



PINE TREE NOTES

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



Hello to all of you across the great state of Maine. What an unconventional way to begin a new administration! We are traveling new roads, developing new ways to conduct business and forging ahead keeping our federation running. A huge thank you goes out to each of you who has taken on a leadership position in this 2020-2022 Administration. Your work and dedication are truly appreciated.

Your Executive Committee has been hard at work developing a new budget and making decisions and plans to keep us moving forward. As you are aware, GFWC International Convention fell victim to COVID-19 as did our Spring Convention and summer Board of Directors meeting. GFWC has reinvented itself and has been holding virtual meetings and webinars to take the place of our conventional meetings and convention. I have participated in these meetings and webinars and I have been meeting with our GFWC Maine Executive Committee via Zoom. We will be holding our first full Maine Board of Directors meeting virtually with you on August 26, 2020. You will receive an email invitation to join. We hope to see all Board members there and will share new information with you. Challenging times call for new ways of doing things and this is one of them. Hopefully, CDC mandates will change allowing for us to hold a Fall Conference in Bangor on October 22 & 23, 2020. This will be a 2-day affair as we will be closing out President Nancy's Administration one and beginning the new administration on the other. Again, a new way of doing business. The theme for this administration is "Building a brighter tomorrow...Supporting children today". My President's Project encompasses anything which will benefit children. I want your clubs to focus on what you can do for children in your school districts, towns and cities. We can support them with food donations, school supplies, face masks, books, pajamas and clothing. You will hear speakers from the Sweet Dreams Project and The Pink Feather Foundation. You will learn about school food pantries and backpack programs, couch surfing, mental illness, and bullying. I am hopeful to raise a full campership scholarship for a child to attend Pine Tree Camp. You will hear more about my project at the Board meeting later this month. The planning for this administration has been affected by this pandemic we find ourselves in. Be aware plans are fluid and may need to change. We will forge ahead together, only in different ways. Change is hard but we must embrace it if we are to continue our volunteer service. Thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me to be your GFWC Maine President. I am confident we will get through the next two years together and be stronger than ever.

Yours in Federation,
Carol Jarvais
GFWC Maine President



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



Look Inside this Edition!

- Community Service Program information
- Leadership pointers
- ESO
- Affiliations
- Our State Clubs news
- Dates to remember!
- And more!

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GFWC Maine 2020 LEADS Candidate
Debra Burnham
GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in GFWC has provided opportunities to cultivate lasting friendships, nurture personal enrichment, provide leadership training that is second to none, and introduced grassroots service projects that empower others to be their best. Membership is empowering—shouldn't all women have this opportunity? Over the next two years, reach the goal to encourage members to embrace the “Hats Off to Membership Campaign” and open the circle to create a “U” to allow more women the opportunity to belong. Check out this Recruitment Campaign!

“Brag On Your Club”

Prepare a “brag board” that will visually tell your club's story. It should be an interesting, well-designed display of the activities in which your club is involved. Keep it simple and uncluttered. Feature activities that demonstrate the club's commitment to volunteer service, personal growth and fun.

Include Club Profile brochures, GFWC brochures, copies of your club's newsletters, your state's Clubwoman Magazine and if your club has a scrapbook, put that out on display too! Anything that tells the story of your club!

Does your club utilize the GFWC Club Manual? The GFWC Club Manual is available for our members to use, again *not just the club, district or state leaders*. The GFWC Club Manual is full of wonderful ideas to excite your club members and to keep them coming back year after year!

Please don't hesitate to email GFWC@GFWC.org if you have trouble logging in!



GFWC Maine Membership Chairman – Linda Lougee

EDUCATION



Hello to everyone. This is certainly a very different situation that we are living in right now, but I have faith that with our dedicated scientists and doctors who are working on a successful vaccine, we will eventually receive this protection. In the meantime, we just do the very best we can in whatever ways we can. Since many schools are in a quandary whether to open this fall or continue with virtual learning, there are ways we can assist. Most of our clubs have fundraising events to raise money for local

scholarships to be awarded to deserving seniors in the spring. Perhaps this year, when you pay your dues, you could give an extra donation for your scholarship fund. I know that many of our members volunteer in many of their local schools, but that might not be possible for a while. Members could be collecting school items, such as lead pencils, colored pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, scissors, note pads, and scotch tape, and if and when their elementary schools open, take the collected items for the teachers to share with their students. Some groups are involved in the Locker Project, and canned soups, canned spaghetti, canned ravioli, granola bars etc. are collected for the schools to distribute to students to take home to use over the weekend in case parents are not at home to feed the children. Some schools have been distributing canned foods during this summer. If some of you have other suggestions to share please email me, and I will include them in our November/December issue.

Roberta Dutton Morrill GFWC Maine Education Chairman

ENVIRONMENT



Be Mindful

GFWC Maine Environment Chairman – Vicki Moschella

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON - ESO



The new GFWC Chairman of Education and Libraries for the 2020 - 2022 administration is Tina Daniel. She is planning to send a monthly newsletter to each state. We will be looking forward to that. She encourages GFWC members to join the private GFWC ESO Facebook page. The first book discussion

started August 1st; more to come!

Not an ESO member yet? What do I do?

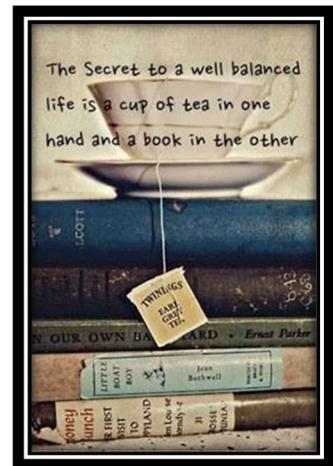
Request to be added to the GFWC 2020-2022 ESO Book Club on Facebook. Order or download your book. Read and discuss the book on the group page during the month.

Check out “Talk It Up” Tuesdays and “Well Read” Wednesdays!

(reach out to Tina: tinadaniel1224@gmail.com or 678-458-0337)

I have joined. I hope you will too. Nice to know people are reading. Have questions call or email me.

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



LEADERSHIP

Welcome to the 2020 – 2022 Administration of GFWC Maine! A lot of changes have been made in the way we communicate during these unprecedented times, so we all need to try and make the most of it. Look at it as an opportunity to be creative and not just rely on the “way we always have done it.”

Do you have locations in your area where you can meet and keep with social distancing? How about if everyone brings their own chair and refreshments? Has your club tried Zoom meetings? What about doing a club project that different parts can be distributed amongst club member, such as preparing backpacks for children in your community – having different members be responsible for fill them with snacks, writing utensils, notebooks and other items to prepare them for school.

Please go to the www.gfwc.org website and set up an account with “Membersuite”. This new program should be up and running by mid-September and will be a wealth of information for your clubs. Here you will be able to watch video clips put together by the different GFWC areas, including Leadership, Membership, Communication and Public relations and the GFWC Signature Project.

Look at this as an opportunity to increase your membership. Many of us have friends and relatives in different areas that may not have local clubs. Meeting on Zoom opens a whole new world for inviting them to join your club!

I look forward to working with you all for the next two years.

Let’s not be women who fear change – let’s all be women who are excited to be part of creating the future!

**If your actions
inspire others to
dream more,
learn more,
do more
and become more,
you are a Leader**

John Quincy Adams

Nancy Ames GFWC Maine & GFWC NER Leadership Chairman

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community---locally, regionally, nationally, and

globally. The four "broad strokes of this effort include: Citizenship; Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry, and Homeless; and our Military Personnel and Veterans.

As you plan your club year calendar, try to include one or more of the above needs. One in particular is to have a program that "Gets Out the Vote"! Encourage others to register and vote, provide information about early voting or polling location and times, and offer transportation if needed. This being an election year, there is no better time to encourage and help people to cast their vote.

I will be sending more information about this Civic Engagement and Outreach community service program as it becomes available.

FYI, I received a call from CARE this afternoon, asking for donations. This is an organization that GFWC supports and these are tough times, with Covid19 becoming a primary consideration for receiving funds, from not only CARE, but other charitable organizations too. Your GFWC manual lists the various affiliates for GFWC. In these troubled times, we need to look beyond our own community’s needs. We are a local, regional, national and global society thanks to the technological strides that have been made in the past decade or so.

Marjorie Pfeiffer GFWC Maine Chairman

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.

Visit the [Legislative Action Center](#) (or go www.gfwc.org under Public Policy) and sign-up

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OR send donations to GFWC Maine Treasurer Gloria Leveillee or for more info contact gpleveillee@gmail.com

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION PROGRAM

The goal of the GFWC Signature Program is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse 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. GFWC aims to be a powerful voice for those who have no voice.

As approved at the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting in Austin, Texas,
the Program has been expanded to include eight areas: (Visit www.gfwc.org)

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



Please send your Club donations to:
GFWC Maine Chairman – Kathy White

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Communication truly takes on all tactical forms – visual, written, digital, and audible. For your club to become even more efficient and resourceful, consider taking the time to develop and execute a strong communications strategy, one that employs all these forms to effectively engage your members. Engaged members are more satisfied, will see more value in their membership, and will participate in more activities. But how do you create an experience that's truly meaningful to your members? Create a **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY** that will educate, inform, and inspire current members as well as potential NEW members. Executed properly, a good membership communications strategy will also help you RETAIN members.

The following tactics and tools that you can utilize to reach your club's goals and objectives.

- Branding
- Public Relations
- Club Communications
- Website
- Social Media
- Digital Meeting Capabilities (ex. ZOOM)



Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman

ARTS & CULTURE

Change... This six-letter word describes the year 2020 for this is a year of change!

For some, change is frightening...the unknown, the dark, a new town, some new people, and that first step, when we confront change, can be difficult to take.

For some, change is inevitable... we accept, we readjust, we re-evaluate, and we learn to make change work for us based on our long-held values.

For some, change is exciting...a moment to explore, to grow, to learn more about what makes us "human", and, maybe, find a reason for our "being" on this earth!

Let's make 2020...the year of Change...a year of growth as unique individuals...a year where we, as an organization, become a better "US"!

In the GFWC Arts Program, there are some changes...most notably, for the High School Art Contest.

Currently some options are being explored and decisions will be forthcoming.

In the GFWC Photography Contests for Clubwomen, the World in Pictures Contest categories have been redefined with new challenges for our clubwomen. Our World Up Close asks the photographer to explore a whole new, tiny world. Natural Wonders takes on a grander view with the use of wide angles and panoramic view. Reflections features memories and fleeting moments. These will be explained in greater detail at the Fall Conference...but, WOW...what possibilities!

AND, if that isn't enough... to be eligible, the photographs must have been taken from January 2019 through December 2020...a 2-year span to choose from! Does that make your choice easier?

AND...let's not forget "words" and "thoughts" for these separate us as a species. Let's celebrate the chance to look inside ourselves and make our thoughts known. Jot them down! You just might surprise yourself.

EVERYDAY...CELEBRATE THE WONDER OF BEING ALIVE!

For this administration, I will be working with Barbara Hathaway and I would love to share ideas with you. Send inquiries to: Wilma (Billie) Sherman, 579 Battle Ridge Road, Canaan, 04924... phone (207) 474-5052

LEADS – Leadership Education and Development Seminar

It's not too late – it's not too early to start thinking about LEADS and getting in your Application Form. LEADS is held the day prior to the GFWC Annual Convention. In 2021 – that means Toronto, Canada. Some of your expenses are covered by GFWC and GFWC Maine, too!

Are you interested in keeping your club, state and or international GFWC going strong? Then LEADS may be the event for you.

LEADS can assist you in growing and/or reinforce your skills in

Public speaking, time management, and conflict resolution.

Review and explain GFWC resources, materials and assistance,

Outline GFWC policies, parliamentary procedure and protocol, and

Provide discussion of tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing leadership opportunities.

Participating in LEADS does not means you HAVE to pursue leadership opportunities at levels higher than your club, but if interested – it can help.

BUT I should also note - not attending a LEADS seminar doesn't mean you cannot pursue higher leadership opportunities either – so the nominating committee may still be looking for you!



GFWC Maine – wants you!
GFWC Maine – needs you!
GFWC Maine – needs all of us!

This year there will be 2 Maine LEADS candidates attending the seminar in June of 2021.

The newly selected 2021 LEADS candidate will be joining Deb Burnham, our 2020 LEADS candidate that was unable to attend the 2020 seminar because

You are never too old or too young to learn!

Talk to those that have attended a prior LEADS seminar – they will all tell you it was well worth it!

Please talk to and encourage your club members to consider applying to be a LEADS candidate.

Need an application – you can go to the GFWC Member Portal, into your Digital Library, under “L” and find the application and other information.

OR

Just contact me!

Deadline for submitting your 2021 LEADS application will be due February 1, 2021.

GFWC Maine – wants you!
GFWC Maine – needs you!
GFWC Maine – needs all of us!

Thank you for your continued support and service you are all doing to keep your clubs and GFWC Maine strong.

Wendy A. Bowler GFWC Maine President-elect



GFWC JENNIE AWARD

Brief history: The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." This esteemed award highlights extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie June's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as **volunteers within their clubs, representatives of their community, and as members of a family or extended family.** This is the only national award that GFWC bestows on an individual for personal excellence!

Now it's time to begin the process to find the 2020-2022 GFWC Maine's state Jennie Honoree! Club members, please be thinking of someone in your club who deserves this honor. It begins with you! Think about it. . . who is that special someone in your club that shines through – someone who is passionate about her volunteer activities through her club experience, is also involved in community service through other organizations, such as, schools, hospitals, and elected positions to name a few; and also has a deep commitment to family.

So, ladies, who is the next GFWC Maine Jennie Award Nominee? **It all begins at the club level,** and while we probably can't look around the room at our next club meeting (due to Covid-19) please, take out your club program booklets and look at all the possibilities of clubwomen that are very deserving of this award. The important date for **clubs** to know is this:

June 1, 2021. The nomination materials need to be sent to our state chairman, Minnie McCormick – postmarked by June 1, 2021. (1130 West Main St, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426)

While that may seem like a long time from now – guess what? It will be here before we know it. The **detailed** information and **all** the award rules and nomination form are available in the GFWC Club Manual. However, for easy access, if you send me an email, I have downloaded the Jennie Award section to my computer, I will be happy to send it to you. Straymond72@gmail.com

Suzanne Raymond GFWC Maine Parliamentary Advisory

AND A WORD FROM OUR GFWC MAINE TREASURER:

This year has certainly been a year of surprises... but I hope it's not too much of a surprise to you that I am the Treasurer once again for GFWC Maine. Thank you for voting me in this spring - virtually, no less - and I hope to be of service to you all in the next two years. The transition went well. This is thanks in large part to Marjorie Goodwin and Nancy Ames who closed out FY 2019 - 2020 with accurate numbers that have been reviewed and approved by the Internal Audit Committee this July. Heroic efforts on the part of Nancy Ames and her administration have put us back on an even keel, and ready to move forward. The Finance and Investment Committee prepared a budget proposal for FY 2020 - 2021, and it was presented and approved at the Executive Committee Meeting of July 30th. A Zoom meeting no less! It is anticipated that the Approved Budget will be presented to the GFWC Maine Board of Directors at the Zoom Advisory Committee Meeting to be held at the end of August. As we look to the fall, we will keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to meet face to face, or at least, mask to mask, at Fall Conference in Bangor in October. At the time, all financial reports will be shared with the membership. Copies of the End of the Year Reports, and the 2020 -2021 Budget will be in the directory. Stay safe, and looking forward to the next time we meet. Always feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Gloria Leveillee GFWC Maine Treasurer (gpleveillee@gmail.com)

Past GFWC Maine Jennie Honorees

2008 – Corinne Neal
2010 – Carol Jarvais
2012 – Davida Barter
2014 – Roberta Morrill
2016 – Kathy White – GFWC Honoree
2018 – Sally Manchester
2020 – Suzanne Raymond



CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District



GFWC MIOSAC Club reporting in - With great hopes of picking up where we left off last March, unfortunately, starting up the new club year will not be happening the “way we’ve always done it” either. For now, until we get through this Covid-19 pandemic, the script has changed for how we go about our lives. First and foremost, we are all doing our part at maintaining social distancing, encouraging face coverings, washing our hands!

Some members took part in making facemasks in April and May at their own homes and dropping them off at local drop-off points. We were able to send a donation to the food cupboard to help during this pandemic – knowing full well that food insecurity would be on the rise since so many people were being furloughed.

Due to the national emergency, after all the officers agreed, the consensus was (via email) each one would continue in their positions for the 2020-2022 Administration as well. Funny thing, everyone thought that was a grand idea!

We recently learned that the facility where we meet (the meeting room at an elderly housing complex) will remain closed until at least the end of the year. The Housing Directors will review their decision in January or February. While that is a definite roadblock, plans are continuing for our upcoming club year! Though a date has not been selected yet, tentative plans are underway to meet at the Marion Doore Park – This will be a “bring your own chair and bag lunch” event. Friends are welcome! First and foremost, this will be a real special time to be together once again!!



Observer photo/Jeannette Hughes
PINWHEELS — Due to social distancing practices, the GFWC/Miosac Club did not place its Prevent Child Abuse America Pinwheel Garden at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church this year — April is Prevent Child Abuse America Month. The club’s Prevent Child Abuse America Chairman Minnie McCormick thought spinning pinwheels might brighten some spirits so she decided to take the old ones and put them on her lawn in Dover-Foxcroft.

We will continue to do our part, in a variety of (new) ways to enhance the lives of others, through volunteer service! This president is looking forward to what the next two years has ahead and knows that this club will be readily supporting GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvis in her plans for a GFWC Maine special project. Count on it!

Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District



The Pittsfield ARTS club met in March with 2 members of the Pittsfield Garden Club attending. We discussed the possibility of planting a tree in Pittsfield as a joint project with the two clubs. Due to the pandemic causing meetings to be cancelled for the foreseeable future, this project is "on hold". We did not have any further meetings but do plan to have a meeting this month to discuss what programs we want to have for the coming year. We know that what we considered "normal" in the past will be far different in the days ahead. Technology does enable clubs to stay connected with each other and we will do our best to learn the "new" normal way of accomplishing goals. The ARTS club is looking forward to the coming year.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club is pulling together through the 2020 Pandemic!...Plans are in the works for our upcoming year with some 'creative' ways of meeting together.

Not meeting together has not slowed us down and have been busy helping as needed in our communities.

Fundraising events are under way and membership or fellowship will be even more important.

We look forward to fellow member Carol Jarvis as our new GFWC Maine President and will work by her side through this administration.

Maureen Provencal – President



GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

Lubec Woman's Club - News from the Easternmost

Due to the corona virus pandemic, our club has not met "in person" since March. Any important business was carried out via e-mail, and our President, Julia Brady, has kept members well-informed. We did set up a "Friday Check In" phone tree that kept members connected during March and April.

All of our fund-raising activities were canceled, including our annual July 4th Yard Sale. Our Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from high school seniors, with 3 scholarships awarded to students furthering their education.

Members of our club have been involved in sewing cloth face masks for various organizations in our community. We also have volunteers who have helped with the distribution of food at the Lubec Food Pantry during this period of greater need.

During August, a small LWC group is helping to provide lunches for elementary students with preparation and delivery twice a week until school opens in September. Also, a Zoom meeting for our officers has been planned to evaluate our club calendar for 2020-21.

Jeanne Drews reporting for GFWC Lubec Woman's Club

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club – Northern District

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to make changes in almost all aspects of our daily lives. The way we work, the way we hold meetings, and even the way we worship has been affected.

Our members are very aware of the need to do everything we can to stay "safe" and keep those we love "safe". Some of the most vulnerable individuals are in our care on a regular basis and this fact reminds us that our own good health is of utmost importance.

This being so, our final meeting for the 2019-2020 club year was held on June 10th at Coburn Park with all members wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Along with the normal business and the final reports, we installed the new officers and the members who will serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Serving as Co-Presidents: Julie Kosch and Wilma (Billie) Sherman

Serving as the Secretary: June Nickerson-Hovey

Serving as the Treasurer: Barbara Robbins

Serving on the Board of Directors:

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| Mary Cayford | Bonnie Chamberlain | Violet Ferland |
| Sue Ellen Lexier | Ann Palmer | Fran Savage |

Since the last meeting in Coburn Park, our Secretary has arranged weekly ZOOM events where members have an opportunity to join in, express any concerns they may have, and see a smiling face! Our officers are meeting and working on a plan that will keep our club members active and keep our club involved in the community. This year will be a challenge for all of us at all levels within the organization. We are looking forward to the return of normal activity. In the meantime...STAY SAFE!
Billie Sherman – Co President

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club – Southern District



The Gorham Woman's Club held their annual meeting in the backyard of Brenda Blair's home in May. The weather was pleasant so social distancing was easily accomplished. Out-going President Brenda Caldwell reminded the members of just how interesting this past year had been for everyone. Club members presented President Caldwell with a nice hanging plant filled with beautiful blue & white flowers. President Caldwell also announced that although the club was not permitted to personally select the 2020 graduates to receive our scholarships this year, four students were selected by staff members. The club was able to award two \$500 & one \$1,000 scholarships, plus one \$1,000/year for 4 years scholarship. The four-year scholarship is called the Gorham Women's Club - Edward Taber Jr Scholarship which the club has been able to do since 1998 due to a donation from the Taber Family & good investments. New officers were elected & Nancy Kenty had a lovely installation script prepared reminding members of our purpose & goals. In June, members of the club met at Nancy's home to plan for the upcoming year. Although some things are still uncertain the planned program should be interesting to all. Starting in August, the club will be placing a monthly ad in the local newspaper, the Gorham Times, for the next twelve months. Members hope to create more awareness of the Gorham Woman's Club to the community with this monthly ad. The August ad will relate to the 19th Amendment & GFWC. The club is also having a workshop in August to make fundraiser items. Then to figure out when we can have a fundraiser! All members were signed up for the electronic version of Pine Tree Notes.

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.”

Wendy Bowler - President

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club – Southern District



GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club March meeting was jam packed with activity! We celebrated the 116th birthday of Dr. Suess with a Soup Luncheon on March 3, 2020. Members donated 150 Dr Suess books. Books were distributed to the Westbrook Community Daycare Center and to the Eight Corners School in Scarborough. One member, Patricia Currier, read Dr Suess books to the 2nd grade class that her granddaughter teaches. Shortly after Pat was there the school closed. The teacher personally delivered a book to each child at their home.





We welcomed a new member to the club, Carmelle Paulson. Members donated items and assembled Sunshine Bags to be donated to the Westbrook Housing Center. One member, Barbara Beesley, knit over 40 dishcloths to contribute to the bags. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2020-2022 term.

In March members collaborated with students at Westbrook High School on two projects. Members created art projects led by the students. Also, members dressed as Suffragists to speak on a panel with the students on voting and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.



Little did we know that March 3, 2020 was to be our last in person meeting of the club year. Online meetings and voting by email became our “new normal”.

The Installation of Officers was held on line on May 14, 2020 with Wendy Bowler, GFWC Maine Vice President and GFWC Gorham Woman’s Club Vice President, as the Installing Officer. Prior to the Installation, Elaine Brickman delivered a token representing the theme of the installation, “The Heart of GFWC”, to each incoming Officer and Director. For the 2020-2022 Administration the Officers are: Elaine Brickman, President; Vivian Newton, 1st Vice President: Julie Britton, 2nd Vice President: Toni Irish, Recording Secretary: Patricia Currier, Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gavin, Assistant Treasurer: Michele Fosnacht, Treasurer; Joanne Kingsley, Auditor; Marian Sturtevant, Historian; Judith Reitman, Parliamentarian; and Mary Libby & Beth Turner, Club Directors.

The members of the Westbrook Woman’s Club will meet on September 1, 2020 at Riverbank Park in Westbrook to reconnect in person, wearing their masks and keeping 6 feet apart.

Elaine A. Brickman - President

21 Club of Kezar Falls – Southern District

“The best method of overcoming obstacles is the team method.” - Colin Powell

The 21 Club of Kezar Falls is working through this pandemic like many of our GFWC Maine sisters...

2021 will mark our 100th year Club anniversary!!

Looking forward to reporting of our history.

Mary Hannaford - President



GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers

It's OFFICIAL!!



* Nokomis Regional High School, Newport, Maine *



ELDER ABUSE SCHOLARSHIP

The Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention (www.elderabuseprevention.info) and the GFWC Maine Federation of Women's Clubs (www.gfwcmaine.org) jointly sponsored a statewide scholarship contest focused on raising awareness of elder abuse in Maine.

The winning essay in Lincoln County and statewide was from **Hali Goodwin**, a recent graduate of Boothbay Region High School. As the winner, Goodwin will receive \$1,000.

Thanks to GFWC Maine 2019-2020 Treasurer Marjorie Goodwin-Pfeiffer and GFWC Maine Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chairman Kathy White and all the GFWC members.



Photo courtesy Boothbay Register (6-15-2020)

Maude Mackenzie Scholarship Recipients:

- Calvin Dundore – Lewiston High School – Gordon College
- Kayla Adams – Livermore Falls High School – Husson University
- Neily Raymond – Hermon High School – Bowdoin University
- Rebekah Mellor – Searsport District High School – University of Maine at Orono

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GFWC Maine Creativity Awards 2019

- **Conservation** – 21 Club – Kezar Falls
 - Kezar Falls Village Will Not Be Forgotten – Road Signs
- **Education** – GFWC Lubec Woman’s Club
 - Cash 4 Careers
- **Home Life** – GFWC Lubec Woman’s Club
 - AEDs for the town
- **International Outreach** – GFWC Castine Woman’s Club
 - Turkish Cookies Baking Workshop
- **Public Issues** – GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club
 - Read to Vote
- **Historian/WHRC** – GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club
 - Road to Vote
- **Fund Raising** – GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club
 - Lobster Roll Lunch Box
- **Membership** – GFWC Westbrook Woman’s Club
 - 100th Anniversary

- **Community/Public Relations** – GFWC Semper Fidelis
 - Outside the Box Advertising
- **Carolyn Lombardi Trophy**
 - 1st Place - GFWC Semper Fidelis
 - 2nd Place – GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club
- **GFWC Maine LEADS Candidate** – Debra Burnham
 - GFWC Skowhegan Women’s Club
- **Jennie Award** – Suzanne Raymond
 - GFWC MIOSAC Club

GFWC Awards



- **Charlotte Emerson Brown Award**
 - Maine – Nancy Ames
- **Public Issues CSP** –
 - Club Creativity Award Winner - GFWC Skowhegan Woman’s Club
 - Road to Vote
- **Newsletters/Magazines** – State Awards
 - Category 5: GFWC Maine
 - Pine Tree Notes
September/October 2019

CAUGHT YA!



Susan Franck is a long-time member of the GFWC Westbrook Women’s Club, an altruistic organization celebrating its 100th year of service, wears one of the colorful masks she has been making at her home in Gorham. Franck, a retired teacher, has made nearly 200 cloth masks for hospice workers and friends.

Shawn Patrick Ouellette/Staff Photographer Portland Press Herald (4-16-2020)



GFWC Maine Audit Committee hard at work!



GFWC Maine Executive Board 2018-2020

October 16 - 17, 2020: GFWC NER 'Remote – Zoom' Fall Conference

October 22 - 23, 2020: GFWC Maine Fall Conference
Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor, Maine

February 1, 2021: LEADS Application Due

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:

October 30, 2020

January 10, 2021

March 6, 2021

to:

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