

# NH Clubwoman



NEWSLETTER, FALL 2020

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## GFWC-NH President's Message:

Hello GFWC-NH Members:

I hope this message finds you and yours well during these challenging times. News from clubs around the state has been positive. I am proud that our GFWC-NH clubs are resilient and are keeping on with their good work in new, creative ways.

There is a billboard in my town with a slogan that made me smile, so I will share it with you. *"The dumbest thing I did in 2020 was to buy a schedule book!"*. However, after thinking this over, it occurred to me that maybe this was the smartest thing that we all did – especially if your schedule book is flexible enough for you to make changes in response to all of the unexpected circumstances that 2020 has brought. Planning ahead is a good thing. However, as experience has taught us, this usually means having a both Plan A and Plan B so that we are prepared to go forward in any eventuality – rain or shine; original date or back-up date; face-to-face or remote.

So, don't throw away that 2020 schedule book. You'll need it to keep track of Plans A and B, your video conference meetings and everything else that busy women squeeze into the day. Be sure to schedule in some time to take care of yourself. And please know that our State Federation is ready with resources to help sustain our clubs. There is always room in the schedule book to make time to support each other.

In Federation Friendship,

Jeanne  
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## MILESTONE YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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This November marks the 125th anniversary of the Federation of GFWC clubs in New Hampshire. We encourage all clubs to recognize this by researching your own club's history and by considering a donation to the State Treasury in any amount that includes the numbers "125". (\$1.25; \$12.50, \$125.00, etc. See Fundraising article for more details.) Other clubs that are also celebrating milestone years are: Portsmouth City Women's Club: 100 years; Brookline Women's Club: 25 years; Wilton-Lyndeborough 20 years and Dover Area Women's Club 10 years. Let's join together to honor the highlights of our contributions to our communities.



# Meet the 2020-2022 GFWC-NH Executive Committee



JEANNE O'SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT



BETH ROTH, PRESIDENT-ELECT



DENISE RAISANEN,  
VICE PRESIDENT



LAURA OTTERSON,  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

PAM CONARY, TREASURER

NANCY GREENBERG, SECRETARY

JOAN PRUE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

ANNE ENGLEHARDT, ADVISOR



## GFWC NEW HAMPSHIRE 2020-2022 STATE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: GO FORTH WITH CONFIDENCE NH SCHOLARSHIP

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSP), ADVANCEMENT AREAS AND COMMITTEES

For a complete listing of state chairmen and committee members with contact information, please refer to our GFWC-NH Yearbook. All club presidents and the members of the Board of Directors received electronic versions of the yearbook in August. We still have a few positions to fill : Chairman of Education & Libraries; Chairman of Health & Wellness as well as positions on Committees (Fundraising, Investments, High School Scholarships) Please contact Jeanne at [jmosullivan@comcast.net](mailto:jmosullivan@comcast.net) if interested in volunteering.

GFWC has reorganized and streamlined its CSP categories. The former International Outreach has been eliminated as a separate category and merged into other areas. The former Home Life has become **Health & Wellness**. Projects that address matters such as Veteran's matters, public safety, food and clothing drives may be reported under **Civic Engagement & Outreach**. Arts has expanded to **Arts & Culture**. Education is now called **Education & Libraries**. Conservation has become **Environment**. State Chairmen clarify further in their newsletter articles in this issue. The GFWC Club Manual also contains lots of additional information and is available on the GFWC.org website in the Member Portal. **We urge all club members to register for the GFWC.org Membership Portal in order to access valuable member resources.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Governor's GFWC-NH Proclamation
- 14 First grant cycle application due
- 20-23 Chasers Charitable Gaming Days
- 22 National Voter Registration Day

### OCTOBER

- 3 Seacoast District Meeting (remote, details TBA)
- 16-17 New England Region Conference (remote)
- 24-31 Advocates for Children Week  
NAMI Virtual Walks

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Fall Field Meeting (remote – details TBA))
- 15 Newsletter submissions due
- 29 Raise Your Glass for Survivors fundraiser
- 1-30 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign

### DECEMBER

- 1 Club member dues paid to GFWC-NH
- 9 GFWC Headquarters Holiday Reception

### JANUARY 2021

- 15 Club on-line reports due

## GFWC-NH Community Service Program & Advancement Area Updates



### Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

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The Signature Program under GFWC International President Marian St. Clair has been broken down to eight categories:

Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes. This Chairman will put emphases on the following four categories at this time:

## GFWC-NH SIGNATURE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

**Intimate Partner Violence:** which includes physical, sexual or emotional abuse, as well as sexual coercion and stalking by a current or former intimate partner. An intimate partner is a person with whom a person has or had a close personal or sexual relationship.

**Child Abuse:** includes all types of abuse and neglect of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver or another person in a custodial role, such as clergy, a coach, or a teacher that results in harm, potential for harm or threat of harm to a child. The four common types of abuse and neglect are physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect.

**Elder Abuse:** happens later in life and can include physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or stalking of an adult age 50 or older.

**Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes:** is any sex act that has been induced by recruitment, harboring transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a sex act in which anything of value is given to or received by any person. Sexual Human Trafficking is any sex act that if induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age. Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery.

This chairman has someone who has a passion for children of abuse and has offered to help in that area. If you have a passion for one of the other Areas, I would be more than happy to talk with you as to how you may help out in that particular area. If so, please feel free to contact me.

Our Go Forth With Confidence NH Scholarship Committee has held their first meeting and the application should be completed next week and ready to be printed and given out. They also decided to give out the first scholarship in the spring. If your club would like to donate funds towards the Scholarship we would gratefully accept them.

## Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children



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**"CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE."**  
– Herbert Hoover

I am very happy to be your GFWC-NH Juniors' Special Program Chairman. This program is everything children. Below is a brief look at what is in the GFWC Manual. Please go to the GFWC Website at [www.gfwc.org/](http://www.gfwc.org/) and log into your personal profile to access the protected GFWC Manual for full details or email me your questions - [draisanengfwc@gmail.com](mailto:draisanengfwc@gmail.com).

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. The Program was envisioned as a way for clubwomen to provide a voice for children and to teach and encourage parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level.

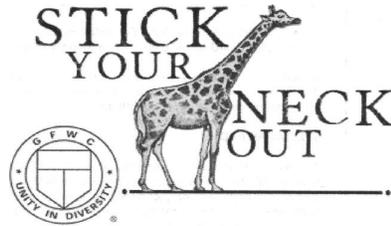
This is done through advocacy and projects that assist and protect children in crisis, including those experiencing:

- Child abuse
- Depression and suicide
- Foster or residential care
- Homelessness
- Human trafficking
- Life-threatening illness
- Poverty

GFWC Affiliates for the Juniors' Special Program are:

- March of Dimes
- Prevent Child Abuse America (NH Children's Trust is NH's Chapter)
- Operation Smile
- United Nations Foundation Shot at Life
- UNICEF International

## GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROGRAM SPECIAL AWARD – STICK YOUR NECK OUT



GFWC will honor all clubs that participate in this Challenge Project at the Annual Convention.

The STICK YOUR NECK OUT AWARD certificates will be given to all clubs that undertake a project that directly benefits children during the fourth week of October.

The Giraffe Award will be presented at the Junior Business Session of the GFWC Annual Convention in 2021 and 2022 to honor all State Federations that participate in the Challenge Project. Please find the submission form at the end of this newsletter.

## Civic Engagement Community Service Program



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**Greetings GFWC Sisters!** As Civic Engagement outreach is a vast area, this Chairman feels blessed to have NANCY GREENBERG, GFWC International Civic Engagement Chairman as a mentor during this 20-22 Administration. The Civic Engagement comprehensive outline can be found on [gfwc.org/](http://gfwc.org/) and accessed through member portal. Thanks to Dolores VanBlarcom, a brief outline is also available on [gfwcnh.org/](http://gfwcnh.org/) website.

Congratulations Exeter Area GFWC, 2019 GFWC Category 5 Public Issues Winners. WTG Ladies! Their Pease Greeters Project and GFWC Pembroke WC's "Proudly Our Colors Wave" projects are 2 of the top 10 Creative Projects featured in the Civic Engagement outline.

**GFWC NH's 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commemoration** was held **August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the State House in Concord, NH. Thank you Donna Maskwa for modeling period costuming for the event via social media. THANK YOU Laurie Jasper for chairing this event. Look for photos via social media and GFWC NH.org website and in this newsletter.

*Did you know Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> is Women's Equality Day?*

**Action Items:**

**Operation Handbag Hospitality...** Could/would you and/or a few of your girlfriends donate a **New** or **Very slightly used** purse filled with **new** personal care items every woman could use... toiletries, makeup, gift cards etc with a personal note of encouragement as an appreciation gift to a Woman Veteran? Call Sheila by November 1<sup>st</sup> to coordinate pick for distribution Veteran's Day.

*Did you know June 12<sup>th</sup> is Women Veterans Appreciation Day?*

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 **Election Day** suggestions:

1. Vote
2. Encourage voting
3. Assist at the polls
4. Provide refreshments with thank you to poll workers

**Field Trip Suggestion:** Consider **NH Veteran's Cemetery** in Boscawen, NH. This 104 acre beautifully landscaped NH "Hidden Jewel" dons Veterans Memorial Learning Center, Memorial Walkway, Geo caching experience and Chapel. Guests are welcome to observe Veteran's Memorial Services which generally occur several times daily. Take a virtual tour at [nhvca.org/](http://nhvca.org/)

**Wreaths Across America** is a wonderful project to honor Veteran's (husbands, moms, sisters, brothers) with a wreath. Members could do this at their local cemeteries or statewide at the NH Veteran's Cemetery. Blue and Gold Star Mothers offer local wreaths at \$8. Log on to [www.bluestarmothersofnh.org/](http://www.bluestarmothersofnh.org/) This event is held the first Saturday of December.

**NH Institute for Civic Education** at <https://www.nhcivics.org/> offers learning opportunities for Educators and Students.

*Do you know veterans in your Club?* Please email me with name, service branch years served at [Sheilac518@aol.com](mailto:Sheilac518@aol.com) Example: Dorothea Hamilton USN Nurse 1969-1989 (bio in next newsletter).

**Environment Community Service Program**



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The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. There is no time like the present to act. (From the GFWC website) So what can you do in these crazy times to help our planet?

Here's a surprise—go outside!

**Walk!** (maybe even socially distanced planned walks with other club members.)

**Garden!** Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs, plant those spring bulbs you'd like to see in April and May, divide or move spring and summer blooming perennials (water, water, water!). And you should plant your garlic in October!

**Enjoy outdoor fitness classes** while it is still warm enough. My yoga class meets in a park!

**Try the "Hike-it-Yourself Challenge"** from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. You can hit the trail with your family, friends, or on your own for a do-it-yourself hiking experience from Saturday, August 29 through Saturday, October 31. Hike just one or a collection of five destinations (from a list of 20+ across the state) located near you! Registered participants receive a colorful Forest Society buff, trail maps with directions, and hiking tips. Plus, earn a hiking patch for completing all five hikes of your choice. Go to [forestsociety.org/five-hikes-challenge](http://forestsociety.org/five-hikes-challenge) to sign up!

**Legislative alerts!** Be sure to respond when environmental legislation is pending on the local, state, or national level.

## Fundraising and Development

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Hello Federation Sisters!

How lucky am I to continue as GFWC-NH Fundraising and Development Chairman for two more years, under President Jeanne O'Sullivan's leadership! We have developed a strong fundraising plan, realizing in these unprecedented times asking others for money is not an easy task. At the same time, it is crucial to stay engaged in our communities to ensure people do not forget about GFWC-NH!

We will be raising money for the GFWC-NH Operational Budget as well as Jeanne's President's Project, which is the GO FORTH WITH CONFIDENCE NH SCHOLARSHIP. As you know, this scholarship will be awarded to help survivors of domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, or sexual assault in obtaining a post-secondary education that will offer them the chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence. We will truly be changing survivor's lives with this scholarship.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for these fundraising events:

- **125<sup>th</sup> CAMPAIGN:** GFWC-NH celebrates 125 years as a federated organization on November 13, 2020. The whole month of November is a CALL TO ACTION for our members. We ask that you, or your club, donate whatever you can, in increments of 125. For example, can you donate \$1.25? \$12.50? \$125.00? \$1,250.00? \$12,500.00? Each level will be recognized in the winter newsletter. More information to come. Let's celebrate 125 years of amazing volunteerism and shape the future for 125 more years.
- **RAISE YOUR GLASS FOR SURVIVORS:** November 29, 2020 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving). We will be holding a virtual event to support the Go Forth With Confidence NH Scholarship.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GFWC-NH EVENING OF UNITY:** April 23, 2021. Last year we had to go virtual, and this event still raised over \$4,000 to benefit NAMI NH. On April 23, 2021, we hope to hold this event in person to raise money for Jeanne's President's Project. *(I WOULD LOVE TWO PEOPLE TO JOIN ME ON THIS PLANNING COMMITTEE).*

We will hold 50/50 raffle at any state meetings we have in person. As is custom, District meetings will raise funds for the President's Project.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or if your club needs help with fundraising and development.

## Communications/Public Relations Committee

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These great tips were taken from one of our GFWC webinars this summer. The photo is our own Jeanne O'Sullivan leading a ZOOM Virtual Meeting for GFWC-NH.



## Tips for a Good Virtual Meeting

- Don't be afraid of a virtual meeting.
- Make it fun with a theme or project idea.
- Give plenty of notice with dial-in information.
- Be considerate of the time of the meeting to include most of your members.
- Consider this type of meeting anytime to stay connected.
- Plan ahead for all members to have access – Consider a Tech Buddy for those who need assistance.

## GFWC NH Leadership

Deb Provencher, GFWC-NH Leadership Club  
President

Article by: Laura Otterson, Member

### Setting the Tone and Creating a Healthy Club Culture

This can be difficult at times as leadership roles come with stress and the spotlight. The past six months with the COVID restrictions and guidelines have presented all leaders with new stresses and challenges for their role. Meet the challenges, make changes, and move forward. Think outside the box and be more creative than ever.

#### Be a leader whom you would want to follow.

Assess Club activities and club interaction. Recognize challenges and make changes as needed.

#### Always be accessible.

Be there for members and listen to their input.

#### Always maintain your composure.

If you maintain your composure at all times, it sets a positive tone for your Club.

#### Stay positive when adversity hits.

Look to the future, keep a positive outlook, and realize that the setback is only temporary.

#### Make the mission bigger than yourself.

Your club is part of a bigger mission that contributes to the world around you. You do make a difference in your community. Use your power as a leader to inspire.

COVID will force good changes in you as a leader. Leaders become more diverse, creative and adaptable in their thinking. I know that I have. I have learned to use Zoom as an effective communication tool in place of our regular meetings. Communication is key at all times whether it is an email, phone call, ZOOM or face to face.

**“Leadership is the art of harnessing human energy to create change, to make a difference and to get results. “ Craig Groeschel**

## GFWC-NH Parliamentarian

Joan Prue, RP

### Parliamentary Tips

- The word bylaws is not hyphenated, it is all one word.
- Please remember to put in the dash when you write GFWC-NH
- When you are writing a report about something you did, it should be written in the third person...do not use I, me, we, etc. say “this officer”.
- You do not need a motion to adopt minutes, the Chair simply says “Are there any corrections?” If none, then the minutes are adopted as read.
- A Treasurer’s report is never adopted. Only an auditor’s report is adopted.
- The term “respectfully submitted” is no longer used, all that is needed is a signature and title.
- Don’t mix up the terms “Revision” and “Amendments.” Amendments are when a few changes are made here and there in a document. A Revision is when the entire document is reviewed and changed and is adopted in place of the current document.
- Now the BIG news! The new 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised will be presented at the National Association of Parliamentarians Annual meeting at the end of this month. I will attend a virtual 5 hour meeting at which the authors discuss the changes made to this edition. I am so excited!! And if you are familiar with the RONR books, they have always had a red cover. This one is white so you will certainly know the difference between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Editions.

### Arts & Culture

Ann Marie Taylor, GFWC-NH Chairman



Hoping all are well and safe. I would like to remind you of our upcoming mid-winter photography contest. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the 2021 photography contest will allow photos from both years, 2019 and 2020. You can find information and the contest rules and regulations to enter in the GFWC Club manual.

Looking forward to viewing your stunning photographs!

## Legislation and Public Policy

Laurie Jasper, GFWC-NH Chairman

Greetings from your GFWC-NH Chairman of Legislation and Public Policy. I am honored to be starting my third term serving in this position. Thank you, President Jeanne O'Sullivan! Did you know that GFWC's website [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) has a Legislative Action Center? I encourage all members to look at what we all may do to act on issues relevant to GFWC Resolutions.

Today, I am informing you of the EARN IT Act of 2020. Senator Lindsey Graham is the prime sponsor of the bill, and 12 additional senators, from both parties, signed on as co-sponsors to the Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies (EARN IT) Act of 2020 (Senate 3398).

From the GFWC Legislative Action Center page:

"The bill would remove the industry's liability protection shield for third-party content regarding child exploitation, by allowing for state civil and criminal lawsuits, as well as federal civil lawsuits, if companies advertise, promote, distribute, or solicit child sexual abuse material. There is precedent. In 2018, Congress removed tech companies' liability for facilitating sex trafficking on online platforms.

The EARN IT Act of 2020 would establish a 19-member commission that includes representatives from federal agencies, as well as tech industry, law enforcement, survivors, and victim services organizations. The commission would establish voluntary best practices for the tech industry to prevent child sexual exploitation or abuse on their platforms. These best practices will enable law enforcement to obtain evidence to prioritize actionable cases and save children.

Some tech company representatives oppose the measure with concerns about exposure to even broader liability under both state and federal civil and criminal laws, the impact on encryption, and free speech on-line. Others believe that strong, responsible encryption can be reconciled with aggressive action to stop online child sexual abuse. Advocates support the measure as victim-centric and one that allows state attorneys general to be able to join the fight against online child sexual exploitation.

By removing liability protections for third-party content, Congress will certainly encourage the tech Industry to take action to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

The EARN IT Act of 2020 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Lindsey Graham, on March 5, 2020. The Judiciary Committee held hearings on March 11 and unanimously approved the Earn It Act (with amendments) on July 2, 2020. It is now waiting to be scheduled for a full vote of the Senate.

**STOP Online Child Sexual Exploitation!**

Contact your Senators today! VISIT THE LINK BELOW AND FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM!

Urge the Senate to pass the EARN IT Act, S. 3398, which revises the legal framework governing the prevention of online sexual exploitation of children by removing liability protections for tech companies related to child sexual abuse materials.

<https://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app/write-a-letter?7&engagementId=508835>

## Woman's Club of Somersworth

Stephanie Riotto, President

On July 28, 2020 the Woman's Club of Somersworth had a BYO picnic at The Pines and celebrated the installation of new officers with the help of District Director, Donna Maskwa. Under the pavilion, masked and at a safe distance, the theme was "Colors" and each new officer was presented with flowers, selected by new President Stephanie Riotto, in the color representing their new positions. This year the focus of the club will be safe gatherings when possible to keep members in touch with each other and the community.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> the Woman's Club of Somersworth met at Somersworth City Hall, Citizen's Place, to raise the suffragette flag in honor of the women who fought hard for all women to have the right to vote. On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, we celebrated with words of recognition from Dana Hilliard, Mayor of Somersworth. Mayor Hilliard spoke of the progress made by women in the past 100 years and the progress that still needs to be made such as equal pay for equal work.

Past president Sue McCoy organized the event and shared a comparison of times then and now as well as her thoughts on the importance of every single vote. After the presentations, Sue McCoy and Claudette Mahar raised the flag to fly proudly for the next week in honor of our club sisters and other women who worked tirelessly for this cause. Citizen's Place has two flag poles that are used to welcome any person, group or organization that promotes benevolence, tolerance and diversity.



Brenda Wyatt, Woman's Club of Somersworth's newly installed Auditor. Stephanie Riotto, Somersworth's new President on left. Donna Maskwa, Seacoast District Director on right.



## Salem Area Woman's Club

Dolores VanBlarcom, President

22 Salem Area Woman's Club members donning masks attended a Beachside



Installation Picnic at the home of member Patti Drelick. Pictured left to right: Trish Earle Nominating Committee, Patti Drelick Treasurer, Sheila Casey Installation Officer, Dolores VanBlarcom President, Marilyn Hamel Recording Secretary, Karen Cabral Vice President (absent Norma LaPointe Corresponding Secretary).

The first order of business was taking a vote on Bylaws and Standing Rule changes which passed unanimously. \*Please note the name change.

Club members were thrilled to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> place for GFWC Community Improvement Project. The \$3550 prize money will go toward scholarships for Silverthorne Adult Day Care participants in need. The club was also pleased that Age Concern Uganda was selected as GFWC-NH International Creative Project. Thank you Bobbie Knickerbocker!

2020 Salem High School Graduates were delighted to see their photos displayed and received key chains with personal messages from club members to enhance memories of COVID restricted graduation. Thank you Beth Roth and Dolores VanBlarcom for coordinating this event. Thank you cards are still pouring in from grads, families and community.

Through this challenging time club members are brought together via zoom, emails and personal phone calls.

## Nottingham Women's Club

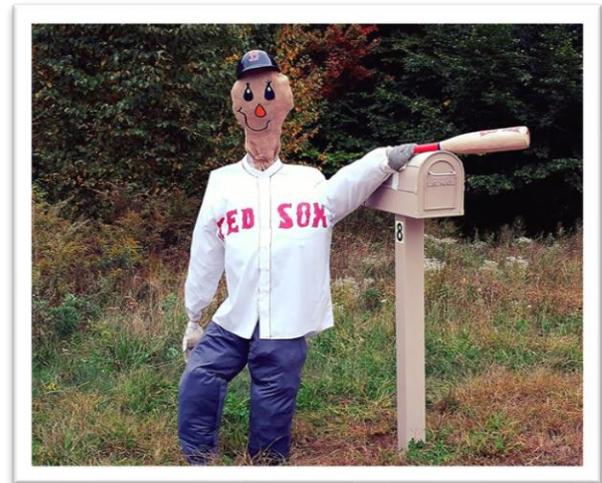
Sarah Brown, President

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The Nottingham Women's Club is moving forward with our preparations for this year's Scarecrow Contest. Even a pandemic can't derail this popular Nottingham tradition! We've made some changes this year to make it even easier for you to participate. We've launched our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nottinghamwomensclub> with full details on the contest. Think of it as your one stop shop for choosing and ordering the scarecrow(s) you want. Scarecrows will be posted online as they become available. Get them early as quantities are limited.

We know that COVID-19 is causing real hardship in our community. As such, we are waiving the cost of scarecrows to Nottingham residents this year. If you'd like to make a donation to support our community efforts, we appreciate that. But please participate even if you can't donate. We know our town is full of talented and creative people. We can't wait to see the many inventive ways you'll display these scarecrows!

We meet virtually via Zoom the last Thursday of each month and we'd love to have you join us. You can connect with us on Facebook (@nottinghamwomensclub) or by email: [nottingham.womensclub@gmail.com](mailto:nottingham.womensclub@gmail.com).



## GFWC Hudson Women's Club

Phyllis Appler, President

## Friends In Council GFWC NH, Lisbon Area

Dori Hamilton, President



Phyllis Appler and husband were guests of Friends In Council GFWC NH, Lisbon Area at the Lisbon Main Street Inc.'s Summer Concert on July 30. As Phyllis's very last State President's New Hampshire Inside/Out project, she sponsored this concert performance by Matt Tellier who sang a wide variety of songs dear to our hearts. Despite the periodic showers, we sat outside with raingear and masks enjoying the music and fellowship. Thank You Phyllis! In addition, Friends In Council had a booth set up at the local farmers' market on the same site. Various club items were for sale as well as raffle tickets for the beautiful handmade quilt on display which was made by our members. The drawing is in December. The proceeds are used to fund various projects throughout the year. Our members have also been busy making masks and distributing them to individuals and organizations in need.

COVID 19 has presented challenges but has not dampened our North Country spirit. Friends In Council sends greetings to all of our sisters throughout the state and wishes for good health and peace.



GFWC Hudson Women's Club members held their first meeting to check out the Number 9 School in Hudson. The meeting was held instead of the June Banquet, so it was a "BYOB" (Bring your own Banquet) affair, held outside next to the school. Renovations at the schoolhouse will be funded by the grant received from GFWC-NH. Thank you!

## Exeter Area GFWC

Deb Dumont, President

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EAGFWC at their club's summer social.



## GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club

Susan Leahy and Laura Otterson, Co-Presidents  
Article by Donna Maskwa, member

Welcome Back Everyone! Life in Dover is hardly back to normal but our club has been enjoying our times together, virtually and in person when possible. This year we are excited to be celebrating our BIG 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This summer we've been busy packing for End 68 Hours of Hunger and the Grab N Go programs. Food insecurity is a huge issue for our community and helping End 68 was one of our very first projects as a new club. They were new too and we've had each other's backs ever since. This summer we've also kept in touch and scheduled regular trail walks on the Dover Community Trail, where we have "adopted" a trail section, and two of our members traveled to the NH State House for our GFWC-NH commemoration of the Passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Women's Right to Vote.

It is also with great sadness that our Dover Club shares with you all that Phil Sullivan, passed away this summer. Phil's wife Shirley Sullivan, is one of our two founding members. Phil didn't miss many of our big club events and we probably wouldn't be here if not for his support. He too was a regular GFWC End 68 Packing Team member, always willing to help in a crisis. He moved furniture and brought the coffee for our yard sales, attended our special meetings because he enjoyed the topic or we needed a larger audience, served hors d'oeuvres when we were "wine-ing" with Shirley on their beautiful back deck, encouraged our craft projects at their big dining table, dirt and all, and he attended almost all of our end of the year annual banquets, entertaining us with his sense of humor. We write this not just for Phil but for all those great guys, just like Phil, who serve our clubs. We'll really miss Phil. He was our "Chairman of the Board" and great friend.



GFWC Dover Area's Summer Trail Hike

## Back in Time Contest



The photo was taken in Washington, DC at a GFWC Board of Directors Meeting tour many years ago when Arlene Creeden was GFWC NH President and Jeanne O'Sullivan was GFWC NH Junior Director ( In center) . Sandi Jones on far left, Judy Maguire next, Jeanne, Arlene, Gail LeShane and Carol Waters . The other women were also serving on the GFWC Board at the time. **What year was this?** The first one to get this wins a prize.

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## GFWC-NH

# Commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Women’s right to Vote

Article by: Laurie Jasper, GFWC-NH Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

General Federation of Women’s Clubs New Hampshire (GFWC NH) hosted a commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 2020. On a beautiful summer afternoon, Club members from across the State gathered outside the State House, many dressed in period costumes, joined by several female members of the NH House and Senate. Governor Chris Sununu was the keynote speaker. The Governor also presented an official proclamation, declaring September 10, 2020 as New Hampshire Women’s Suffrage Day. New Hampshire ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on September 10, 1919.

In her opening remarks, GFWC NH President Jeanne O’Sullivan, from Exeter, shared that GFWC NH is comprised of 22 clubs, providing service to communities for 125 years. Locally, GFWC NH worked to establish the Old Man of the Mountain Museum, preserve land in the White Mountains, established an audio walking tour of Odiorne Point and much more. Its parent organization, GFWC International, is a world-wide, non- partisan organization that has long been a supporter of women’s rights, dating back to 1914.



United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen, the first elected woman Governor of New Hampshire and the first woman U.S. Senator from New Hampshire, was unable to attend, but sent a letter which was read by GFWC NH Phyllis Appler, from Hudson. “Securing the right to vote for women was an achievement built on decades of organizing and demonstrating. Women held conventions, planned protests, organized marches and signed petitions to ensure that they would also be heard through the ballot box,” wrote Shaheen. “We understand this in New Hampshire - where we sent the first all-female congressional delegation to Washington DC and where we boast a number of community-focused women’s groups like GFWC NH. We are all a

part of this proud history.... I hope we continue to draw inspiration from these fearless women who fought for change a century ago and didn’t simply wait for change to happen,” Shaheen’s letter concluded.

GFWC NH Chairman of Legislation and Public Policy Laurie Jasper, from Hudson, who organized the event, spoke of the history of women’s suffrage. The battle for the 19th Amendment became known as a “war of the roses,” as the yellow rose became an emblem of the suffrage cause, while anti-suffragists adopted the red rose. In January 1918, the woman suffrage amendment passed the House of Representatives. In June 1919, it was approved by the Senate and sent to the states for ratification. On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, giving it the three-fourths majority needed to make it the law of the land. Young Tennessee State Representative Harry Burn, just 24 years old, wore a red rose in his lapel, indicating his plan to vote “no.” But, after receiving a note from his mother imploring him to vote in favor of ratification, he changed his vote and became a part of history.

“ As I look out among all of you, and see many familiar faces, I see the faces of women who would have joined in the suffrage movement. I also see women such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony standing shoulder to shoulder with all of you. Today, we honor all who worked for women’s right to vote... From the first women’s rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York in July 1848 to 1920, and beyond. To quote the late, great Senator John McCain, “Nothing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself, something that encompasses you, but is not defined by your existence alone,” said Jasper.



Jasper next introduced Governor Sununu, thanking him for his leadership during these unprecedented times of COVID19.

Sununu praised GFWC NH for celebrating New Hampshire’s place in the suffrage movement amidst restrictions and difficulties due to the coronavirus.

“I’m just so excited you were able to hold this event today. I think it’s a great representation, truly, of what the Live Free or Die State is all about. We have had such incredible representation in New Hampshire by women, on both sides of the aisle, who have really led the charge. I think it’s a testament of how important the issue is, the fact that you organized and that you are making sure this is being heard today and as we move forward,” said Sununu.

“I was thinking about the Founding Fathers; they called America the, ‘great democratic experiment.’ And, like any good experiment, it never really ends. You constantly have to keep pushing yourself to do better, to find another way, to open up more opportunity. Obviously, guaranteeing women the right to vote 100 years ago was a huge step forward. It wasn’t the first step, it wasn’t the last step; we’ve made a lot of steps since then, and we have many more steps to go. We have to keep challenging ourselves never to settle and to constantly push to find where there is potentially more disenfranchisement. “



The program concluded with photographs. Each participant received a yellow rose, compliments of Anne’s Florals and Gifts of Hudson.

**GFWC-NH Bylaws Committee**  
**Beth Roth, Joan Prue, Linda Twombly**

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments** *(to be voted on at the Fall Field Meeting, November 7, 2020)*

**ARTICLE I – Membership**

Section 1. new 4)

insert

“GFWC-NH is an equal opportunity organization and will not allow discrimination based upon age, ethnicity, ancestry, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background or any other status prohibited by applicable law”

renumber current 4) to 5)

Rationale: we have recently applied for a grant and find that we were lacking by not having a discrimination clause.

**ARTICLE II – Duties of Officers, Directors, and Executive Committee**

Section 1. under duties of President - insert a new (g) “appoint the chairmen and members of the standing and special committees and the Community Service Programs, and chairmen and members of Advancement Areas;”

Rationale: Historically the GFWC-NH President has appointed chairmen of these committees and programs, however this has not been stated in the bylaws. re-letter remaining items

Strike the current (n) appoint an Internal Financial Review Committee.

Rationale: This statement is made later under Committees, Internal Financial Review Committee.

Section 1. under duty of President. (m) strike all of (m) (serve a two year term of office from the adjournment of the Annual Meeting in May at which she is elected until the close of the Annual Meeting in which her successor is elected.)

Rationale: she is no longer elected at the annual meeting, her successor is not elected at the annual meeting. Elections are held in January or February at the Mid-Winter meeting. The term of office is included in a new Section 10.

**ARTICLE II**

Section 2. new (a) It shall be the duty of the President-elect to: (a) serve as GFWC-NH Membership Chairman.”

Rationale: The Executive Committee proposed this revision in order to ensure that the EC maintains a close connection with the Membership Chairman in light of the vital importance of retaining and gaining new members and clubs. re-letter remaining items

**ARTICLE II**

strike the current 10.

insert a new 10.

“The officers shall be elected by ballot in the even numbered years to serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. (a) None of the officers shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than one (1) term with the exception of the Treasurer, who may hold office for two (2) consecutive terms.

(b) No District Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. (c) The term of office shall begin at the end of the annual meeting. If an annual meeting cannot be held, the term of office shall begin at the end of the day on which the annual meeting was scheduled. (d) All officers and District Directors of the Federation shall transfer to their successors all Federation records and papers in their possession.

Rationale: Because there was not an annual meeting this year there was concern about exactly when the term for the new officers (except Treasurer) would begin.

Term of office defined.

ARTICLE III – Committees

Section 6. Membership Committee - strike the words “composed of a Chairman and the Membership Chairman from each District.”

insert the words “consisting of the GFWC-NH President-elect as chairman, the District Directors and three additional members appointed by the GFWC-NH President.”

Section 7. strike the words “The Community Service Programs shall be: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues.” Insert the words “Community Service Programs and Advancement Areas may be created, united, or discontinued at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such Programs shall correspond to those of the General Federation as closely as seems advisable.”

Rationale: The current wording of Section 7 no longer applies because GFWC has changed the titles which take effect during this current administration. The wording is more general in order to accommodate any future changes in the GFWC program organizational structure.

Strike current Section 8. “Community Service Programs may be created, united or discontinued at the discretion of the Board of Directors. etc. This information is included in the new Section 7.

New Section 8. “Such other committees as shall be necessary from time to time to carry on the work of the organization shall be appointed by the GFWC-NH President.”

New bylaw to account for any additional committees that may be needed periodically.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section 8.

Add the words “GFWC-NH members, “at the beginning of the section

“GFWC-NH members, the GFWC-NH Executive Committee, GFWC-NH Board of Directors, and all committees and subcommittees shall be authorized to meet and conduct official business by telephone conference or through other electronic media———”

This will allow electronic meetings for the state meetings such as Annual, Mid Winter and Fall meetings.



**GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GFWC NH Grant Application**



**Purpose and Vision Statement:**

*To create a responsive system for allocating charitable funds available for distribution throughout the GFWC NH organization made available through partnership with the NH Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission. Funds will be used for promoting and boosting the overall health, growth and branding of the organization.*

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project or Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Grant Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Has your club received any previous grants? If so, please note dates. \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate page, please describe project's impact on the community, your club and/or GFWC NH. Attach a copy of your club's current budget and a recent bank statement to this application.

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We understand clubs that receive grants are expected to abide by the following conditions:

- Use GFWC branding wherever applicable in the process of the project
- Provide a summary of the results of the project to the GFWC NH Grant's Committee within two months of completion
- Submit a report through GFWC NH's annual reporting process (including number of members who participated; number of volunteer hours; amount of grant plus any additional funds the club contributed; goods in kind contributed)
- Use the grant funds within one calendar year of the award
- Send a representative of the club to accept the grant at the GFWC NH State meeting.
- If asked, be willing to have a club representative speak at a GFWC NH State meeting about the outcomes of the grant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club Co-President (if applicable)

Submit this form, preferably by email, to the GFWC NH Committee c/o [info@gfwc.org](mailto:info@gfwc.org) :

## Additional Information

Grant requests will be reviewed in light of how well they meet the Grants Committee mission statement. Extra weight will be given to requests that meet any of the criteria listed below. (We do not expect that each grant application will meet all of the criteria)

## Criteria for Judging Grant Requests

1. Benefits a new club
2. Benefits a small club
3. Benefits a club with limited finances
4. Promotes GFWC Membership
5. Promotes GFWC Leadership
6. Promotes GFWC Communications & Public Relations
7. Supports GFWC Community Service Programs, Affiliates or Advancement Areas
8. Supports GFWC NH President's Project
9. Widespread impact (local, district, state)
10. Plans are realistic/and/or sustainable
11. Club has not received a GFWC NH grant more than one other cycle during the past fiscal year
12. Club has not received funding from another source for its application project(s)
13. Involves collaboration with other GFWC NH clubs
14. Indicates how GFWC and/or GFWC NH branding will be used for grant project.
15. Club currently uses GFWC branding consistently
16. Club is offering matching funds

## GFWC Branding Logo





## Notice Regarding Call to the New England Region Conference

*(condensed from original version)*

Dear Members of the GFWC New England Region:

As you are aware, the 2020 Conference to be held 10/16 & 10/17 will be a remote conference. I would like to share some information with you so you can update calendars and know what to expect. The agenda for the conference will be included with the Call to Conference, but attached is other information that typically is included with the Call. It is included so you will have a general idea of what to expect for our first virtual conference. If you haven't been able to join us at a conference, this may be the perfect opportunity to learn more about our Region and GFWC from the comfort of your home.

Tentative plans are: - Friday, 10/16 11:30-1:30 - A Region LEADS (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) will be offered via Zoom for any member who wishes to register. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The form will be sent with the Call.. We encourage you to sign up and have this unique experience of sharing leadership ideas and learning new ones. -Friday, 10/16 the Board of Directors will meet at 2:30pm via Zoom with a planned adjournment of 4:00pm. There will be a Call for this meeting sent to the Board of Directors. -That evening those registered for the conference will be invited to a "Zoom Social and Junior Fun Night "scheduled for 6:00 pm -7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to connect with others. We will be offering a virtual fundraiser at this get together: "Pearls of Wisdom" raffle that should be great fun.

On Sat, 10/17, the New England Region Conference will convene via the BigMarker online platform. Registration for the conference will be \$35.00 per member. Several weeks before the conference, you will receive the Call and a link to register and pay your registration fee. If you have not done this before, it is a very simple process to register. The Region "It's In The Bag" raffle fundraiser winners will be announced at the conference.

. Please share this information with all your members; our opportunity to congregate and share ideas and experience our friendships has certainly changed, but I hope you all will feel this is a new occasion to experience.

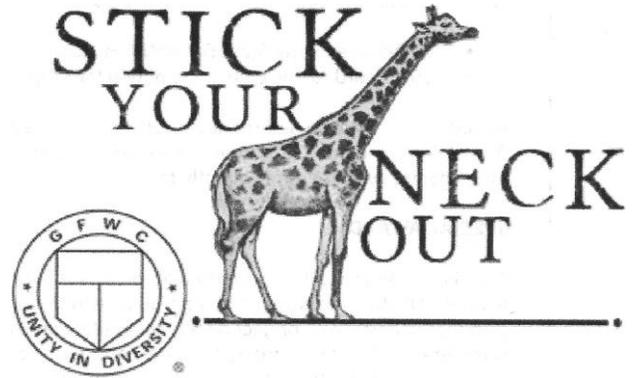
Warm Wishes,

JoAnn Calnen GFWC New England Region President

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# GIRAFFE AWARD APPLICATION FORM

The Giraffe Award will be presented at the Junior Business Session of the GFWC Annual Convention in 2021 and 2022 to honor all State Federations that participate in the Challenge Project. An award certificate will be provided to each club that undertakes a project directly benefiting children during the fourth week of October.



STATE FEDERATION:

CLUB NAME:

CLUB CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER:

NARRATIVE: Please provide a short description of 50 words or less to describe your club's activity for GFWC Advocates for Children Week, plus one or two photos.

Mail or email form and photos to Juniors' Special Program Chairman Carrie Zimmerman, 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamassee, SC, 29686, or [czim22@gmail.com](mailto:czim22@gmail.com). For GFWC's use of photos, please include the Creative Arts Waiver Form found in the Awards, Contest, and Grants section of the GFWC Club Manual.



Every year, in October, NAMIWalks NH brings thousands of Granite Staters together for the state's single largest mental health awareness and suicide prevention event. Together, participants promote awareness of mental illness and suicide, raise funds for NAMI New Hampshire, and build community so people know they are not alone. This year presents many new challenges – and, as you might have expected, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIWalks NH is going virtual!

Awareness & Prevention of Mental Health Disorders was our immediate Past-President, Anne Englehardt's, State President's Project 2018-2020. Anne was the inspiration and energy behind the \$23,000.00 that our state Federation raised during her administration to support this important cause. As a result GFWC-NH was a Gold level sponsor of the 2019 NAMI walk.

For further information about this year's walk process, please visit the NAMI website:

<https://www.naminh.org/nami-nh-events/namiwalks-nh/>

#### **GFWC New Hampshire Clubwoman Newsletter**

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BEST WISHES PAT LOUGHLIN AND JANE SWANSON!! We hope you are both sitting and relaxing reading this edition of GFWC-NH Clubwoman without having to have put it all together. Your amazing talents have been critical to keeping this important communications tool alive and interesting and professionally produced and mailed...for years! Whew! Thank you from every member of GFWC-NH.

This coming year we are thrilled to have Stephanie Riotto, President of the Woman's Club of Somersworth joining the GFWC-NH Clubwoman Newsletter team beginning with the Winter issue. **The next deadline for submitting articles is NOVEMBER 15.** All articles should be emailed to Donna at [donna.maskwa@gmail.com](mailto:donna.maskwa@gmail.com). Donna will take them any way possible. Sending them as a word doc, in ARIAL size 11 point, with 1 inch margins, and spacing set at 0 and 4 pt, with left justification, would be great....however, we take articles written in crayon on a post- it too. If you have new members who may not be on the newsletter mail distribution list, please send us their names to add. Some clubs don't always send their members' emails to GFWC- NH and we ask all Presidents to forward the Newsletter to all their members.

Finally, we are always open to your ideas. Please send those too. Crosswords anyone??

We hope you enjoyed this Fall 2020 GFWC-NH Clubwoman. And remember...November 15<sup>th</sup>!!