



NEW HAMPSHIRE CLUBWOMAN NEWSLETTER



A Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

Fall 2021

President's Message for Fall GFWC-NH Newsletter

Here we are easing into Fall again after a rainy July and a hot, humid August. September can only be crisp, cool and colorful! By the time this newsletter is published, eight members of our state Federation will have returned from the GFWC Convention in Atlanta. I'm certain we'll be bringing back lots of awards for all that our clubs have accomplished during a very trying year. I am so proud of what you were able to do for your communities despite the challenges of the pandemic. When the going gets tough, GFWC-NH clubwomen get going!

Here are the figures for 2020:

Total Number of Projects Reported: 543

Total Volunteer Hours: 54,152

Total Dollars Donated to Community Service Programs: \$197,908.00

Total Dollars Spent on Advancement Areas: \$17,306.00

Total In-Kind Donations: \$30,150.50

Total Dollars Raised: \$139,335.00

Wishing you all a great start to your club year. We are looking forward to meeting with each other in person at the many upcoming events – please refer to the GFWC-NH Calendar in this issue for dates and times.

As you begin your club year, please keep in mind our GFWC-NH Grants for promoting membership, leadership, communications and GFWC branding. The Grants Committee has revised the application process and we now have two versions – a “Mini-Grant” which is a quick and easy way to apply for up to \$250.00 per year, per club and the original version for larger projects. Both applications can be found on our website – gfwnh.org. Go to the Members menu; then Library.

Information about GFWC's Community Impact Award (CIP) is also posted in The Library section of our website. We encourage all clubs to consider applying. Each state may have a \$50.00 first place winner and a \$35.00 second place winner. The club selected for first place will go on to the GFWC level and, if chosen from within our category, could win an additional \$2,500.00. Deadline to submit is March 1, 2022.

Yours In Federation,

Jeanne O'Sullivan

GFWC-NH President 2020-2022

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Calendar of Events

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| August 27-30: | GFWC Convention, Atlanta |
| September 17-19: | New England Region Meeting; Westborough, MA |
| October 21: | Merrimac South District Meeting, Hudson |
| October 23: | Seacoast District Meeting, Portsmouth |
| October 23: | Capitol North District Meeting, Lisbon |
| November 6: | Fall Field Meeting, McClane Audubon Center, Concord |
| November 15: | Newsletter deadline for articles for Winter GFWC-NH Clubwoman |
| December 1: | GFWC-NH Dues |
| December 1: | GFWC-NH Clubwoman published |
| December 8: | GFWC Holiday Reception, Washington, DC– two sessions: 10:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:30 pm-3:30 pm |
| January 15: | On-line reports due |
| January 29: | GFWC-NH Mid-Winter Meeting, location TBD |
| March 1: | Community Impact Project Award entries due to info@gfwcnh.org |
| April 22: | Evening of Unity, Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, NH |
| May 6-7: | GFWC-NH Annual Meeting, location TBA |

Please take a moment this week to get these dates into your personal and club calendars. Set an early “alert” to remind yourself about upcoming events.

Preliminary Call to the GFWC-NH Fall Field Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021

Approximate Time Frame: 9:00-2:00

Location: McClane Audubon Center, Concord, NH

Special Guest: Wendy Carriker, GFWC Second Vice President, North Carolina

Program: Hands-On Workshops focusing on our GFWC Advancement Areas: Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation & Public Policy, Membership

More details will be available closer to the date.



Membership

Beth Roth, GFWC NH President Elect and JAM Club President

Hello Everyone!

It is so nice that Fall 2021 looks to be a promising return to Face to Face Clubwomen Activities! Both President Jeanne and I have been busy this summer searching for the perfect venues for our long awaited in person state meetings. Jeanne has an information packed Fall Field Meeting scheduled for November and the District Directors are busy planning their District Meetings with the Presidents of the three host clubs. I will be sharing more about the Membership incentives that will lead up to our finale for 2022 which will take place at the Historic Wentworth By The Sea Hotel in New Castle, NH! I hope you "don't miss a beat" and join us for these great meetings and celebrations of our membership in this *Grand 125 Year Old GFWC New Hampshire Federation Of Women's Clubs!!!*

See you soon!

Beth

Beth Roth

GFWC NH President-elect 2020-2022

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GFWC NH President Elect Beth Roth and President Jeanne O'Sullivan at GFWC Convention in Atlanta

SAVE THE DATE

GFWC-NH 2022 Annual Meeting

Date: May 6 & 7, 2022

Place: This GRAND Membership/Leadership Event Will Be Held at The Historic...



More Information coming this Fall at your District Meetings and GFWC -NH Fall Field Meeting!

Important Dates:

October 21: Merrimack South District, Chrystina Moran District Director

October 23: Seacoast District, Donna Maskwa, District Director

October 23 Capitol North District. Deb Provencher, District Director

November 6: GFWC-NH Fall Field, McClane Audubon Center, Concord, NH

January 29: Mid-Winter Meeting, location TBD



Congratulations to Nancy Greenberg – NH’s 2021 Protzmann Award Winner

Congratulations to our own, incredible Nancy Greenberg, on being selected as a recipient of the 2021 Protzmann Awards. The Protzmann Awards are given in loving memory of Brigadier General Carol Protzmann in recognition of NH people who go above and beyond to help meet the needs of those who serve in America’s armed forces. Military families were a strong priority of General Protzmann and this award encompasses those in our communities who embrace the lifelong nature of service and the impacts it can have on entire family units.

On June 14, 2021 the first winners of the inaugural Protzmann Awards were announced. Seven individuals, including Nancy Greenberg, and 2 community organizations were recognized. Dan Marcek, New Hampshire Community Veterans Engagement Board (NHCVEB) co-chair, spoke about the significance of these awards. “It’s a BIG award given in the name of somebody really special here in NH. To be able to receive this award in her name is really a distinct and great honor.” Nancy will receive her award for “outstanding service to New Hampshire veterans and their families.” Hosted by NHCares, the inaugural presentation of the Protzmann Awards ceremony will be held on September 14 at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth, NH. Full details, including a video, of the original recipients Announcement Ceremony and the upcoming Awards Ceremony are available on the website www.NHCares.org.

Nancy Greenberg is an active member of GFWC at all levels. Currently, Nancy is the Chairman for the



General Federation of Women’s Clubs International Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program. In that role she communicates to the 80,000 club women about ways to support service men and women who are active or deployed, or at home, and retired.

She previously served GFWC NH in the same Chairman role. Nancy was also our GFWC NH State President serving from 2020-2012. Nancy currently serves on our GFWC NH Executive Committee as our Recording Secretary and also as GFWC NH Resolutions Committee Chair. She also is a member of 3 GFWC clubs! In her work for veterans, she has worked as a liaison between all our clubs and the Women Veterans Program at the Manchester, NH Veterans Administration Medical Center for over 5 years. She is in contact with the program coordinator regularly to ask about the needs of the women veterans and how the GFWC - NH clubs can assist. She has organized a painting class for women veterans and the donation of coloring books, color pencils and more.

Nancy has helped to coordinate the distribution and collection of Christmas stockings to soldiers from many of the GFWC - NH Clubs. In the last 4 years over 650 hand decorated stockings have been donated to Pease Greeters and Operation Care for Troops. This year 30

stockings were filled with socks, small cans of fruit, dental hygiene sets, playing cards, handwritten holiday cards and more.

Pre-Covid Nancy spent many hours at the NH Veteran's Medical Center playing cards, bingo or assisting with other group activities.

Nancy has also supported our veterans through working with the USO. During her term as GFWC NH President she collected cell phones and calling cards to donate.

The New Hampshire Community Veterans Engagement Board selected Nancy based on her commitment, dedication and quality of care for veterans that she has demonstrated over the years. Mr. Marcek, NHCVEB Co-Chair stated, "she is a shining example of community engagement and an inspiration to all of us in the State".

A friend and fellow club member, Denise Raisanen nominated Nancy and is honored to work with her as a GFWC member. Our GFWC members would all agree!

Congratulations to Nancy on receiving this great honor! Thank you for everything you do for our veterans and their families.

Submitted by: Carol Waters, GFWC NH CPR Chairman, cjh20s@comcast.net



Jeanne O'Sullivan, Nancy Greenberg and Beth Roth receive recognition at convention.



Lilly Ledbetter speaks about her fight for equal pay for women, eventually President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law in 2009.



Denise Raisanen

GFWC NH Vice President

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Reporting Update

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2020 GFWC NH Community Service Program and Advancement Awards and to all the GFWC NH Clubs for their work in their communities. President Jeanne O'Sullivan has compiled the Top 10 Projects in all areas as reported by the Chairmen and has posted them on the GFWC NH website, under "Members" in the "Library". Check this section out to see what GFWC NH Clubs have done around the state.

It was my pleasure to read all the reports that were submitted for 2020. Although we were in the middle of an historic Pandemic clubwomen continued to find ways to support their communities and each other. We need to celebrate and be proud of the work we were able to continue, change and do during this time. All of your reports and statistics were compiled and submitted the respective GFWC CSP Chairmen in all areas. I am so very grateful to President Jeanne O'Sullivan and the Chairmen, and I ask for their assistance with the 2021 reports. We await news from the upcoming GFWC International Convention.

| | # Programs | Hours | Money Donated | In-Kind |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| GFWC Signature Program | 16 | 2425 | 11,575 | 1350 |
| GFWC Junior Special Program | 28 | 557 | 24,380 | 2,753 |
| Arts and Culture | 18 | 374 | 2555 | 1301 |
| Civic Engagement | 107 | 27,842 | 35,190 | 12,101 |
| Education and Libraries | 37 | 719 | 29,930 | 4262 |
| Environment | 35 | 505 | 2953 | 703 |
| Health and Wellness | 76 | 9041 | 90,096 | 7,258 |

Reporting Updates 2021

The GFWC NH reporting form has been recently updated and more closely reflects the GFWC CSP's and Affiliates. I encourage all clubs to report now and to continue to report often on their 2020 projects. The reporting guide has been sent to all Presidents. Who reports for a club is not limited to club officers. If you wish to report your club's activities, please have your club President email me to obtain access.



Parliamentarian

Joan Prue, GFWC NH Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Tips

Some odds and ends this time.

- Majority vote...more than half.
- 2/3 vote - 2/3 of those present and voting.
easy to figure take $2/3 \times$ the number
 $2/3 \times 17 = 34/3 = 11 \frac{1}{3} = 12$. When there is a number left over always take the next whole number.
- Quorum – the number of members who must be present to conduct business. This number must be in your bylaws. If it is not, the quorum is a majority of your entire membership.
- Previous Question means to stop debate now. This motion cannot be made when someone is speaking. It requires a 2/3 vote to stop debate. Then another vote to either adopt or not, the motion under discussion at the time.
- Some motions that require a 2/3 vote are: Previous Question, Suspend the Rules, Stop Nominations, Close the Vote, Limit Debate. The reason for the larger vote for these motions is because they take away the rights of the members to continue to do what they were doing.
- Abstain – means to not vote at all. According to RONR we do not call for abstentions, if someone does not wish to vote that's their right.
- The best book for most club presidents and members is *Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised In Brief*. 3rd Edition. Easy to read, easy to follow.

Joan M. Prue, RP
GFWC-NH Parliamentarian



Signature Program

Mary McGahan, GFWC NH Chairman

If you've been thinking about supporting issues pertaining to violence against women, one of the best times to start is NOW.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Center for Victims of Crime, one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Women are abused emotionally, financially, and physically in many of these situations. Abusers create an environment of fear and intimidation using verbal threats and physical violence, as well as controlling the financial resources. This makes it very difficult for anyone being abused to flee.

Domestic violence shelters are so important to help women break free from their horrid conditions and they offer an environment that helps them stay free, as well as without fear of murder. One-third of female homicide victims are women killed by an intimate partner, according to a fact sheet by the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) in the United States. Unfortunately, this statistic is so high because many women are killed as they try to leave their abusers.

Having somewhere safe to hide from their abuser is VERY vital to women of abuse. Many times women leave quickly with their children while their partner is away. They take nothing more than the clothes on their backs in their desperate attempt to get away before being seen. Shelters are wonderful havens that provide food, shelter, clothing, and victim assistance to those seeking refuge.

With the economic downturn and the need for more donated funds, battered women shelters across the globe struggle to do a lot with little funds, while being understaffed and having more and more women to serve. That's why your help is even more important to stock the shelter, raise needed funds, and increase employee and victim morale.

Volunteers and supporters are always needed.

Ways for Clubs to Help Your Local Domestic Violence Shelter:

Gift Cards

Women many times leave their homes very quickly without packing. All they take with them are their children and the clothes on their back. A great way to assist would be clothing or superstore gift cards.

Hygiene Items

Hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste, tampons and pads, diapers, and wipes are always items needed by women who have left their homes quickly. Your local shelter may already have a list of their most needed items.

Group Collections

Pick one particular item and ask members bring those items to a meeting.

Bake Goodies

Bake cookies or goodies and take them to your local shelter for the employees, as well as those living in the shelter. Check ahead to be sure the shelter can take homemade food donations.



Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

Denise Raisenan, GFWC-NH Vice-President and Chairman

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March of Dimes is a GFWC Affiliate. They have created a tool kit with many opportunities including making baby hats, blankets, or donating personal care items for parents in the hospital staying with their growing babies in the nursery. Consider taking up the Blanket Challenge at your November meeting. Make no sew blankets and host a March of Dimes baby shower that supports Military Moms and Babies.

Recognize November as Prematurity Awareness Month. Elliot Hospital Manchester and Dartmouth –Hitchcock Hospital Lebanon have neonatal intensive care units to donate to locally.

Download the March of Dimes Tool Kit from our GFWC NH web site in NEWSROOM or email me for the Tool Kit PDF.





Civic Engagement and Outreach

Sheila Casey and Laurie Jasper, GFWC-NH Co-Chairmen

Always excited to brainstorm... Sheila 603-479-1553 and Laurie 603-566-0669

Civic Engagement includes Crime Prevention, Safety, Disaster Relief, Needy, Hungry, Homeless, Military and Veterans.

Greetings GFWC Sisters. We hope your summer/fall has and will continue to be filled with wonderful memories! We have placed CE insights for your review into this newsletter compiled and edited by the most talented Donna Maskwa and Stephanie Riotta! WE would embrace you contacting us for sharing insights in making the world a better place.



Please Read and Adopt a Woman Veteran!

Did you know the NH Veteran's Home houses over a dozen female Veterans? Your chairmen are proposing to clubs they adopt one or more of these ladies to send letters, cards, notes, zoom, etc. so they know they are thought of and appreciated. This idea was so well received by the home; they have assigned GFWC-NH clubs their personal liaison for direct communication. Her name is Megan Prescott. She can be reached at 603-527-4835 or megan.m.prescott@nhvh.nh.gov.

Megan will match you all with the perfect lady veteran. It will be so exciting to share our experiences getting to know these women. Your chairmen would truly appreciate your participation and ask you to text **yes we will be adopting a veteran with your club name and contact person** to 603-479-1553.

"We rise by lifting others." Robert Ingersoll

Homeless Happenings. A Personal Insight

Have you ever experienced being homeless? Shortly after being honorably discharged from the USN, I was homeless. Recently I was on a walk down Elm St in Manchester with a philanthropist friend, who was filled with anxiety at my communication with homeless persons, after a few encounters began to converse as well. This experience began a dialogue about homelessness. I told him about FAMILY PROMISE and the 81% success rate of this program as they "teach a person how to fish, not just give them those fish." In 2020, FAMILY PROMISE served 178K in 43 states to achieve sustainable independence through community response. By the year 2030 (omgoodness that's only 9 years away!) they will have blessed 1 Million children with a secure environment! We encourage clubs to support FAMILY PROMISE! FYI..Southern NH (serving Rockingham & Hillsborough County,) Concord and Seacoast are the 3 current NH locations.



"If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it change your attitude."

Maya Angelou

Reporting Request

Thank you to GFWC NH VP Denise Raisanen for outlining reporting for us, in a recent email.

BECAUSE Civic Engagement has so many areas, when reporting, your Chairmen are asking each club to **denote their signature and most creative project selections with an asterisk, and a detailed narrative of said projects.**

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill



Flag Etiquette

Thank you Nancy Greenberg GFWC Civic Engagement Chairman for the wonderful article in GFWC News and Notes (below) regarding Flag Etiquette and for bringing FAMILY PROMISE to the attention of GFWC International. You're the best!

“You're A Grand Old Flag, You're A High-Flying Flag...” George M. Cohan

July 4, 1776 was the day the U.S. Declaration of Independence was formally adopted by the Continental Congress. John Adams called for people to celebrate the day with, “Pomp and Parade, Shews and Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this day forward forever more.” On June 14, 1777, to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act.

While preparing for any event involving our flag, keep a copy of the United States Flag Code handy. It is law, since June 22, 1942, which formalizes and unifies [U.S. flag etiquette](#):

- United States flags should only be displayed on parade floats if they are on a staff.
- When a flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless at half-staff.
- When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag—of a state, community, society or Scout unit—the U.S. flag must always be at the top.
- If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be furthest from the building.
- The U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of a group.
- When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union should be at the top, to the flag's own right, and to the observer's left.
- When displayed in a window, it should be displayed in the same way—with the union to the left of the observer in the street.
- When a flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

Take time to prepare a flag display in your community and on your own property for July 4, and to make plans to attend your town's parade with family and friends. I also urge you to plan for other holidays and memorial commemorative days. Veterans Day and President's Day are both important days to show respect to the U.S. flag, as is September 11 to remember all of the lives lost. But honoring the U.S. flag does not have to be confined to these days; it can be a year-round practice.

Be sure to share any club-organized celebrations that honor the U.S. flag with PR@GFWC.org to be considered for the GFWC Blog.



Environment Community Service Program

Phyllis Appler, GFWC-NH Chairman

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Plastic bag and film recycling:

Many thanks to Judy McPhail for bringing this to our attention! Trex recycling to earn a free bench made from recycled plastic has really become a big thing in Hudson, and your club can do it, too. If you have a collection spot, go for it! You won't believe how quickly 500 pounds can accumulate! If not, Concord Contemporary found that they could drop the plastic at Hannaford and record the amounts and get credit that way! <https://recycle.trex.com/view/programs> should give you the information that you need to get started. Flyer to follow.



Remember that now is the time to begin purchase fall bulbs and other plants that are better started in the fall. And it's a wonderful time to be in the out of doors! The Society for the Protection of NH Forests has a Five Hikes Challenge that runs from August 31 to October 31. <https://forestsociety.org/5-hikes-challenge> will take you to the registration page. There are 25 hikes from which to choose. Can you find five that will work for you? Go ahead and register! Support this long time partner of GFWC-NH and get outside and moving in our wonderful state.

Enjoy your fall!

Phyllis

Left: GFWC NH President Jeanne O'Sullivan with Fundraising and Development Chairman Tina Smith

Right: President Jeanne O'Sullivan lends a hand at Convention



Message from President Jeanne

GFWC-NH CSP Chairmen Needed!

What's are your favorite GFWC Community Service Projects? Share your passion with our GFWC-NH members by stepping up to be our next Education and Libraries Chair or our Health and Wellness Chair. Covid sent us all a curveball this year and at GFWC-NH we still have 2 open Chairmen positions. This year these positions couldn't be more critical. We need your enthusiasm and ideas. Please consider stepping up into either of these NH leadership positions. Check out the Club Manual in the GFWC Member Portal for your best info on these programs. The ideas are exciting and endless. Spread your passion for these programs to our GFWC-NH club members. Consider serving as our next Chairman in Education and Libraries or Health and Wellness. Reach out today to GFWC-NH President, Jeanne O'Sullivan at president@gfwcnh.org and we'll get you onboard!



EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES Community Service Projects Chair

Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book. GFWC has an amazing history of support for libraries. In the 1930's, the Federation was credited by the American Library Association for establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries! With NH school kids returning to their classrooms, matching our clubs with creative projects benefitting their communities is going to make a HUGE difference. In addition, nearly one out of ten U.S. families is raising a child with a disability. Our GFWC Challenge project is to support STEM programs for special needs students.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS Community Service Projects Chair

The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our wellbeing, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. We are living in unique times and the future chair of this Community Service Program will be a huge asset to our clubs and members. This program's Challenge Project is Physical Funding for Mental Health Programs. Research on depression, anxiety and exercise shows that the psychological and physical benefits of exercise can also help improve mood and reduce anxiety. Participation in last year's NAMIWalks Your Way is an excellent example of what we can accomplish working/walking together.

Additional volunteer opportunities for the remainder of the 2021 Administration:

- 2 people to serve on the **Internal Financial Review** Committee along with Denise Lazotte, Candia Community Women's Club. The primary purpose of this committee is to audit the state treasury records. This may be accomplished in one meeting. A brief report is presented at the Fall Field Meeting. One position would be for two years; the other for three years.
- 1 person to serve on the **High School Scholarship Committee** with Judy McPhail and Sue Faretra, both from the Concord Contemporary Club.
- A chairman or co-chairmen for the **Community Impact Program (CIP) award**. Responsibilities are to manage club applications for this award, arrange for a panel of NON GFWC judges and ensure that the first and second place club winners from GFWC-NH are submitted to GFWC in a timely manner. Club applications are due by March 1, 2022. Winning submissions are due to GFWC by March 20, 2022.



Communications/Public Relations Committee

Carol Waters, GFWC-NH Chairman

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Hello everyone,

I have some thoughts about **GFWC CPR.**

As a friend of your club, I hope to make you more mindful of using the social networks.

First of all, if you haven't used ZOOM or don't know how to, it's a must. This will help you stay in touch with your fellow members, the ones in your club and statewide. Let me know if you need help with it. Talk to a friend or younger relatives. They can give you a hand too. Or ask your local technological school if they have a student or two that could show you, as a club, how to do a ZOOM meeting.

Do you have a club CPR Chairman? If you write about a club event, make sure you get a photo to submit to your local paper. You can send the article and photo via email. Call the news outlet first and ask for the name and email of the contact person who should receive your article. Utilize your GFWC.org website to read up on the many ideas GFWC CPR Committee has.

Do you have a club banner with the Registered GFWC Logo on it as seen above?

Do you have club business cards, and Rack cards or brochures? You should have these to bring to all your club events or leave some at your public library. Club aprons to wear at events are also a great idea.

I know of two clubs in NH that applied for a GFWC NH Grant and got pop up tents and tablecloths with the GFWC Logo. If you need info on where to get these let me know. All of these items communicate to your potential members what you do, where you meet and whom to contact!

If you haven't heard about the new GFWC NH Media Release forms, email me.

Does your club have a WEBSITE? Do you have a Facebook Page? Are they up to date? Now is the time to shine. Clubs will be starting active meetings in September. Your club should be on social media.

And finally, see ***** below, consider adding something like this on your tagline.

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GFWC NH CPR Chairman

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*****I am a community volunteer, a 40+ member of GFWC, a mother, friend, sister, retired nurse, gardener, traveler and I am GFWC.



Fundraising and Development

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Hello Federation Sisters!

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING! In 2020 our NH clubs raised \$139,335.00 with their fundraisers, with 8,608 volunteer hours. Thank you for your efforts!

I wanted to share some information I hope will help you when reporting on fundraising & development.

How to report Fundraising Activity when money raised is donated to an organization under a Community Service Program (CSP):

- Club holds a bake sale as a fundraiser to benefit their local library
- Club members had \$300.000 in-kind donations (they spent that much for supplies, ie: baking ingredients, decorations, etc.)
- Club members had 100 volunteer hours planning the bake sale, baking, time at actual event
- Club raises \$5,000.00 at the bake sale (fundraiser) and will donate all of it to the library.
- Club members had one (1) volunteer hour presenting the money to the library
- Club can report this bake sale project in two (2) places
 1. Fundraising & Development
 2. Education & Libraries (CSP)
- Under **Fundraising & Development:**
 - Report *Volunteer Hours* spent planning bake sale, baking, time at actual event for all club members (100)
 - Report *Dollars Raised* at the event (\$5,000.00)
- Under **Education & Libraries:**
 - Report *Volunteer Hours* presenting money to the library (1)
 - Report *Dollars Donated* (\$5,000.00)
 - Report *In Kind Donations* (\$300.00)

THE ONLY THINGS YOU NEED TO REPORT FOR FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT IS VOLUNTEER HOURS AND DOLLARS RAISED

SAVE THE DATE:

The 3rd ANNUAL GFWC NH EVENING OF UNITY: April 22, 2022, held at The Derryfield Restaurant in Manchester, NH. This will raise money for Jeanne's President's Project, which is the GO FORTH WITH CONFIDENCE NH SCHOLARSHIP. WE WILL HOLD 50/50 RAFFLES AT STATE MEETINGS! BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK OR CASH \$\$\$\$\$\$

I just wanted to share this updated information from Flower Power, our GFWC approved fundraising partner. It's always a good time to review what they have to offer clubs. Here's their link.

<https://mailchi.mp/8a3919ad2ba1/contactless-sales-delivery-earn-50-profit-5029871?e=bf757a997b>

In Federation,
Tina



Legislation and Public Policy

Laurie Jasper, GFWC-NH Chairman

The following are pieces of current legislation in the 117th Congress which GFWC is currently monitoring. The following lists the title and number, description, and whether GFWC supports or opposes. If you'd like more information, please sign up by searching online for "GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC)". LAC makes it convenient to send a message to our U.S. House and Senate members and keeps GFWC members updated.

1. Federal - HR 485 A bill to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes. Passed House, sent to Senate.

GFWC Supports

2. Federal - S J Res 1 Equal Rights Amendment. Introduced in the Senate on 1/22/2021

GFWC Supports

3. Federal - H J Res 17 Equal Rights Amendment. Passed the House March 17, 2021

GFWC Supports

4. Federal - HR 7 A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

Passed the House March 17, 2021

GFWC Supports

5. Federal - S 205 A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

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GFWC New Hampshire Clubwoman Newsletter

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We love PHOTOS!!

Welcome back!! We hope all our clubs come back to more in person activities this year. When you do, be sure to grab your phone and take a lot of pictures of your whole club! Think of it as preserving history, especially in light of our GFWC-NH 125th anniversary. Send me a quick article with that perfect shot and we'll get it into the next newsletter. Group shots can be easier than you think, and boy do we love those!! Just google something like "hilarious group photos of women" or something similar and you'll see great ideas that can work for your club. I'm re-sharing two great group photo ideas below.

Please watch your mail this month for another supplemental edition. We will be including all the Fall District Meeting Calls and the GFWC-NH Fall Field Call as well as some other very important updates. All the dates are on the calendar in this edition, but the full calls will come a little later -ASAP.

Our next deadline for submitting articles for the Winter GFWC-NH Clubwoman Newsletter is November 15 with a target mailing date of Dec 1. Email articles to donna.maskwa@gmail.com

Presidents, please forward the newsletter to your members just to be sure they receive it! If you have new members who are not on the newsletter mailing list, please send us their information.

And finally, be sure to put "Newsletter Ideas" on your next club meeting agenda and send in those club photos and any ideas you'd like to see in the Newsletter.

Here's our great group photo Award winners!!



Concord Contemporary Club



GFWC-NH 19th Amendment Commemoration



Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Book Club

Mary McGahan, GFWC NH Chairman

Our next ESO reading selection is These is my Words by Nancy E. Turner. Our review will be Saturday, October 28th via Zoom at 6pm.

The following article on the history of ESO is shared with appreciation to GFWC Education and Libraries Community Service Program Chairman Tina Daniel.

The honorary educational society Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) was organized in 1928 as an adult education project of the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs and was incorporated in 1930. Its purpose was to encourage clubwomen to read and study. Affiliated with GFWC in 1934, the first national meeting of ESO was held in 1934 at the GFWC Convention in Seattle. It provided a course of planned reading for members. Groups of clubwomen were eligible to take ESO courses for credit with supervision provided by an authorized educational agency such as a state university, college, or a state library. Full membership in the sorority could be achieved after completion of four courses. In 1938, ESO was accepted as part of the Adult Education Division of the GFWC Education Department.

EPSILON SIGMA

OMICRON



Bertha J. Lacey, a well-known Indiana artist, designed the crest in 1932 for ESO in the form of a shield, the ancient symbol of protection. Below the crest is the torsade bearing the name Epsilon Sigma Omicron. The torsade was originally a wreath of twisted ribbon presented to a crusader when he set out on a quest. The dove of peace that crowns the crest symbolizes aspiration.

The structure of the ESO reading program has changed with the times. It flourishes today by providing an educational reading program that stimulates a desire for self-improvement. Updates to the 23 categories on the reading list are based on selected best seller lists, American Library Association lists, Pulitzer and other prize lists, and GFWC-related topics.



GFWC-NH Greenland Women's Club

Bonnie Gates

"It is with great pleasure, and also with great thanks, that the Greenland Women's Club presented the 2021 Citizen of the Year award to Craig and Marcia McLaughlin,"

The McLaughlin's have worked tirelessly to make the addition to Greenland's library a reality.

Marcia is a member of the Greenland Women's Club and a vital committee member selecting and working with the crafters of the annual Pie and Craft Festival.

They also opened their home and sewing room monthly to a group making quilts for Project Linus, an organization dedicated to providing warmth and comfort to children by giving them handmade quilts.





GFWC-NH Hudson Woman's Club

Phyllis Appler, President

GFWC Hudson Women's Club cleanup crew gets the #9 School ready for Open House at Old Home Days. Visitors will be able to enter through the Girls' or Boys' door, write with a quill pen and ink, play games from the turn of the last century, be the teacher in a one room school, and enjoy special #9 School Cookies and lemonade. No dunce caps will be used in the recreation of this school environment!





Exeter Area GFWC

Mary Ryan, President

Photo submissions by Carol Waters

Below from left to right, Marty Kirsch, EAGFWC CO-Recording I Secretary, Carol Waters, Advisor to EAGFWC's President and newly installed EAGFWC President Mary Ryan. The first summer social in a while for the club.



Wine Tasting and Membership Social



Installation of new officers for EAGFWC.

Carol Waters and Monice Loff of EXETER AREA GFWC, co-membership chairmen.

Check out their new tablecloth!



GFWC-NH Nottingham Area Women's Club

Sarah Brown, President

Happy Almost Fall from the Nottingham Area Women's Club!

Since the seasons are starting to change, so is our focus!! It's scarecrow time!! We are currently getting organized with painting our scarecrow heads and assembling stakes for our Annual Scarecrow Fundraiser! We are working on our website, there will be more information on our FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwomensclub>) about how you can participate in a FUN, community wide fundraiser! The money for this fundraiser is put into our scholarship fund for a local high school graduate. We always LOVE to have the community help with creativity and participation!

This year scarecrows are available by donations and stakes will cost \$5. We will have our website up and available for picking your scarecrow head and free delivery of parts and pieces for Nottingham residents!

In other news, we are continuing our collection of gently used wedding/formal dresses for the "Angel Babies" organization. They make dressing gowns for babies who have passed away. If you want more information about the organization, please check out their website, <http://www.angelbabiesma.org/angel-gowns-by-angel-babies.html>, or connect with us via email, Nottingham.WomensClub@gmail.com. If you have donations, we are continuing to collect dresses! If you do not have dresses to donate but wish to contribute, you can donate any of the following: 24x24 crocheted, knitted, or sewn blankets, crocheted or knitted hats under newborn sizes, crocheted hearts, scissors, basic sewing supplies, craft store gift cards, Flannel material, zip top bags, yarn, and monetary donations.





GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club

Sue Leahy and Laura Otterson, Co-Presidents

When we met for the first time last August we had Covid and all its restrictions running our lives; we were uncertain about what our Club could actually get done. But now, when we look at our list of accomplishments the only thing we can say is "What a great year!"

As time went on, we not only adapted but we flourished. We discovered new parks and courtyards throughout Dover as we moved our meetings and "Coffee Chats" outdoors. We learned to Zoom with the best of them, with a newly formed Book Group, a wear red event, a fireside chat and even a scavenger hunt. We took to the Dover Trails for walks and talks and masked and socially distanced as we volunteered at the Dover Food Pantry and bagged food for End 68. Through it all we lived our slogan, "You've Got a Friend in Me".

We participated in "NAMI NH Walks Your Way" raising over \$700, planted bulbs for Dover Gardening, wrote holiday cards to our military personnel overseas, prepared hot, homemade soup for all our Dover firefighters, decorated Dover with whirling pinwheels and held a plant sale raising \$800 for N.H. Children's Trust, adopted 2 sites at Joe B. Parks Garden, and at Riverside Rest Home completed 3 seasonal plantings, wrote numerous cards to the residents throughout the year and donated a humongous box of chocolates!

Did we say "Donated"? Oh yes, we did! We donated School supplies for Dover Children's Home, food for Pope Memorial Animal Shelter, End 68 Hours of Hunger holiday snacks, Haven gift cards and supplies, Dover homeless coats and food, Heifer International support for women, hygiene bags for Waypoint, and more snacks for the Dover Teen Center. And we're sure there might be a few more! We lost a fellow sister and friend this past year, Shirley, who loved family, friends, and a good time. We're sure she's with us each time we get together.

And, as we celebrated our 10-year anniversary, we discovered that we come from a long line of passionate and caring women, with GFWC Dover dating back to 1899.

We are all so grateful we had this year together with friends and **WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS NEW YEAR TO START!**





GFWC-NH Woman’s Club of Somersworth

Stephanie Riotta, President

We said goodbye in March to our beloved member, Esther “Toddy” Eastman. Toddy was a dedicated member of our club since 1954!

We found over the winter at our Zoom book reviews that our club loves to read so one of our spring meetings was an informative presentation by the Somersworth librarian. She shared with us many new resources available to patrons through the library website and state-wide share programs. We wrapped up our club year in June with our annual outing to York beach where we enjoyed a lovely brown-bag lunch on the porch of our very gracious hostess Janice Wentworth, 48-year club member. In August we managed to reschedule a tour, postponed for 18 months, of the new Pope Memorial Humane Society in Dover followed by dinner together.

The Woman’s Club of Somersworth theme for the new year is ‘Supporting Women in Business in Our Community’. We look forward to upcoming meetings either at a local business owned by a woman or with a presenter from a woman owned business. Not only do we expect to learn about these motivated women, we hope to spread awareness of our club and of course attract some new members! We look forward to our first meeting at Westwind Gardens Florist where we will also participate in some hands-on flower arranging.

Bottom left: Tour of Pope Memorial Humane Society

Bottom right: April pinwheels at Esther Cohen’s house



Proposed Amendments to the GFWC-NH Bylaws

To be voted on at GFWC NH Fall Field Meeting

November 6, 2021

| CURRENT WORDING | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | IF ADOPTED, WILL READ |
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| CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 5 SECTION 3 | | |
| There shall be a Board of Directors comprising the Executive Committee, Past State Presidents, District Directors, Chairmen of Community Service Programs and Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees. | There shall be a Board of Directors comprising the Executive Committee, Past State Presidents, <u>Past State Directors of Junior Clubs</u> , District Directors, Chairmen <u>and members</u> of Community Service Programs, Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees, <u>and a Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor.</u> | There shall be a Board of Directors comprising the Executive Committee, Past State Presidents, Past State Directors of Junior Clubs, District Directors, Chairmen and members of Community Service Programs, Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees, and a Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. |
| Rationale: | | |

Past Junior Directors have been left out of membership on the Board as has the Parliamentarian and members of Community Service Programs have also been left out. The Bylaws Committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE V – Representation Section 2.

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| The voting body of the Board of Directors shall be: (a) all members of the Executive Committee; (b) Past State Presidents; (c) the District Directors; (d) Chairmen and members of Community Service Programs; (e) Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees. | The voting body of the Board of Directors shall be : (a) all members of the Executive Committee; (b) Past State Presidents; (c) <u>Past State Directors of Junior Clubs</u> ; (d) Chairmen and members of Community Service Programs; (e) Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees; <u>the Parliamentarian or the Parliamentary Advisor.</u> | The voting body of the Board of Directors shall be; (a) all members of the Executive Committee; (b) Past State Presidents; (c) Past State Directors of Junior Clubs; (d) Chairmen and members of Community Service Programs; (e) Chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees; <u>and the Parliamentarian or the Parliamentary Advisor.</u> |
| Rationale: | | |

This amendment brings the bylaws in compliance with the Constitution. The Bylaws Committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

ARTICLE II – Duties of Officers
Section 8

There shall be three geographical divisions, known as Districts. There shall be a District Director representing each District to be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting in the even numbered years. Each District Director shall: (a) appoint a Publicity Chairman who shall assist in planning publicity for the District Conference; (b) appoint a Membership Chairman; (c) hold a meeting with the District Club Presidents two months in advance of the District meeting to distribute pertinent data to plan the program for the District Conference; (d) preside at the District Conference; (e) prepare a written report for the annual meeting.

Rationale:

The duties put forth in this bylaw have not been carried out for several years. This will give the President or Dean of District Directors the choice of what duties to assign the District Directors. The Bylaws Committee recommends that this bylaw be adopted. Proposed by Jeanne O’Sullivan.

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ARTICLE VI – Meetings
Section 5.

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Proposed by the Bylaws Committee. It has been difficult to get and retain the quorum at State meetings. The Bylaws Committee recommends the adoption of this amendment.

ARTICLE VII – Nominations and Elections Section 6

The President shall appoint a clerk, three tellers, and name one as chairman, to report the result of the balloting.

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Proposed by the Bylaws Committee. With so few members attending meetings it is felt that 2 tellers can complete this task. The Committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

ARTICLE VII – Nominations and Elections Section 5.

A candidate for the office of District Director shall be an active member of a GFWC-NH club and shall have served as a Club President.

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Proposed by the Nominations and Elections Committee

Rationale:

The Bylaws Committee believes that the office of District Director is a high leadership office since the members are voted on and installed as Officers of the Federation. They should require more leadership training than just serving on a committee.

The Bylaws Committee recommends that this amendment NOT be adopted. If it is not adopted the following may be voted on to take its place.

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Proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

The Bylaws Committee recommends that this amendment be adopted.

Beth Roth
Linda Twombly
Joan Prue, RP