



**General Federation of Women’s Clubs
New England Region 115th Conference**

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Tina Smith, GFWC New England Region President

Theme: *Be Bold. Use Your Voice!*

September 13-15, 2024

115th GFWC New England Region Conference CALL

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PORTLAND

363 MAINE MALL RD, PORTLAND, MAINE

1-207-775-6161



Conference Theme: “I’ve Got the Music in ME.”



2024 Conference Co-Chairmen:

Nancy Ames, nancyames76@gmail.com & Maureen Provencal, mrprovencal81@gmail.com

GFWC New England Region members,

You are officially invited to the 115th GFWC New England Region Conference hosted by GFWC Maine in Portland, ME. Please mark your calendars for September 13-15, 2024, get your hotel reservation made and mail in your registrations asap. The NER Annual Meeting is known for making connections and very special memories. This meeting will prepare us for a fantastic year of volunteering and reminds us we are members of the best women’s volunteer organization in the world! You will get to meet our GFWC leaders - GFWC International President Suellen Brazil and GFWC President-elect Wendy Carrier.

Make sure you read every page in this CALL, it is loaded with needed information regarding the weekend. Maine Co-Chairmen Maureen Provencal and Nancy Ames having been working so hard to make sure the 2024 NER Conference is one you will remember and will fill you with pride to be a GFWC member.

Last, I challenge each of you to bring at least one club member with you who has not attended a NER meeting before. Tell them why it’s your favorite GFWC meeting to attend and that you want to share the experience with them. Can not wait to see you in Portland, Maine!

In Federation,

Tina Smith, President
GFWC New England Region
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Doubletree by Hilton Portland

Address: 363 Maine Mall Rd, South Portland, ME 04106 **Telephone Number:** 207-775-6161

If you call, use the extension for Reservations (NOT front desk) and refer to the rate code of GFW.

Direct Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/pwmmmdt-gfw-79116bd0-09b5-409f-a6ae-e63088041864/>

Room Block Price: \$199.00 **Group Rate Closes** 8/12/24 or once sold out.

Directions:

To get to 363 Maine Mall Rd in South Portland via I-295 N:

Start on I-295 N: Begin your journey on Interstate 295 Northbound; **Take Exit 1A:** Follow signs for Exit 1A towards Maine Mall Road; **Merge onto Maine Mall Road;** After taking the exit, merge onto Maine Mall Road heading east; **Arrive at 363 Maine Mall Rd;** Continue on Maine Mall Road until you reach your destination at 363 Maine Mall Rd, South Portland.

To reach 363 Maine Mall Rd in South Portland via I-95 N:

Start on I-95 N; Begin your journey on Interstate 95 Northbound; **Merge onto I-295 N;** Stay on I-95 N until you reach the exit for I-295 N (Exit 44) towards South Portland/Downtown Portland; **Take Exit 3;** Follow signs for Exit 3 towards US-1/ME-9/ME-100/Maine Mall Road; **Turn onto Maine Mall Rd;** After exiting, turn left onto Maine Mall Rd and continue straight; **Arrive at 363 Maine Mall Rd;** Continue on Maine Mall Rd until you reach your destination at 363 Maine Mall Rd, South Portland

To get to 363 Maine Mall Rd in South Portland via I-295 S:

Start on I-295 S; Begin your journey on Interstate 295 Southbound; **Take Exit 3;** Follow signs for Exit 3 towards US-1/Maine Mall Road; **Turn right onto Maine Mall Rd;** After exiting, turn right onto Maine Mall Rd and continue straight; **Arrive at 363 Maine Mall Rd;** Continue on Maine Mall Rd until you reach your destination at 363 Maine Mall Rd, South Portland.

To reach 363 Maine Mall Rd in South Portland via I-95 S:

Start on I-95 S; Begin your journey on Interstate 95 Southbound; **Merge onto I-295 S;** Stay on I-95 S until you reach the exit for I-295 S (Exit 44) towards South Portland/Downtown Portland; **Take Exit 3;** Follow signs for Exit 3 towards US-1/Maine Mall Road; **Turn right onto Maine Mall Rd;** After exiting, turn right onto Maine Mall Rd and continue straight; **Arrive at 363 Maine Mall Rd;** Continue on Maine Mall Rd until you reach your destination at 363 Maine Mall Rd, South Portland.



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See page seven (7) for complete preliminary agenda

Thursday night, September 12:

- ♪ For those who arrive early and want to join us for dinner out at Dimillo's on the Water, 25 Long Wharf, Portland, Maine 04101; 1-207-772-2216; <https://www.dimillos.com/>
- ♪ RSVP to Nancy Ames nancyames76@gmail.com; Please RSVP by September 6, 2024

Friday, September 13:

- ♪ Suggested attire -business casual
- ♪ Victoria Mansion Tour
- ♪ Service Project
- ♪ NER Board of Directors meeting

Friday night, September 13: "At the Hop!"

- ♪ Suggested attire – 1950/60's Sock Hop Attire is encouraged.
- ♪ Entertainment: Elvis will be in the house!
- ♪ Junior Fun Night hosted by MA Junior Membership.

Saturday, September 14:

- ♪ Suggested attire –business casual
- ♪ Business meeting

Lunch: "Be Bold. Use Your Voice!"

Dinner: "We are the World"

- ♪ Suggested attire – cocktail attire.
- ♪ Entertainment: Pihcintu Multi-National Girls Choir

Sunday, September 15: "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital"

- ♪ Suggested attire -GFWC emblematic casual travel wear.
- ♪ Business meeting
- ♪ Closing ceremonies



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PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO STATE FUNDRAISING TABLES THIS YEAR (EXCEPT FOR THE HOST STATE, MAINE)

Pre-Conference Fundraising Ticket Sales

Opportunity Drawings (aka 50/50) \$5 each or 3/\$10

*NER Raffle: Gift Card Bouquet 5/\$10 or 15/\$20

One Night Paid for Hotel at 2024 NER MAINE \$10 each

*Our Gift Card Bouquet Raffle, sponsored by our NER states, will each include gift cards for "A Day of . . ." fun, shopping, relaxing, etc. We can't wait to see what our states will have for us!

ONLY AVAILABLE WITH REGISTRATION:

_____ Fundraising Bonus Bundle #1 - \$25

3 Opportunity Tickets

5 NER Raffle Tickets

1 Hotel Night Drawing Ticket

_____ Fundraising Bonus Bundle #2 - \$40

6 Opportunity Tickets

15 NER Raffle Tickets

2 Hotel Night Drawing Tickets

PLUS- for either bundle - Your choice of one (1) of the following:

_____ 1 Hotel Night Drawing Ticket

_____ 3 Opportunity Drawing Tickets

_____ 5 NER Raffle Tickets

Not attending NER Conference this year? No problem! Enter the separate *non-attende*e opportunity drawing, just for YOU! Help us raise funds to help the patients and groundbreaking research done through St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We will draw the winner on Facebook LIVE Sunday September 15, 2024 Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10

Mail this form to: Janet Trombetti, 133 Gordon St., Cranston, RI 02910 ; YOU CAN INCLUDE THIS TOTAL WITH YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CHECK; Made payable to **GFWC New England Region** (Ex: Registration \$25, Fundraising \$40; check total \$65)

Fundraising Questions? Please contact NER Fundraising Chairman Wendy Clery wendy.clery@gmail.com



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CHECK OUT THE NEW ENGLAND REGION FACEBOOK GROUP!



Scan me

All you have to do to join our new Facebook Group: Scan this QR code with your phone or go to linktr.ee/GFWCNER

Please make it easy on the administrators by answering the group questions- it helps avoid spammers and non-members getting into the group. We will share information and fun on this facebook group for New England members only.



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Exhibitor Showcase:

- ♪ GFWC Maine is on the search for fantastic vendors, so bring your wallets with you!

Tour:

- ♪ Victoria Mansion is a much-loved Portland landmark, but its significance extends far beyond Maine. Distinguished for its architecture and its extraordinary original interiors, it is among the most important historic homes of the nineteenth century anywhere in the nation. As an organization, our mission is to conserve, maintain, and restore this one-of-a-kind property and share its history with the public. Visitors are not permitted to use flash photography or take videos of the Mansion interiors.

<https://victoriamansion.org/>

- ♪ Victoria Mansion Tour, Friday, September 13, 10:00am; Please meet in Hotel Lobby by 9:30am; We will Uber to the mansion. Tour and Uber will total \$20 per person. Sign up on the Meals & Tour Registration form on page nine (9).

Service Project:

- ♪ Members will fill 30 backpacks (to be donated by GFWC Semper Fidelis Club) with items for children going into foster care. Co-Chairmen, Maureen and Nancy, will email each State President soon to ask for donations to bring to NER by September 13, 12pm.

Fun Night with MA Juniors:

- ♪ All clubwomen are invited to attend Fun Night following the Friday evening program. Bring your competitive spirit and participate on a large team, or just come for the entertainment! Reach out to MA Director of Junior Clubs, Beth Mckeeon at director@gfwcma.org with any questions. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Processional Formation:

- ♪ 8:45 am September 14, Saturday morning
State Presidents, please remember to bring white gloves, state flag, and flag stand.

Request for information for Remembrance Ceremony:

- ♪ **State Presidents**, please email Donna Maskwa, donna.maskwa@gmail.com, by **September 6, 2024** with the names of any New England Region board members who have passed away since fall of 2023.



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PRELIMINARY MEETING AGENDA



Friday-September 13, 2024

9:00am – 12:00pm	Registration Table Open
10:00am - 12:00pm	Tour – Victoria Mansion
2:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration Table Open
2:00pm - 6:30pm	Exhibitor Showcase
1:00pm	Service Project (Backpacks for Foster Children)
3:30pm	Region Board of Directors Meeting
5:30pm	Social Gathering
6:30pm	GFWC Maine State Night Banquet
7:30pm	Entertainment 'Elvis' Junior Fun Night

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:00am–4:30 pm	Exhibitor Showcase
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration Table Open
8:45am	Processional Formation
9:00am	Business Session Reports of Region Officers <i>GFWC Program Presentations:</i> Signature Program Juniors' Special Program Community Service Programs ~ Circle of Service Fundraising Luncheon Recess Guest Speaker ~ GFWC President-elect Wendy Carriker Resumption of Business Session <i>GFWC Program Presentations:</i> Annual Giving Program Workshops ~ Membership; Leadership; Legislation/Public Policy; Communications 2024 LEADS Graduates **GFWC President-Elect, Wendy Carriker, will meet with 2026-2028 Region President, State Presidents, and Director of Junior Clubs**
5:30pm	Social Gathering
6:30pm	GFWC New England Region Banquet
7:30pm	Guest Speaker ~ GFWC International President Suellen Brazil
8:00pm	Pihcintu Multi-National Girls Choir

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00am - 9:30am	Breakfast Buffet
9:30am	Remembrance Ceremony State Presidents and Director of Junior Clubs Panel Guest speaker ~ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Closing Remarks Invitation to the 2025 New England Region Conference Closing Ceremonies



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 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM** 

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

State Affiliation: _____ Present Office held : _____

Previously attended a GFWC New England Region Conference? [] Yes [] No

Participating in the Service Project on Friday, September 13? [] Yes [] No

[\$25] _____ per person for the entire Conference

[\$15] _____ per person for one day or part thereof

Friday 09/13 _____ Saturday 09/14 _____ Sunday 09/15 _____

PLEASE: One registration form for each attendee (copy if needed)

Make a separate check for registration payable to **GFWC New England Region**

Registration must be received by **8/30/24 (sorry no refunds after 8/30/24)**

Mail this form to Janet Trombetti, 133 Gordon St., Cranston, RI 02910

Questions: janet.trombetti@gmail.com or 401-465-4768

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Special Medical Needs: _____

Allergies: _____



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MEAL & TOUR REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

State Affiliation: _____ Present Office: _____

Please list any food allergies: _____

MEALS:

Friday Night GFWC Maine State Night Banquet "At the Hop"

Roasted chicken breast with mushrooms, fontina cheese, smashed potatoes and roasted seasonal vegetables in a madeira wine sauce. Organic green salad. Strawberry shortcake () \$65.00

Eggplant lasagna with roasted tomato, ricotta and torn basil. Organic green salad Strawberry shortcake () \$62.00

Saturday Lunch Buffet "Be Bold. Use Your Voice!"

Salads and sandwiches (smoked turkey, classic BLT, Avocado and piquillo pepper Romesco) () \$48.00

Saturday Night New England Region Banquet "We are the World"

Braised short ribs with parmesan polenta, roasted seasonal vegetables, red wine Demi-glace. Baby kale & red quinoa salad. Chocolate hazelnut toffee cake. () \$72.00

Farro stuffed roasted sweet pepper wrapped in phyllo & roasted seasonal vegetables. Chocolate hazelnut toffee cake. () \$66.00

Sunday Breakfast Buffet "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital"

Assorted cereals, fruits, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon & chicken sausage. () \$30.00

TOTAL FOR MEALS \$ _____

Victoria Mansion Tour including Uber Transportation: () \$20.00

PLEASE: One reservation form for each attendee (copy if needed) **Must be received by August 30, 2024;** no refunds after that date.

Make separate check for meals/tour payable to **GFWC Maine**

Mail this form to: Maureen Provencal, 7 Daisy Lane, Skowhegan Maine 04976



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On behalf of the GFWC New England Conference Standing Rules Committee, attached are the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules.

Thank you,

Davida D. Barter, ME Chairman

Debra A. Capuano, RI

Nancy Kalyan CT

Lorinda MacLeod VT

Katie Robey MA

Marilyn Suszek NH

GFWC New England Region Proposed Standing Rules Amendments.

Article IV. Officers. 2. currently reads:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Massachusetts	Connecticut	Vermont	Maine
Connecticut	Maine	Rhode Island	New Hampshire
Maine	New Hampshire	Massachusetts	Vermont
New Hampshire	Vermont	Connecticut	Rhode Island
Vermont	Rhode Island	Maine	Massachusetts
Rhode Island	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Connecticut

Proposed amendment to strike the current ARTICLE 4. Officers. 2. and insert the following to read:

ARTICLE IV. Officers. 2.

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
New Hampshire	Massachusetts	Connecticut	Rhode Island
Massachusetts	Rhode Island	Maine	Connecticut
Rhode Island	Connecticut	New Hampshire	Maine
Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire
Maine	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Massachusetts

In the event Vermont wishes to field a candidate in the future, that candidate will be placed for nomination as Treasurer and the rotation shall be reconfigured.

Rationale: Vermont was unable to field a candidate and therefore the configuration was necessary.



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GFWC New England Region Proposed Standing Rules Amendments, Continued:

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS. 3.b. currently reads:

First have served as a State President, if no candidate is available, then second would be Past State Director of Junior Clubs and third would be a Past State Officer. If there are no candidates from that State, then a candidate from one of the other states, not represented, may be considered following Article IV Section 9. Vacancies.

Proposed amendment to insert the word "shall" after the word "First": strike "may" and insert "shall" after the word "represented" and strike the words "following Article IV, Section 9. Vacancies" at the end.

If adopted will read:

3b. First shall have served as a State President. If no candidate is available, then second would be a Past State Director of Junior Clubs and third would be a Past State Officer. If there are no candidates from that State, then a candidate from one of the other states, not represented, shall be considered.

ARTICLE IV. Officers. 4. currently reads:

No state shall have more than one officer serving at the same time.

Proposed amendment to strike Article IV. Officers. 4.

Rationale: Due to a State not being able to field a candidate, it may not be possible to avoid having two officers from the same State serving on the Board.

ARTICLE IV. Officers. 5. currently reads:

No officer shall serve more than one term in the same office.

Proposed amendment to strike Article IV. Officers. 5. and insert the following to read:

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

5. No person shall be eligible to serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

Rationale: Clarification. Some States may allow candidates to hold the same office more than once.

Paragraphs in ARTICLE IV. shall be renumbered.



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GFWC New England Region Proposed Standing Rules Amendments, Continued:

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers. 2.f. currently reads:

f. At the close of the annual meeting in the odd-numbered year she shall assume the title of President-elect for the remainder of the term.

Proposed amendment to ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers. 2.f.

strike the word "annual" and insert the word "semi-annual." If adopted to read:

f. At the close of the semi-annual meeting in the odd-numbered year, she shall assume the title of President-elect for the remainder of the term.

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

ARTICLE X. FINANCES. 7. currently reads:

The hostess state federation shall be reimbursed the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) by the GFWC New England Region Treasurer.

Proposed amendment to Article X. Finances 7. strike the words "nine hundred dollars (\$900)" and insert the words "one thousand dollars (\$1000): If adopted to read as follows

7. The hostess State Federation shall be reimbursed the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) by the GFWC New England Treasurer.

Rationale: To conform to the current budgeted amount.

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 PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS GFWC NEW ENGLAND REGION MEETINGS 

