



General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region

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Katherine L. White, President

"Reflections of the Past ... Illuminate Visions to Our Future in GFWC New England"

**Official Call to the 2011 Annual Conference
September 23 - 25, 2011**

"The Magic of Volunteerism in GFWC New England Region"

To All Clubmembers of GFWC New England Region:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 2011 GFWC New England Region Conference to be held at the Hilton Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut on September 23-25, 2011.

The host State of Connecticut and your Region President have been busy planning and preparing for your visit. We look forward to a "magical" number of attendees to encounter exciting workshops, panel discussions, exhibitors, speakers and enchanted banquets and mystical entertainment.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet and share some special time with your GFWC International President, Carlene Garner, GFWC President-elect, Mary Ellen Laister and GFWC 2nd Vice President, Sheila Shea. They are looking forward to greeting each of you. If you have not had the opportunity to meet these lovely, capable leaders, please make it a point to introduce yourselves. They are in New England for you. It also, is a great time to meet long-time and new Federation Friends within your region.

Everyone that will be giving a report should bring two copies, one for the GFWC New England Region Secretary and one for your Region President. State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs will have up to 5 minutes each to report. This will include what you have done **in and for membership**. Do not forget your state flag and stand.

State Ways and Means: Each state may have a table, upon prior request, for the sale of not more than two sale items. Please contact Arlene Yarnes to reserve your table ~ 45 Florida Road, Somers, CT 06071, (860) 749-7387, arlene-gfwc-ct@cox.net.

We will have State Baskets, as a fundraiser, again this year for GFWC New England Region. Each State is requested to contribute a basket with a value **not to exceed \$100.00**. The theme for the baskets will be "MOODS". Suggestions: Happy, Enthusiastic, Sunny, Cuddly, Smart, Sleepy, Hungry, Naughty, Angelic, Grateful, Flirty, Grumpy, Touched, and Friendly. Be creative!

Be sure and bring extra money for chances on the baskets, raffles and for purchases from the exhibitors. We have some great fundraising items for your selection.

Please come to Mystic and join with us in the fun, with your GFWC New England Region sisters, for a "Mystical" weekend filled with the opportunities to learn, grow and blossom into a flourishing GFWC New England.

Let the Magic Begin in New England.

Kathy White

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Tentative 102nd Annual Conference Agenda

Friday, September 23rd

- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting ~ Brilliant Room
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Leadership Workshop - Leading into the Future
Donna Shibley, GFWC Leadership Committee Member
- 6:00 - 6:45 pm Gathering and Greeting
- 6:45 pm Processional Formation
- 7:00 pm State Night Banquet ~ "Welcome to Our Mystical Castle"
Official Opening of 102nd GFWC New England Region Conference
Presiding: Katherine L. White, GFWC New England Region President
Entertainment: Dan LaRosa, Grand Master Hypnotist
- 10:15 pm Junior Fun Night

Saturday, September 24th

- 7:45-8:45am Group Work Sessions
2010- 2012 GFWC Board of Director Members meet with
GFWC International President Carlene Garner
2012- 2014 GFWC Region President, State Presidents,
and Directors of Junior Clubs meet with
President-elect Mary Ellen Laister.
- 9:00 - 10:30 am Opening Business Session
Call to Order
Presentation of State Flags
Presentation of Colors - National Anthem
Conference Business
- 10:45 - 11:30 am Panel Discussion "You Can't Have One without the Other:
with GFWC Advancement Area Committee Members-
Fundraising Committee Member ~ Mary Ann Pierce
Leadership Committee Member ~ Donna Shibley
Membership Committee Member ~ Rosalie Dialessi
Communications & Identity Committee Member ~ Janice Adler
- 11:30 - Noon TBA
- 12:00-12:30 pm Break - Fundraising ~ Exhibits
- 12:30 - 2:00 pm Luncheon - A Wizard's Welcome
Speaker - Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC President-elect
- 2:15 - 3:45 pm Business Meeting
- 4:00 - 4:45 pm Workshops



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7:00 pm GFWC New England Region Banquet ~ “An Illuminating Evening”
 Jennie Award Nominees
 Speaker - Carlene Garner, GFWC International President
 Entertainment - Judy Buch -Ventriloquist
9:00 pm Reception honoring GFWC & GFWC New England Region Officers
Sunday, September 25th
8:00 - 9:00 am “The Mystical Magic of GFWC” Breakfast Buffet
9:00 - 9:40 am Reports of State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs
9:40 - 9:55 am Invitation to the 2012 GFWC New England Region Conference - Maine
10:00 - 10:30 am Speaker: Joe Gillotti presents “Laughing Yoga”
10:30 - 11:00 am Final Business
 Closing Remarks -
 Carlene Garner, GFWC International President;
 Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC President-elect
 Sheila Shea, GFWC 2nd Vice President
11:30 am Adjournment of the 102nd GFWC New England Region Conference

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Conference Registration Form

Registration: *Friday, September 23, 2011*
Saturday, September 24, 2011

9:00 am - 6:00 pm
8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

All members of the six New England State Federations are eligible to attend and vote. They shall register by their highest office, either as State Officer, Club President, Club Member or Guest. GFWC Booster members are required to register and pay registration fee. Guests are invited to attend tours and meal functions.

Name: _____

Name as desired on nametag: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Primary: _____ Secondary: _____

Email Address: _____

State of Membership: _____

Present Office: GFWC Officer GFWC Chairman NER Officer NER Chairman
 State Officer Club President Club Member Booster Guest

Registration Fee:

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| \$10 per person for full Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10.00 |
| \$5 per person for one day or part thereof | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 5.00 |
| | Friday 9/23 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Saturday 9/24 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Sunday 9/25 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Registration Fee: \$ _____

Important: Make check payable to **GFWC New England Region**

* Please complete a separate Conference Registration Form for each attendee. *

**Please mail Conference Registration Form with check
to be received no later than September 3, 2011 to:
Ms. Joyce Lindamood, PO Box 92, Springfield, VT 05156**

Hotel Reservations: Please see enclosed Hilton Mystic information page

Meal Reservations: Please see enclosed Meal Reservation Form





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Present Office: [] GFWC Officer [] GFWC Chairman [] NER Officer [] NER Chairman
[] State Officer [] Club President [] Club Member [] Booster [] Guest

Meals:

Friday: "Welcome to Our Mystical Castle" GFWC Connecticut State Banquet
Pan- Seared Boursin Chicken [] \$36.50
Pan-Seared Atlantic Salmon [] \$41.00
Pasta Primavera [] \$34.00

Saturday: "A Wizards Welcome" Calm Seas Lunch Buffet [] \$27.50

"Reflections of the Past--Illuminate the Way to Visions of Our Future in GFWC"
GFWC New England Region Banquet
Stuffed Breast of Chicken [] \$36.50
Roast Prime Rib of Beef [] \$41.00
Spinach and Portabella Ravioli [] \$34.00

Sunday: "The Mystical Magic of GFWC"
Into the Mystic Buffet Breakfast [] \$18.50

Total Meals: \$ _____

* Please note any food allergies * _____

* Please complete a separate Meal Reservation and Medical Information Form for each attendee. *

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Please mail Meal Reservation and Medical Information forms with check for Meals to be received no later than September 3, 2011 to:

Mrs. Beverly Leone
103 Skyline Drive
East Hartford, CT 06118-3053

(860) 568-3512
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No refunds will be granted after September 9, 2011





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Medical Information Form



Name: _____

Name as desired on nametag: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Primary: _____ Secondary: _____

Email Address: _____

State of Membership: _____

Who to Contact in an Emergency:

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact City/State/Zip: _____

Contact's Telephone: Primary: _____ Secondary: _____

Relationship to Registrant: _____

Special Medical Needs: _____

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20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355**



For reservations call: 860-572-0731

Special Deluxe Guest Room Rates: \$149.00 per night for two double beds or one king bed plus current state and local taxes, presently 12% (Rooms are available on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at our group rate.)

**** Reservations must be received by the hotel no later than August 25, 2011 ****

Requests made after this date will be subject to room and rate availability. The special rate will *not* be guaranteed after August 25, 2011. To receive the contract rates, you must refer to the "**General Federation of Women's Clubs**" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged, as the hotel sells out at this time of year!

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to arrival in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

To expedite check-in, the hotel requests all reservations include the following information:

Arrival and departure dates

Estimated time of arrival

Room preference: double/double or king; smoking or non-smoking

Credit card information: type of card, card number and expiration date

Home address

Hotel facilities include: Heated indoor/outdoor pool; Whirlpool spa and fitness center; Room service; Coffee shop; Complimentary parking

In-room amenities include: Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee; Hairdryer; Iron/ironing board; Cable TV; Pay-per-view movies; Individual climate-control; High-speed Internet access; Dual port speakerphone with voice mail

Check-in time: 3:00 PM

Check-out time: 12:00 Noon

Driving Directions:

Traveling I-95 South: Take exit 90. Make a left turn at end of exit. At first light take a left, as though heading back onto I-95 North, stay in right lane and bear right onto Clara Drive. Hilton Mystic is on left across from the Aquarium.

Traveling I-95 North: Take exit 90. Make a right turn following sign for Coogan Boulevard. At first light make a left turn onto Coogan Boulevard. Follow Coogan Boulevard to Hilton Mystic on right side.



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