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GFWC of Rhode Island

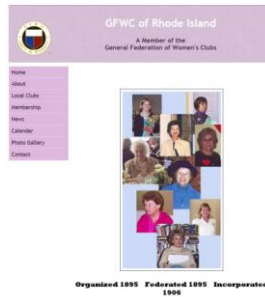
November-December 2011

President
Debbie Capuano



Hello to All GFWC of Rhode Island Clubwomen,

Thank you so much to all clubwomen who performed outstanding community service work during 2010. Now as another exciting, event filled GFWC volunteer year is beginning, let us remember to send club news to Janice Adler to update the GFWC of RI web-site. We want to be constantly updating information and pictures on our website to have the most current activities showcased, so keep Janice informed of all of your club activities throughout the year.



Let us also remember to invite a friend to join in at a club meeting, state meeting or event. Everyone benefits when we gain another remarkable clubwoman and she will enjoy all of the benefits of becoming a GFWC of RI Clubwoman.

Always remember that you can call on any board member or me, we are always available to help in any way that you may need.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your GFWC of Rhode Island President.
Yours in Federation Service,

~ Debbie

President-elect
Madeline Perreault

Brag About All that YOU Do!

As this is the second year of this administration (known as the Capuano era), there will not be a formal Reporting Workshop. But that does not mean that reporting in January is any less

important. In fact, the January 2012 reporting cycle is MORE important as your information provides the basis for awards and monetary grants!



So here are some guide lines to keep in mind as you gather information:

- Reporting is EVERYONE 'S responsibility: working as a team to gather information (remembering what was done) makes the process easier
- Hold a Club/Committee reporting "party" – brainstorm what areas are to be highlighted
- Concentrate on what major accomplishments were achieved – no need to report in EVERY area – but don 't forget to submit a "no report "
- Activities held or projects worked on from January 2011 to December 2011 are eligible
- On-going programs/projects can only be reported if NEW work or monies were achieved
- On-line reporting is easy but gather your information before you sign on (www.gfwc.org)
- Compose your narrative (in Word or other word processing format) then "cut & paste " into the GFWC form
- Remember the new category of "in kind donations " for value of items donated by club members
- SAVE copies of your on-line report – forward to appropriate State Chairmen

➤ Definition of terms:

Partnership = those organizations that have a formal relationship with GFWC (see list in Club Manual)

Collaboration = those organizations that local Clubs work with that are not a national partner

Project = activities that were completed within the Reporting Year, even if it is an long-term, on-going project

➤ There are two special projects during this administration – *Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention* and *Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children*. If you report activities under these categories, you CAN NOT report it again under another CSP (Community Service Program)

➤ No late reporting: Club Reports must be completed by February 15th; state reports are due to national by March 15th



Reporting provides a forum for recognition of all that you do. We're all in this together and togetherness will lead to success!

Arts

Doris Landry

Thank you to all the clubs which made thank you cards for the veterans for Veterans Day and brought them to the Fall State Meeting at the Johnson & Wales Culinary Arts Museum.

Everyone has areas of creativity and it is important to cultivate those areas to benefit the people in our communities. It is also important to encourage our communities to use their talents. One way to do this is to collect art supplies and donate them to a local school or a specific grade. Give them a project, such as – “What



Is Your Favorite Spot in Your City or Town?” and present ribbons to recognize the artwork. It would be a fun activity enjoyed by everyone.

Conservation

Roberta Bianco

The next state meeting will be at the RI Resource and Recovery site. This promises to be another very interesting meeting. Plan to attend. Our tour of RI is nearing an end with just two state meetings left. Don't miss out.

The “Mugs for Meetings” effort was very successful, and because clubs asked for more, another 144 GFWC mugs were ordered and are ready for distribution. Contact me for orders. They will be sold for \$2 per mug. Remember they are great for new members, speakers, and gifts filled with candy or cookies.



International Outreach

Ruth Bennett

Halloween is the time for Trick or Treat for UNICEF and a time to help out the children of the world. Therefore it would be nice if the Rhode Island Clubs would take a collection at your November meetings for UNICEF.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is partnering with UNICEF on a project called Healthy Villages in the Republic of the Congo in Africa. It has been agreed that any monies received from GFWC Clubs or State Federations will go to this project. The GFWC goal is \$150,000.00 over the next three years. The UNICEF contact person is Kate Weber, Director, NGO's 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038

Rhode Island won the UNICEF award at the last GFWC International Convention. It would be wonderful to receive it again.



**Signature Project:
Domestic Violence Prevention
Judith Earle**



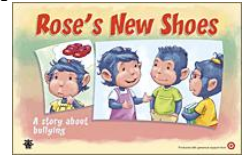
**GFWC Sock Project
Step Away from Abuse**

Thank you to everyone who has donated socks to the GFWC Sock Project at their club meeting or the Fall State meeting. To date we have collected 188 pairs of socks. We are keeping a count, so please make sure your club reports all sock donations to me.



**Juniors' Special Project:
Advocates for Children
Roberta Bianco**

Have you all distributed your "Rose's New Shoes" booklets? I have had some feedback and it is all positive. The elementary principals in Warwick asked for more. I had 50 copies that I could give them. Unfortunately, we can no longer order them for free. Since they cost \$1.88 per book, I opted to not order anymore.



If you have booklets and no plans for them, please let me know and I will see that they get to a group that can use them. Check with your local school departments, Boys and Girls Clubs, day care centers, etc. Please do not let them go unused.

I know that a few clubs have gathered information about the Pinwheel Gardens through Prevent Child Abuse RI (PCARI). This is a project that can involve the community getting involved. This is a great way to get PR both for PCARI and GFWC.



GFWC of RI – A sponsor of the 2011 RI Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Day of Service Roberta Bianco & Betty Challengren

In October a letter was sent requesting club presidents to discuss and plan a project that will benefit their community. Remember that this year, we want each club to do what best benefits its community. Please make sure your club lets me know your suggestions. We plan to announce the Day of Service projects at the GFWC of RI Mid-winter meeting.

At the GFWC of RI Ex Club meeting, the speaker was Jean-Ann Mc Grane, the new CEO of Girl

Scouts of RI. They, just as GFWC, are looking to become more visible for their efforts. We discussed the possibility of involving Girl Scouts in the Day of Service. I will meet with Jean-Ann to discuss this and get more information to the clubs as soon as possible.



Remember to consider your club, your community and activities that have been successful in the past. Domestic violence awareness, child advocacy, and the homeless are good places to start from when considering your activity. Call me or email me with questions or for suggestions.

Primer on How to Use a Microphone

By Alexandra Hahn, Leadership Chairman

			
Omni directional Picks up sound in all directions	Unidirectional Picks up sound in one direction only	Clip-on mic. Wear as close to mouth as possible	Wireless w/power Turn power on!

Do not be afraid of the microphone – it is a tool and you are a tool user!! Prepare in advance, if possible. Do a sound check before the event. Find the on-off switch before you speak. Turn the microphone on when speaking and off when coughing or for private asides. Speak normally and let the microphone do its job. Feedback (loud squealing)? Move CLOSER to the microphone.

At a lectern, point the microphone towards your mouth. You should be one open-hand away from the mic (thumb to pinky), or if soft-spoken, one fist (thumb to pinky) away. Trick: move your body, when looking around so your head stays facing the microphone!

If using a hand-held microphone – keep it below your mouth, pointed towards your nose – the end of your chin is fine. DON'T use the microphone to point or gesture. Move away from the podium, like all the best speakers do.

When wearing a lapel microphone, clip it 8 inches (2 hands-widths) below your chin, center of your body. Turn it ON, turn MUTE off. Turn your whole body, not just your head. Jewelry and clothing affect the sound – clip the lavalier on TOP of all layers and away from accessories.

Give your listeners a great experience!

GFWC Bristol County Women 's Club
Sandra Pannone, President



Share the Warmth Coat Drive
to benefit the clients of
TAP-In & East Bay Coalition for the Homeless
October 19 – November 12, 2011

We are Looking for New or Gently Used
Men's, Women's & Children's
Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, and Mittens/Gloves.
All items should be clean and in good condition.
Please safety pin mittens/gloves pairs together.

Items can be dropped off at the
TD Bank
231 County Road, Barrington, RI
Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM-6:00 PM ~ Thursday-Friday 8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM ~ Sunday 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

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From October 19 through November 12 we are holding a Coat Drive with the TD Bank in Barrington for the clients of TAP-IN and the East Bay Coalition for the Homeless. Their clients will be able to come to the bank after closing on November 12 to pick out what their family needs for the winter. Any remaining items will be donated to the Providence In-Town Churches Association (PICA).

GFWC Cranston Community Women 's Club
Ethel Dellasandro, President

Four of our members assisted, as we do each year, at the registration and food area at the ALS "Defeat ALS" race. Our club has worked with the (Lou Gehrig) ALS of RI for the past fifteen years at their various events. We assist with their mailings, etc. throughout the year.

Our members wore the color purple as much as possible in October to spread the word that October is Domestic Violence Month. We asked our members to invite family and friends to do the same. On October 15th World Food Day, three

of our members delivered food donated by our members, to the RI Food Bank. Also in October, we delivered member donated children's books to a local child care center in Cranston. On a beautiful Saturday this month, five of our members gathered to weed our historical cemetery and clean off the grave stones, which gather so much dust and sand. Our October "Pajama Party" Meeting was held at a local ice cream parlor and all of our members, in their PJ's, made thank you cards for the women and men veterans. The cards were brought to the State Meeting along with the adult socks for "Step Away from Abuse" that we collected from our members. The cards will be given to the VFW/Auxiliary women for them to distribute to at the VA Hospitals and Bristol Home. We have been working with the VFW/Auxiliary on several of their programs for the VA Hospital.



At our November meeting our members will bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets which we will be donating to two needy families. Our members are donating winter coats and jackets during November that will be brought to Jordan's Furniture, who has secured a cleaner to clean them before they are distributed to the needy.

GFWC Pawtucket Woman 's Club
Ruth Bennett, President

At the November 7th meeting the club is celebrating Presidents' Day. State President, Debra Capuano, and past presidents of the Pawtucket club will be honored. There will be two donations at this meeting. Members are bringing hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves for the Neighborhood Coat Exchange that takes place in the Pawtucket Visitor's Center on November 26th. There will also be a collection for the GFWC project for UNICEF.



The club's December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, RI. Al Sims and Wayne Patenaude will be entertaining us with Christmas music. The members are bringing pajamas which

will be donated to the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center.

At our January 9th meeting the Club members will be making Valentine cards for the veterans. Materials will be provided and the creativity of the members will be displayed in the cards they create.

**Please note Ruth 's new e-mail address:
rebennett43@verizon.net**

GFWC Wampanoag Women ' Club Paula Braman-Duarte, President

This past month our club was privileged to have as a speaker, Mrs. Betty Adler, who talked to us about her very interesting life, leaving Hiler run Germany and journeying to a new life in America. We were at once captivated and moved by her family 's history.



At September's first meeting of the year we had laid out our plans for the next few months and what we will do this coming weekend is put together hand-made cards to be delivered to the Veterans Home for the holiday on the eleventh. Kris Rose who led us in making Valentine cards for the veterans at a state meeting last year, will again, direct us in the card-making process. At the end of the month we will make our traditional Christmas table decorations for a local nursing home. It seems the holidays are almost here for all of us.

At both monthly meetings the club members have participated in our regular raffle: a designated club member brings a prize and we all make a dollar donation. The proceeds this year will continue to go to Breadline, a local food pantry, as well as a Providence group that directly aids the homeless. We also pick an item of the month to give to one or both of these groups, this month we brought peanut butter and toothpaste. Wampanoag also made a generous club contribution to the domestic abuse project and brought lots of socks to the October state meeting.

On a final note we want to give a big pat on the back to member, Mary Irons, who once again put together an amazing state meeting at Johnson and Wales culinary museum. I think all of us who were able to attend had a wonderful time. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, a tour of the museum, and an inspiring speaker. Looking forward to the February meeting!

Meetings Mary D. Irons

Continue on our Tour of Rhode Island Come to the "Mountain "!

Our February 4, 2012 Mid-Winter Meeting will be held at the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Site in Johnston. We are fortunate to be able to go on a tour of the Resource Recovery facility and have our breakfast buffet meeting in the Board Room. We must conclude our meeting by 12 noon which is why we are having a breakfast instead of luncheon. The cost for the meeting is \$18 and will be catered by Fire Works Catering. The menu includes: Pastry Platter with Croissants, Danish and Muffins, Seasonal Fruit Platter, Scrambled Eggs with Chives and Cheddar Cheese, Grilled Ham Slices, Thick French Toast with Berry Sauce, Breakfast Home Fried Potatoes with Onion, Peppers and Cheese, Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tea Orange Juice.



Special Guests

*Carlene Garner – GFWC International President
Kathy White – GFWC New England Region President*



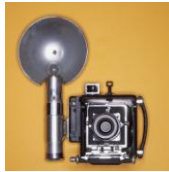
Communications Janice Adler

Clubs: Please take a moment to review your club's web page and the calendar on the GFWC of RI website www.gfwcri.org. Any information you

would like updated should be e-mailed to me at JLAdler@aol.com

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

I would like to have a volunteer to take pictures at our state meetings so that I can post them on the website and in "What's Hot." If you are interested, please contact Janice Adler or Debra Capuano.



Strategic Planning Janice Adler

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Strategic Planning Meeting this summer. The Committee will be meeting at my house on Wednesday November 16 at 7:00 pm to review the action plans the group developed and to assign timelines/responsibilities. If you would like you join us, please feel free to attend.

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

GFWC's LEADS training program identifies members at the grassroots level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their local club. Participation in LEADS provides these members with the capabilities, confidence, and commitment to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction.

Each year, one member representing each state federation is selected to attend the LEADS program, held in conjunction with the GFWC Annual International Convention. The training program includes a full day of workshops, seminars, activities, and networking opportunities.

CRITERIA FOR LEADS PARTICIPATION

A LEADS state candidate should:

- Demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project/committee chairman
- Exhibit a commitment to the Federation

- Exhibit an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she is/has been involved
- Demonstrate leadership skills, including but not limited to organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, flexibility
- Exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the Federation
- Agree to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state
- Understand and accept potential expenses involved in participation
- Not have held an elected position at or beyond the state level
- Not have previously been a LEADS candidate

EXPENSES

GFWC covers a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:

- Round-trip travel to and from the GFWC Convention city¹
- One-half of room charge for two nights at official Convention hotel¹
- Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
- \$10 Gift Certificate for the 2012 GFWC Annual Convention Marketplace

(LEADS participants make their own travel and lodging arrangements for reimbursement after the seminar)

TIMELINE

January 15	Nomination from each club submitted to the State President
February 1	The review committee meets and selects a candidate
March 1	State President sends candidates name to GFWC Headquarters
April	GFWC Headquarters sends acknowledgement to candidate
June	Candidate attends convention (North Carolina June 13-17, 2012)



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Calendar

- November
16 Strategic Planning Committee
- December
15 GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings
- January
5 GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings
7 GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings
15 LEADS applications due to Debra Capuano
- February
4 Mid-Winter State Meeting
15 Club Reports due to State Chairmen & GFWC
- March
15 State Chairmen 's Reports due to GFWC Chairmen
- April
5 GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings
12 GFWC of RI Executive Committee Meetings
24 GFWC Federation Day
- 19 Annual State Meeting
- June
14 - 17 GFWC International Convention Charlotte, NC