



# The BEAT of the Federation

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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## **CLUB Yearbooks:**

**Do we have yours?**

Once a year all clubs are asked to send a copy of their club yearbook to GFWC

Massachusetts Headquarters

If you haven't done so...please

**bring the Yearbook to FALL MEETING**

## **President's message:**

There certainly has been a whirlwind of Federation updates since the virtual May 9th GFWC MA Officer installation. GFWC MA FaceBook has been revised as well as a new and improved GFWC MA webpage. All Club Presidents, Board of Directors members, Executive Committee, and Past Presidents should have gotten the May 10th WELCOME letter from me highlighting the new administration. I know our Massachusetts clubwomen will give their **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** even with current restrictions in place. I can't wait to experience your successes with you.

Please make sure to send me an invite to attend a club meeting, project, or event. Don't forget to send club newsletters and updates to me so I can share them with the state Officers~ we want to know about the worthwhile contributions you make locally and statewide.

This issue we are featuring information on: GFWC Summer Webinars, GFWC Manual, Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day, GFWC New England Region Conference, GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting, Club Yearbooks, as well as other pertinent info. Please share this newsletter with your club members.

## **GFWC Summer Webinar Series:**

*Webinars will be open to the first 500 to register. Any member who has set up her member portal profile will be able to register and therefore attend. Anyone who has issues signing in and getting started with the Member Portal, should call GFWC Headquarters for assistance.*

### **Monday, July 20, 2020**

7:00 pm ~ Leadership (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Shannon Bailey and committee

- Building Your Leadership Toolkit

8:30 pm ~ Legislation and Public Policy (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Vicky Ann Trimmer and committee

- Gathering Facts & Working For Change
- Legislation/Public Policy
- Activity in an Election Year

### **Monday, July 27, 2020**

7:00 pm ~ Communications and Public Relations (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Karyn Charvat and committee

- Communications 101: From Club to Crisis and Everything in Between

8:30 pm ~ Juniors' Special Program (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Carrie Zimmerman and fellow Junior Board members

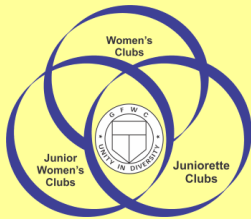
- Advocating for Children in GFWC Volunteering: It's not just for Juniors anymore

### Help Wanted:

We still have some  
Chairmen openings:

**Environment  
Communications and  
Public Relations  
Legislation/Public  
Policy  
Fundraising Committee**

Email Donna if you  
are interested  
We'd love to have  
you join the Board of  
Directors.



### For Sale:

Support the  
Massachusetts  
President's focus  
area: Domestic  
Violence and Sexual  
Assault Awareness  
and Prevention



Purchase a heart  
diversity pin for \$5.00  
each or a  
heart/hand  
bracelet for \$20.00  
All proceeds will go  
towards club grants  
and DV/SA A&P.

### Monday, August 3, 2020

7:00 pm ~ Membership (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Becky Wright and committee

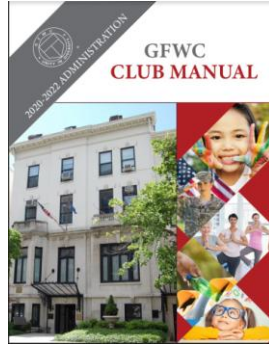
- Hats Off to Membership

8:30 pm ~ GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Awareness and Prevention (45 minutes-1 hour)

Chairman Jan Allen and committee

- GFWC Signature Program: Leading to better Tomorrows

### GFWC MANUAL



A key benefit of belonging to GFWC is access to the comprehensive resources, developed through strong relationships and creative leadership, compiled for members into one, and easy-to-use reference: the GFWC Club Manual.

The GFWC Club Manual contains information that is vital for effective and efficient club management, including suggested program guidelines and resources, tips on reporting, a directory of state and national leaders, and strategies for club administration.

No GFWC club should be without this valuable tool.

The Massachusetts Chairmen have been very busy writing their corresponding page of information specific to Massachusetts. Under the leadership of their counselor Jen Nowak, these pages will soon be up on the GFWC MA website.

### TOOLS OF THE TRADE ~ CLUB LEADERS DAY

Keep the date of **Saturday, September 19** on your calendar for our **Tools of the Trade Club Leaders Day**. This day at our Headquarters in Sudbury will be chock full of valuable informational tools for you as Club President - feel free to bring other Club Officers with you.

### NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE

**111th Conference ~ October 15-18, 2020**

Please consider joining club women from throughout the regions to attend the NER Conference at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee Vermont.

#### **GFWC National Officers in attendance:**

GFWC International President **Marian St.Clair** (from South Carolina)

GFWC President-elect **Deb Strahanoski** (from Illinois)

### COMBINED WOMEN'S AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S FALL MEETING

As we begin planning our state federation commitments as well as our club activities, I ask you to keep **Saturday, October 24** open on your calendar to attend the **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting at the Old Sturbridge Village**. Look for the **Call to Fall Meeting** for more details, and what out for the new Fall Meeting.

**And watch for an exciting meeting name change!**