



PINE TREE NOTES



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

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Greetings, Ladies!

"Time waits for no man" and it truly does fly by. I have noticed this more as I age. Don't know why, but everything moves at such a faster pace than it used to. As I sat to write this article the realization hit that the two years of this administration are soon coming to an end. Where has the time gone? I believe the constant living with the conditions of the COVID pandemic, the rethinking of plans, the selling of new ideas and the implementing of the new normal have all contributed to the time of this administration flying by. This is not anything new. I have heard the same from my predecessors. There is always something to keep you busy while running the affairs of this organization.

"It takes a village..." and it truly does to see most things to fruition. Raising a child, learning a new profession, trade, or skill, running a business or organization - the list is endless. We may think we start out alone, but we don't. There are others who have been in your shoes and along the way we seek their help to get us where we want to be. We need those who have gone before us to show us the way, to share their knowledge for us to use, take in, and shape into what we see is perhaps the direction to head. Sometimes the path we have always followed is broken or blocked by things such as the pandemic. Our path is no longer clear. What we have been doing can no longer happen. We are forced to reinvent ourselves. We call upon our "village" for help.



"We can do it" the motto associated with "Rosie the Riveter", the iconic cultural icon of the World War II era, comes to mind and truly says it all when it comes to the power of women and what they can do when faced with adversity. GFWC clubs across the nation and around the world pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and set about doing projects for their communities in ways they had never imagined they could before. They embraced technology learning as they went along to be able to meet and see one another again. Our communities were more in need of help, and we found ways to give it. The old tried and true ways gave way to the new and different ways of delivering supplies and encouragement. We showed we are still here and will continue to be here for our communities.

In the coming months keep moving forward with your club work, keep reinventing yourselves and your clubs, adapt those projects to be what you need them to be today, and be there for each other. You are all strong and resilient like the dragonfly. Take time to reconnect with your own strength, courage, and happiness. Reach out if you need help. It is there. Remember, "time waits for no one", "it takes a village", and "you can do it".

See you in May at Spring Convention!

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You – Carol

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Maine Youth Leadership

Good news to share concerning the Maine Youth Leadership seminar!!

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, Maine Youth Leadership will be holding a seminar in 2022. The MYL seminar is open to high school sophomores and will be held June 2 - June 5, 2022, at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. They are now accepting nominations. Proof of Covid-19 immunization is required for all attendees. The nomination form can be found on their website, Maine Youth Leadership. You simply fill it out and submit it on-line or you can print it, fill it out and mail it in. For more information visit the website, email them at maineyouthleadership@gmail.com or call Jim Cox at 207-221-3196.

This is such good news! Hoping many high school sophomores take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity. Be sure promote this program in your local high schools. All check donations should be made out to GFWC Maine with Maine Youth Leadership noted in the reference line and sent to:

Roberta Morrill
Education and Libraries CSP Chairman
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Please have all donations in by **May 1, 2022**, so GFWC Maine can issue a check to Maine Youth Leadership before the session in June. We are so pleased this seminar is on schedule to happen again.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Hi everyone,

The news of the pandemic is finally looking quite promising, let's certainly hope so. If some of you had been volunteering in our schools, perhaps that helpful outreach program will be available to do this spring. Also, with warmer weather just around the corner, I know many teachers welcome this opportunity to hold their classes outdoors. You might check with your local schools and ask if you could assist with reading to the children or helping with tutoring to some or giving

an extra hand with a project that the teacher is planning to present. Healthy snacks might be just what the children would really appreciate and welcome. Assistance to the children or the teacher, whatever the task might be is just what most teachers welcome.

Good luck with whatever outreach program you pursue, as it will certainly be a win-win situation for all.

Roberta Dutton Morrill GFWC Maine Education Chairman

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Fellow clubwomen, THANK YOU for all the narratives you submitted for the 2021 reporting year. It is always one of the highlights of the administrative year. You will hear a summary of projects and the winner of the Club Creativity Award nomination at spring convention.

On a more somber note, if we as women and your club as a group are feeling powerless to assist our fellow world citizens in doing something to bring some aid and relief to the people of Ukraine, I would suggest a contribution to UNICEF which is a GFWC Affiliate organization, it is a known entity and "works to ensure the world's most vulnerable children have access to health and immunizations, clean water, nutrition, education emergency and disaster relief."



Enjoy the sunshine, brighter and warmer days and I look forward to seeing you all at GFWC Maine Spring Convention in May!!

Sally Manchester GFWC Maine Health & Wellness Chairman

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.” — MARGARET MEAD

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. Volunteering is one of the best ways to put civic duty into action and it is often the first step in building a stronger connection to community, but there are other ways to contribute, such as advocating, fundraising, or donating, and problem solving. Locally, even supporting small businesses and keeping an eye on your neighbor can play a part in improving the community. The possibilities are endless.

Marjorie Pfeiffer, GFWC Maine Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman

ENVIRONMENT



“HERE IS YOUR COUNTRY. CHERISH THESE NATURAL WONDERS, CHERISH THE NATURAL RESOURCES, CHERISH THE HISTORY AND ROMANCE AS A SACRED HERITAGE, FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR CHILDREN’S CHILDREN. DO NOT LET SELFISH MEN OR GREEDY INTERESTS SKIN YOUR COUNTRY OF ITS BEAUTY, ITS RICHES, OR ITS ROMANCE.” - THEODORE ROOSEVELT

- Join the Arbor Day Foundation and receive ten free trees to plant or donate ten trees to be planted in a threatened rain forest or one of our National Forests. Visit the Foundation’s website for information on its many programs, including Celebrate Arbor Day
- Schedule outings to remove invasive plants from community parks and other public areas to preserve native species of plants and animals.
- Educate club and community members about the importance of pollinators and how to create healthy habitats where they can thrive
- Offer a workshop on building birdhouses and provide information on bird species, their characteristics and behaviors, and their varying habitat requirements
- Hold a community workshop on sustainable gardening, offering information on how to build and conserve the soil with cover crops and other methods, make a rain barrel and/or a compost bin, and garden organically.
- Collect materials from club and community members and hold a sewing party that produces cloth shopping bags that can be distributed with club information at a community event.
- Adopt-A-Highway through your state Department of Transportation to keep a stretch of roadside clean and build community pride.
- Collect or purchase children’s books about nature and donate them to schools, libraries, shelters, and family centers. Or host a story time at the local library, featuring a book about nature and then allow each child to choose a nature book to have for his or her own.
- Sponsor a “Yard of the Month” or other monthly beautification contest that recognizes community enhancement. Rotate judges to involve various groups: Girl Scouts, 4-H members, and assisted living residents.

ARTS & CULTURE



Reports are done! We have had time to look back at 2021. Now we look forward to the challenges of an increasingly changing world and determine the part our organization will play in our communities.

The current GFWC Maine Administration celebrates their achievements during the upcoming Spring Convention. This celebration will include the recognition of individual Clubs and Club members who have who have successfully overcome many obstacles and made a difference in their communities.

Against all odds, some Clubs have managed to encourage their communities to hold High School Art Contests. Others have encouraged their members to try something new...to look around at the rhythm of life...to see the amazing displays of color as the Earth rotates...to capture the emotions of all living things on film. It is not too late to share with us.

See you at the Spring Convention!

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

BRANDING

- What does branding or “having a brand” really mean? Your brand emotionally connects you to your audience. It is what you stand for as an organization; it is your reputation. Someone may have heard of your club, but a good brand ensures they already know what you do. There is a difference!
- The GFWC brand is our image to the public—it is the collective GFWC identity that conveys an image of friendship and volunteer service to our target audiences. The GFWC brand consists of several different elements: the emblem, motto, and tagline. Together, these elements establish the GFWC brand as a significant and differentiated presence in the world.
- The GFWC emblem is the foremost example of our brand identity and our image to the public. It is an intangible image of our reputation. Club members themselves participate in developing and protecting the GFWC brand by being ambassadors of our image through volunteer activities within the community.
- Additionally, the GFWC brand is made up of other communication tools and identifying features, such as our registered motto (GFWC Unity in Diversity®), and tagline Living the Volunteer Spirit!
- All GFWC members must fiercely protect and continue to establish our unique brand. It is this image within our community that represents our members as an international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



Maureen Provencal GFWC Maine Communications & Public Relations Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Succession Planning

- ❖ Succession planning is about preparing your Club, District, State, Region and GFWC for the future. Taking on a leadership role in a new administration can be exciting, yet overwhelming at the same time. Creating a solid succession plan, especially in these uncertain times, will ensure your legacy will remain after you leave and will help prepare the incoming administration with a clear path to follow.
- ❖ An orderly transition of officers is the glue that holds our organization together. The flow of information from one administration to another needs to be structured in a way to ensure leadership continuity with the knowledge and resources from past leaders, yet the skills to provide new officers the ability to find their own voice. This can begin by preparing a “job description” to supply a complete explanation of the role and responsibilities of each officer or chairperson. The Member Portal on the GFWC website provides a transition checklist for *Outgoing Officers* as well as one for *Incoming Officers* including information about the office, officer's roles, and a variety of printed materials, along with information for the preparation of and goal setting for new officers. Having a checklist will also help current leaders “let go” of the ownership of the office throughout the sharing of information.
- ❖ Mentoring is the best practice for creating a smooth transition. New leaders need to know the “how” as well as the “why” in decision making. It is important to support and invest in another's growth for you both to be successful. Avoid micromanaging new officers. Give them the opportunity to do their job but assist when asked to do so. Passing on documentation of agendas, scripts, programs, and other information from meetings, conferences, and conventions in the form of a notebook or a flash drive is a valuable tool for new leaders to follow. This will help build confidence and help with proper protocol when leading their own meetings.
- ❖ Succession Planning is at the core of GFWC's leadership structure, designed to foster effective implementation of the organization's strategic vision and continuity in leadership, along with insuring the development of future leaders. Consider your Succession Plan as an “insurance policy,” which will help your Club, District, State, and GFWC flourish in the future.



“If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are an excellent leader.”

Dolly Parton

Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

“Done In a Day”

Many members indicate that, due to their personal and professional responsibilities, participating in long-term projects was not feasible. Your club and members can select one project for each month. The projects can be started and completed during the monthly club meeting. Each member can volunteer to chair one month's project, determining the materials needed, the recipient, as well as facilitating delivery to the recipient agency. This process can also enable members to actively participate and enhance leadership skills on their individual timeline. Ideas for projects can be filling "Sunshine Bags" for a senior housing community, writing Valentine's for veterans, Project Linus blankets, and a Teacup Auction with items donated by members.

This model can be easily implemented by any sized club or could be used for a community-wide “Day of Service.” Thinking outside the box enables a more diverse work ethic for all clubs.

A.Elaine Brickman – GFWC Maine Membership Chairman

Women's History Month



In honor of Women's History Month this March, GFWC is celebrating the history of the Federation. Visitors to GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW are often intrigued by its location in the Northwest Washington, DC, neighborhood of Dupont Circle. This neighborhood is a traffic circle, urban park, and historic residential area located at the intersection of several streets. Unlike most traffic rounds, Dupont Circle is also a vibrant urban park where "people watching" is at its best.

Early in the 1870's, a group known as the "California Syndicate," led by Nevada Senator William Morris Stewart, bought up tracts of undeveloped land in what was then known as the Pacific Circle. Senator Stewart set the style of the neighborhood when his Victorian Mansion was built in the late 1870's. In 1882, Congress authorized the construction of a memorial statue of Rear Admiral Samuel Francis DuPont in recognition of his Civil War service. A bronze statue of DuPont was erected in the middle of the Circle in 1884 and it became known as Dupont Circle. In 1921, the statue of DuPont was

replaced by a double-tiered white marble fountain, paid for by the DuPont family. The fountain, designed by sculptor Daniel Chester French and architect Henry Bacon, features three classical figures, symbolizing the Sea, the Stars, and the Wind.

GFWC found its home in Dupont Circle in 1922 when clubwomen purchased the stone and brick five-story mansion at 1734 N Street NW that was built in 1875 by Rear Admiral William Radford following his retirement from the U.S. Navy. GFWC Headquarters was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991.

OUR FOUNDER JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY

- Jane Cunningham Croly, pen name (JENNIE JUNE) journalist, author, editor, and woman's club leader. *
- Croly formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890, to support clubs throughout the nation and further their efforts at providing education, improved working conditions, health care, scholarships and other reforms. *



GFWC Maine Necrologist Gerry Richardson will be conducting a "Remembrance Ceremony " at our GFWC Maine Spring Convention for our club women who have passed away over this past year. Please send names of any members you have lost and club name to be included **by April 15, 2022.**

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CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

GFWC MIOSAC Club - Northern District

With the shocking news that GFWC Maine President-elect Wendy Bowler recently passed away, my head is numb, and my heart is heavy. Her passing leaves a big hole in our Maine Federation as well. She fought her battle with cancer so valiantly, remaining positive, never losing hope. RIP my friend.

So, what has this club been up to since the holidays? For starters, we had a really delightful program our first meeting in January. Minnie McCormick provided an engaging history of aprons as well as presenting some different styles. Everyone enjoyed it so much, after she completed the program, one member suggested that members all wear aprons to the next meeting. How could we not?! It was so much fun.



Homework was assigned for those interested to make Valentines at home - to put on their creative juices and spread a little love that would be given to the residents at the 2 assisted living facilities in town. Actually, about a half dozen Several members got together one afternoon and worked on them, as well as others making them at home. When collected at the February meeting, we found we had nearly 80 Valentines. The assisted living facilities were very pleased to receive the bags of Valentines. Due to COVID-19 the staff needed to deliver them to the residents, but we look forward



to someday being able to visit and hand cards out ourselves.

Once again, we had a fabulous and successful *pound party*. Members wrap an item weighing about one pound. Yours truly was the auctioneer and members bid on each item. It is always a hoot. The pretty parcel wrapped looking like it is fit for a queen might be filled with a pound of homemade fudge, or perhaps a pound of butter. Anything goes. This year the program chair, Roxy McLaughlin, chose to dedicate the funds raised at our in-house auction to go to Pine Tree Camp, in memory of the daughter of one of our members who enjoyed many years at Pine Tree Camp. It was a very heartwarming time filled with more than a pound of laughter.

Looking forward to seeing many members at the upcoming District Meeting and Spring Convention. Hopefully COVID-19 will be behind us, because I know that I am not the only one who is looking forward to seeing friends faces and enjoying hugs - Be well and stay safe!

Suzanne Raymond – President

GFWC ARTS Club – Northern District

The Pittsfield ARTS club has changed their meeting time to afternoons rather than evenings at the Pittsfield library.

In February, valentine "goodie" bags were filled for residents of the Assisted Living Home in Pittsfield. Cupcakes were furnished for their Valentine Party.

The club is preparing to have a quilt raffle which hopefully will bring in much needed funds for use in the community.

Marjorie Pfeiffer – Vice-President



GFWC Castine Woman's Club – Northern District

Spring... at last! With the pandemic seemingly subsiding, the Club is hoping to spring forward into more normalcy in the coming months.

As in years past, the **Castine Woman's Club** does not hold general meetings in January, February, and March. Due to the COVID pandemic, the Club has scaled back its winter activities.

In the past few months, CWC continued its support of community groups through donations. The Club looks forward to the day when in-person meetings and activities can resume safely. CWC hopes to resume in-person meetings and activities sometime this summer.

The July 4th Pie Sale fundraiser was canceled for the past two years due to the pandemic.

CWC hopes to resume the July 4th Pie Sale fundraiser this coming summer.

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

The Castine Woman's Club wishes everyone sunnier days ahead!

Valerie Taub – President



PATAWA Club – Northern District

The women of PATAWA have been very busy the last couple of months. We made a toiletry donation to the Shaw House, a local organization meeting the needs of homeless, and at-risk youth in our area. They were very pleased to receive this donation.

In January, we lost a long-time, very active member and honorary member, Sue Titcomb. She had been a part of PATAWA since 1982 and continued to actively participate in the projects we were working on as recently as the last couple of years. As a symbol of our gratitude for the time and grace that Sue shared with our group, the active and honorary PATAWA groups donated in Sue's name to the Lafayette Cancer Center in Brewer, ME.

In February, we welcomed Sonda Seigel from "Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors (WIN)" to come to speak to our group of ladies. It was incredibly eye-opening to hear about the selfless work being done in the community to help support the ever-growing population of immigrants in the Greater-Bangor area. Many of us did not even know this organization existed in our area and it was so helpful for us to make that connection and to find out more ways we can help support the work being done in our area.

In March, we had Melissa Smith, of Food AND Medicine, come to speak to the PATAWA ladies about the

work they do to help empower those that are less fortunate in and around the Greater-Bangor area. One of their most successful campaigns was their "Solidarity Harvest", which is a project organized by Food AND Medicine and sponsored by the Eastern, Southern, and Western Maine Labor Councils that distributes locally sourced Thanksgiving meal baskets, each with nearly 30 pounds of produce, enough food for

8-10 people. In 2021, Food AND Medicine distributed 1,462 meals as a part of this project.

Currently, we are organizing a toiletry drive, in which we will stuff donated purses with needed items to be given to the ladies at Partners for Peace, a domestic violence service near Bangor, Maine providing help for people dealing with domestic abuse.

Amanda Cupps – President



GFWC Outlook Club – Northern District

2021-2022 has been a relatively quiet year for the GFWC Outlook Club. As numbers have dwindled and pandemic precautions dragged on, we have had smaller attendance than usual. Many older members do not Zoom and have felt uneasy about in person meetings. We have stayed in touch by phone, to help them feel connected. We did two in-person meetings in October and November, with sparse attendance, then returned to Zoom for the winter as covid numbers increased in our county.

In December, we shared Christmas stories and poems.

In January and February, GFWC Maine President Carol and GFWC Maine District Co-Presidents, Jane Briggs, and Debbie Ferrell, joined us to share thoughts.

In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a trivia quiz.



We have a craft project in the works for April, hoping to finally meet in person again. We had three members attend the Fall Conference. Annual reports were filed, and donations were made to local holiday charities and the President's project, with our major donation to our local library to be done in April. We look forward to spring and hope to see many at GFWC Maine Spring Convention. Libby Wiers – President



GFWC Semper Fidelis Club – Northern District

The GFWC Semper Fidelis Club is off to a great start in 2022!

Eight new members were welcomed and already actively involved with various club projects and events.

Joining other club members with great regard to new ideas and tremendous support.

The first meeting of 2022 was held via Zoom with speaker Sarah Irish from the Senior Planning Center.

Members young or mature learned of some tips entering retirement.

A 'Yellow Tulip Project' presentation was held with many members interested in providing mental health awareness in our communities. Speaker Nicole Ames provided valuable information along with the programs director and members plan on planting yellow tulip bulbs this spring and fall.

A STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) presentation took place and more information as to what Club can provide to our teachers in our district will be forthcoming.



April is Autism Awareness month and supporting Youth Art month in March, raffle tickets are being sold for two wine baskets. 'Chocolate & Cheers Wine Raffle Benefiting Autism Awareness thru Art'. Monies raised will provide adaptive art supplies for two local schools. Striving to making a difference in the communities we live.

Maureen Provencal – President

GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club – Northern District

Many of the members of GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club no longer enjoy a "brisk walk through the woods on snowshoes" and have been enjoying most of the winter with family and friends in the south.

The "hardy souls" that are still up here have been enjoying our regular monthly meetings and a "wellness" meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

In February, we adopted Barbara Hathaway's project idea and sent "Hearts of Love" cards to three assisted living and nursing homes in Skowhegan. We also sent cards to an assisted living home in the Farmington area where one member's mother was cared for when she no longer could stay at home. Over 140 cards, along with some candy kisses, delivered.



We also have been making small blankets and small, stuffed animals that are taken by Newborns



in Need to the local Law Enforcement offices. When it becomes necessary to remove a child from a dangerous situation, it sometimes helps to have a small blanket to cuddle them in and a small stuffed animal for them to cling to.

With the conflict developing in Eastern Europe, we thought it would be helpful if our members were given a historical background of that area. Our speaker will be a retired teacher who has followed the conflict over the years. Our meetings are still being held over the internet via Zoom. This allows even our "snowbirds" to keep in touch. We are looking forward to Spring when we can move outside and sit in the

sun! In the meantime, some of us are consoling ourselves by getting together and playing "hand and foot" on a weekly basis!

Billie Sherman – Co President



GFWC Lubec Woman's Club – Northern District

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club - News from the Easternmost Point! Our club does not have regular business meetings during the months of January and February. However, we are busy with different tasks in our town. LWC members deliver snacks each month to the staff at our elementary school. During January we presented to our Masonic Lodge a Certificate of Congratulations along with a monetary gift in celebration of their Bicentennial.

On February 12, Valentine's Treat bags with some sweet treats, hand knitted hearts, and toothbrush kits (donated by the Regional Medical Center in Lubec) were delivered to residents of the senior and low-income apartments in Lubec. This is always an enjoyable time for the residents as well as the LWC "delivery team."

We are looking forward to our March meeting with a presentation titled "Female Corporate at the Table" by Felicia Newman of Lubec. Felicia has a degree in engineering, has held several management positions, and is presently in management at Coast of Maine Compost. She is also an organic farmer, selling her produce at the Lubec Market and the local IGA.

Spring is on the way!

Jeanne Drews – Corresponding Secretary



GFWC Newport Woman's Club – Northern District

Our GFWC Newport Woman's Club has been an active force in the Newport area since 1922. We are planning a 100th anniversary celebration on September 18, 2022, at St. Martin's Church. The club was organized in 1922 with 26 charter members and its stated purpose was intellectual advancement in Art and Literature. Members began saving for a public library in 1925 putting away \$50.00 a year.

Pearl Harbor greatly changed the club's activities as it did for most other Americans.

Community efforts turned to war efforts spending time in Red Cross work, selling War Bonds, raising money for the Federation project to purchase a bomber plus many other drives. Peace time returned and the 1950s found us with a waiting list for membership. Land was purchased for the Newport Library with the club's library funds. Finally in the Spring of 1955 with community fund raising the Newport Public Library was completed. The club presented an additional \$1500.00 to the cause and has since been recognized as the library's founder.

Family life changed dramatically during the following decades, taking the stay-at-home mom into the workplace, and leaving little time to "join". Membership declined but the club was able to meet the challenge and has survived and thrived.

Currently our members work to support the arts with an annual high school art contest as well as donating three locally commissioned stained-glass transoms which depict our club's quest to establish the first Newport public library. The library is now housed in the Newport Cultural Center. The club has worked to preserve natural resources championing our Lake Sebasticook restoration which began in the 1980s and is ongoing today. We advance education from kindergarten to college by providing incoming kindergarten students with school supply kits and high school graduating students with college scholarships each year. The club also encourages civic involvement of our young people by providing a Maine Youth Leadership tuition for one student yearly. And each year the club donates to many charities both financially and with member's labor. We have made items such as blankets for women's shelters and have met to fabricate doll blankets and pillows for one member's doll refurbishment including handmade cradles annual project to give as Christmas presents to needy children. Our club meetings often present speakers to inform the varied interests of the club. So, while we celebrate the last one hundred years, we look forward to continuing to serve and provide opportunities for our members and our community.

Debbie Ferrell – Secretary



GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trail Blazers – Northern District

The GFWC Juniorette Community Service Trailblazers have had two speakers to help the girls learn about different careers. The first speaker was Marge Downing, her topic was how to start as a bank teller and retire as a Vice President. Her highlight was to “take every job they hand you and do it well”. Never think “I cannot do that” You can do whatever you set your mind out to do. I did that and was always promoted up to another level.



Our second speaker was Jen Davis, a teacher, and a member of Newport Women's Club. She gave a great hand out to the girls. She had a different education needed for different teaching skills. She also had the pay scale of each one. One student wants to go into teaching.

We made a flyer that is being put up at the high school by club members. We have added one member and had three graduates. The principal is providing the flyers to the

guidance counselors as she is very supportive of the club as this contributes positive role modelling for the girls.

We will participate in the Child Abuse Prevention month again in April.

A dog wash is planned for May with members designing a poster announcing the date and time. A portion of the funds will go to the Maine "Pets for Vets".

A donation of a very nice white, pink, grey pearl necklace, bracelet, and earrings set was donated to us. Chances are \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. We will be selling chances and a drawing will be on May 4th just in time for Mother's Day.

We have ordered our sweatshirts from Berg's. Everyone is excited about having signature clothing.

Linda Lougee – Co-Advisor



GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club – Southern District

The Westbrook Woman's Club had our GFWC Maine President Carol Jarvais as our guest speaker.

Carol gave a very informative talk about change.

We have had a soup lunch to benefit President's Carol's 'President's Project' of the Pine Tree Camp.

We also had a program from the Westbrook High School musicians. The meeting was cancelled.

They made a video for us to have for a following meeting. We have played it and it was wonderful.



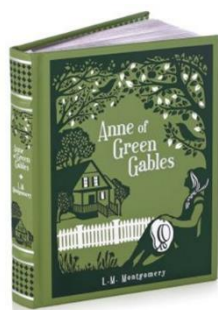
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We also had a presentation about Kind News that is used in schools. It is similar to Weekly Reader.

Vivian Newton – President

GFWC Research Club of Limerick – Southern District

As we slowly emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, we all hope to be meeting once again in person and enjoying each other's company. The GFWC Research Club does not meet in January and February, so March 8th was our first meeting. It will be one of our favorite meetings, that of book reports (tell us what



you are reading) and book swap (bring a book to share).

Next month we will have a meeting entitled, "A Visit with Anne" teatime with Anne of Green Gables (bring your own special teacup and saucer (and a friend).

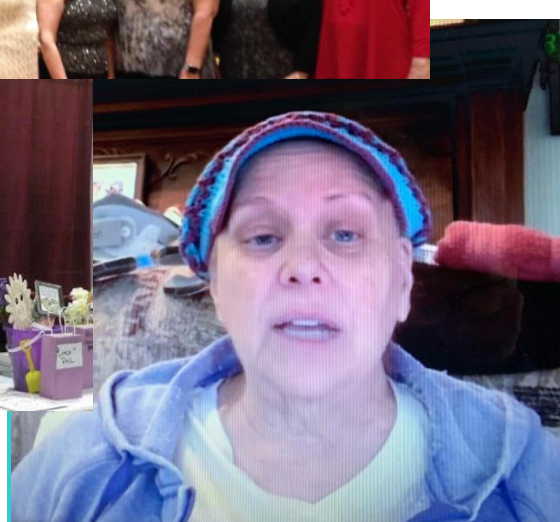
This will be followed in May with a Meet and Greet with our GFWC Maine State President, Carol Jarvais. Fun times ahead! Hope to see you in Freeport for the GFWC Maine Spring Convention!!

Sally Manchester – Co-President



Peace
be with
you our
friend...

Wendy Anne Bowler



Wendy Anne Bowler
1959-2022

SOUTH PORTLAND—Last tide out-for Wendy Anne Bowler, wife of Paul A. Rollins from South Portland, Maine. With the love of her husband, Paul of 31 years, they have had much joy, travels and love shared for so many years.

Wendy passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022 at her home. She was born on July 10, 1959 in Brunswick, Maine the only daughter of Allene and Peter Bowler.

In 1980, she graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. For 8 years she taught middle school in Wyoming before moving back to Maine.

For the last 32 years, she managed and owned the H&R Block Franchise in Gorham, Maine.

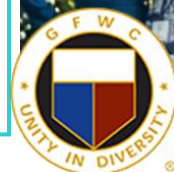
Wendy was a certified scuba instructor and dive master and helped her husband with his scuba business, Rollins Scuba Association. Wendy loved to take new students out on their first ocean dives. Wendy and her husband, Paul, enjoyed traveling, especially to scuba diving in Bonaire, NA in the Caribbean, Cyprus in the Mediterranean, Great Barrier Reef in Australia, Alaska, Hawaii, Florida and other dive sites.

Wendy was president of the Gorham Woman's Club and President-Elect of GFWC, Maine. She was also very helpful aiding her husband in his many Masonic duties.

She is survived by her husband, Paul A. Rollins; her stepdaughter, Selene Elizabeth Rollins of Foster City, CA; her brothers, John Bowler of Gorham, ME, Steve Bowler and his wife Jayne of Belfast, ME and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth R. Stevens of Amelia Island, FL.

There will be no service. There will be a celebration of life held this summer.

Life without family and friends would have been quiet. Thank you all for bringing brightness into my life!





GFWC MAINE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Registration Form



SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

WESTBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER

426 BRIDGE ST., WESTBROOK, ME (207) 854-0676

All GFWC Maine Club members are invited to attend the GFWC Southern District meeting. Meet a member from another Club, find out what other Clubs are doing, education on taking a leadership role within your Club, report writing, membership, time to just socialize, door prizes and a take home memento from the day!

The GFWC Maine District meeting will start registration at 9:30 a.m. with our meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.

No luncheon will be provided. Each attendee is encouraged to bring their own lunch in attempts to make attendees comfortable around Covid concerns. GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club will provide a bottled beverage, small bag of chips, and dessert.

Each Club is asked to present a report of the Clubs activities for this year.

The cost for a day of enjoying our GFWC Maine sisters is \$5.00.

Spring will be in the air – we look forward to greeting you!

Beth A. Turner
GFWC Maine Southern District President
lincbethturner@gmail.com
207-233-1481



GFWC Maine Southern District Meeting

Registration Form

Name: _____

Club: _____ **Position:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Registration Fee: \$5.00

Make checks payable to: GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club

Mail form and check to: Marian Sturtevant
20 Dottie's Way
Westbrook, ME 04092

Registration closes April 2, 2022



GFWC Maine Northern District Spring Conference

Registration form

GFWC Maine Northern District Spring Conference will be held:

Saturday, April 2, 2022
Newport Cultural Center
154 Maine Street, Newport, ME
10:00am-2:30pm

Registration is from 10am-10:30am. Meeting begins at 10:30am.

Please fill out the form below and return by **March 22, 2022**, if you plan to attend.

No clubs, other than the GFWC Newport Woman's Club, are holding a local high school art contest this year, therefore the district art contest is cancelled.

The featured speaker at the conference will be Nancy Ames, GFWC Maine Leadership Chair, who will present a mini leadership course at our conference.

As a part of the conference, we invite each club to respond to these three questions about their club:

- 1) How has the past two years changed your club?
- 2) What successes have you had in projects during that time?
- 3) Give a description of your best fundraiser?

The luncheon made possible by the GFWC Newport Woman's Club and will be soups, sandwiches, accompaniments, desserts, and refreshments.

☐ I plan to attend the conference and luncheon. Cost \$22.00

☐ I plan to attend the conference but not the luncheon. Cost \$15.00

Name: _____

Club: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

- Please email your responses to daferrell11@gmail.com (for planning purposes)

Mail your registration form and check (made payable to Jane Briggs) to:

Jane Briggs
106 Libby Hill Rd
Newport, ME 04953

Thank you, Deborah Ferrell, and Jane Briggs, GFWC Maine Northern District Co-presidents

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| March 2022: | National Reading Month |
| March 2022: | Women's History Month |
| March 20, 2022: | First Day of Spring |
| April 2, 2022: | GFWC Maine Northern Spring Conference Newport Cultural Center Newport, Maine |
| April 9, 2022: | GFWC Maine Southern District Meeting Westbrook Community Center Westbrook, Maine |
| April 11, 2022: | Registration deadline for GFWC Maine Spring Convention |
| April 22, 2022: | Earth Day |
| April 29, 2022: | Arbor Day |
| May 5 - 6, 2022: | GFWC Maine Spring Convention Hilton Garden Inn Freeport Freeport, Maine |
| August 25-28, 2022: | GFWC International Convention New Orleans, Louisiana |



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**The Delegates Fund will have a raffle basket
available at GFWC Maine Spring Convention!**

***Please note email change for Jane Shaw: rjshaw40@gmail.com**



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