



PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC MAINE – *A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs* November/December 2021



A warm “Hello” to all of you across this great state!

I want to start by thanking you for attending our Fall Conference. It was so nice to be together once again. The greetings, the smiles, and the hugs shared were long overdue. The fellowship we have missed over the past year and a half was renewed. You were so generous in your giving to the state fundraisers which have been unable to take place. GFWC Maine is back to doing business in-person. Speaking of Fall Conference, I hope you were as impressed with our 11-year-old speaker, Summit Woodcock, as I was. That young lady has already left her mark on her community with the “buddy benches” she provided for the elementary schools, and I have no doubt her new project to start a food and clothing pantry at her middle school will happen. The generous donations you made will provide her with a good start. The

clothing donations you brought to give to the ladies from “The Pink Feather Foundation” will be included in the on-line store they provide for students in their school district. These two women have the compassion and the drive to support the children in their schools who really need it. Such a worthwhile cause.

We are part of such an incredible organization. GFWC provides us the opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We belong to our local clubs providing programs and services for our communities. Our clubs belong to our state federation which provides us with information on statewide projects and links us to our international organization. GFWC Affiliate Organizations help people across the United States and around the world. We impact the lives of people every day. You plan your club year to correspond with GFWC Community Service Programs so you can report the hours of volunteer service you provide, the money you raise and donate and the in-kind donations you make. Well, this administration challenges have been issued by the Chairmen of the CSP’s. Those challenges are: Arts & Culture - hold a youth art contest; Civic Engagement & Outreach – Support and aid women veterans; Education & Libraries – support STEAM programs and activities for special needs students; Environment – reduce plastic use, refuse, reuse, repurpose, recycle; Health and Wellness – physical funding for mental health programs; and our Signature Program – teen dating education and awareness. For more information on these challenges go to GFWC.org and enter the Member Portal to see if there might be a project which interests you.

We are fortunate to live in a state which in the fall is transformed into a veritable artist’s palette of color. This year was no exception. The beautiful weather we experienced for part of October was so enjoyable. Now, as November approaches, we are brought back to the reality of what is coming. I am so not looking forward to the cold. I am, however, excited about the holidays and spending quality time with family and friends. I hope your holidays are filled with what makes you happiest and I send you wishes for a safe, happy, and prosperous 2022.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You – Carol



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GFWC Maine 2020-2022 Executive Committee
(picture available when available)

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- Dates to remember!
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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Hi everyone, Most school districts seem to be open and welcoming their students in the classrooms, but are taking precautions. Now that the younger children will be eligible to receive the vaccine shots soon, hopefully this will improve this troublesome epidemic.

Teachers and students still need our support and if your club members brought in supplies which included lead pencils, colored pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, scissors, note pads and scotch tape, these extras would certainly be very helpful.



If you have family members and or neighbors who are attending classes in elementary and or middle schools, contact their teachers and ask how you could supplement their supplies for the children in their classes. Also with cooler weather just around the corner, perhaps you could encourage the knitters in your club to make hats, mittens and scarves. Most schools have mascots and school colors, so some of the knitted goods could have the special school colors.



When I was teaching fourth grade, I established pen pals for the children. It is a working skill to express their thoughts using proper sentence structure and they might be encouraged to use some of their recent spelling words in their letters. Perhaps someone from your club might arrange to pick up the pen pal letters at the school to save the teacher from mailing them.

The very best of luck with the supply donations, the knitted goods and the pen pal project.

Happy and healthy holidays.

Roberta Dutton Morrill, GFWC Maine Education & Libraries Chairman

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Happy Fall Everyone!! What a wonderful GFWC Maine Fall Conference we. So good to be back “in person”. Thank you, Carol, for a great line up!!

We are “smack dab” in the middle of fall and I hope you all have had or made arrangements to get your flu shot and COVID booster. The goal is to STAY HEALTHY.

In case you need some suggestions for programs and projects in the Health and Wellness area, I would encourage you to check out gfwc.org and go to the Health and Wellness Community Service Project section. There you will not have to re-invent the wheel, but take a page out of the books of other clubs in our organization who have had successful outcomes with such things as: Warm Lap Robes for Seniors, White Bags of Courage for those undergoing cancer treatments, Nurses Care Bags – given to nurses in nursing homes or other care centers with products for them to use as a way to say “thank you”, or even a letter writing project. GFWC Research Club of Limerick is going to vote on starting a project called Love Our Elders and write letters to the elderly in nursing homes, shut ins or anyone you may know in need of a friendly communication. All the above projects are outlined in the Health and Wellness section on the GFWC website. It is a way of getting ideas that you can use or modify to suit your situation.

As a hospice volunteer, I have put together a program to present to Northern Light Home

Care and Hospice volunteers entitled, “**End of Life Care - The Art of Caring**”. So many of us don’t know what to say or do for a friend or loved one who has faced the loss of a family member, friend, loved one or acquaintance. I would be happy to come to your club and make this presentation to your members.

As we “brace ourselves” for the upcoming winter, please stay active, stay healthy and give your beautiful smile away to everyone you meet!!

Sally Manchester, GFWC Maine Health & Wellness Chairman



EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON - ESO



On June 23rd the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club met at member Violet Ferland's home. During this meeting member Debra Burnham was presented with the ESO Member Level certificate & pin, the Star Level certificate, the Torch Level certificate & pin, and the Century Level certificate along with the GFWC hanger pin with grosgrain ribbon with the First Century (100 books read) charm. Great job Debra!! As Debra Burnham is the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club



ESO chairman, she presented club member Marjorie H. Coburn Black with the following ESO levels of accomplishments: Member Level

certificate & pin, Star Level certificate, Torch Level certificate & pin, Century Level certificate with the GFWC hanger pin with the grosgrain ribbon and the First Century charm, the Second Century Level certificate and charm. As you can see, I am taking part in the ESO program as well. For me, I have read a little bit each night just before going to sleep. Other times, when the story is one hard to put down, I have planned to read during the day. Whatever works for you. That is what is so good about the ESO program. You go at your own pace and style.



Marjorie Coburn-Black, GFWC Maine ESO Chairman – mhb770@outdrs.net

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



The newsletter from Nancy Greenberg, GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman for GFWC New England Region was full of tips and information for clubs. The focus of this newsletter was Hungry, Homeless and Needy. Just a few of the tips for clubs include: a project that collects boxes of cookie, brownie, cake and frosting mixes that are distributed to a local food pantry; a summer sack project that makes lunches to distribute to children during the months of May – August; adopt a family that a school guidance counselor recommends as a recipient for enough food to make a Thanksgiving

dinner, a Christmas dinner, an Easter dinner. These are just a few ways to combat child hunger in your community.

Club projects for the homeless/needy include Dignity Bags for homeless that include socks, shampoo, body was, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion and feminine hygiene products that are delivered to a local homeless shelter, a coat, hat, and glove drive for a homeless shelter. Establish a Giving Closet at a local high school for homeless students/families. Another project is to contact the Veterans Administrative Medical Center and speak to the homeless coordinator and find out what is needed for any veterans living outdoors due to mental health issues. One tip was to collect black socks for the homeless as these are felt to add some dignity to the homeless.

Thank you for your tireless and generous work for your neighbors. Clubs “pick up” where town and city governments “stop”. Support your community.

Marjorie Pfeiffer, GFWC Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman



ARTS & CULTURE



In the last Pine Tree Notes, you were invited to “Tell Your Story with Photographs” and I described the changes in the “The World in Pictures” category. All the rules that govern the Photography Contests which, are open to all GFWC Maine members, can be found in THE GFWC MAINE DIRECTORY. These can be found on pages 84 – 86. At the recent GFWC Maine Conference, there was a poster which illustrated the categories.

Also found in the Directory are the rules for the additional contest:

1. On page 81, you will find information about SCRAPBOOKS that serve as a visual history of the individual Clubs. These are displayed at the GFWC Maine Spring Convention.
2. On page 82 are the rules that govern the HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST. The District Presidents will be setting the dates for the contests to be held in each of the two districts. The 7 winning pieces of art from each district will be entered into the state contest which is held during the GFWC Maine Spring Convention.
3. On page 83, you will find the rules for the GFWC Creative Writing Contests for Clubwomen.

In the previous Pine Tree Notes, I asked you to, “Write down your thoughts. Play with words and ideas! But, most of all, WRITE, WRITE, WRITE!” Dean Lunt, Publisher at Islandport, said that “Authentic stories give us all identity. There are so many stories to tell.” These stories help preserve our heritage, our culture, and serve as guideposts to the future. Encourage writing. How do you want to be remembered? Did you play a part in something that changed the direction of your community? Do you remember a story that your grandfather told that made a difference? How did you feel at the birth of your first grandchild? What event changed your life and determined your future? REMEMBER...WRITE...REFLECT...PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE!



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DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM



What a wonderful, productive, and informative Fall Conference we had!!! Thank you, President Carol, for a well-prepared conference. The best part was that it was in person!!!!

My thanks go to each and every one of you that donated to the raffle. All proceeds are going to our Elder Abuse High School Essay Scholarship. We are now almost halfway to our goal of \$1000. I know we can do this. Please send your donations to me at 15 Memorial Drive, Winterport ME 04496 by



December. (On the memo line add Elder Abuse Scholarship.)

Here are ideas for your club year, 2021-2022, to consider observing:

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| January: | Human Trafficking Awareness
January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day: Color – Blue |
| February: | Teen Dating Violence Awareness. Color - Orange |
| April: | Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. Color – Blue |

- Sexual Assault awareness and Prevention. Color – **Teal**
 “SAAM” Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This can also include Campus Assault, Military Assault, and Native American Assault
- June: Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention. Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15 - Color - **Purple**
- October: Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner). Color - **Purple**
 October 1 - Tillie Black Bear Day, “Women are Sacred” Day
- November: American Indian Heritage Month
 November 25 – December 9: “16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence is aimed at businesses to support them to take action against domestic abuse and violence.

I look forward to reading your Signature Program Reports for 2021. Whatever you have done let me hear about it. A narrative explaining your project might just be the one to win an award!

The more we can learn about domestic violence and sexual assault the better prepared we are at educating and preventing this horrific issue in our towns, communities, and state.

As your Chairman, I am ready and willing to assist you with whatever you may need to continue the work on our SIGNATURE PROGRAM.

Katherine White, GFWC Signature Program Domestic & Sexual Awareness & Prevention Chairman

LEADERSHIP



Create a plan of succession and checklist for leadership transition

Creating a plan of succession: An orderly transition of officers is the glue that holds an organization together. It implies stability, confidence, and continuity of operation. We must also be prepared for unexpected vacancies with a written succession plan in place. This can help the club handle the inevitable challenges of leadership transition.

Tips for Leadership Transitions:

- Identify present and future challenges and the qualifications necessary for a leader to meet them. Prepare a job description to provide a complete explanation of the role and responsibilities.
- Have an established timeline for leadership succession.
- Establish an Emergency Plan, similar to a lesson plan, to include delegation of duties and authority during an unexpected transition.
- Provide leadership development for all members so they will have a broader knowledge of the club, state, and international activities.
- Enlist the support of all members for newly placed officers. • Help new officers feel confident enough to find their own voice.
- Avoid micromanaging new officers. Give them the opportunity to do their job but assist when asked to do so.

Careful planning is necessary for a successful transition. A strong transition plan helps members feel confident and secure. Create a structured process to ensure leadership continuity and to retain and develop knowledge and relationships in the future. A powerful succession plan focuses on ensuring the flow of information is open and concise for the new leadership.

Transition planning also helps the current leaders “let go” through sharing the information. There is no “easy” button for leaders, but members who have served in a role for a long time can face especially tough transitions. They are proud of past achievements and are attached to the projects they leave



behind. No matter how long or well a leader has served, it is best for all clubwomen to have a plan for transferring knowledge and authority and letting go of role “ownership.” Somehow, all the information that is stored only in the leader’s head must be accessed and captured. For your club’s success, refer to GFWC.org – Membership Portal – Digital Library – “L” resource – Leadership Tool Kit – Leadership Development of Members – Create a Plan of Succession and Checklist for Leadership Transition.

Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

The Benefits of GFWC Membership: The GFWC Membership 2020-2022 Recruitment Campaign, “ HATS OFF TO MEMBERSHIP”, Recruitment Report is due to GFWC by December 1. Include new members for September, October & November. The Recruitment Campaign Report can be found in the Member Portal Digital Library>Resources R. Share your success recruiting new members!



Looking for inspiration to attract new members? The Top 10 Projects for recruiting is available to download in the Member Portal Digital Library, filed under the “T” Resources folder. The 2021 GFWC Holiday Open House, hosted by GFWC International President Marian St.Clair, is an exciting opportunity for you to celebrate this giving season and experience a bit of holiday magic. Register to attend one of two scheduled receptions from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ET or from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET on **December 8**. During each reception, attendees will be welcomed into the historic GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N St. NW, Washington D.C., to mingle with fellow clubwomen and enjoy this year’s theme, *Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy*. Attendance will be limited at the receptions for safety and registration will close at 12:00 noon ET on December 1. Register today through the [GFWC Member Portal](#).



Did you know you can get discounts with Avis & Budget Rental? Plan your fall getaway with savings from your GFWC Avis and Budget Car Rental Savings Program. With the Pay Now feature, members can save up to 35% off base rates on every rental, plus receive additional offers like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day.

When making a reservation with [Avis](#), be sure to use your Avis Worldwide Discount number B155149.

When booking with [Budget](#), use your Budget Customer Discount number R584749.

Use the [GFWC Office Depot Savings Program](#) to get everything you need for your home office, to do your best work from anywhere. When shopping online, you can also enjoy next-business-day delivery on qualifying orders of \$50 or more within local delivery areas.

In addition to shopping through this members-only savings program, you can also receive exclusive limited time offers by texting GFWCSPC to 833-344-0228.

More discounts are available at the GFWC website, www.gfwc.org

GFWC has also initiated a Membership contest to encourage new clubs. Any new club formed between July 1, 2020 to February 15, 2022 is eligible to receive fifty dollars.

Elaine Brickman, GFWC Maine Membership Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Can I find the GFWC logo on your publications??

Where does the GFWC logo belong?... **EVERYWHERE**... please include in all your publicity, news articles, handouts, programs, bookmarks, etc.... stickers on pie boxes or bakery items, lobster roll boxes, etc.... the goal is for members of the community to recognize this logo, the state logo, and your club logo as well.

Please share away! It's easy, easy, easy!



Maureen Provencal, GFWC Maine Communications and Public Relations Chairman

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

Oh, my goodness! Where does the time go? It is hard to believe that by the time this newsletter goes to print we will all be getting ready for Thanksgiving! On a personal note, when I retired from my job the beginning of September, I thought that time would slow down! As many of you know, this certainly has not been the case! In fact, I think it goes faster!

Thankfully, I am able to report that our club has been able to secure a meeting place for this year – at least, as long as COVID-19 does not interfere. We have felt the luxury of having held two meetings thus far, and quite frankly, it has been wonderful to see each other and hold conversations in person!

We are looking forward to having GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvis come spend some time with us at our first November meeting. Four of our members recently

attended the state fall conference held in Skowhegan and enjoyed the company of members from across the state. This is such a wonderful benefit of belonging, making friends we would not otherwise have ever met. I cherish our time together. Absolutely wonderful speakers wowed us with their endeavors. We took part in donating some new and gently used clothes that were given to the Pink Feather Project.

The current project we are involved in is gearing up to support the annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Project – Adopt a Child. We look forward to this each year and are looking forward to once again participating to help supply warm coats and mittens, clothing, and a toy or two to several children. In addition to this, we volunteer time to become “elves” and do some additional shopping for the Kiwanis Club by shopping for children that other folks/organizations donated money for but preferred not to do the shopping.

Ho, Ho, Ho! Until next time, I wish you peace, joy, and good health.

Suzanne Raymond – President



GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District



The theme for our September meeting was "Getting to Know You." The business part of the meeting included reports from our officers, an update on the 500 Raffle sales and sign up for ticket selling in October, organizing our monthly Treats for Teachers and Staff, and announcements about Beach Clean Up and a special town meeting. Our "Getting to Know You" activity followed the business agenda. The most recent members were asked to lead groups of three with the task of finding things in common. Discussions were lively in each group, and after about 15-20 minutes, the leaders reported the most interesting or unusual commonalities in each of the small groups.

For our October meeting we invited a guest speaker from the Lubec Historical Society to give us an overview and history of the Bayview Cemetery Restoration Project which began in 2018. Mr. Loring Munson gave a very informative and interesting talk about the project. Loring is very knowledgeable about the graves, families, and local history through his work on the project. After the meeting adjournment, members traveled to the cemetery to get a close up view of the cleanup progress and restoration of the headstones. Our Club has contributed money for the project as well as volunteers for the cleanup.



500

The 500 Raffle ended in mid-October, with all 500 tickets having been sold and a lucky winner receiving more than \$500 in gift cards as the prize! Another Club activity for October was a distribution of Halloween Treat Bags for the residents of two apartment complexes for seniors in Lubec.

In addition to Club activities, many of our members are active volunteers and participants in a variety of community activities: Food Pantry, Historical Society, churches, Beach Clean Up, Library, Lions, plus one member serving on the School Board and two members on the Town Board.

We are busy "Women Working Together for a Better Community."

Jeanne Drews - Communications



GFWC Castine Woman's Club – Northern District



Jack Frost appears to be peeking around the corner! The Castine Woman's Club plans to hunker down over these chilly upcoming months while still contributing to and supporting community projects and needs. The Club looks forward to meeting again in person when pandemic conditions are safer.

CWC was not able to hold its annual Election Day Bake Sale again this year due to the pandemic. The Club hopes to resume holding this popular fundraising event in November 2022.

CWC plans to continue to distribute donated face masks and hand sanitizers within the community. By year's end, the Club will make its usual annual donations to area organizations in need.

In these unusual times, CWC wishes you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

Valerie Taub – President

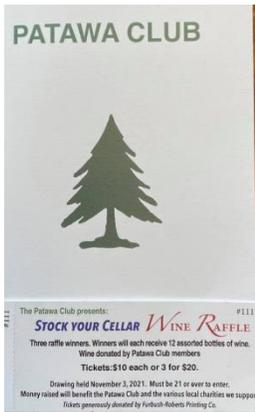


GFWC Patawa Club – Northern District



The women of PATAWA collected children's items for KidsPeace National Centers of New England - Graham Lake Campus!

The items donated will provide their residential population with personal belongings to support them in their therapeutic journey. The staff and children were very excited when the items were dropped off.



During the month of October, members of PATAWA have sold raffle tickets for a chance to win 12 bottles of wine.

At our November 3rd meeting, the ladies will each bring two bottles of wine and we will draw as many names as we have wine for. This is historically a very popular fundraiser for our group, and we hope people will take advantage of the opportunity to win wine for the holidays! Jennifer Hooper, of Jennifer Hooper Coaching will be our guest speaker on November 3rd and

will be talking to the ladies about stress and the importance of self-care. So important as we enter the holidays!

Amanda Cupps – President



GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District



GFWC Semper Fidelis Club held its Fall Banquet observing 'Suicide Prevention and Awareness' month donning the purple & teal colored ribbon pins. The Program was presented with new ideas to



implement for the next year of administration.

A very successful Membership meeting with a breast cancer survivor as guest speaker was held. Members created oversized cardboard ribbons and painted them that evening pink to display in downtown business windows for the remainder of October. A project that may continue as it was a great success.



In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness month, members placed purple lights around the railings of the gazebo at Coburn Park in Skowhegan. (After the first set was vandalized), members of the community stepped up with donations they could find of purple lights, and all was eventually a success. Members listened to accounts of domestic violence from survivors at a vigil hosted in the park.



Our continued commitment to the Education and Libraries program, members donated new or gently used children's books to the two laundromats in our community and is now adding another laundromat in a neighboring community!

Our major fundraiser is underway – 'Holiday Spirits Raffle' – Beer, Wine, and Ciders! Contact me for tickets!!

Our next meeting held had Billie Sherman demonstrating 'glass etching'; but we rescheduled her due to lost supplies somewhere along route... but to the success for a raffle basket brought that evening as a "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF, members raised \$102 to be sent! The item was a bit of a 'trick' with rats filling it up but some wonderful wine, glasses, and chocolate, was present as a 'treat'...

As we move through the next months, our club has created events and volunteering endeavors to meet any Covid safety protocols.

Happy holidays are up on us!

Maureen Provencal – President



GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club – Northern District

September marks the end of a busy summer!

As reported in the last Pine Tree Notes, many of our major fundraising events take place during the summer. These included selling concessions at the Concerts in Coburn Park every Sunday evening during the months of July and August followed by the Run of the River event in downtown Skowhegan. A special adaptation was made for the concession table which allowed members to maintain a safe distance and still be able to visit with members of the community.

Our "Fall into Spring" event was a successful fundraising venture with members peeling, making pie crusts, baking, boxing, and delivering over 90 Apple Pies! The apples were donated by one of the local Apple Orchards.

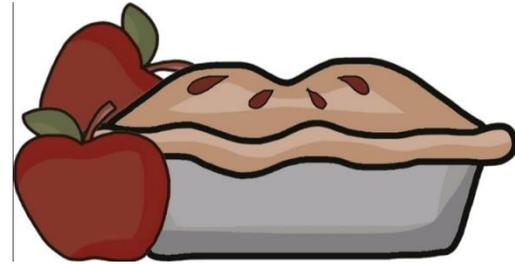
The second part of the fundraising event was the selling of Spring Bulbs and the planting of some bulbs in the local Hospice Garden, the Redington Memorial Home, and at the Blue Star Marker on Route 2.

The members meet at the Heritage House for the final planning meeting on September 8th and our official start of the 2021-2022 Club

Year was held on October 13th. The program was "In Remembrance" to honor those we have lost. Ideas were given on various ways we can keep memories alive and meaningful.

In November we are looking forward to a program from Skowhegan's Main Street and members of Americorps since it is Keep America Beautiful Month.

Billie Sherman – Co President



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness



Back L to R: Gerry Richardson, Jen Davis, Debbie Ferrell, Peggy Kaufman, Linda Lougee
 Front L to R: Nancy Underhill, Sandy Nickerson, Dee Terrio, Sharon Wing, Cheryl Stevens

It's been a chaotic time for all of us. Our club cancelled meetings over this past winter, meeting again in March 2021 for a luncheon (pictured above). As you can see, we were so happy to meet again in person. Our first official monthly meeting was in April and our May meeting ended the 2020-2021 club calendar year for us. Through all the disruption since Covid reared its head we had a club member, Linda Stevens, who made it her mission to contact every member each week to check on them and let them know how we were all doing. This contact was very welcome. Though we didn't have meetings in the summer we did gather gift cards, lottery cards, and small decorative items into our third August Riverwalk Festival Raffle Basket fundraiser and many of our club members enjoyed festival day, visiting, and selling raffle tickets. As our past year and a half's normal fund-raising events were cancelled and we needed to replenish our accounts this event was a success. We raised \$1550 through donations to the raffle basket and by selling raffle tickets.



Our normal calendar year begins in September but due to a Covid resurgence this first potluck and membership meeting was cancelled. In October we met, masked, and socially distanced, so pleased to see each other again. After our normal business was complete, we heard from our 100th anniversary committee member, Peggy Kaufman.

Peggy related that the GFWC Newport Woman's Club is preparing for their 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Our Club was Federated in September 1922.

The Committee has been working on this event for about 18 months. The event will be at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church Gathering Room in Palmyra Maine. The Church Women will cater a "High Tea" lunch with petite sandwiches and squares. There will be an Anniversary cake and beverages served in vintage teacups and teapots. The theme of the celebration is "Through the Years." We hope to have a prominent Town official as one of our speakers. Our scrapbooks, containing years of history, will be on display, showing that our mission has been to enhance the lives of our neighbors near and far through volunteer service. At the present time, the committee and club members are searching for event sponsors and fundraising ideas. This will help defray the event expense. So, we are all excited to celebrate our club's 100th year in service. If you would like to receive an invitation, please contact Jane Briggs at 207-386-5691 or at briggs106@roadrunner.com.

Deb Ferrell – Secretary

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS Club will meet in November to plan programs for the coming year. The members met for a picnic at Carol Ouelette's home in July. The weather was wonderful, and a good time was had by all attending. Raising funds has been a challenge during the Pandemic but we hope to continue to support needs in the community.



Marjorie Pfeiffer – President

GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District

The GFWC Research Club officers and directors met in August to plan out the upcoming club year. We decided to be optimistic and to plan for in-person meetings. Our plans went a bit askew in September as we had planned a progressive supper. With the rise in COVID cases at that time, it was decided to forego that meeting. In October, we did have a chance to meet. Our program consisted of three teachers from various levels of the K-12 school system who came in to give us a firsthand account of how they managed to teach during the COVID year of 2020 - 2021. Hearing directly from them was startling. All three talked about how the primary concerns for the students in order of priority were - safety, mental well-being and then, academics. In times of crisis, this is certainly as it should be. The amount of time that had to be put in to learn the platform to deliver classes, the challenge of hybrid classes, and the different reactions of students from pre-K to high school made us realize once again just how lucky we are to have such dedicated people who teach in our schools. Since it was World Appreciation Day for Teachers, the club showed its appreciation by giving each teacher a bouquet of flowers. We enjoyed refreshments, having an opportunity to talk with one another, and conducted some much-needed business. COVID has certainly showed us we need to be flexible, and that will be the adjective of the year as we proceed with our plans for projects and meetings during this club year.



Gloria Leveillee – Co-President

GFWC Maine Past State Presidents Club –





GFWC President Marian St.Clair & GFWC President-elect Debra Strahanoski



GFWC NEW ENGLAND REGION FALL CONFERENCE



POWER POSING



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GFWC MAINE FALL CONFERENCE
October 16, 2021



GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvais!



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SPEAKERS!



Joni Gordon & Jen Kyllonen
Co-founders of The Pink Feather Foundation



Summit Woodcock - 6th grade student at Spruce Mountain Middle School in Jay, Maine

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November:	National Native American Heritage Month
November 11, 2021:	Veteran's Day
December 8, 2021:	GFWC Maine Dues postmarked to GFWC Maine Treasurer
December 18, 2021:	National Wreaths Across America Day
December 19, 2022:	Jane Cunningham Croly Birthday
January 20, 2022:	GFWC Maine Reports Due (postmarked)
February 1, 2022:	GFWC Maine LEADS Applications due
April 2, 2022:	GFWC Maine Northern District Meeting & Art Show
April 9, 2022:	GFWC Maine Southern District Meeting & Art Show
May 5-6, 2022:	GFWC Maine Spring Convention Hilton Garden Inn Freeport, Maine
June 25-28, 2022:	GFWC International Convention New Orleans, Louisiana



Just a reminder that dues to GFWC Maine are \$21.00 per club member and are due by January 1, 2022. Now, I know there is always confusion because I live in Florida in the winter. May I suggest that you send your dues check AFTER DECEMBER 8th, and that you send your check to my FLORIDA ADDRESS It is - Gloria Leveillee, 726 Stokely Lane, Lakeland, FL 33803. This way your check will come directly to me and won't be delayed by USPS forwarding. I will send an email with confirmation that I have received your check. If you don't hear from me, get in touch with me. I'll look forward to receiving those checks in a timely manner after December 8th. If you have any questions, email me at gpleveillee@gmail.com or call me at 207-502-4633 (cell). Have a great fall and winter. Hope to see many of you in the spring.
Gloria Leveillee, GFWC Maine Treasurer



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Pine Tree Notes submission dates are:

- January 10th, 2022
- March 6th, 2022