



# The BEAT of the Federation

**PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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## **Executive Committee:**

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### **Help Wanted:**

We have some  
Chairmen openings:  
**Environment**  
**Communications and**  
**Public Relations**  
**Legislation/Public**  
**Policy**

### **Fundraising Committee**

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

## **President's message:**

September has always been a month where many clubs get back to Federation business after a summer break. What has your club done or planned to help your community classrooms/schools in the fall? Giving our **Hearts & Hands for GFWC** happens every day in many ways. How does it happen for you and your club?



## **GFWC MA Nominating Committee:**

Just a reminder that Endorsements for Candidates for Office for the 2022-2024 administration are due to Nominating Committee Chairman Sheila Shea by October 1, 2021. Information can be found in the GFWC Massachusetts Bylaws, on the GFWC MA website at [GFWCMA.org/Members/Governing Documents/GFWC MA Bylaws](https://www.gfwcma.org/Members/Governing Documents/GFWC MA Bylaws). For further information, please contact Sheila at [sheas1972@msn.com](mailto:sheas1972@msn.com)

## **GFWC Massachusetts The Art of Leadership ~ Club Leaders Day:**

**Did you attend? Held on August 21 @ 1:30 at our HQ in Sudbury,** moderator, Darlene Coutu and presenters gave art inspired tidbits and tips to club leaders for successful clubs. PowerPoint links and the Playbill are on the GFWC MA website, under Events.

## **GFWC Massachusetts LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar): Understanding Membership as a Leader**

Did you view this prerecorded leadership event from Alicia Sheridan and Beth McKeon, GFWC MA Leadership Chairmen. Loads of information! Please take the 30 minutes to watch this wonderful presentation. You'll be glad you did. Click here: [GFWC MA Leadership 2021 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

## **Club Presidents Heart to Heart Talk:**

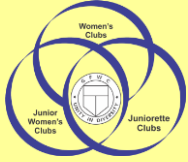
There will be an email invite coming for you as Club President to join this State President on Tuesday night, **October 5 @ 6:00** for a Heart to Heart talk. Our **special focus** will be Junior Special Program: **Advocates for Children updates**. Please attend ♥

## **LEADS Graduates:**

Congratulations to Mary Barnes (2020) and Laurie LaBrecque (2021) as they graduated from the LEADS program. Hear about their experiences at the GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting.

## **GFWC MA Website ~ <https://www.gfwcma.org/>**

Keep within easy access. Don't forget to send us any upcoming **Club Events** to be included on the Club Events page



**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 or a heart/hand bracelet for \$20.00 Also offered are 20 handmade cards with a special card for \$15.00. All proceeds support club DV/SA A&P grants open to ALL clubs. Contact Bernadette Bennett for your purchases: [bbennett@bu.edu](mailto:bbennett@bu.edu)

**Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining The 1898 Society.**

Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization. Look for the updated flier listing the gifts you receive for your yearly donations.

\$18.89 ~ attendance at 2022 Annual Convention event

\$50.00 ~ the above and entry into all BoD and State Meeting 1898 Society raffles

\$100.00 ~ above & a stainless wine mug

\$250.00 ~ above & a GFWC embroidered blanket

\$500.00 ~ above & a brick for the Unity Walkway as an 1898 Society member

**GFWC New England Region Conference:**

The **2021 GFWC NER Conference: Celebrate Change** will be held this upcoming weekend at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Westborough on **Friday, September 17- Sunday, September 19, 2021** with GFWC Guests: GFWC President Marian St.Clair and GFWC President-elect, Deb Strahanoski. Massachusetts is the host state; attendees will be donning our party clothes for the state night banquet. Fun and federation friendship with fellow New Englanders is on the agenda. A huge thank you to NER Conference Chairman Jen Nowak and her committee.

**GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting:**

The CALL is out! **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Fall Meeting: Fall in To Serve Together** will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Marlborough on **Saturday, October 16, 2021**. This in person meeting will feature GFWC guest, Kristina Higbee, Director of Junior Clubs. Highlights will include the Blue and Yellow Fundraiser raffle and auction, decorated teddy bear/book challenge, art supply donation to Boys & Girls MetroWest, two hands on projects, A-ticket, A-ticket basket raffle, some state business but loads more FUN. Hotel accommodations available Friday night for \$119 per room. Our GFWC MA monthly fundraising raffle for September is a way to win an overnight stay.

**GFWC International Convention:**

The **2021 GFWC Annual Convention: Celebrating Culture, Cultivating Connections** was held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, from August 27th (opening night banquet) – 30th. The nine Massachusetts clubwoman who attended had a wonderful time. President Shibley and Director Robey will formally present the 2020 State Awards won at the Combined Fall Meeting.

**GFWC MA TOPICS:**

Editor, Darlene Coutu is looking for pictures from any club projects held over the summer. Due date is September 23

**Manuals:** All GFWC MA Manuals have been sent out~did you get yours?

**State Blue and Yellow Fundraiser:**

Can you knit/crochet, stitch/sew, create, paint? Not crafty? Store bought items are welcome! Members are encouraged to start NOW to create/donate your entry to the **Blue and Yellow FUNdraiser**. Items will be collected at HQ in Sudbury, please donate by October 7, 2021. These special items will be raffled and auctioned at the Combined Fall Meeting October 16, 2021. Proceeds will be used to fund **GFWC MA Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Club Grants**. Time to get creating or shopping. Contact Bernadette Bennett for more information: [bbennett@bu.edu](mailto:bbennett@bu.edu) | 781.690.2824



**GFWC MA SAVERS FUNdrasier:**

Save your soft goods for our next SAVERS collection. Collections at our HQ only until our delivery day of October 22 by 9:00am. Drop off by contacting our HQ Secretary for drop off times at [HQSecretary@gfwcma.org](mailto:HQSecretary@gfwcma.org) or 617-588-2154 (flier attached)



**GFWC MA Website  
GFWCMA.org  
Do You Know #2**

Can you find and answer these questions:

**1. About GFWC: GFWC MA History and Accomplishments:**

When did GFWC MA donate to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial being built as a national landmark?

**2. Events ~ Featured Club Event:** What club is sponsoring a FREE webinar on Human trafficking in Massachusetts on September 9th?

**3. Members ~ Fundraising:** What GFWC MA Fundraiser offers snacks, nuts, and chocolate for sale?

**4. Calendar:** When is GFWC Advocates for Children's week?

**5. Members ~ Fliers and Forms:** Have you considered filling out an Appointment Survey for the 2022-2024 Administration? Find the form here.

**Remember your State President as well as Officers are available for your club meetings as presenters. Let us know what topic(s) you are looking for ♥**

**September Fundraiser:**

ONE NIGHT STAY (and bottle of wine) at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough for Combined Fall Meeting.

Prize entries are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00. Drawing will be held at the end of the month. Pay by check (GFWC MA and mail to Treasurer Darlene Coutu, P.O. Box 236, Pepperell, MA 01463) or pay via Venmo.



**October Fundraiser:** TBD

**Past Fundraiser winners:**

- July one night stay (and bottle of wine) at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough for Combined Fall Meeting ~ Mary Ann Pierce
- August one night stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Boston in Westborough during the NER Convention, a bottle of wine and some yummy snacks ~ Cathy Sullivan from RI

**Publicity:** Do you have club news to share with GFWC? Pictures tell a story. Email [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org). to be considered for GFWC's Blog. Share upcoming club projects with **GFWC MA** to be including on our website. We want to hear from YOU!

**GFWC MA FaceBook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMA>

Join us here for postings that are relevant to GFWC Massachusetts.

**GFWC Affiliate:**

**SHOT@LIFE:**

Walgreens and United Nations Foundation have teamed up since 2013 on Get a Shot. Give a Shot,®, a campaign that is helping provide 100 million lifesaving vaccines to children in need around the world by 2024. For every flu shot or other immunization administered at a Walgreens pharmacy, including Duane Reade and Walgreens-owned Rite-Aid stores, Walgreens will help provide a vaccine to a child in need through the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign.

<https://youtu.be/flxlbUNYejc>

**Legislation and Public Policy:**

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**Take a look at legislation that GFWC is currently supporting, opposing, or monitoring:**

- **Federal - HR 485** A bill to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes.
- **Federal - S J Res 1** Equal Rights Amendment
- **Federal - H J Res 17** Equal Rights Amendment
- **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.
- **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.