



PINE TREE NOTES

GFWC MAINE – A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

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Greetings, Ladies! I don't know about you, but I have never been so happy to see a year come to an end as I was this past year. 2020 was a difficult year for our state, our nation and our world. Living through a COVID pandemic was not how we wanted the year to be. Our lives changed drastically but we adapted to the "new normal" and life goes on. The human spirit is strong and will endure. As we look at 2020 in the rearview mirror, we wonder what is in store for 2021. There is a vaccine in the initial stages of distribution, but I don't see an end anytime soon as to how COVID affects our daily lives. At least the vaccine gives us hope for an end to this pandemic and it can't come soon enough. This is the point I was at yesterday (January 6) in writing this article when I was drawn to the television by my husband. Our capitol building was under siege! I sat down, my mouth agape and watched in disbelief. I was in shock! I couldn't believe what I was witnessing. This happens in other places, not in the United States of America. Like you, I love this country and what she stands for. We have the right to civil protest but what took place ended in an assault against our country. We don't agree on everything, but we certainly should respect the fact we are all entitled to our own opinions. Respect for one another is what is missing. After a night of contemplation, I am drawn to the words of Mary Stewart, author of our Collect.

*Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
 Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.
 May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.
 May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
 Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
 Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.
 Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one.
 And may we strive to touch and to know the great human heart of us all, and O, Lord God,
 Let us not forget to be kind.*



As Congress pulled together and continued on with governing our country last night, may we all do the same with respect for one another and love for our country. As I watched the sun rise over The Capitol this morning it gave me hope that healing will happen. Let's pray it happens soon and may God Bless America.

Through COVID and everything else which happens, life goes on. So, now, shall it here.

Imagine my surprise to receive a call from Lovedy Alexander informing me I had won the Endowment Raffle! You know, the one the Endowment Committee ran through the last edition of the Pine Tree Notes. I never win anything! What I won was a lovely (not Lovedy) Fitz and Floyd Santa Claus beverage pitcher. Lovedy personally delivered it to my home so I could enjoy it over Christmas. This committee did something never tried before and made some money for the Endowment Fund. COVID had them thinking outside the box.

This pandemic has put a damper on my scheduling visits to our clubs. I was pleased to join a virtual meeting with the Westbrook Woman's Club, see all the lovely faces present (without masks), and to hear all the projects they have been able to be involved in despite COVID limitations. I was really intrigued by the Reverse Advent Calendar project. I am hopeful as 2021 progresses and we all feel more comfortable getting out among others I will receive more invitations to visit with your clubs.

LEADS – Which of you will be Maine's next LEADS ambassador? Please consider applying. The deadline is fast approaching, and Toronto awaits as this is where the next LEADS seminar will be held. No pressure will be put on you to serve at the state level.

We want ladies who have leadership qualities to experience what the seminar has to offer and bring what you learn back and share it with our clubs. Applications need to be postmarked by January 31, 2021.

By the time you read this, you will have submitted your annual club reports to Vice President Elaine. She will have read and compiled them and sent them on to our Community Service Projects Chairmen. The Chairmen will be in the process of writing their reports on all the wonderful things your clubs did last year, sending their reports on to GFWC for consideration for national awards, and selecting which clubs will receive state awards at Spring Convention.

The Executive Committee will be hard at work planning Spring Convention. A decision has not been reached yet as to whether we will meet in person or go virtual, but regardless of how we have to meet, we will meet. This will be a two-day event with specials – special guests, special speakers, and special times. Hope you will attend!

I ask for your prayers and positive thoughts for our federation sisters who are in need of them at this time.

Please remain safe and continue the support you provide your communities.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You – Carol

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GFWC Maine 2020-2022 Executive Committee
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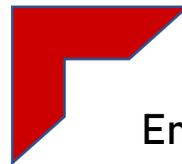
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Endowment Fund Drawing

Congratulations to our GFWC Maine President, Carol Jarvis, in winning the Endowment Fund Drawing of the Fitz & Floyd Christmas vase!



Thank you to those who contributed to this event and in hopes of another for the GFWC Maine Spring Convention! Your Club may donate at any time please send to my address. Thank you,

Lovedy Alexander GFWC Maine Endowment Fund Chairman

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Hi everyone. A very Happy and Healthy New Year. We all, I am sure, are looking forward to welcoming a healthier, productive, and a more stable life in 2021. Our family members and friends who are still devoted teachers or other school personnel are striving to the best of their ability to promote effective learning to all students in all levels of education. They would always welcome extra school supplies, educational games, and food for certain children to take home to their families. Give a principal in your local district a call and ask how you might be of help. Contact a teacher in the lower grades, K-3, and ask if they would like you to join their class on Zoom and if there were a particular book, that they might suggest, you could read to their children. When I was teaching fourth grade, I invited and welcomed local meteorologists, electricians, and health workers to speak to my class when we were studying related areas. They could enrich that particular subject area, and not only the children, but also, I benefited. Perhaps these suggestions might be something that you could consider pursuing to help, and you would in return be richly rewarded.

Roberta Dutton Morrill GFWC Maine Education Chairman



HEALTH & WELLNESS



We all know that taking care of ourselves is important and especially so during this pandemic. To that end I would like to remind you that February 5, 2021 is **National Wear Red Day**. It is a program launched by the **Heart Truth** in 2002 to raise awareness that heart cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death of women in this country.

It is important that we remind ourselves of the tools we have at hand to prevent heart disease and stroke, important for us and all the girls in our lives. We are

role models and need to set a good example. Please check out the Health and Wellness section of the GFWC Club Manual for some tips. You know what they are; healthy, low fat eating, exercise, stop smoking, get your checkups.

Dig out that Red Dress Pin in your jewelry box and put it on your coat!



WEAR RED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021!!!!

Sally Manchester GFWC Maine Health & Wellness Chairman



EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON - ESO



This is the time of year when due to the weather we are apt to have more time for reading. But this year we have another reason to have more time to read. The COVID-19 virus. Reading is a great way to eliminate the stress of isolation. Besides the pure joy of reading a great book there are reading groups you can join. Our National ESO Chairman Tina Daniel has created the GFWC 2020 - 2022 ESO Book Club on Facebook. During the ESO Facebook Group books are selected to read and discuss on the group page during the month on Tuesdays. If you are not an ESO member give me a call or email me to become a member. Best wishes for the new year of reading.

Marjorie Coburn-Black ESO Chairman – 207-612-6072 - mhb770@outdrs.net



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



This program reminds us, as clubwomen, that we are a part of a larger society and are responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life as well as creating a sense of community, locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

Having said that, GFWC has affiliate organizations and resource organizations that we can work hand in hand with. One affiliate that comes to mind is Heifer International. This affiliate has been in existence for 76 years and has brought help, healing and hope to millions of



impoverished families worldwide. Heifer International works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty.

Consider having a project that will create funds for Heifer International. A campaign that has a “Quarters for Quackers” or “Pass the Pig” as its slogan would bring in funds. Hopefully enough to send money that will gift a pig or a flock of ducks to a family.

I am sure that there are members in our GFWC ME clubs that have innovative and fun ideas to raise money for Heifer International. Let us think globally in the next few months. Many clubs are not meeting locally due to the pandemic. We can do much remotely so why not think “globally” and give a gift of hope and opportunity for an entire community. Please let me know what projects you think of and what the results were.

Marjorie Pfeiffer, GFWC Maine Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman



ARTS & CULTURE



Some members are “firecrackers” and lead with a bang and a smile.

Others are on the quiet side but still go the extra mile.

But the one thing I would say to all of you today

Is ... never let ANY member question the important role they play!

Creativity is an important part of the human experience. **Encourage members** to play with words...tell a story...jot ideas down...look for beauty...see color and pattern...take a picture...for **NATURE is amazing!**
THEN...SUBMIT.

Information & Deadlines for the Writing Contest and Photography Contests for members are listed on pages 82 to 87 in the GFWC Maine Directory. Check the dates NOW!

As plans for a spring art show develop, we will keep you posted.

Donations are always needed to cover some cost of the Art Department for awards, ribbons, etc.

And...**Volunteers** are always welcomed to help us in our effort to encourage members to get involved in Art!

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS



Communication and public relations could not be more vital in the situations we are all in.... reaching fellow club members means more emails and the new venue: ‘Zoom’! At least we can see each other with these live computer meetings... Engaging our brains to learn and accept new things is not only exciting and healthy but essential!

Now may be the time to create a Facebook page or website. Another would be a club newsletter and include photographs of events happenings but also events past! Memories shared via the internet could be a useful tool for soliciting new members.

Let me know how I could help you get started!

Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman



DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM



Happy New Year Federation Sisters! My wish to you in 2021 is that the new year will be filled with continued success and service to our communities and staying healthy will be granted to each one of us. My new slogan for 2021 is "Good Health is the new Wealth". Our health is priceless!

Like so many of us I am so happy that 2020 is behind us and we are heading into a new year with new possibilities. This pandemic has brought much sadness and difficulties, but it also has brought us a new way of support, thinking and learning.

As we continue into 2021 let us stay positive and be the spark that ignites the passion in us so we will endure and become stronger than we ever thought possible. Looking forward to the results that we will be able to meet once again and oh how wonderful the **Hugs** will be!

The purpose of this administration's goals is to educate the grassroots club woman on how to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against women in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

There are eight focus areas in this administration each having a liaison for each area of focus. Here are the eight focus areas:

Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes.

The plan is not for our club members to work on all these areas, but to choose what area of focus **your** community will benefit from the most this year. Let us educate ourselves and our communities on the various issues in the Signature Program. As your chairman I am hoping that your members will continue the good work you have done and reported in the past and then possibility select an issue that you have not worked on and begin a new project!! The more we educate the more we help. There is a wealth of information in the GFWC Club Manual on suggestions and if you contact me, I will assist you and answer any questions you may have. I would love to see new projects reported from your Club for the 2021 year. Your chairman is so pleased for the continued support you have given to the State-wide High School Elder Abuse Scholarship!!! Both agencies, "Legal Services for the Elderly" and the "Maine Elder Abuse Council" are so appreciative of our **funding \$\$\$\$** of this scholarship. Without our funding \$\$ the scholarship would not be possible.

I am happy to say we are well on our way to the \$1,000. we will award in June this year. We are not there yet but, I am feeling confident that our members will continue to support this great cause. Please send your check to **Kathy White (to my winter address,) at 932 Dean Way, Fort Myers FL 33919. Checks payable to GFWC Maine with notation on the check for Elder Abuse Scholarship.** I am hoping ALL our Clubs will consider donating any amount (any amount helps) to reach our goal! Please remember the total donations over the \$1,000. is carried over to help with the 2022 scholarship!

I want to thank the Clubs that have already made their donation and mailed me their check: GFWC Semper Fidelis Club, GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club, GFWC Winterport Woman's Club, and Jane Shaw. Thank YOU!!!

Warm Federation Virtual Hugs,
Katherine (Kathy) White, Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is defined as the art of motivating a group of people to act towards achieving a common goal. A *Leader* is one that leads or guilds. The important word in this definition is guild. As members of GFWC Maine and your own respective clubs, we are all *Leaders*. As one assumes responsibilities of any new role, one vitally important skill to building leadership capacity is delegating.

When a leader delegates responsibility, members become more enthusiastic, involved, and dedicated. In sharing tasks, clubs likely will undertake and complete unique and impactful projects as the workload is distributed and projects are completed in a time-efficient manner. By delegating, new skills and experiences prepare members to step into more advanced leadership roles, thus ensuring well-prepared leaders for the future of our clubs.

Delegating doesn't just happen. This action is a "people developer" and shapes a team concept. It is key to opening doors to new experiences and new interests while also teaching responsibility. Consider the following to improve the art of delegation:

- **Make a list** - Start by making a "to-do" list. And there are App's for this! Make a habit to arrange lists of things that you want accomplished.
- **Prioritize** - Not everything will need to be done right away, so prioritize your list by what is most important.
- **Schedule** – According to a study, a person wastes on the average 21.8 hours a week. Scheduling will keep your club focused on what is at hand without going off-track. Make a schedule that includes a start and a due date for your project.
- **Be Flexible** – Setting a schedule is great for achieving deadlines, however, some instances and situations require revisiting. This is where a leader's creativity and innovation come in to play. Only be flexible with deadlines when you need to be.
- **Delegate** – Being over-burdened is a real thing and if not addressed can significantly affect the outcome of your project. Each one of us hold a unique set of qualities when it comes to patience, resilience and getting a task done in the least amount of time. Be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of your club members. It is important to learn how to delegate tasks to the right person. This will open windows for your club members to experience and grow, which leads to growth in your club.
- **Be Involved** – After helping your club set their priorities and delegating tasks to your members, leaving everything up to them is a big no-no! A leader needs to be consistently following up. But there is no need to be a micro-manager. Just be present and reachable to all members and be sure everyone is on the same page.
- **Be Patient** – Sometimes things may not go as planned. It is only human to feel overwhelmed and feel a dip in moral. By mastering the art of patience and understanding, you can help members get back on track.
- **Communicate** – The most important part of delegating is to have open communication with all your members. Be sure they understand what is expected of them and be there for them if they have any questions or problems. This will help your club work as a cohesive team for now and in the future.

Delegating isn't easy – we have all at times felt like it will just get done quicker if we do it all ourselves. Having all club members feel like they are part of the total outcome is what makes our clubs grow!

Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

Here's hoping everyone had a nice holiday season. It is always a wonderful time of year, even when we aren't able to follow all our regular traditions! Let us all (myself included) keep in mind that during this pandemic that while there are so many things that we cannot do, we must never lose sight that each day is a gift . . . "today is the only day we are promised" . . . so let us always live each day to the fullest!!

Meeting together via Zoom has not been an option for us for a variety of reasons. Though we were only able to meet together once in October (due to the continuing increase in Covid-19 numbers, our substitute meeting place closed as well) we have still been keeping in touch via phone calls and emails. We have been working safely from our own homes to collectively accomplish the following projects over the last couple of months:

Have you heard of a fidget quilt? If not, it is a small lap quilt which helps provide stimulation for the fidgeting hands of Alzheimer's, dementia, and autistic people. Created with colorful fabric and zippers, buttons, ribbons, pockets, etc., attached, it provides a great tool to busy oneself with. No two are alike! Our local hospital reached out to us and indicated a need for these items. I am pleased to share that as of this date, seven fidget quilts have been created.



Another project that was a perfect fit for this year, we participated in what was called "Reverse Advent Calendar." We modified the original plan by simply shopping to fill a box with the listed items on the instructions. For example, can of peas, box of pasta, jar of peanut butter, etc. Special arrangements were made with the food cupboard for drop off on a particular day, since, due to the pandemic, it is not possible to make random donations to them. Four members participated by filling a box and then delivered the box to the food

cupboard and 2 members made monetary donations as a way of being part of this.



Again, this year, we supported the Kiwanis Club Christmas Child Program. With funds we individually donated, we were able to adopt 2 children. The priority is to provide coats, boots, and other clothing. We do include a few toys as well! Due to Covid-19, our members needed to mail their donation to the club treasurer this year. Several members volunteered to shop for the kids and get the items to the Kiwanis at a designated location for them to handle. The



shoppers traveled by themselves this year, not as a group as is usually done.

The MIOSAC Club supports Operation Smile with a monthly donation. About four years ago, the club sanctioned the efforts of one its members who makes monthly donations by credit card payment. The member arranged with Operation Smile, via GFWC's Operation Smile liaison, that the donations be

recorded as GFWC MIOSAC Club. At the conclusion of 2020, we have donated funds to provide cleft surgery for one child! All for now – stay well, mask up, wash hands and stay healthy.

Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Reverse Advent Calendar was a big success. We donated 10 boxes of food to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. A picture and writeup was in the Rolling Thunder newspaper. This was accomplished before Thanksgiving and helped boost the food items available for many families during this pandemic. In December, clothing, toiletry items and a box of books (donated by the Pittsfield Friends of the Library) were given to the Women's Shelter in the Somerset County area. Toys were included for the little 2-year-old child at the Shelter with his mother. Domestic Violence has many victims and whatever we, as members of the community) can do to help is very much appreciated. The club is having a "Bakeless Bake Sale" this month to gain funds for the Children's Benefit group at the elementary schools in Pittsfield. The Children's Benefit fund supports MSAD # 53 students in grades Pre-K - 8, identified as being in need, by providing resources and opportunities, as well as soliciting donations to support this endeavor. February will find ARTS club members supporting the Pittsfield Boarding Home with valentines and bags of "goodies". We, as members of the ARTS Club, are continuing to support the Pittsfield community in whatever ways we can, even with the pandemic keeping us from meeting in person.



Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

The Lubec Woman's Club now has 29 members and continues to stay active in our community while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. During the holiday season, our Club joined other local organizations in providing gift cards for food baskets for needy families. Members also helped with the Annual Christmas Dinner for Seniors and Disabled Veterans by supplying desserts and helping to deliver the meals. We have contributed to the "Toys and Treasures" project that helps families with providing gifts for their children. Our Club is supporting our local teachers with "Monday Treats" with a weekly schedule organized by Jolene Doran. Julia Brady, Club President, works with 8th graders in our "Cash for Careers" program. Thanks to the generosity of member Dori Newman, we provided 5 copies of local author Rhonda Welcome's book about the last finback whale in Lubec for the students and teachers to enjoy.

Our group continues to stay in touch through e-mails and phone calls, and we are looking forward to being able to meet in person again.

Jeanne Drews – Communications Officer

Waldoboro Woman's Club – Northern District



Our meetings have been masked with distance seating, but at the December meeting we agreed not to meet in 2021 until May.

We adopted the Miller Elementary School for our President's Project and in November, after consulting with the principal and school nurse, donated underwear and sweatpants to the school. We then called upon members to bring socks and mittens



Nancy Gault and Jean Lawrence

to the December meeting for delivery to the school. The ladies brought 17 pairs of socks and 72 pairs of mittens.

The group decided to postpone the raffle of the braided rug made and donated by Charlotte Gulezian until summer. We also agreed to suspend meetings until May.



Member Tee Kastli surprised each lady with a bone china teacup with cookies and a tea bag. Her generosity was such a pleasant surprise. We ended our meeting by wishing one another a Merry Christmas and a much better 2021!

Covid rules have cancelled our luncheon meetings; we did bag lunches through November.

Jean Lawrence – secretary



Marilyn Andrews, Alice Duff, Tee Kastli, & Nancy Gault

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District



GFWC Semper Fidelis Club held its first 'Zoom' meeting with speaker Deb Tanner, founder of the Sweet Dreams Project. Her success story of collecting pajamas and books for children of all ages to give away at Christmas.

Members donated to this cause and brought pajamas, books, and small toys for this worthwhile project.

A new project underway is the collecting of wine corks! They will be sent to a company for recycling and will assist the conservation of forests and oceans. This will be a fun sight to see when completed!



The Thanksgiving Pie Sale continued its annual run with a few twists; set up under a tarp with pies piled high on a table outside of a drive thru bank members collected money for a successful fundraiser all during a snowstorm! Other fundraising events have been highly successful as well and members are confident to help in any capacity placed in front of them.



Supporting an elderly couple at Thanksgiving with a food basket and providing a very wonderful Christmas for two families of 6 children combined, it was also decided to provide a little something for the couple as well (they were the cutest!).

Linda, Lynn, and Susie

The Christmas Celebration was via Zoom again and members wore their festive Christmas attire and shared their decorations around their home. Snacks and libations in hand, there were a lot of laughs. Looking towards 2021 to be just a challenging, members are committed to making a difference in the lives of others! I do miss everyone though....
Maureen Provencal – President



GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club – Northern District



The Skowhegan Womens Club continued to "Zoom" in recent months. Most of us remained in self-imposed quarantine to do our part to keep Covid-19 spread to a minimum in our community. Members also kept in touch with one another via phone calls, email, cards and notes. We embraced the idea that "social distancing" does not mean social isolation! These connections were especially important to several of our members facing health challenges or family issues.

Most recently, members Mary Cayford, Deb Burnham and Sue Ellen Lexier



completed a wonderful community



service activity that we are calling the "Banner Project". Working with human resource staff at Redington Fairview General Hospital and a local printing business, our members created a banner. The hospital will display the banner in their facility to thank their dedicated healthcare workers. In addition, posters were distributed to area businesses for public display to show appreciation for the hospital and their healthcare workers.

Member Marjorie Black continued to be our contact for "Clynk" bottle collection and redemption. She has been sorting and bagging like crazy! Bottle collection and redemption helps keep trash off the sides of the roads, adds money to our club coffer and recycles aluminum. To help keep our minds active and engaged, we are encouraging all members to participate in on-line book clubs or book discussions. This is a great motivator to catch up on some great reads and to share ideas with one another.

To remain physically fit during this time of "social distancing", we are encouraging our members to take advantage of on-line yoga sessions or on-line exercise classes. Many of the sessions and classes are

previously recorded so you can practice at your convenience, at your own pace and in the privacy of your own home.

We are hopeful to see each other in person soon and we send a big heartfelt "hello" to all the other Maine GFWC clubs out there in these uncertain times.

Julie Kosch – Co President

GFWC Castine Woman's Club – Northern District



The Castine Woman's Club has continued hunkering down and keeping safe this winter while supporting community projects and needs. CWC has continued to postpone holding meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As in past years, CWC contributed to "Light Up Castine" in support of the Castine Merchant's Association. CWC ended 2020 contributing funds to community groups such as Next Step, Shaw Institute, and Families First. CWC received a donation earmarked to send funds to support specific local groups such as Blue Angel, an organization combating food insecurity on the Blue Hill Peninsula. In the fight against COVID-19, CWC solicited and received a donation of masks and hand sanitizers and plans to distribute these items within the community.

As always, CWC is busy spreading "Sunshine" with cards, calls, food, and flowers to members experiencing isolation, health, and family challenges.

This time of year brings back warm memories of sharing camaraderie and delicious food with the community at our winter Dinner-at-Noon events. CWC hopes to renew this tradition post-pandemic.

In these perplexing pandemic days, CWC wishes you hope, health, and happiness in 2021.

Val Taub – President

Patawa Club – Northern District



Patawa club has been meeting mostly via zoom since September. Our first meeting was held at one of our member's camp. We were able to be outside and distanced. Our October and November meetings were held over Zoom with a few members attending in person. We have had one quest speaker who attended via zoom. The December meeting was completely remote. We are focusing on remote projects and some will be



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- we are sending cards to the veterans at the Bangor Veterans home all year.
- some members donated turkeys to a local radio station.



- some members are making heart pillows for cardiac surgery patients.
- some members are making pillowcases for the Veterans home and families in need a Christmas.
- we set up a meal train for a member who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- we have adopted 2 families to provide Christmas gifts to.

Fundraising:

- we have set up a Clynk account.
- we will be having a stock your wine rack raffle in January.

Caitlin Sullivan – Co-President



GFWC Winterport Woman’s Club – Northern District



Winterport Woman's Club has had a busy November and December: our 5th annual turkey drive raised over \$2,300. in funds and turkeys, more than double of last year! We have been placing greens in the planters around town, shopping for gifts for children in need at our two town schools, baking and writing cards for the residents and staff at the local assisted living, and holding a virtual meeting or two. It has really helped with raising all our spirits this Christmas.

Gloria Aurelio – President

GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District



It has been a difficult year for all of us (an understatement!) and as you may remember we opted to Stay Home and Stay Healthy and did not meet in the spring and summer. We hoped to get back in the swing starting in the fall with a new club year and we did meet in September with a UFO Program (Unfinished Projects) where we brought something we wished to finish while we discussed and voted on where we would like our club to go. We chose projects to continue and concentrate on and some we decided to no longer participate in. Because of that meeting in October, we had a meeting called “Fond Memories of Deceased Projects” where members came in funeral attire and we gave fitting tribute to those items we chose to leave off. If a funeral can be an affair filled with gaiety (and tears) this was it.

In November we had already planned to have a handmade cards program, which we did and made all occasion cards to give to our Sunshine Chairman with some members also purchasing some.

Because of the steady increase in COVID-19 cases in our state it was voted to suspend meetings until further notice. We had been meeting with masks, practicing physical distancing, using hand sanitizer and cleaning before and after meetings, but with most of our members in that vulnerable population, we chose to not take that chance.

We have done our annual project for the Maine Veteran’s Home, donated hats, gloves and mittens to Caring Unlimited and done the Red Bow Project in the town gazebo which is our major fund raiser for the year.

We have greatly missed each other’s company and look forward to the day when we can once again get together. We are hopeful for March, April and May, but will have to wait and see.

Sally Manchester – Co-President



Today, January 11th, is [Human Trafficking Awareness Day](#). People from around the globe are joining their voices to raise awareness to the reality that 40 million people around the globe are caught in some form of Human Trafficking. It is present in every country, in every state in the U.S., in cities, in suburbs, in rural areas, and in small towns. We join in with these voices, calling for more people to not just become aware of what is happening, but to join in the fight against trafficking and the work to help heal and restore its victims to freedom and dignity.

As part of our Free The Girls family, we know that you are already aware of this battle, and that you want to be part of the answer. Here are some ways we invite you to join us.



If you want to help us bring awareness today, we encourage you to **wear blue and tag @freethegirlsbras** on social media with **#WEARBLUEDAY**. Invite your friends to find out more about our work through our website, Facebook page, or Instagram.



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CAUGHT YA!

Congratulations to **Gloria Aurelio**, president of the GFWC Winterport Woman's Club on her recent retirement!! Enjoy!!

→ Her new email is: aurelioboys@gmail.com

Check this out.....

[Winterport Women's Club holds 5th annual turkey drive](#)

Please note email change for **Norma Manning**, member of GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club and GFWC Maine Educational Loan Fund & Maude Mackenzie Scholarship Chairman

→ Her new email is: nmanning1924@gmail.com

The snowbirds have landed in a sunny warm location! Please take note of their addresses during the winter months.

→ **Gloria Leveillee**, GFWC Maine Treasurer
726 Stokely Ln
Lakeland, FL 33803

→ **Kathy White**, GFWC Maine Signature Program Chairman
932 Dean Way
Fort Meyers, FL 33919



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January 15, 2021: GFWC Maine Reports Due
January 18, 2021: Martin Luther King, Jr Day
February 1, 2021: LEADS Application Due (postmarked January 31)
February 5, 2021: National Wear Red Day
March 2, 2021: Dr Seuss Birthday
May 13 - 14, 2021: GFWC Maine Spring convention
Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, Maine
June 1, 2021: Jennie June Award Application Due
June 25 – 28, 2021: GFWC International Convention
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Canada



Pine Tree Notes submission dates:
March 6, 2021
to:
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