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Of Special Interest

Be sure to find out about our October meeting as it will encourage past members to join us for this fun-filled evening. Invite past members to see where the club is now and what they have to offer.

North Central District

Organized in 1943

State Federation 1944

General Federation 1951



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Sterling Women's Club

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Our 68th Year!

Welcome Back Dinner

When you receive this newsletter, most of you will be enjoying our Welcome Back Dinner at the Sterling Country Club. We are kicking off our 68th year!

Our theme for the year is "Engage the Club." We have grown in numbers over the past couple of years and now it is time to determine whether we are providing programs and projects that are "engaging" or interesting to our club members. If we are being successful, more ladies will join us because they, too, will be interested! We do, however, encourage you to bring friends to meetings and activities.

Please look at the sign-up sheets at the dinner for programs that are planned through the first of the year.

We are asking for your help in making these programs a success and need

your help and input in determining programs for the rest of 2011.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year. I hope you are too!

Sincerely,

Brenda

Brenda Ware,
2010-2011 President

Joys and Concerns

It is with sadness that we need to pass along the deaths of both Melanie Glynn's mother over the summer and Karen Manning's mother on September 11th. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but with the care and concern of their fellow Club Members, we hope that they will feel the love and compassion that we all wish to share.

Schedule of Events

September 16, 2010

Welcome Back Dinner at the Sterling National Country Club

October 14, 2010

Past & Present Member Reunion/Game Night at the 1835 Old Town Hall

November 11, 2010

Honoring Veterans/Women's Health-Wellness at the 1835 Old Town Hall

December 9, 2010

Craft Night at the Sterling Greenery

January 13, 2011

4th annual
"Yankee Re-Gift Swap"
at the First Church

2010—2011 Executive Board Members

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Do You Know Our National And State Organization?

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when [Jane Cunningham Croly](#) (1829-1901), a professional New York journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and, in response, she formed a club for women. In 1890 she extended an invitation to women's clubs throughout the U. S. to attend a ratification convention in New York City. 63 clubs attended on April 23-25 and took action to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Membership now exists in all 50 states and more than a dozen countries. GFWC clubwomen are a very diverse group dedicated to working together to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

The GFWC of Massachusetts was founded in 1893, and, jointly with GFWC was instrumental in the following accomplishments.

- Establishing more than 75% of the nation's libraries.
- In 1945, one of 5 women's organizations chosen to participate in the conference to form the United Nations.
- In 1961, held a Women's Crusade for Seat Belts program resulting in the installation of more than one million seat belts of the course of one year.
- In Massachusetts, in the two year period of 2000-2002, clubwomen worked 1,745,708 volunteer hours and gave \$1,732,721 to community service with \$333,047 in club and state scholarships.

The advantage of membership in both the national and local GFWC organizations is to increase the voices of clubwomen in order to make accomplishments such as those above possible. The advantages to our club are the resources and support we can receive for our own local interests.

Watch for updates from the GFWC in future newsletters!

Past and Present Member Reunion & Game Night!

For our October 14th meeting, we will be having a fun night. Several games will be set up and we'll just enjoying playing and socializing. We hope to get some of our former members to join us for a "reunion." We also welcome friends!

We need help in planning this event, so if you are interested, please sign up to chair or assist, or just feel free to give us ideas of what games might be of interest.

November "Tuesdays" Fundraising

Once again, we are volunteering at the First Church in Sterling to "man" the concession stand during the John Power's Auctions. We hope to raise even more money then we did last year and hope to have the general membership assist us—as this is your club too!

If you are unsure of what to do, we'll have it all spelled out for you and you will also have plenty of help.

We work 2-1/2 hour shifts:
4:00—6:30 PM or
6:30—9:00PM) which makes it easy and enjoyable.

If you are unable to help out on Tuesday nights, we will be accepting food donations in the way of sandwiches, casseroles, desserts, beverages and condiments.

Contact Brenda Ware at
978-464-5306 or email us at:

swc01564@gmail.com



We Want to Hear From You!

If you have any questions or suggestions about the club, please don't hesitate to contact us, as we are always looking for interesting ways of getting all of our members involved.

We are also open to bringing in new members, so please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor to any of our meetings so they can see what we're all about.

Also, if you are interested in any of our club meetings and would like to volunteer your time and/or talent...just let us know and we'll put you in touch with whomever is in charge of that event.

November 11, 2010 - Honoring Veterans



Our November meeting falls on the 11th, which is also Veteran's Day. To honor our veterans, we will have two activities. A member of the local Blue Star Mother's group will introduce us to this special organization, which consists of former and present military service children. They support our military members in several ways, including providing meals to disabled soldiers at NEADS while they train with their new dogs.

Our second activity will be filling stockings for Operation

Christmas Stocking 2010. This is one of the projects of Boatsie's Boxes—a national non-profit group that supports members of our military serving overseas. This activity was suggested by the GFWC and they supported it at the annual conference this past summer. More information on this project, including a list of suggested supplies for the stockings, will be provided at our October meeting.

Once again, we need people to sign up to help.



Sterling Women's Club

The Sterling Women's Club is open to all women of Sterling and adjoining towns. The purpose of this non-sectarian, non-partisan club is to maintain an active, aggressive interest in all things that pertain to the moral, social and civic welfare of our town.

December 9, 2010—Boxwood Trees

Craft/Night Meeting

Thursday, December 9th we will be meeting at the Sterling Greenery on Route 140 in Sterling to make a boxwood tree or a wreath for the up-coming holiday season. When you sign up, you will be asked to choose your project.

If you would be willing to help provide some finger snacks and/or beverages, please let us know.

The cost for the class and materials is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. If you have any questions or could assist in organizing this event, please contact Chairperson, Nicole Maier at 978-422-7421.



January 13, 2010 - 4th Annual Re-Gift Swap



Brought back by popular demand, we will be hosting our 4th Annual Yankee Re-Gift Swap again in

January. There no cost involved—other than bringing a wrapped gift that does not suit your needs. It is always fun to see what “anonymous” gift turns out to suit some else's taste.

The time is 7–9 PM and will be held at the First Church by the fireside on Route 12 across from the Town Common.

Please call Chairperson, Ranny Sabourin at 978-422-7972 or her assistant, Betsy Sabourin, at 978-422-7550 for any questions or to sign up.

Refreshments will be served at this meeting and anyone looking to bring some “finger” foods or beverages, please let anyone on the board know so we can coordinate the food items.

We're on the web at:
www.sterlingwomensclub.com
 Be sure to check us out!

