



Call to GFWC Maine Fall Conference Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Senator Inn and Spa, 284 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine
207-622-8800



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a wonderful summer. I would say “summer break,” however, we all know as dedicated volunteers, we don’t stop for the summer – we just do things a bit differently than our typical club year. Actually, there may be some clubs that hold club meetings in the summer, but those of us who don’t, we still have planning committees, fundraisers, casual get togethers, etc., mixed in with extra family time, vacations and summer activities!

While I prefer to have the CALL to the state meetings included in the *Pine Tree Notes*, this will be an exception. Because I decided to hold our fall conference in September rather than October this year (the New England Region Conference is at the end of October) the CALL to the fall conference is being distributed ahead of the Sept/Oct issue of *Pine Tree Notes*). Many thanks to Corresponding Secretary Jen Mabee who has graciously agreed to send this pre-supplement to the *Pine Tree Notes* to all who have subscribed to it.

I hope you have already marked your calendar and are planning to come to our one-day fall conference. The details are on the following pages (including the registration form). We have a great day planned. Our special guest will be Tina Smith, GFWC New England Region President, and those who haven’t made her acquaintance yet will be as encouraged by her fun, engaging, upbeat spirit as the rest of us are! We will honor our GFWC Maine Jennie Award recipient, hear from our LEADS graduate about her experience at the GFWC Convention in Atlanta, and a whole lot more! The afternoon of fall conference will feature topics, speakers and/or workshops dedicated to Leadership, Education and Development *Stuff*.

CALLING ALL GFWC MAINE CLUBWOMEN



Thanks to the connection made by our Civic Engagement Chairman Sally Manchester, I am so excited to share that GFWC Maine will be participating in the International Day of Service at our fall conference. Come learn about the program and bring items for:

“I Support the Girls”

As we know, many of the projects we do overlap into other areas. Chairman Sally had noticed “I Support the Girls” in the Resources Section of the Civic Engagement area of the GFWC Club Manual. She was curious about it and when she looked into it she discovered a fascinating program and also that there is a Maine Affiliate located in Falmouth. We are looking forward to learning more about this great program at fall conference. We will hear from Dr. Sarah Holland about its purpose and why it caused her office to become a collection point.

What does this program do? It collects new and gently used bras, underwear, socks and menstrual hygiene products for Maine women and folx who are in need. Donations go to Preble Street, Maine Needs, New Beginnings, Safe Voices, New Hope for Women and more. Imagine if you were a woman in need of any of these items, how meaningful it would be to receive them and feel good about yourself again. Check out their website www.isupportthegirls.org and see what an impact this program has had for women around the world!! This is an ideal state project to participate in the IDS – striving to help End Domestic and Sexual Violence. We are asking you to bring the items shown below to our fall conference. I look forward to seeing you!

Items to donate: **New and gently used bras; underwear, socks, and menstrual hygiene products.**

Serving together in Federation,
Suzanne Raymond, GFWC Maine President



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"Breaking Barriers – Offering Hope"

Preliminary Agenda

GFWC Maine LEADS the Way

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

3:00 PM GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30 AM *set up Marketplace (state fundraisers only)*

9:00 AM Registration and Marketplace OPEN

9:45 AM Business Session ~ Opening Ceremonies

Report of the Recording Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Adopted Budget 2025-2026

Corresponding Secretary – PTN/Directories

GFWC Convention 2025

Presentation of GFWC Maine's Awards

LEADS Graduate - 2025 Atlanta, GA!

2026 LEADS – Scottsdale, AZ – Could it be YOU!?!

President's Project – St Jude Children's Research Hospital

BREAK - MARKETPLACE

Honoring our State Jennie Award Recipient

Elder Abuse Essay - High School Scholarship Recipient

Educational Loan Fund / Maude MacKenzie Scholarship Fund

Nominating Committee Report for 2026-2028 Administration

12:00 PM Leadership Luncheon
(honoring our club and district presidents)

1:00 PM Know Your Organization / Federation Facts
Public Speaking
Leadership Workshop
Skit: Pearl A. Mentary, Presiding
Speaker: Dr. Sarah W. Holland - I Support the Girls
Invitation to NER
Raffle Drawings/Announcements

4:00 PM Adjourn



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REGISTRATION FORM

(Deadline: Must be postmarked by September 8, 2025)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone and E-Mail: _____

Club: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

The Registration Fee includes Classic Luncheon Buffet. (*Homemade Fresh Vegetable Lasagna, Country Chicken Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Roasted Herbed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Bakery Dessert Squares.*) **Registration \$60.00** _____

- Checks payable to **GFWC Maine** for registration/meal fee.
- Please complete **a separate registration form** for each attendee.
- Mail registration form and check to Anne Cress, PO Box 623, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426
Phone 207-717-7576 | Email jkhranch09@gmail.com
- A **late fee of \$5.00** will be added for registrations postmarked after September 8th.
- Please note: **no refunds after September 15, 2025.**



Please indicate any **food allergies** _____

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MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION



MARKETPLACE will be available ONLY for state activities

State fundraising chairmen will need to register for a table to ensure you will have one. All tables are 8 feet and will be covered - plus a chair. **Deadline to register: Sept. 15th**

Tables will be labeled so you will know your designated spot. Space is limited.

To register your table, contact President Suzanne by email straymond72@gmail.com or call 207-717-4139 (leave a message if she is not available.) Also include if you need a full-size table or half table.

GFWC Maine Marketplace items for sale or for raffle must NOT include any homemade food items. This includes all items such as muffins, pies, breads, fudge, relish, cookies, bars, etc. This does NOT include commercial items that are intended for group fundraising.