

GFWC
Dudley Woman's Club

A Volunteer Organization Dedicated to Community Service

October 2008 Newsletter

As fall heralds in a season of change and diversity, we welcome each of you to the new Dudley Woman's Club. The diversity of our membership, bound by a common benevolent thread, will enrich and enhance our community throughout the seasons to come.

At our first meeting September 8, Mary Baird, state president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, installed our club officers and offered inspirational messages for this, the 104th Woman's Club established in the Commonwealth.

With the new school year fresh on the minds of parents, we collected pencils, erasers and glue sticks for the pre-school through Grade 1 students of Mason Road School. Two baskets brimming with your generosity were delivered to the school the next day.

School Principal Theodora Dono had this to say in her thank you note, "The teachers were very excited to see such prizes that could be used in the classroom. The staff and students of Mason Road School thank you so much for your generous donation."

We too were recipients of a generous donation last month and offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at Shepherd Hill Regional High School for producing our first membership yearbook.

At the close of our inaugural meeting, we were 50 members strong – Thank you for your membership. We look forward to our shared future in community service!

Upcoming Meetings...

October 13 Dudley Senior Center 7 p.m.

The Public Affairs Department will present:

"Domestic Violence" with Police Chief Steven Wojnar

For our October community service project, we will distribute Trick-or-Treat boxes for UNICEF to members. Each year, millions of children are dying of preventable causes. UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other organization in the world. You can make a difference by placing a few boxes around town for Halloween.

November 10 Dudley Senior Center 7 p.m.

The Home Life Department Presents:

"Organ and Tissue Donation" with Kenneth Laferriere

Mr. Laferriere is a Dudley resident, who received a heart transplant at age 17. He now works for New England Organ Bank in Boston. Organ donor cards will be distributed to members.

For our community service project, please brighten the holiday for those in need by bringing a nonperishable food item for the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

Upcoming Events...

Election Day Bake Sale 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. November 4

Please consider donating cookies, pies, cakes, bread or YOUR TIME to our first bake sale. We will be located in the police station lobby during Election Day. Volunteers are needed in shifts of as little as an hour. Please contact Elaine at 949-1251 to arrange your donation or volunteer your time. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the DWC Scholarship Fund.

Club Goals...

We work to achieve the following during our first years of service in Dudley and we plan to expand our goals in the years to come (with *your* help!).

- 1 Award college scholarships to one student each from Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
- 2 Provide furnishings for an area in the new Pearl L. Crawford Library Memorial Library

Volunteer Hours...

The General Federation of Women's Clubs wants to know – how many hours a month do you volunteer?

Whether you give time in a school, church, or hospital or help a friend by providing a ride to the doctor, your volunteer hours count. Please write down those hours each month and bring a summary to our meetings to be recorded.

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"All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own." ~ Edwin
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