



Hello GFWC WI Members

Welcome to the 2022 to 2024 administration. As Junior Director, I encourage you to show your sparkle for GFWC everywhere you go! I believe we are making a turn in the Covid Pandemic and like-minded woman are out there looking to volunteer and get involved with helping their communities. We just need to sprinkle some magic GFWC Diamond dust! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, hairdresser, nail tech, or whomever you are in contact with on a regular basis to a club meeting. You may be surprised how many people had no idea how much you shine in GFWC. I also encourage you to bring a club member who has never attended a workshop or convention to participate so that they may learn all the wonderful things that GFWC has to offer.

Junior Special Program will continue to be Advocates for children with Advocates for children's week falling on October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 and October 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. The emphasis is to promote and collect clothing, blankets, and personal hygiene items that can be distributed to local organizations for children that have been removed from their homes.

When your clubs meet and plan your activities for the year, please let's not forget to incorporate my emphasis of empowering our youth. By empowering our youth, we can build strong, confident, self-reliant adults. Education creates empowerment. It opens doors to the job market, combats inequality, and improves self-health along with maternal health. The consistent, enduring presence of a caring adult in a young person's life can be the difference between staying in school or dropping out, making healthy decisions, or engaging in risky behaviors. I encourage you to turn some stones and empower and advocate for our youth.

Heifer international shares this vision of empowering families and teaching them to be self-sustainable. One of my goals is to participate in Heifer international's "Send a girl to School" program. In some countries girls are often denied the opportunity of schooling due to limited resources and the need to keep them home to work. Please check out [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Our strategic plan for GFWC WI is to Recruit, Retain and increase membership, and with this, it is the goal of the GFWC WI Junior board to start new clubs in the 2 districts that have no Junior clubs. We plan to have daily posts on our Facebook page with GFWC information along with member recognition. Please send me pictures and information about your members and clubs so we all can share in your success and sparkle! Please invite me to your events and or meetings. My board has agreed to work on making a video, which will have encouraging information to help promote GFWC WI. I look forward to accomplishing these tasks! I have set many goals for my administration, but I call upon all of us to carry them out. We need to make GFWC a household name instead of the best kept secret.

I look forward to getting to know many of you better and hearing the many ways you turned stones within your clubs.

Rock on Ladies, Rock on!

Your GFWC WI sister,

Suzanne (Suz) Hooser, Director of Junior Clubs