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2012 Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to present Marycatherine Massa who will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Sterling Women's Club and her parents tonight.

After graduating from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in June, Marycatherine will attend State University of New York College at Cortland studying criminology.

Her GPA is 3.57 and is ranked 33 out of 320 in her class. She has volunteered at the Sterling Senior center for 4 years and is a trained peer mediator at her school as well as a member of the National Honor Society.

North Central District

Organized in 1943

State Federation 1944

General Federation 1951



Carolyn Tinsley, Editor 2010–2012

Sterling Women's Club

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A note from our President: *I can't believe it's been two years since I took office – the time has flown by! You've all worked very hard and it's been a wonderful two years. Thank you so much for your support!*

A few accomplishments of the last couple of years of which I am particularly proud are:

- Wonderful programs, including the Director of the Worcester County Food Bank pointing out the needs of the hungry in our area and local women telling us of their passions – whether it be to organically farm and open a new local restaurant or to support and participate in a mission overseas. Thank you to all those who had a part in planning these excellent programs!
- Continued support of our military servicemen & women by participating in Operation Christmas Stocking and sending needed items to women in Afghanistan through our local servicewoman, Captain Caitlin Hall. We hope to have Caitlin speak with us this year.
- Outstanding fundraising efforts for the Auction dinners. All of you have stepped up to cook, make donations of needed items, and/or work at the auctions.
- Continued use of the funds we have raised to award scholarships to talented local high school seniors.
- A greater awareness of the SWC among other members of the GFWC of Mass—Our newsletter was used for an example of excellent publications at the May 7th Annual Meeting workshop! You will remember that the newsletter won the state award last year. Another award this year! Our website won the state award! Kudos to Melanie for her excellent work as website editor and to Carolyn for her continued excellence as our newsletter editor!

I am looking forward to the next couple of years with Ranny at the helm and her new officers and directors. New and exciting ideas are coming!

Brenda

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Sharing & Caring:

Carolyn Tinsley's mother peacefully passed away on May 1st at the age of 91. The Sterling Women's Club members offer their condolences.

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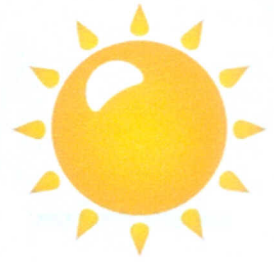
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2012 Re-Cap:

In **January**, the “**New Year**” brought our Fifth Annual Yankee Re-Gift Swap! Everyone brought a wrapped gift...something they received throughout the year that didn't quite suit their needs. The fun of exposing all that was brought—especially seeing who else really likes it—always makes it a great evening of just doing something fun for ourselves. It was held at the First Church in Sterling fireside with lots of refreshments and goodies!



At our **February** meeting, we held a game night which was very well attended. Several members brought games, while others brought some light refreshments and a lot of fun was had by all!

For our **March** meeting, we had the pleasure to welcome Susan Harrigan, who is new to Sterling, and she talked about organic farming and her former restaurant in Florida. She and her partner have now opened the Harvest Grille, a small restaurant in downtown Sterling, where they plan to serve high-quality foods—including organic and/or locally-grown items—whenever possible. This type of restaurant should do very well in Sterling.

April was our last official meeting of the year and was held at the 1835 Old Town Hall where we were pleased to host three speakers who are dedicated to sharing all that Sterling has to offer with countries in South America.

- **Jen Colburn's** presentation was heartwarming when she informed us of all the medical care needed and efforts to purify the water to prevent many of the diseases that her group tries to heal in *La Romana*, Dominican Republic. Each year, about 10 people from the First Church travel to *La Romana*, to assist with the construction of the hospital, and to provide health care, funding their efforts through fund raisers as well as individual contributions. Everyone who has traveled to *La Romana* has said that it is a profound, life-changing event. Jen's passion and effervescence moved everyone in the room.
- **Elayn Byron** was a great inspiration to all when she recalled how she came to be a part of this well-needed ecumenical partnership which provides medical and nutritional assistance to the small village of *Los Patzanes*, Guatemala. She and six others started this effort some 24+ years ago and are still going strong. They have also contributed to building two schools...along with school supplies, etc. Their monies are generally raised through catering events—where 100% of the money goes directly to the people of *Los Patzanes*.
- **Lisa Noyes** was so entertaining and her zeal came bounding out when she spoke about her travels to Nicaragua and about how her daughter introduced her to the needs of *San Juan del Sur*, a village there. Important items such as composting toilets and especially ministry to adolescent girls who have been sexually abused are very much in need, as well as education (for both adults and children). There is no question that Lisa will continue to be a strong ally to this village for many years to come—bringing her warmth and talents to so many.

GFWC News

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts held its Annual Convention in Taunton on May 7. Our club was represented by Brenda Ware, who was one of over 100 women from all over the state in attendance. Brenda returns with excellent ideas for making our presence more known in our community.

As in our club, new officers were installed for the 2012 – 2014 term. The incoming President, Mary Anne Pierce, has made her slogan for the year, “T.E.A.M.” – Together Everyone Accomplishes More. You can see her new logo, slogan and plans for her term on the website in a couple of days – just go to www.GFWCMA.org