



General Federation of Women's Club of Massachusetts

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

Official *Call* to the Combined Fall Meeting **FALL in to Serve TOGETHER**

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Holiday Inn Marlborough, 265 Lakeside Ave, Marlborough, MA 01752

9:30am ~ 3:00pm

Registration and Raffles open at 8:30am

Massachusetts Clubwomen TOGETHER Can Make a Difference!

Morning Session

9:30 ~ 11:45am

TOGETHER with our Members

2021 Reports:

GFWC Convention in Atlanta
GFWC New England Region Conference
GFWC MA 2020 & 2021 LEADS Graduates

2021 Recognitions:

Club Anniversaries
State Jennie Award Winner

TOGETHER with our Governing Documents

Updating Bylaws and Resolutions

Luncheon

Lunch choices listed on registration form.

Afternoon Session

**Guest presenter: Kristina Higbee, GFWC
Director of Junior Clubs
Fall in to Serve TOGETHER**

TOGETHER with the GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Hands on project ~ no sew fleece tied blankets for
March of Dimes (see page three of the CALL) or
Hands on project ~ **Veteran** Star remembrance

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence
Awareness and Prevention **Blue** and **Yellow** FUNdraiser

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children
Decorated Teddy Bear and Book Contest
and

TOGETHER with GFWC MA Activities

Chairmen Updates
Reporting Updates
Basket Raffles

Adjournment- 3:00pm

Take Action!

Please share proposed Bylaw and Resolution
amendments with club members and empower club
attendees to vote the wishes of your club. Proposed
amendments are included with this *CALL* in the email to
all Club Presidents.

See the *Club Manual* for your club's delegate numbers.
A **quorum** is needed at State Meetings to move our
Federation forward.

**Fun surprises planned
You don't want to miss being able
to "see" fellow clubwomen**

♥ Shop with your Heart ♥

visit these opportunities to shop

H & H Shop

1898 Society

President's Focus Area Shop

Director's Shop

Ricky Gomes 50/50

A-Ticket A-Tasket Basket Raffle

**\$\$\$ Support GFWC MA \$\$\$
and GFWC MA Junior Membership**

GFWC Guest:

Kristine Higbee, Director of Junior Clubs

A dedicated clubwoman for over 16 years, Kristina is currently serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. She has served on the GFWC Board of Directors for the past six years. She is a past GFWC-WI State Director of Junior Clubs, receiving an Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs award in 2016. She has served as Convention Chairman and Nominating Chairman for the Great Lakes Region. Joining the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's club in 2004, she has served in many offices including club president twice. She received the GFWC-WI Junior of the Year award in 2017. She is a 2009 LEADS graduate.



Kristina has been a scout leader for over 10 years, earning the council District Award of Merit in 2015 and Silver Beaver Award in 2019. She is the Committee Chair for Venturing Crew 196 and has served as a Wood badge staff member. She is a lifelong Girl Scout, earning her Silver Award in her youth. She is a member of First Congregational UCC, Oconomowoc where she has served on the board of directors for the preschool, as a Sunday school teacher and worked with the scouts of her church to earn their scout religious emblem awards. She earned the BSA God & Service award in 2016.

Overnight accommodations Friday night Holiday Inn Marlborough



AN IHG® HOTEL

A block of newly refreshed rooms is secured for Friday night. Call 508-481-3000 and mention GFWC MA Combined Fall Meeting. Overnight guests must book by Friday, September 24, 2021 to secure the \$119.00 (plus applicable taxes) per room rate.

OCTOBER is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Pregnancy and Infant

Loss Awareness Month

Autism Awareness Month

**October 24-30 is GFWC Advocates for
Children Week**

Our Clubwomen Serve Others! Blue and Yellow Raffle/Auction

Participate in the Blue and Yellow FUNdraiser Raffle and Auction with proceeds to go towards providing Domestic Violence grant opportunities for clubs. We hope every club donates at least one item. All entries will be recognized. Please support this raffle at our Combined Fall Meeting. Donated items MUST be brought to HQ before October 7.



Our Clubwomen Serve Others! Teddy Bear Contest Advocates for Children

- New Children's Story Book (any age group)
 - New Teddy Bear (washable, no larger than 15")
 - Dress your Teddy Bear (washable fabric; easy off/on) to match a character in the book
- All teddy and book donations will be going to local police departments.

Our Clubwomen Can Serve Others! Things you can bring / donate: Needed!

Art Supplies to be distributed to Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest

Suggestions include:

Crayola washable markers, crafting scissors, Rainbow loom jumbo bucket of supplies, origami paper, Perler beads in bulk, Mod Podge.

**This is the A in our H-E-A-R-T
State Meeting Collection**

Clubs are encouraged to provide a raffle for the A-Ticket A-Tasket Basket Raffle

Directions:

- Fill a Basket/Container
- total worth should be at least \$50.00

Things to know:

- Baskets will be judged on creativity of design and theme
- Tickets are 5 for \$10.00 or 12 for \$20.00
- Prizes will be drawn/winners selected day of

**Thank YOU for supporting
♥ GFWC Massachusetts ♥**



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2021 COMBINED FALL MEETING
REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name _____

Member Name State voting Delegate [] Club voting Delegate [] Non-voting Delegate [] Guest [] Luncheon: Chicken [] or Portabella []

Multiple horizontal lines for member information.

MENU: Tossed salad, warm rolls with butter
ENTREES ~ Baked Stuffed Chicken, Cornbread Stuffing, and a Supreme Sauce or Portabella Quinoa with Roasted Vegetables
DESSERT ~ Boston Cream Bomb
Coffee, tea

_____ Registration (\$15.00) Total \$ _____
_____ Luncheon (\$29.00) Total \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Send to: Nancy Coughlin, 28 Leland Drive, Northborough, MA 01532 with check payable to:
GFWC Massachusetts, Junior Membership by October 8, 2021.
or VENMO KathleenRobey@GFWCMAJr, (look for the logo) please include details in payment line.

PLEASE NOTE:

Refund requests must be made to Nancy Coughlin nacoughlin@verizon.net | 508-393-2933 by October 10, 2021.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Available to all attendees in the morning before the meeting commences.
Coffee and tea, assorted pastries.



VETERAN'S STAR PROJECT

All supplies are already purchased/donated. We need your help to assemble.



MARCH OF DIMES BABY BLANKETS PROJECT

We need supplies to complete this project.
Can you donate?

Please bring a 48" no sew fleece blanket kit (available at Jo-Ann's Fabric) or donate \$10.00 per blanket.

If you are bringing any kits, please let Jen Nowak know (jwnowak@charter.net | 413-535-9083)

If you wish to donate towards this project (for kit purchases), please send Venmo donation to the Jennifer-Nowak-24 account. Please include a note in the subject line.