was presented to the food cupboard at the Skowhegan



Regional Technical Center. This food cupboard is for all high school students to use. A prize was awarded to Miss Suzie Lu Who for the ugliest sweater. Just prior to the Holiday Stroll, four of our members attended a Breakfast with Santa in Pittsfield which was a project of the Pittsfield ARTS Club. Such a nice event enjoyed by the children and their parents. Santa was a very busy man that day!

Donations were made to the Sweet Dreams Project by club and individual members. A pair of pajamas and a book are wrapped and identified by sex and size. The packages are given to parents to give as presents. We adopted two families – one through the Family Violence Project and one through KVCAP. Items were purchased and presented to the head of the family to wrap and give at Christmas.

The year was ended with our annual Christmas celebration. We enjoyed each other's company and made our Yankee Swap a little more fun by adding a twist with a roll of the dice. What a fun time! The New Year will bring more projects. We will be busy preparing reports and writing narratives. Our first project will be a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Hope 2020 is a good year for everyone!!
Carol Jarvais – President

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District



Projects, Projects, and More! - The GFWC Lubec Woman's Club are a group of women dedicated to working together for a better community. At this writing, we have a total of 29 members with a wide variety of backgrounds and talents. This is very apparent in the projects we have taken on!

During the fall, Nancy Haddock, Vice President, spear-headed a Club project to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device for more public access locations in Lubec. She collaborated with the fire chief, the superintendent of West Quoddy State Park, and the Lions Club. Thanks to her work and our financial partnership with the Lions Club, we are able to purchase 4 devices, plus the State has agreed cover the cost of placing an AED device at the lighthouse!

At our November 4th monthly meeting we hosted Nancy Ames and Marjorie Pfeiffer from GFWC. Our business meeting included a presentation and request for a monetary from the 7th and 8th grade Lubec students and their Phys. Ed. teacher about new gym equipment. Right after the presentation our members voted to support the request. Our meeting was followed by an in-house piano concert at the home of member Jane Lanctot. Members were busy later in the month selling Turkey Dinner raffle tickets at the local IGA as one of our fundraising activities.



One of the two winning tickets provided a Thanksgiving Dinner for a needy family.

After reading through Club records of years past while planning our 100th Anniversary a few years ago, we learned that for many years while Leona (Noni) MacBride was Club President, the December meeting was held at Noni's home for a social time and refreshments. One of our current members, Cathy Dean, now owns Noni's house and has graciously hosted our December meeting since 2017, in honor of Noni, in her beautifully holiday decorated home.

This year at the December 2nd meeting, Lubec Woman's Club members gathered around the Christmas tree where they had placed their donations for "Toys and Treasures." Sonja Kinney (Lubec resident) gave a presentation about "Toys and Treasures", started by Sonja and Cassie Kinney in 2010 to help the folks in Lubec, Campobello, Whiting, and Trescott have a brighter Christmas. "Toys and Treasures" collects and purchases toys, gifts and sundries through donations and monies from the five 50-50 raffles each year. The gifts are distributed at a local Lubec community establishment, where those folks "who are in need may come and choose a gift for someone they cherish". After the meeting and refreshments, club members helped carry the donated items out to Santa Sonja's "sleigh".

Also, during December, 5 of our members volunteered their time at the Lubec Elementary School for the school's annual Craft Day, a day of students in multi-page groups making Christmas crafts on December 13th. The next day, Saturday, December 14th, 15 of our members took part in the annual Community Christmas Dinner for Seniors and Disabled Veterans, an enjoyable collaborative event in Lubec. We made cookies for the dessert, led and sang Christmas songs before the meal, and served the dinner to the

attendees, as well as boxed up dinners to be delivered to those who were unable to attend. Dori Newman, our newest member, shared a short Christmas story that she had written, which was appreciated by those in attendance.



Jeanne Drews reporting for GFWC Lubec Woman's Club

Patawa Club – Northern District

In November, Patawa Members drew the winners for our "Re-sock your Wine Cellar" raffle. It is a very successful fundraiser and this year made about \$1,100.



For a civics project, members sewed and stuffed over 40 heart shaped pillows and donated them to the cardiac unit at the hospital for use as splint pillows. They were well received.

Also, in November, a few members participated in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon and raised \$375.



In December, the annual dinner and silent auction was held at Sea Dog Brewing. A good time was had by all and the silent auction raised about \$600.

Caitlin Sullivan & Amy St. Peter - Co-Presidents



Waldoboro Woman's Club – Southern District



Ten members of the Waldoboro Woman's Club and one guest gathered in the Schooner Cove Dining Room in Damariscotta for their annual holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 10.

The tables sported festive decorations and the view of the river was splendid as were the chicken marsala and roasted pork loin main course offerings including pear salad and blueberry cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

Members arrived with donations of bags of cookies for the Lincoln Home and gifts for the Waldoboro Toys for Tots collection. Since the November meeting was cancelled due to a storm, President Judi Lawrence led the group in a vote to accept the annual budget.



L-R: E. Krause, A. DePatsy, J. Lawrence, N. Gault, E. Robbins, J. Lawrence, C. Gulezian, B. Studley, J. Achorn, M. Andrews, A. Duff

Betty Studley delivered the toys, Judi Lawrence took the cookies to the home, and Jean Lawrence delivered lunches to members who were shut in.

Jean Lawrence – Secretary

GFWC LIVERMORE FALLS WOMEN'S CLUB – Southern District



It has been a very busy November and December for our Club. In November we put the word out that we would be planting 100 daffodil bulbs to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the State of Maine giving women the right to vote. We received permission to plant them at the Livermore Town Office and on Saturday, November 16th we were ready to plant. Ellen Young, her husband Gary, and Ruth Gammon planted the bulbs and we look forward to seeing them bloom each spring to remind us of our right to vote.

At our November meeting the Raffle Committee of Betty Nichols, Ruth Gammon, Lisa Townsend and Muriel Bowerman, Chair made a

Thanksgiving basket to be raffled off to benefit the Elder Abuse Scholarship Fund. Chris Judd won the basket and we realized over \$70.

One of our guest speakers for that meeting was Judy Shaw, who co-chairs the Maine Council of Elder Abuse Prevention. In her presentation she spoke of the vulnerability of individuals throughout the stages of life. Seniors often have the greatest wealth from various sources, and scam artists know this. She encouraged keeping good records when investing for future use.

In the absence of our second speaker from Senior Plus, our own Bonnie Perkins, Sec., spoke on personal protection. Bonnie mentioned that the best defense is making yourself aware of your surroundings, at all times.

We also had Club members helping with decorating the Harris House and helping them get ready for the holiday season.



Ellen & Ruth

Our holiday luncheon in December was well attended. We had a collection for donation to the area Tri-Town Ministerium food bank which netted over \$650.00 dollars and 3 shopping bags full of food items. For the second year our knitters knitted over 25 scarves to give to the Winter Special Olympics. Our local representative was very pleased. Lastly, our Club in September decided to honor a group in the community 3 times during the year. We chose the RSU#73 school bus drivers. On December 10th the committee of Betty Forbes, Brenda Tardif and Chair, Sue Moore, asked members to meet them at the Livermore Public Library to help them prepare bags of Christmas cookies, candy cane and other sweet to present to the bus drivers. Along with the committee, members Barbara Letalien, Ruth Gammon, and Bonnie Perkins participated. They filled 48 bags using 24 dozen cookies, baked by 9 members, 4 boxes of candy canes and two large bags of candy kisses. Each bag was decorated with a ribbon and a Christmas card. The bags were delivered the next day, December 11th, by the committee. They were well received with lots of smiles and happy faces.

We do not meet in January but will hold a workshop making snowmen for the residents of the Harris House. We will resume our meetings in February.

Think Spring!

Ellen Young - President



Barb, Ruth, Carol, & Betty

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club – Southern District



Westbrook Womans Club has been very busy! November is lobster roll time, our big fundraiser. Members were busy getting orders. Our November 5 meeting was our work day when we put together the boxes, put a thank you label on each box, place a napkin in side, and put them in groups of 25. Our dining room is stacked with boxes everywhere. Each member is asked to bring in 4 dozen cookies. Orders this year were 968. A challenge to have orders ready for pick-up or delivery by 10:00 a.m. The BIG DAY is November 6 and starts at 5:30 a.m. when the lobster meat arrives. Members start to arrive at the Westbrook/Warren Congregational Church to swing into action – a lot to do. Each member comes with an assigned job so we can have a well-organized operation. We had 34 members and 5 volunteer husbands or friends busily working. With team work and yes fun our members met the deadline and got the job done perfectly. Our ladies are **SUPER WOMEN!!** We raised \$4,649.60 which will be used for scholarships for Westbrook High School and Regional Vocational School students. All this hard work is worth it when a scholarship check is handed to a student to help them toward further education.

Our November 19 meeting, we had Kevin Joyce, Cumberland County Sheriff and Deputy Joe Schnupp present a program on scams. This was interesting and especially during the holiday season good information.

Members of Westbrook Woman's Club contributed items of clothing and toys to Spring Harbor Hospital. Five boxes of items were delivered to the patients. We also contributed to the Westbrook Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

Westbrook Woman's Club always sponsors a tree during the Festival of Trees. Our tree this year was reflective of our 100th celebration. A lighted candle was put on the tree with the name and years of service for our past Presidents. Also, pictures of member groups were placed. Next to our tree was our special picture with signatures of our members in the Club. It was just lovely and so appropriate for our special celebration of our 100 years. It made us very proud!

December 10 our Club participated in the Mad Hatters Tea Party which is part of the Festival of Trees. The tea party turns or dining room into



Christmas theme tables, with our bone china cups and saucier with festive holiday cookies and tea served by our members. Several of the assisted living facilities in the area transport their residents to the church for our tea party and holiday music concert. They enjoy this special time! In the evening members of our Club welcome the Drouin Dance studio. They present a wonderful program for family and visitors. Everyone enjoys these special events and our members make a perfect hostess.

Westbrook Woman’s Club looks forward to our Christmas meeting. On December 17 we gathered at DiMillo’s Restaurant for lunch. Our attendance was 40 on a day when a light snow was falling. It was a wintery view from the dining room as we looked into Casco Bay and all the boats were prepared for the winter months. Inside the dining room we enjoyed a delightful lunch and wonderful fellowship with conversation and laughter. A great day for us!

As 2019 comes to a close we can look back with pride on the accomplishments of our Club and this year will become a part of our special 100th celebration. We look forward to 2020 and continuing the spirit of volunteerism.

Westbrook Woman’s Club will be looking forward to “Be the Change”.

Beth A. Turner – President

GFWC Juniette Community Service Trail Blazers

* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *

What fun was had today! GFWC Juniette “Community Service Trailblazer” helped fill these shoe boxes to bless a boy and girl 2-4 across the world. We went to McDonald’s first. We discussed how to earn money for them to buy gifts for others off the tree. These girls warm our hearts with their love for others.



JUNIORETTE CLUB PURCHASED GIFTS FOR GIVING TREE



Pictured from left to right: Makayla, Mackenzie and Kiley.
The GFWC Juniette Community Service Trailblazers wanted to take two tags from the giving tree and buy gifts, so they decided on an older boy and a young girl. On Monday, December 9th the group decided on a set amount to spend and went shopping. Any Nokomis high school girl who thinks they may want to be a part of this group can attend the next meeting on **Thursday, January 16th** at 2:30 PM at Nokomis Regional High in Ms Dubay’s room. For more information contact Linda Lougee at 341-1538.

In the NEWS!!



REPORTS - please all clubs, let’s get this done.

Report deadline - postmarked by January 20, 2020

Mail to: Wendy Bowler GFWC Vice-President
PO Box 732
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Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service



Light up the GFWC brand on January 20, 2020 by helping the 2018–2020 Administration reach its goal to organize 1,000 projects for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service.

Haven't started planning yet?

Combing through [2019 Top Projects](#) lists will instantly give your club a number of project ideas. There's something for every interest and club size in these lists, which are a curated from State Award and Club Creativity entries. Or, reflect on a past community service project that was effective in recruiting new

members. Refresh or reimagine it for MLK Day! Who wouldn't want to join a club full of excited members who are proudly wearing their GFWC apparel?

January 20, 2020:	REPORTS Due
January 20, 2020:	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 2, 2020:	Dr. Seuss' Birthday
April 9, 2020:	Northern District Art Show/Northern District meeting Jeff's Catering, Brewer, Maine
April 18, 2020:	Southern District Art Show
May 14 – 15, 2020:	GFWC Maine Spring Convention Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor, Maine
June 27 – 30, 2020:	GFWC International Convention Sheraton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia



Pine Tree Notes submission dates:

March 6, 2020

to:

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