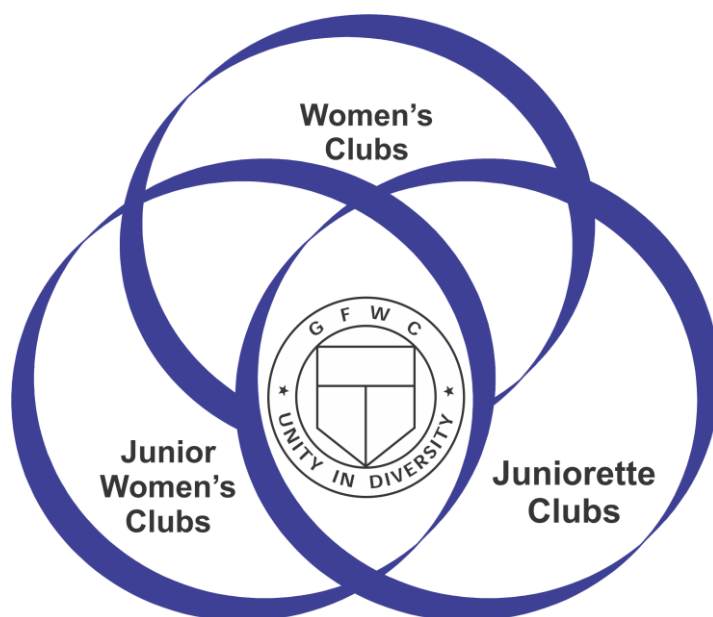


General Federation of Women's Clubs
of Massachusetts

COMBINED ANNUAL CONVENTION



Cherish the Past, Celebrate the Present, Create the Future

Donna M. Shibley, President
Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs

Friday, April 29 - Saturday, April 30, 2022
Courtyard Marriott Natick, Speen Street

**Massachusetts Clubwomen Have Been Using
Their Hearts and Hands for 129 years ♥**

MASSACHUSETTS OFFICERS

Donna M. Shibley, President
Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs
T Jablanski, President-elect
Marisa Jablanski, Director-elect
Jen Nowak, Second Vice President
Theresa Rouvalis, Recording Secretary
Elizabeth McKeon, Junior Membership Recording Secretary
Donna Canavan, Corresponding Secretary
Kathleen Goneau, Junior Membership Corresponding Secretary
Darlene Coutu, Treasurer
Nancy Coughlin, Junior Membership Treasurer

PARLIMENTARIAN

Shirley Gomes

Junior Pledge

I pledge my loyalty
to the Junior Clubwomen
By doing better than ever before, what work I have to do,
By being prompt, honest, courteous
By living each day, trying to accomplish something,
Not merely to exist.

Collect for Clubwomen

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without
self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human
heart of us all; and, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.

FRIDAY EVENING
Celebrate the Present!

Festivities start at the 6:00pm Cocktail Hour ~ Dinner in the Commons Room at 7:00pm

Welcome	Donna M. Shibley, President
Special Guests	
Grace	Theresa Rouvalis, Recording Secretary
Surprise Activity	Diane Erickson, Meetings Chairman
Fun Night	hosted by Junior Membership in the Eliot Room
Welcome	Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION ~ starting promptly at 9:30am in the Commons Room
Cherish the Past!

Processional, Introductions of GFWC Massachusetts and Junior Membership Officers and Parliamentarian	Sarah Sargent, President's Assistant
Presiding	Donna M. Shibley, President
	Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs
Invocation	Alicia Sheridan, Leadership Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America	
	Diane Murphy, Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman
129 years of GFWC Massachusetts volunteer service	Darlene Coutu, Treasurer
Presentation of Past State Presidents and Presentation of Past Directors of Junior Clubs	
Tribute to Tina Macrina, Past President, 1992-1994	Mary Baird, Past President 2008-2010
Report of Registration	Martha Casassa, Credentials and Registration
Adoption of the Printed Program	Theresa Rouvalis, Recording Secretary
Report of Correspondence	Donna Canavan, Corresponding Secretary
Accountant's Review	Darlene Coutu, Treasurer
Election Committee	Marisa Jablanski, Elections Chairman
Update on Director of Junior Clubs Focus Area	Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs
Update on President Focus Area	Donna M. Shibley, President
Donations: MassSTAR, Birthday Wishes, Dignity Matters	
Frances Perkins traveling panels	Cathy Freedberg, Needham Women's Club
GFWC LEADS Candidate for 2022	
	Elizabeth McKeon, Junior Membership Leadership Chairman
Guest Speaker, Susan Howards	introduced by Mary Ann Pierce, Past President
Announcements	Diane Erickson, Meetings Chairman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION ~ Lunch served at noon

Celebrate the Present!

Grace Bernadette Bennett, Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness/Prevention Chairman
Scholarship Awards

- **Ricky Gomes Memorial Scholarship** Nancy Martin, Junior Membership Chairman
- **GFWC MA Scholarships** Lucille Barton, Chairman
- **Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies** Lynne Stader, Chairman

Contest Winners

- **Photography** Mary Barnes, Chairman
- **Community Impact Program Award** Emily Duserick, Chairman

Headquarters Commission Annual Report

Sandy Krafsig, Chairman

Memorial Forest Annual Report

Nancy Coughlin/Mary Kemp, Co-Chairmen

2022 GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans invite

T Jablanski, President-elect

2022 GFWC New England Region Conference invite

Jen Nowak, 2nd Vice-President

Special Programs, Community Service Programs, and Advancement Plan Awards

GFWC MA and Junior Membership Chairmen

Voting results

Marisa Jablanski, Elections Chairman

Raffles

Mary Ann Pierce, Fundraising Chairman

Announcements

Diane Erickson, Meetings Chairman

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION ~ Cocktails at 5:30pm, in session starting at 6:00pm

Celebrate the Present!

Award and Trophy Presentations

Donna M. Shibley, President

Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs

State Clubwomen Awards

State Overall Achievement Awards

Grace

Elizabeth Young, candidate for Junior Membership Treasurer

Final Report of Director of Junior Clubs

Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs

Final Report of State President

Donna M. Shibley, President

Report of Registration

Martha Casassa, Credentials and Registration Chairman

Courtesies

Junior Pledge

Kathleen Goneau, Junior Membership Corresponding Secretary

Collect for Clubwomen

Darlene Coutu, Treasurer

Announcements

Break for 15 minutes ~ please allow head table to leave first

Create the Future!

Installation of 2022-2024 GFWC MA Officers

Following the break in the Eliot Room

Presiding Officers Mary Ann Pierce and Jen Nowak

Installation

Installation addresses

President T Jablanski and Director of Junior Clubs, Marisa Jablanski

Passing of the Gavels

Closing of the 129th GFWC Massachusetts Annual Convention

ADJOURNMENT

Celebrate and Enjoy Dessert at the After Party with DJ Jerry Booth

in the Commons Room



*Thank You to All who presented today ♥
Thank You to All attendees today ♥
♥ Thank You for your Raffle Donations ♥*



♥ SPECIAL APPRECIATION ♥

Parliamentarian
Protocol Chairman
Fundraising Chairman
Meetings Chairman
Credentials and Registration Chairman
Minutes Review

President's Assistants

Director's Assistant
HQ Secretary

Shirley Gomes
Marisa Jablanski
Mary Ann Pierce
Diane Erickson
Martha Casassa
Beth McKeon
Alicia Sheridan
Robin O'Connor
Sarah Sargent
Joyce Clark
Diane Erickson

***** DATES TO REMEMBER *****

- May 21 Board of Directors at HQ (9:30am-12:30pm)
- May 21 Federation Day at the Forest (1:00-2:00pm)
- June 15 Manual sheet due to HQ
- June 25-28 GFWC Annual Convention, Hilton New Orleans, Riverside, LA
- August 10 Junior Executive Board Meeting
- August Junior Jumpstart TBD
- August 27 Board of Directors at HQ (9:30am-12:30pm)
- August 27 Leadership Day (1:30pm)
- Sept 23-25 113th GFWC NER Conference, Radisson Hotel Providence in Rhode Island
- October 29 Combined Fall Meeting, Publick House, 277 Main Street, Sturbridge
- Oct 23-29 Advocates for Children's Week
- December 31 Club dues due | End of Year Contribution Form due

GFWC Massachusetts 2021 Reporting Statistics

44 Active Clubs, 7 Associate Clubs

1385 members

Projects: 942

Hours: 43,805

In-Kind Donations: \$98,599

Monetary Donations: \$101,669

Fundraising monies raised: \$111,494

GFWC Massachusetts Members serving GFWC National 2020-2022



- Donna Shibley ~ GFWC Massachusetts President
- Katie Robey ~ GFWC Massachusetts Director of Junior Clubs
- Shelia Shea ~ Resolutions Committee Chairman
- Jen Nowak ~ Membership Committee, Junior Executive Committee
- Mary Ann Pierce ~ Capital Campaign Committee
- Lynne Stader ~ International Liaisons Committee
- Mary Baird ~ Woman's History and Resource Center Committee
- T Jablanski ~ Fundraising Committee
- Martha Casassa ~ Credentials Committee

GFWC Massachusetts Members serving GFWC New England Region 2020-2022



- Donna Shibley ~ GFWC Massachusetts President
- Katie Robey ~ GFWC Massachusetts Director of Junior Clubs
- Jen Nowak ~ Meetings and Protocol
- Mary Ann Pierce ~ Fundraising Chairman
- Donna Canavan ~ Fundraising Committee
- Darlene Coutu ~ Fundraising Committee
- Robin O'Connor ~ Fundraising Committee
- T Jablanski ~ Leadership Committee
- Diane Murphy ~ Standing Rules Committee
- Shirley Gomes ~ Jennie June Committee

Standing Rules of Federation Meeting

1. Doors will be closed and opened at the discretion of the Meetings Chairman, or upon the request of the presiding officer.
2. If a member wishes to speak, she shall rise, address the Chairman and give her name and club.
3. A delegate may speak no more than two minutes and no more than twice to the same question without the consent of the assembly, nor speak a second time to the same questions until all who wish to speak have been heard.
4. All main motions shall be submitted in writing and sent to the President immediately.

Memorial Education Scholarship Awards for Graduate Study winners

7 Scholarship Winners ~ Total Funding \$30,000.00

- Katherine O'Malley ~ \$6,000.00
- Priya Bajracharya ~ \$4,000.00
- Makayla Davis ~ \$4,000.00
- Maria Kaya ~ \$4,000.00
- Alexandra McCabe ~ \$4,000.00
- Natalie Manfra ~ \$4,000.00
- Kynza Khimani ~ \$4,000.00

**GFWC Massachusetts Scholarship Award Winners
23 Scholarship Winners ~ Total Funding \$12,500.00**

“Nickels for Notes” Music Scholarship

- Shaylyn White ~ \$1,000.00
- Jemella Piersol-Freedman ~ \$500.00
- Diego Vilches ~ \$500.00
- Dakota Schantz ~ \$500.00
- Amelia Vanderwoude ~ \$500.00

“Pennies for Art” Scholarship

- Samara Reid ~ \$500.00

Education-Teaching Scholarship

- Emma Aberle ~ \$500.00
- Molly Lamothe ~ \$500.00
- Jayden Kelly ~ \$500.00
- Brynn Goulet ~ \$500.00

Business Scholarship for Undergraduate or Graduate Study

- Samantha Kersey ~ \$500.00
- Elyse Whittemore ~ \$500.00
- Emmanuel Barris ~ \$500.00

Communication Disorder/Speech Therapy for Graduate Study

- Hannah Rose Manni ~ \$500.00

Julia Ward Howe Political Science Scholarship for Graduate Study

- Paige E. Ferreira ~ \$500.00

Boston City Federation Scholarship for a Woman Returning to School

- Jennifer Thibodeau ~ \$1,000.00
- Gillian Tisdale ~ \$500.00
- Afsah Dean ~ \$500.00

International Study Abroad Scholarship for Undergraduate or Graduate Study

- Catherine Reidy ~ \$500.00

Catherine E. Philbin Study in Public Health Scholarship

- Alyssa Abbe ~ \$500.00
- Luberlandia O’Connor ~ \$500.00
- Gavin Blazonis ~ \$500.00
- Victoria Wheeler ~ \$500.00



**Women’s Italian Club of Boston Scholarships
5 scholarship winners ~ total funding \$5,000.00**

- Gianna Fiore ~ \$1000.00
- Julianna Nutile ~ \$1000.00
- Victoria Perry ~ \$1000.00
- Carli Quinlan ~ \$1000.00
- Leila Smadi ~ \$1000.00

Letter from the GFWC International President



GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS



1734 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
March 1, 2022

Dear GFWC Friends,

Our founder, Jane Cunningham Croly (1829-1901), earned her place in history through a lifetime of barrier-breaking work. First employed as a housekeeper by her brother John, a Unitarian minister, Jane launched her journalism career by writing a semi-monthly newspaper that she read to parishioners. By the age of 26, she was in New York writing about anything relating to “women’s sphere in society” for various newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Tribune* and *Sunday Times*.

Known for her interest in women’s welfare, Jane called for the first woman’s congress in 1856 for a dialog on the changing role of women in society. A dozen years later she and 11 other women established Sorosis, a woman’s club to “promote agreeable and useful relations among women of literary and artistic tastes,” and to recognize “women of thought, culture and humanity everywhere, particularly when these qualities have found expression in outward life and work.”

In the 1870s and 1880s, in many parlors large and small across a nation that was growing and changing, women were meeting to work together, learn from each other, and reach towards “higher aims,” not only for themselves but for social improvement. In 1890, with Jane in constant communication with women’s clubs across the country, Sorosis hosted a convention in New York City that culminated with women from 63 clubs acting on April 24 to establish the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Today, with clubs across the U.S. and in several countries, GFWC members honor the spirit and vision of Jane Cunningham Croly each day with works that improve communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

As you gather together at your 2022 state conventions, I hope you will be inspired by Jane’s story to continue to work towards “higher aims,” through serving others and learning and growing from your experiences. And I hope that you will relish the “broader and nobler life” that Jane and her contemporaries often spoke of, as they blazed a new path for women such as you and me.

Congratulations to each of you and your clubs for your many successes in the past year, and good luck as you continue to work towards a better future for individuals and communities, near and far.

Yours in **Living the Volunteer Spirit!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian Simmons-St. Clair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marian Simmons-St.Clair
GFWC International President