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GFWC-WI Hosted Wisconsin Own Library Open House



GFWC-WI and Ripon College jointly hosted a poetry reading and open house at Lane Library on November 12, 2022. Wisconsin's Own Library and the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Trust was highlighted for the 50 or so attendees

from the college and the community.

The lucky gathering was delighted by the original work of Meghan Gannon, PhD., a member of Ripon College's faculty.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR GFWC-WI STATE PRESIDENT, NANCY DICKMAN



I extend to all of you the most heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year! I hope this year is filled with good health and great happiness for you and yours.

I find myself reflecting on the past year whenever the calendar ticks to a new year. We complicated women have so many aspects to our lives, reflecting can be an interesting exercise. But for today, I reflect on our affiliation in GFWC. How very fortunate we are to have our clubs. My club sisters keep me intellectually on my toes and emotionally connected to community and friends. Thank you. And I look forward to the challenges and accomplishments that await in 2023.

The Winter Workshop and Board of Directors meeting is planned for February 10-11, 2023, at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Road in Green Bay. This newly updated venue is part of the Oneida casino complex at 2100 Airport Road.

The content of the meeting con-

tinues to draw from the results of the all-member survey of last summer. Come on Friday for committee meetings (or if you are not part of a committee, feel free to tour Green Bay, check out Lambeau Field or visit the casino), share dinner and a service project with your GFWC sisters and be part of a terrific Board meeting on Saturday that includes suggestions on website preparedness and an incredible session on Emotional Intelligence. I hope you take a moment to read about our Emotional Intelligence session in the Leadership section of the Clubwoman.

And please be sure to check the information about the collection for the service project in Suz Hooser's article! Our time together will also include updates from committees that have been hard at work to keep the wheels of GFWC-WI running smoothly. These updates for the clubs and the service project mean so much when we can have a wonderful room full of our club sisters.

I do hope many of you will be able to join us for an informative workshop at the eastern end of Highway 29! The Call for the meeting is later in the Clubwoman.

I was delighted to represent GFWC-WI at a club anniversary dinner in November and attend meetings for two clubs in December. Club and district meetings already appear on the calendar every month from January through April. In addition, the Convention in Eau Claire May 4-6, 2023, will include great speak-

ers and a lovely musical interlude.

I look forward to reading the club reports to learn about all the amazing projects. There are so many wonderful opportunities to recognize club and community members. The many award, contest and reporting deadlines can be found at the gfwc-wi.org website. Take a scroll through the site and I promise you will learn something new every time you visit.

Thank you for your dedication to GFWC-WI. We do amazing things for our communities. You already follow my slogan, "Be the Light!" You are brilliant!



**MESSAGE FROM GFWC - WI DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS,
SUZANNE HOOSER**

Happy New Year GFWC WI

I have enjoyed visiting 2 junior club events this fall along with attending Fall workshop, Great Lakes Regional convention, and participated in a mini leads seminar.

REPORTS! REPORTS! REPORTS!

I am so looking forward to hearing all about what your clubs have been busy doing. I am especially excited to read how your club Turned Stones and empowered our youth! I encourage you when submitting your Junior Special Program reports to add whether the project was to empower youth, as we will be recognizing this effort. Remember everything your club does is worth reporting. Also, I encourage you to send in your Junior of the year and your LEADS candidate nominations.



I am thrilled to tell you all about our Winter Workshop Service Project.

We will be teaming up with the Green Bay Chapter of “Days for Girls”. This is an organization that gives access to menstrual education and care. “Days for Girl’s” has created a reusable and sustainable solution for menstrual and hygiene health. We will not only be collecting items to donate to this organization but will also have some hands-on time Friday evening to create bags that are sent with the care items. Brenda from the Green Bay chapter will educate us on exactly what they do and guide us through the service project.

I have compiled a wish list of their needs.



- Hotel size bar soap
- Thin washcloths
- Girls’ underwear, size 12 to 18 or woman’s size small

Days for Girl’s will also take any unwanted material fabric off your hands. They prefer cotton but will take whatever you are willing to part with.

I encourage you to check out their website at daysforgirls.org to hear all about the impact they are having globally.



What Stones have you Turned Today!

Officer Report:



GFWC - WI FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, LINDA BROWN

A New Year, Is Also a New Beginning!

And, Membership is still a priority in the State of Wisconsin. All clubs have done a terrific job with membership drives – picnics – teas – and promotions to gain new members. But more needs to be done, the work should continue. It is all our responsibility to continue to grow. Each of us needs to pro-

mote their clubs and to spread the good works of this state.

Are you in need of help? Always remember that I am here to help, all you need is to ask and I will be there for you.

Please remember there is a \$50 grant from International to be used in a membership drive, just go to the member portal at GFWC.org to fill in the application. **Also;** a \$35 grant from the state is available for clubs to use for membership drives, all you have to do is text, call or send an email/letter to me asking for help. I will need to know what you will be spending it on and when the event is happen-

ing and we will send a check to the club treasurer. A little help goes a long way.

Looking forward to your reporting in January and to read all your great work. Please report, it is very important to all of us.

I would like to take this time to wish you all a wonderful, healthy 2023! I know that we are going to be great.

GFWC - WI SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, ERIN EPPING

Happy New Year! This officer has been busy attending the Executive Committee and Wisconsin's Own Library meetings and following up on assigned action items. I have also been busy responding to emails about volunteer hours and reporting. Speaking of reporting, please complete club reporting for calendar year 2022 in January. This requirement is an important step for our clubs to accomplish. This year, I have a 100% goal that all clubs report and preferably electronically. The reporting information is on the state website at url:

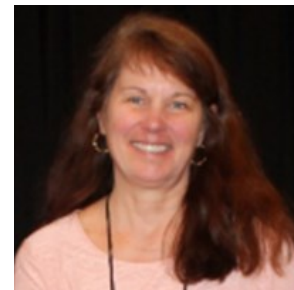
<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/gfwcwi->

reporting

The deadline for reporting is January 31, 2023. If you have your reports done early, please send them. Early is good!

If you have any questions about reporting, please email me or call or text me at 414-355-8780.

Thank you for all you do for your communities.



GFWC - WI RECORDING SECRETARY, SHELLY ISELY



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are getting ready for a busy 2023 beginning with the Winter Workshop held February 10-11 in Green Bay followed by our GFWC-WI State Convention May 4-6 in Eau Claire. In addition to recording minutes for the workshops and State Convention I also record minutes for the Executive Committee meetings. The minutes from our last Executive Committee meeting held via ZOOM on November 16, 2022, have been recorded, approved and placed on file. See you at the Winter Workshop

GFWC - WI CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, TAMMY WELTER

I look forward to receiving all your registrations for Winter Workshop. Please make my job easier and adhere to the registration deadlines.

There have been several changes to the State Handbook since the November 2022 Clubwoman report. Updates can be found in the online Handbook

Section 2 – pages 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9

Section 3 – pages 2 and 20

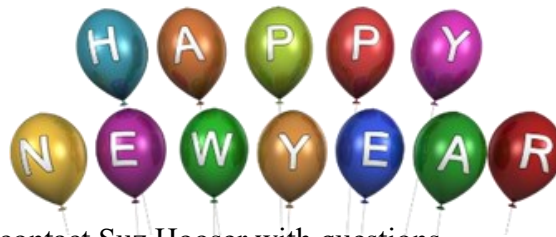
Let me know if there are any other corrections or changes to your club, district or personal information.



GFWC - WI TREASURER, MICHELLE MUNOZ



There is fun and exciting news on dues and rosters!
There will be a full report at Winter Workshop



Please contact Suz Hooser with questions.

suzhoosergfwc@gmail.com

Our goal is to have all books exchanged
with no leftovers!

Please bring only the number of books you plan to take.

GFWC-WI WINTER WORKSHOP

Friday & Saturday, February 10-11, 2023
 Radisson Hotel & Conference Center – Green Bay, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (Required to reach you) Email _____

Name of Club _____	Please check highest office currently held	
	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Junior Board Member
District _____	<input type="checkbox"/> District President	<input type="checkbox"/> Member
	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
	<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	

Registration via mail or online	Postmarked on or before January 27, 2023	\$35.00	_____
Early Bird Discount of \$5.00	Postmarked on or before January 16, 2023		
CASH refunded at the workshop			

Late Registration		\$55.00	_____
Mail in Registration Deadline	Postmarked after January 27, 2023		
Online Credit Card Registration Deadline	Paid on or after February 3, 2023		

NO Refunds after February 3, 2023

Friday Dinner – Choice of Plated Entrée that includes Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls, Coffee/Tea, and Assorted Dessert Bars	Herb Baked Chicken Breast and Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes and Homemade Pan Gravy	\$35.00	_____
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Burgundy Beef Tips Braised with Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes	\$35.00	_____
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Saturday Lunch – Choice of Plated Entrée that includes Kettle Chips, Coffee/Tea, Fresh Fruit Cup, Pickle Spear and Assorted Cookies	California Chicken Club with Crisp Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato, Swiss Cheese, Pesto and Mayo on a Sheboygan Hard Roll	\$22.00	_____
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Shaved Ham and Wisconsin Cheddar on a Sheboygan Hard Roll	\$22.00	_____
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Dietary Restrictions: _____ Workshop Total: _____

Make Checks Payable to: GFWC-WI
 Mail To: Tammy Welter 630-209-8198 ILMOMof3@gmail.com
 1960 Boulder Lane
 Beloit, WI 53511

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are blocked for GFWC-WI at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center – Green Bay on Friday February 10, 2023. **Call for Reservations: 800-333-3333 or 920-494-7300**

Rate: \$119.00 plus taxes per night - Ask for the "GFWC-WI room block" to receive the negotiated rate. Rooms include 2 Standard Queen Beds, Free Wi-Fi, Flat Panel HD TV, Refrigerator, Coffee Maker, Hair Dryer.

Book your room by January 20, 2023, as our room block rate is not guaranteed after that.

**2023 GFWC-WI Winter Workshop
TENTATIVE AGENDA AND ROOMS**

All meetings will occur at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Green Bay, WI. Business casual or GFWC attire recommended.

Time:	Room:	Meeting:
Friday, February 10:		
12:00 pm:	Seneca	Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting
1:00 pm:	Onondaga	Communications and Public Relations Committee Meeting
1:00 pm:	Mohawk	Resolutions Committee Meeting
2:00 pm:	Onondaga	Ad Hoc Tech Committee Meeting (until 2:30)
2:00 pm:	Mohawk	Leadership Committee Meeting
2:00 pm:	Seneca	Joint District Presidents and Membership Committee Meeting
3:00 pm:		Registration Open until 5:00 pm
3:15 pm:	State Board Room	Executive Committee
4:30 pm:		Adjournment of all committee meetings
5:00 pm:	Huron/Ontario	Social Hour with Cash Bar
5:30 pm:	Huron/Ontario	Dinner (Registration and Pre-Paid Meal Ticket Required)
6:45 pm:	Tuscarora	GFWC-WI Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 pm:	Tuscarora	Speaker and Service Project- Brenda Heller, Volunteer Leader, <i>"Days for Girls International"</i> .
Saturday, February 11:		
7:30 am:	State Board Room	Junior Board Meeting
7:45 am:	Outside Tuscarora	Registration open until 8:30 am
8:30 am:	Tuscarora	GFWC-WI Board of Directors Meeting resumes Officer reports, Resolutions, Amendments Emotional Intelligence – section 1
12:00 pm:	Huron/Ontario	Lunch (Registration and Pre-Paid Meal Ticket Required)
12:45 pm:	Tuscarora	Emotional Intelligence – section 2 Committee reports, President’s Emphasis update Meeting wrap-up
4:00 pm:		Adjourn





WISCONSIN'S OWN LIBRARY

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Then the stakes were raised when the remarkably talented Freesia McKee shared a collection of her work as the Poet-in-Residence for Fall 2022.

Ms. McKee quickly assimilated into the faculty and the community of Ripon and produced a remarkable catalog of work in a very short time. Her numbered original broadside was unveiled at the reading. Only 100 copies of this original poem with her artwork were printed, enough to allow a copy for each club! The broadside copies will be available for clubs at the Winter Workshop.

We know that some clubs donated framed broadsides from last year's Poet-in-Residence to local libraries and they loved them.

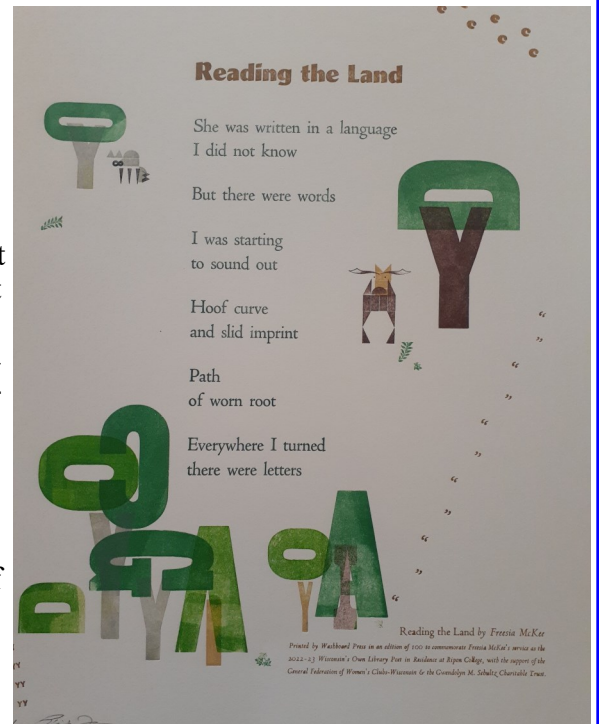
Perhaps this year's work will grace a library near your club or be a fund-raising item for your club or special gift to a member of your community.

GFWC-WI is so fortunate to fund the Poet-in-Residence program from proceeds received from the Schultz Trust. The Wisconsin's Own Library Committee is working with Ripon College to decide the term of the next Poet-in-Residence. The poet instructs a graduate level poetry class as well as creates a collection of work to be published while at Ripon College.

Keep an eye out next fall for the next open house. It is a real treat to see the impact of Wisconsin's Own Library

SUBMITTED BY NANCY DICKMAN

and the vision of GFWC-WI in promoting Wisconsin authors!



WOODLAND PATTERN BOOK CENTER POETRY MARATHON

SUBMITTED BY ABBY LORENZ



Wisconsin's Own Library to be Presenting Sponsor of the 29th Annual Poetry Marathon & Benefit Hosted by Woodland Pattern Book Center

Sat. & Sun., JANUARY 28th & 29th, 2023 | 10 am-10 pm CT

Wisconsin's Own Library is proud to be a Presenting Sponsor of Woodland Pattern's highly anticipated annual event called the Poetry Marathon.

It is a two-day, 24-hour lyrical extravaganza with performances from more than 300 individual poets, musicians, and moving image artists. Funds raised through the Marathon each January have kept Woodland Pattern going strong for decades, providing fuel for all of their programmatic activities in the year ahead. The Woodland Pattern Book Center is located at 720 E. Locust Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All 24 hours of the Poetry Marathon will be livestreamed via Crowdcast. Each hour will feature 10 or more poets reading for up to 5 minutes each, plus remarks and conversation among curators, the Woodland Pattern staff, and audience members.

The Wisconsin's Own Library sponsorship is made possible by proceeds from the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust, and by doing so we are honoring the many individual creative practices that compose and enrich our community. It is the grand mix of voices—of beginning, emerging, and established writers; of people of various ages, cultural backgrounds, and life experiences—that makes Woodland Pattern's Poetry Marathon an authentic celebration of our shared humanity and the possibilities of language.

As a Presenting Sponsor we will be receiving hourly recognition, social media postings, a partnership press release, and a spotlight story in the Woodland Pattern annual report. Woodland Pattern is extending membership benefits to ANY GFWC-WI member, which includes 10% off all books, workshops, and ticketed events. Please let Abby Lorenz know if you would like a membership in Woodland Patterns.

January 2023



GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MUNOZ, CHAIR

The latest edition of

GFWC Signature Program Newsletter is available on our website under the Signature Program Tab. Please check it out. Look for this image

Domestic Violence is Never ok!

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Find more information on Teen Dating Violence Awareness at:

<https://youth.gov/feature-article/teen-dating-violence-awareness-and-prevention-month>

Happy New Year!!!



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2022-2024

SUBMITTED BY SUE BESSERT, CHAIR

President's Special Project 2022-2024

GFWC-WI State President Nancy Dickman's special project is in Arts & Culture and her goal is to:

Elevate creativity and the quality of life in each of our communities.

Clubs that donate \$500 to support performing arts in their communities will receive \$100 back.

Has your club made its plans to get involved?

To learn more, reach out to clubwoman Sue Bessert, bbessert@centurytel.net or 715-889-2342.

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2022-2024

Community Service Programs:



HEALTH & WELLNESS

SUBMITTED BY JOYCE SCHAEFER, CHAIR



MIND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH THIS WINTER

Winter starts off pretty well, we have the Christmas Holidays to enjoy, but, then comes January. Unlike the picture above, we have a lot of gray and cold days. We begin to feel unhappy and wonder why? The fact is that we are governed by circadian rhythms, our body’s natural clock that helps regulate important functions like sleeping, waking and our mood. Winter disrupts our circadian rhythms. We have fewer hours of daylight; it gets bright out later in the morning and dark earlier in the evening. Our life schedules however do not change and thus, this shift may affect your mental

health.

So, what can we do? Those things that we say to do all of the time; exercising, eating nutritious foods, practicing self-care and maintaining good social support systems are even more important in the winter months. Exercising 30 minutes a day is recommended; this helps to release those endorphins which are the “happy” hormones. Try to focus on eating lots of healthy fruits and vegetables.

Many persons turn to meditation to help to stay well. Meditation can be as short as a 10 minute session once a day. There are many podcasts available to help you with your meditation. There

are a variety of other meditative practices you can partake of; yoga, taking a walk or even listening to your favorite music.

Here are a few other ideas which might help you during the winter months. It is recommended for persons to take a Vitamin D supplement to make up for the lack of sunlight that you are taking in. Light therapy has also been shown to help persons get through the long winters. You can purchase a light box. Wearing bright colors helps to stimulate our senses, so put away the gray and black colored clothing. Finally, surround yourself with positive people!



ARTS AND CULTURE

HELEN FARNSWORTH MEARS DAY

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY BRABENDER MATTOX, CHAIR

The State of Wisconsin celebrated “**Helen Farnsworth Mears Day**” on December 21, 2022! The Proclamation issued by Governor Evers proclaims in eloquent language that her art exemplified the Wisconsin spirit. He **cites** her sculptures “Genius of Wisconsin” and “Frances Willard” and all those that are exhibited in museums around the

country. He mentions the GFWC -WI annual art competition for 7th and 8th grade students established in her name in 1927 which continues to this day. Finally, he joins with “GFWC-WI in honoring the legacy of Helen Farnsworth Mears – both as an artist and as an influential woman in Wisconsin history – and recognizes the importance of her art to

the collective culture of the state”. This Proclamation not only praises Helen Farnsworth Mears but also acknowledges GFWC-WI’s role in continuing to recognize her work.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

HELEN FARNSWORTH MEARS DAY PROCLAMATION

It would be amazing if there was an increase in the number of clubs that sponsored the Art Contest this year to honor the 150th anniversary of Helen's birth. Students would be given the opportunity to be part of this historic celebration. It's never too late to invite an art teacher to consider submitting student artwork in this 96th Annual Art Contest.





CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE BLACK, CHAIR

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays with those you hold dear. We are looking forward to seeing how you all succeeded this program year.

Civic Engagement is the process of connecting individuals in society with one another, to share common interests, and work for the common good.

This administration's Community Connection Initiative is called: A Little Thanks Goes a Long Way.

We encourage you all to focus your efforts on giving thanks and advocating for the essential workers in your communities.

Essential workers include many fields of work, not only medical care providers and first responders, but also many 911 dispatchers, our teachers, civil service employees, farmers, truckers, utility workers, pharmacy providers,

bank employees, delivery services, sanitation employees and military personnel.

The GFWC club manual has several ideas and resources to help get your club motivated to support our initiatives and has several project ideas to assist your club.

The Civic Engagement & Outreach program area encourages our WI clubs to focus your efforts that include citizenship, Crime prevention, Safety and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy and Hungry, and Homeless. Beyond these suggestions, look within your own community for ways to make a positive impact.

I really am grateful to be a part of the program area and look forward to evaluating your reports to send to Headquarters and to determine the WI winners.

I look forward to assisting all of our GFWC-WI clubs this term and I am excited to see you all succeed. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or need assistance with your project reporting.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you.

I leave you with this final thought for the upcoming program reporting season. We advocate because there is a need, we volunteer because we are needed. Our focus continues to be addressing issues of public concern.



EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SUBMITTED BY SUE SANDS, CHAIR

It's that time of year again when we concentrate on the annual reports due to our Wisconsin State Chairmen by January 31st. I am looking forward to reading about all the wonderful projects, activities and events sponsored by our club sisters in Wisconsin.

Some of the areas that your club could report on include Free Little Libraries, projects supporting school library events, scholarships offered for those interested

in education, STEM programs, book fairs, story times, projects for those who have special needs.

When writing your reports, please remember to include details that make what you are reporting special or unique. State the who, what, when, and why of the projects. Pictures add a lot of interest to a report, so include them whenever possible.

You may want to encourage your

club members to check out Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO). This could be a group effort or an individual focus. More information regarding all GFWC opportunities can be found by accessing the Member Portal Digital Library.



ENVIRONMENT

SUBMITTED BY GLORIA LANSIN, CHAIR

I know it is only January, but when I see it staying light for those extra minutes, I think Spring.

One thing leads to another, and I am planning my flower garden. This year I am devoting part of the garden to planting milkweed for the monarch butter-

flies. The newly hatched caterpillars need milkweed to survive, in fact it is the only thing they eat. Once fully grown they become nectar eaters. Please take the time to think ahead to help the monarchs from disappearing.

Advancement Area:

FUNDRAISING

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN MITCHELL, GFWC-WI FUNDRAISING CHAIR

We have replenished our supply of Nancy's President pins. I can take orders by email and if Nancy is planning to visit your club, she can drop them off, or if you are in a relatively close proximity to Milwaukee, I can meet you and get them to you. These make wonderful gifts for thanking your members for the hard work they do.

We will be putting the Fun back in Fundraising at the Winter Workshop in February so bring some extra \$\$\$\$. We will have a split the pot- 50/25/25 raffle. We

have not had one of these in a while so it will be fun to bring it back. I will also have the other small items for sale as I have for a while, window cling, wrist clip, and the coasters Nancy had made for her installation. If you were not at the Blue Harbor it is a beautiful stone coaster with the colorful GFWC emblem on it. We also still have the shirts available on the website.

I am planning some other Fun ideas for May so stay tuned.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

SUBMITTED BY LORETTA CARON, CHAIR

Did you know GFWC has a "Communications and PR Toolkit"?

Log on to the portal and go to:

[My Digital Library > Resources > C > Communications & PR Toolkit >](#)

Communications & PR Toolkit

Here you can find articles on building a website, creating a newsletter, having a social media presence and so much more. This is a work in progress, so check back and see what other tools get added.



LEADERSHIP

SUBMITTED BY DEB BROSSARD, CHAIR

By the time you are settling down to read this, the festive holidays have passed and we are all getting back into the groove of our 'regular routines.' I know I took some much-needed time away from my computer and while I love it, also some time away from GFWC responsibilities. But it is time to roll up my sleeves and plop my GFWC hat back on. We have work to do!

First priority...Reporting! Please, please, please while preparing for your club's report on Leadership, consider that everything we do requires leadership...club meetings, board meetings, bylaws review, mentoring/training and education (GFWC-WI Mini LEADS participation/GFWC LEADS applicant), attending District and State meetings, holding positions of leadership within the various levels of GFWC, organizing events and activities, collaboration with other community organizations and serving in positions of volunteer leadership within the community.

Remember that the GFWC-WI Leadership Report form is structured differently from the single narrative you are asked to write for the Community Service Programs, Other Advancement Areas, and Special Programs.

The following are the specific instructions for GFWC-WI Leadership Reporting. Note that you will be providing us with statistics and 'yes' or 'no' answers as well as four separate narratives in the areas of:

**Protocol Basics and Strategic Plan
Participation at District &**

State Meetings Support Leadership Development Leadership Innovation and Collaboration

Instructions:

Your GFWC-WI Leadership Chairman believes it is important to communicate the criteria that will be used in writing our state report to GFWC. Your assistance is needed. Please "report" your club leadership endeavors by answering the questions listed, providing a narrative of the topic and the number of members involved, hours and dollars spent for each topic. Also, insert your report totals in the space provided on the reporting form. **(Special note: Club members' work at the district level IS included in club reporting; Club members' work at the State board level IS NOT included in club reporting. There is a special form for reporting these hours to the state and board members will be receiving that to complete individually).** The selection process for both national and state awards will be based on a rubric developed from your responses. Please help GFWC-WI report your accomplishments! Remember, all your leadership efforts make a difference!

If you have any questions while you are preparing and/or writing up your Leadership Club Report, please do not hesitate to contact me at deb.brossard@gmail.com or 608-751-2552. I am here to help you give me the best information you can so that I can properly choose our GFWC-WI awards as well as

write up an Award-Winning State Entry to send to the GFWC Leadership Chairman. Let's knock them over by bragging about all that Wisconsin does to promote leadership in our clubs!

Second priority...I would also like to remind you that it is time for each club to consider identifying a clubwoman to nominate as Wisconsin's 2023 LEADS candidate. It is indeed an honor to be considered so I encourage all clubs to submit an applicant. The informational document and application were included in the last WI Clubwoman issue and is posted in the leadership section of the GFWC-WI website. Let's fill Suz Hooser's inbox with lots of applications. Remember to phone or email Suz to be sure she received yours by January 31, 2023!



Emotional Intelligence Workshop

SUBMITTED BY MISSY KIMBALL, LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

At the Winter workshop the Leadership committee will present a workshop on Emotional Intelligence. Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, as well as recognize and influence the emotions of those around you.

Why is emotional intelligence so important?

As we know, it's not the smartest people who are the most successful or the most fulfilled in life. You probably know people who are academically brilliant and yet are socially inept and unsuccessful at work or in their personal relationships. Intellectual ability or your intelligence quotient (IQ) isn't enough on its own to achieve success in life. IQ and EQ exist in tandem and are most effective when they build off one another.

The four domains of Emotional Intelligence — self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management — each can help a leader face situations with lower levels of stress, less emotional reactivity, and fewer unintended consequences.

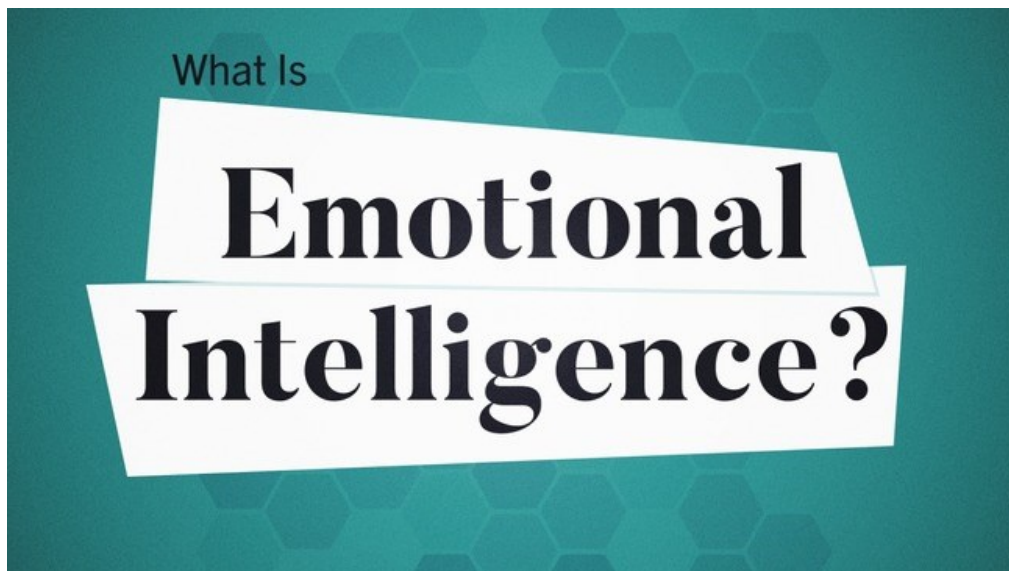
Self-awareness – You recognize your own emotions and how they affect your thoughts and behavior. You know your strengths and weaknesses, and have self-confidence. **We will identify our triggers. We all have them.**

Self-management – You're able to control impulsive feelings and behaviors, manage your emotions in healthy ways, take initiative, follow through on commitments, and adapt to changing circumstances. **We will practice mindfulness.**

Social awareness – You have empathy. You can understand the emotions, needs, and concerns of other people, pick up on emotional cues, feel comfortable socially, and recognize the power dynamics in a group or organization. **We will engage in active listening.**

Relationship management – You know how to develop and maintain good relationships, communicate clearly, inspire and influence others, work well in a team, and manage conflict. **We will enhance our natural communication style.**

In this workshop we are going to learn about ourselves and our relationship with others.



GFWC Women's History and Resource Center

SUBMITTED BY MARY KAY ERNEST, CHAIR

Founded in 1984, the Women's History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications. We also maintain a reference library collection focused on women's history, the woman's club movement, and the history of volunteerism. The GFWC Women's History and Resource Center was officially dedicated on May 1, 1984. Vice President George H.W. Bush honored the historic occasion by cutting the ribbon to open the Center to the public. Juanita Bryant said, "My love of history and the privilege of

serving as GFWC International President from 1982-1984 truly made this dream a reality."

Did You Know?

Throughout GFWC's history, members have been involved with countless issues of importance to women and their communities. As the years passed, clubwomen became concerned for the preservation of its archives. Did you know...years before it had a permanent home, GFWC secured its important records in the "Federation trunk," which was maintained by the GFWC Recording Secretary? The acquisition in 1922 of a permanent Headquarters offered "a central place where the records of the organization may be preserved...in proper and readily fashion." I am sure every follow-

ing Recording Secretary was relieved by this action!

March is Women's History Month: GFWC is planning a special day with speaker Mindy Farmer, a historian at the National Portrait Gallery, focusing on portraying women's strength. Please join GFWC in attending the Women's History Reception on March 8, 2023. During the second year of this administration, we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center. You will want to plan a special event for your club to honor this anniversary! More information to come.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

SUBMITTED BY CAROL WOLFENDEN, CHAIR

Does your club work to make your community a better place to live?

Here's what the 2020-2022 CIP Award state winner did.

When the Polk County Board of Supervisors proposed closing the Polk County Recycling Center, the AMERY WOMAN'S CLUB recognized a problem.

Action: Club members, dressed in advocacy t-shirts, attended the Board of Supervisors meetings several times and spoke. (The Board did not like

their opposition.)

The Board said they would investigate the cost of the county handling the recycling vs. each village/town/city privatizing the service. Results: Privatizing would result in the cost increasing 150%.

The Board still wanted to close the county facility. (Why use facts?)

The Amery Woman's Club continued their opposition. The Board ended up keeping the county facility open and upgrading it with stimulus funds.

The AMERY WOMAN'S CLUB filled out the GFWC report form (3 paragraphs), included two photos, and won the GFWC-Wisconsin contest!

Need more information?

Check out the GFWC Club Manual, OR contact

Carol Wolfenden, State CIP Award chair
 wolfenden@mwt.net
 608.489.2209
 S464 Tower Road
 Kendall, WI 54638

Junior of the Year (JOY) Award

SUBMITTED BY MISSY KIMBALL, CHAIR

Each Junior club is encouraged to designate a “Junior of the Year” for the 2022 club year. “Junior of the Year” should be selected based on her overall work in the federation including state, district, & club involvement. Your club may also designate a “Member of the Year” in which the club designates the parameters of the award.

Some additional criteria to consider:

- § Ability to interact positively with other members
- § Ability to listen and communicate
- § Attendance at club meetings and events
- § Board position(s) held
- § Community participation outside her club (other organizations and positions)
- § Cooperation
- § Dependability
- § Enthusiasm and positive attitude
- § Impact on your club in the past year
- § Innovative ideas and creativity
- § Leadership potential
- § Length of time the person has

- been in the club
- § New ideas implemented
- § Number of committees/projects in which she has participated
- § Number of committees/projects she has chaired
- § Open mindedness
- § Sense of humor
- § Willingness to share ideas

· The Club President should fill out the “2022 Junior of the Year Submission Form” that can be found at gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships – be sure to fill out both the point section and the narrative.

· Deadline is March 1, 2023

· Submit your entry to: Missy Kimball, 1050 Shady Ln, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 email missywithtwins@yahoo.com

· You may submit only one nominee per club, per year to the state level.

· The nominee should be a member in good standing within your club for at least one year at the time of her award.

· It is recommended that the same individual not be awarded this award two years consecutively.

However, an outstanding member should have the opportunity to be honored more than once over the course of her service as determined by her local club’s Executive Board. · Your club will decide how she will be honored locally. If your nominee is not recognized at your club level until after Convention, please still submit a nominee. We will work around that if she is selected as the State “Winner”.

· Nominees may be recognized in an issue of GFWC-Wisconsin Clubwoman magazine.

· The “Junior of The Year” will be determined by the GFWC-WI Junior Board. In case of a conflict or tie, three non-GFWC members will be selected to review the applications and select a winner.

· The “Junior of the Year” may be announced at the state convention .

GFWC-WI THEODORA YOUMANS AWARD

SUBMITTED BY DIANE ZICKERT, CHAIR

The Theodora Youmans’ Citizenship Award nomination forms are due on April 1, 2023.

Ladies, you will find the downloadable form on the GFWC WI website gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships. Each club knows an outstanding and remarkable woman that deserves the GFWC WI Theodora Youmans’ Citizenship Award honor. The clock is ticking, so get the 3 community recommendations and submit them along with the completed award nomination form, emailed/postmarked by April 1, 2023. Send entries to Diane Zickert, 230 Achievement Dr. Apt A6, Brillion, WI 54110 by **April 1, 2023**.



GFWC JENNIE AWARD

SUBMITTED BY RUTH DIEDRICH, CHAIR

If you haven't started already, now is the time to start gathering all the information you will need to nominate one of your club members for the Jennie Award. This award does not only look at your member's accomplishments during the past year but a lifelong commitment to family, GFWC, and to her community.

FAMILY may include persons who are older or younger than the nominee, immediate and extended family members. The nominee should exemplify concern for the wellbeing, health, and welfare of one or more persons.

GFWC would include not only her accomplishments in the local club but also her leadership role in district and state activities. Tell how she promotes GFWC to others and her overall spirit of volunteerism.

COMMUNITY service should address real community needs and concerns. This would include her activities carried out through other community organizations and through the workplace. Activities should reflect an innovative or unique approach to volunteer work.

Complete details and entry forms can be found at: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/> - Awards and Scholarships – GFWC Jennie



Award. Your entry must be **mailed** to me and **postmarked** no later than June 1, 2023. Mail to Ruth Diedrich, 233 N. State St., Chilton, WI 53014. If you have any questions, you can call me at 920-849-4702 and leave a message on my answering machine or email me at: rdiedrich4702@charter.net.

GFWC-WI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SUBMITTED BY INA TRUMMER

The Woman of Achievement Award is a special award and considered a very prestigious award.

It is a lifetime achievement award to honor a Wisconsin clubwoman who has made an outstanding contribution to GFWC Wisconsin. This woman should have received recognition for her work in any of the GFWC program areas. Since 1987 when the award was first given, there have been 22 recipients awarded. So, look within your clubs. There must be some deserving person who has done outstanding work. The nomination form can be found on the website at [gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships](https://www.gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships) and be mailed to me

the deadline is April 15, 2023.

Include: • 3 letters of endorsement • Chronological summary sheet of your nominee's involvement in the General Federation of Women's Clubs detailing local, district, state, and international levels. • A summary about her personal life and family may be submitted.

Materials cannot exceed three (3) pages.

Only one nominee from any one club can be submitted. Previous non-winners may be submitted the following year. The woman selected will be honored at the GFWC-WI Convention in 2023. If your

candidate is chosen as the recipient and if it is possible, please do not let her know she is to be recognized – the surprise element adds so much to the presentation! Please be sure to make a dinner reservation for her.

Mail the materials to

Ina Trummer: 807 Fieldcrest Ct, Watertown, WI 52094. Call to give her a heads up that it's in the postal mail, (920) 261-9372.



GFWC 2022-2023 WRITING CONTESTS

SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDRA LERCH-GAGGL, CHAIR

Show Us Your Writing Talent!

GFWC members and K-12 students can submit a short story or a poem, which have been created in 2022, and win appreciation and in some clubs even extra incentives (i.e. gift cards).

For detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging visit www.gfwc.org, look for the "Community Ser-

vices Program" area and under "Arts and Culture". Note: There is a waiver that needs to be completed and submitted for each submission

The **deadline for submission** of all entries is **February 12th, 2023**.

Your completed and formatted work must arrive at that date either in the Contest chair's snail mail or email box.

For inquiries contact the GFWC-WI Writing Contest Chair, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, at alerchgfwc@gmail.com. Send your entries to W275N2337 Oak Ct, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

I hope that each club will conduct its own contest, and that we will have lots of submissions.
-Alexandra

HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP *SUBMITTED BY SHELLY ISELY, CHAIR*

The 2023 Health Scholarship form has been updated and placed on the GFWC-WI.org website. The scholarship is open to high school students and adult students pursuing a career in the health field. The deadline for submitting the completed application is April 1st, 2023. Please spread the word in your communities because we would love to surpass the extraordinary

number of applications we received last year.

I will be sending out information to the district presidents to share with Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs regarding the timeline for completing applications, scholarship requirements and information to share with schools.

The committee looks forward to reviewing all of the applications and taking on the difficult task of choosing four qualified winners.



RESOLUTIONS

SUBMITTED BY NANCY NIEDZIELA, CHAIR

The Resolutions Committee has been working hard to clarify the resolutions, to put in correct terminology and to eliminate and consolidate resolution duplication. All the resolutions required by the bylaws for 2022-2023 have been reviewed by the committee. Several new resolutions, inspired by the work of the GFWC Resolutions Committee have been prepared. Re-

member, if your club, Program Committee, or district is planning to submit a new resolution to the committee, it is recommended that the resolution be submitted by January 10 to give the committee time to review and to prepare for presentation to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the Winter Board of Directors Meeting. Please note that there

are exceptions for Emergency Resolutions and resolutions which may pass at a District Convention in the Spring.

nancyniedziela@gmail.com

District Reports

SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT



SUBMITTED BY DEB STRECKER, DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Beloit Juniors Woman's Club Blanchardville Woman's Club* Burlington Woman's Club* Kenosha Juniors Woman's Club* Monroe Woman's Club* Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club* Woman's Club of East Troy *Woman's Club of Kenosha*

Hello from Southern Prairies District! We send our sincerest wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year to each of you, our lovely GFWC WI Sisters! We welcome the new year and its offering of a bright new opportunity to work on improving our relationships and enhancing our communities. From our families, our friends, our local GFWC sisters and ourselves, each of us can make a difference.

We are fortunate to have a timeless and successful mantra,

one that is recited at every meeting, workshop, conference, and convention – *The Collect!* Each line offers simple and sage advice. The first two sentences set the tone of kindness, free of judgment, and generosity of self.

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. Each line of *The Collect* encourages us to be better humans. To be our best self. To treat each other with respect! To be actively in-

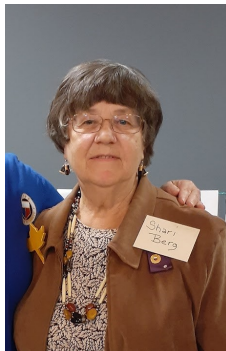
clusive. To give every member a chance to be part of the club. To be fair and non-judgmental and lastly, to always remember that each of us is living with daily trials and tribulations- our own private pains.

And the last line, may be the most important!

And, oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

We hope 2023 is filled with many successes, joys, and most of all, making the most of the ability to demonstrate kindness!

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT



SUBMITTED BY SHARI BERG, DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Amery Woman's Club Monday Club of Ashland * Bloomer Woman's Club * Colfax Woman's Club * Menomonie Woman's Club * Spooner Woman's Club*

The end of 2022 has been busy for our district clubs as they resume many of their usual events and participate in new ways to improve the lives of members of their communities. They were challenged to recruit and retain members and the results are Northern Lights club's have increased by 12 members.

Members working together to make 200 Thanksgiving cards for

local nursing home and veteran's home residents in Bloomer, Amery gathering to sign and send 280 Christmas cards to area nursing homes were 2 events members found to provide some holiday cheer to others. Others supported local food pantries with much needed donations. Supporting 'Gifts For Kids', 'Adopt A family' programs and Winter Coats drives for those in need helped make many more families in their communities enjoy the holidays.

Each club has found ways to finance their projects; used book sale, craft sale, plant sale, used jewelry sale being some of them. All clubs are planning their Martin Luther King day of volunteer service projects and working on their auction mannequins for the Spring convention in Eau Claire.



NORTHWOODS DISTRICT *SUBMITTED BY MARY MEEK, DISTRICT PRESIDENT*

Amherst Junction Woman's Club Antigo Juniors Woman's Club* Lakeland Area GFWC * Oconto Woman's Club* Rhinelander Woman's Club* Stevens Point Woman's Club* Stevens Point Juniors Woman's Club*

Happy New Year! We begin this year's journey reflecting on the past twelve months as each club prepares their reports due on January 31st. Understanding the significant impact that all Northwoods District clubs have in supporting their community, I can hardly wait to read about the accomplishments outlined in these reports. I applaud what I know are amazing examples of volunteer spirit and the extraordinary work of attracting and retaining members during the fall membership campaign.

Another aspect of our reflection is the opportunity for forward thinking by embracing this time to plan, organize and be visionary. Many people do so when they identify a New Year's resolution as a way of facilitating personal improvement. Yet this process is only successful if we devote time to thoughtful planning **AND** time to understanding what is necessary for follow through. This is where many resolutions fail. Personally, my goal is to consider varied aspects and time commitments while developing a resolution that is im-

pactful and attainable; hopefully, one designed for success. I'm truly excited about this challenge. Yet, here's further food for thought. If we embrace this process of self-reflection and resolution development as being valuable for ourself, what if we applied this same process to our club? What would your New Year's resolution be for your club?

Wishing you all health and happiness in 2023.

Be Creative, Be Passionate, Be Confident... We are GFWC!!



RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY SUE SANDS, DISTRICT PRESIDENT

*Berlin Friends in Council * Brillion Woman's Club * Oshkosh Woman's Art Club * Plymouth Woman's Club * Princeton Woman's Club * Woman's Club of De Pere*

Rivers and Lakes District members are looking forward to 2023 as a year when we can continue serving our local areas with the good work done by our clubs. We are also looking forward to participating in activities with members from the other districts.

The Princeton Woman's Club will host our next District meeting on Friday, April 14, 2023. Look for the call for this gathering in February/March. Princeton is planning an interesting meeting for us.

Plymouth Woman's Club has painted 4-square courts at the

Plymouth Youth Center, bought playground balls, wrapped gifts for Project Angel Hugs, attended Take Back the Night event and march, collected items for Calm Harbor, and made blankets for Project Linus.

Princeton Woman's Club embraced the season of giving by participating in the local Thanksgiving Basket project providing over 50 families with a Thanksgiving meal. They walked the Christmas parade route, sharing candy with those along the way. Members made Christmas cards and mini trees to share with resi-

dents at Martha's.

The Gardening Group of the Woman's Club of De Pere was busy during November decorating the city for the Christmas season. They cleaned up the existing raised flower beds, roundabouts and over 100 large decorative flower pots. The ladies added more dirt, birch branches, red twigs, decorative stars, and bows. The wreaths were added last to complete the holiday displays.

LAKESHORE DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY LINDA TAYLOR, DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Brown Deer Juniors Woman's Club North Shore Juniors Woman's Club * Past District Officers Woman's Club* Port Washington Woman's Club* Shorewood Woman's Club* Woman's Club of Greenfield * Woman's Club of West Allis*

Our fall meeting was held at Alioto's restaurant. We had 38 members attend our meeting. In attendance was Wisconsin President Nancy Dickman, 1st Vice President Linda Brown and 2nd Vice President Erin Epping. Nancy gave an update on the 2024 Wisconsin convention which will be hosted by the Lakeshore District. We have many plans to make for that event.

Pat Mueller our very own Jennie June award winner was presented with a plant and a certificate of congratulations. We are all so proud of her. We also have an-

other member we can brag about! Jeannine Guttormsson won 1st and 2nd place in International for her nature related photos.

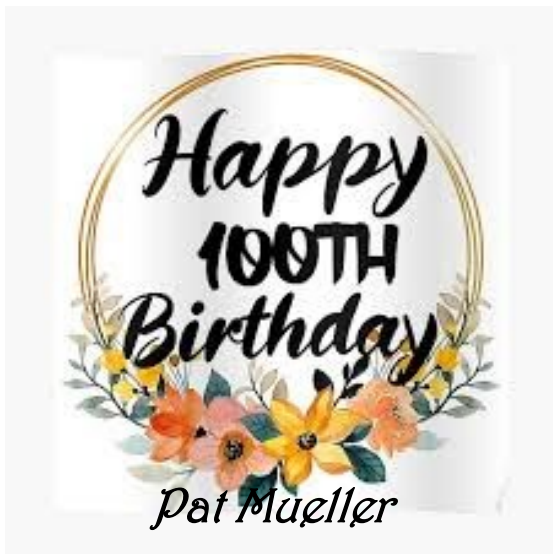
Our speaker for the day was Martha Kanasas from Exploit No More, an agency dealing with human trafficking. She told many stories of women helped by her agency. They deal with women over 18.

I was surprised to hear of women in their 60's getting help as you only think of teenagers who are involved in this terrible business.

All our clubs had many projects going on this fall, such as rummage sales, best bra contests, 4K reading and book giveaways, raffles, wine & cheese reception and others. I'm sure there will be projects for Christmas that we will hear about in April.

Clubs have been getting new members which is encouraging. Hopefully this will continue. Linda Brown has a goal of 10% new members for this administration.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a safe and healthy New Year!



GFWC-WI wishes our very own Jennie June, Pat Mueller a Happy 100th Birthday!

You are an inspiration to all of us!



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KENOSHA JUNIORS WOMAN'S CLUB

Holiday Events

Women and Children's Horizons Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gift Program



The KJWC ladies adopted a single mother with four children

this winter for the local Adopt-A-Family Christmas program.

The goal of the program is to provide gifts to local families in need. The families are vetted through school and social counselors and registered with the Kenosha Women and Children's Horizon non-profit.

Over 50 items were collected for the family and we gathered at the

local library to wrap and label the gifts.

KJWC Juniette's Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gift Program

The Kenosha Lakeside Juniettes members also initiated their own Adopt-A-Family event for a single mom and her son. All the major items on their wish list were collected and dropped off at the shelter. Way to go Juniettes!!

Hat and clothes drive for Kenosha Boy's and Girl's Club

The KJWC collected 117 items as part of the Bundle Up Kenosha clothing drive. Many of the items were hand made by club members.

The items were graciously received by the Kenosha Boy's and Girl's Club. The club will provide the items to those who directly

need it.

KJWC Fidget and Lap Blanket Donation to local Kenosha Hospice

The KJWC ladies also donated 30 blankets – lap and fidget blankets to the local hospice to provide to residents.

KJWC Christmas Card Drive for Kenosha Nursing Homes

The Ladies collected over 150 Christmas Cards to donate to six Kenosha Nursing home facilities.



WOMAN'S CLUB OF KENOSHA

Kenosha members hosted several events. November was our annual Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale and a Trivia Nite offering a cash donation to a non-profit group chosen by the winning team. Our Holiday tea was a presentation by "Mrs. Charles Dickens" (Jessica Michna). Member programs were the Quilt of Valor presentation and donations to Bunker's Cafe. December's meeting was information and training on Narcan. Other projects were -donating gifts to the Boys and Girls Club,

bell ringing for Salvation Army, hosting monthly bridge and a party for the Kenosha Literacy Council and serving as a collection site for winterwear for ELCA center. Members attended several social outings including BUNCO & Bingo. We also decorated 3 rooms and 6 trees in our Historic home, all with member donations! Plans for 2023 are to continue serving the community and to make improvements/repairs to our home and celebrate

owning our clubhouse for 100 years.



Picture of winners in our Trivia for a Cause event

MONROE WOMAN'S CLUB

Our club women along with other community volunteers have been very busy these past few months getting together our annual Christmas Stocking Program. We have been helping pack food boxes, delivering Cheer Boxes, and sending out gift coupons to help families have a better Christmas, when times are economically stressing for them. It's a wonderful time of the year to show compassion from all of our community through financial donations, volunteering to make phone calls, helping pack and distribute food boxes, helping deliver nice cheer boxes to our elderly and persons with disability that may not have family to share the holiday, especially. Our club started this project so many years ago, and the community has stepped up to help more than 300 families in our area. The club members have risen to the challenge of changing times and keeping everyone as safe as possible. The food boxes are now assembled in a warehouse where the families

can drive up and pick up the boxes. This makes it more convenient for the families to make it during their schedules, and we offer 2 days of pick up times.



We have been busy helping our Main

supplies for families in need of infant supplies and equipment. Items were put on a table then given to the Center staff for their distribution. It was a wonderful collaboration effort to help another community outreach need.

Every meeting, we collect Aluminum pop tabs for the Madison Ronald McDonald House. It's a small thing that helps so many, when we put our small effort together with others!

Street Program by volunteering to use the large planters on the square area and decorate these with bows, berries, and dogwood branches. We have such a fun time putting these together, and anyone can help on a specific Saturday morning.

Our November General meeting had a collection from the membership of items for our Care Net Pregnancy Center to help provide



ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

HILLSBORO WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB

GFWC Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club invited local police officer Chris Kucinsky to their November meeting. After his presentation, members asked questions regarding his focus on civil ordinances as well as his experiences on duty. At the January meeting members will vote on purchasing kids' bike reflectors for local officers to distribute. In other November business, members adopted the Club's revised constitution, bylaws, and policies. At the Club's December meeting/Christmas party, members generously demonstrated the spirit of giving. Donations included items to the Tomah Veterans' Administration, \$193 cash to the local Good Samaritan to buy food in bulk, \$166 to Wisconsin Prevent Child Abuse, and \$300 to local

store Mr. B's Smokehouse for meat for the Hillsboro Food Pantry



WOMAN'S CLUB OF HARTLAND

Our club had its annual Christmas Cookie Sale. We hold it on the first Saturday in December. This year we sold more than ever. We sell prepackaged one-pound boxes with six different kinds of cookies. In fact, we had to cut off taking orders early and started a waiting list for cookies. Because our members do all the baking, we had to be careful not to over-extend our bakers. Each of our bakers made a minimum of 15 dozen cookies. Fortunately, we had enough cookies to fill the orders and everyone on the waiting list got their orders too. We made well over 7000 cookies!!! The first picture is of members boxing the cookies. Boxes of cookies in second picture and bags filled

with boxes ready for pickup in the third picture.

I am so excited! This year we have added 15 new members. And there is a good possibility that there will be more. I am anxious to hear all the new ideas that they bring to the club. We are looking forward to the new year.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!!!



DODGEVILLE FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB



Dodgeville club members Pat Risch, left and Lynette Potter, right helped at the Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club table at the craft fair held at St. Joseph's school on November 12. The club sold an assortment of homemade pies and raffled off a Christmas basket full of goodies. Lynette, a local artist from Mineral Point, sold her original Christmas cards giving one third of her earnings to the club.

On Dec. 3 and 4 the club co-hosted Breakfast with Santa with the Red Room Restaurant.



Members helping serve were Florence Wasley, Bridget Dickler, Ginny Lipska, and Pat Risch. The women also helped with the Little Givers Shop a nonprofit that allows children to purchase gifts for their family members with the help of Santa Elves, Key Club members from Dodgeville High School.

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT: AMERY WOMEN'S CLUB

Our greatest accomplishment for this year was our membership drive.

The membership drive strategies were to focus on new community members that have recently moved to our area or recent retirees and, part-time residents that have moved to full-time residency. We had a featured article in our local newspaper about our club, our history, and our purpose. We also posted our membership poster in area churches and businesses and on social media. We had a feature on our local TV station and our Radio station that we are inviting new members to join our club. We also encour-

aged our current members to invite neighbors and friends to attend one of our meetings or luncheons. We also used our projects, such as the blood drive, the Art and Craft fair, and Brat stand promotion, to talk to interested potential members about our Club. We created new member packets with information about our club to help them understand what our club was all about and help them to decide if they would like to be a part of our Amery Woman's club organization.

Once our new members had joined our club, we assigned a mentor to help guide them. The mentors would call and invite the

new member to our meetings and meet them or drive with them so that they did not have to go into the meeting alone. During the meeting our mentors also introduced them to our current club members and shared some information about the new members. We would present the new member with a flower in a vase as a little welcome gift. Our mentors would also help our new members choose a committee or project to work on that they would be interested in.

Our goal was to recruit 7 – 10 members. We recruited 15!

MONDAY CLUB OF ASHLAND



On Dec 3rd, The GFWC Monday Club of Ashland, braved the 5-degree weather to sell hot cocoa and cookies during the Ashland Christmas Parade.

The GFWC Monday Club of Ashland, adopted a family from New Day Advocacy Center with \$500 of gifts, for mom, boy and girl and new one not yet born.



The GFWC Monday Club of Ashland has a donation barrel for old cell-phones which may be dropped at Super One. The club is on its 2nd barrel, which first one sent back to Secure a Phone.



Picture: Betty Ament, Elaine Peterson, and Super One Ashland store manager Dustin Copps.

NORTHWOODS DISTRICT: LAKELAND AREA GFWC



Left photo: Michelle Black, Vice President & Mary Jo Radtke with check from Culvers of Minocqua. Fundraiser proceeds for our Brandy Park Mural Project. Mary Jo Radtke, Angela Godard, President, Mary Meek Northwoods District President and Michelle Black, Vice President.



Michelle Black and Deb Brossard helped prepare oatmeal with the Food for Kidz program in October.



Members of the Lakeland Area GFWC were honored to be nominated for the community spirit award at the Let's Minocqua Annual Gala. Pictured are: Mary Jo Radtke, Michelle Black, Bridget Leonard, Deb Brossard and Nicole Kilen

RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT:

PRINCETON WOMEN'S CLUB

The Princeton Women's Club has embraced the season of giving in many ways. Beginning in November they participated in donating time and food items to the Thanksgiving Basket project. This very successful project provided over 50 families in need with the provisions for a Thanksgiving meal.

The Club exhibited their holiday spirit during the Princeton Christmas parade! Several members walked the parade route tossing candy to the delight of both young and old along route.



Club members from left to right: JoDee Megeath, Renee Cybul, Marie Wilkins, Terry Beck and granddaughter, Vicky Evans, Chris Gou-

let and Rose Wick



Celebrating their Christmas/Holiday gathering from left to right: Mary Hatfield, Dorothy Bednarek, Sue Bednarek, Sue Gerald, Marie Wilkins, Jo Dee Megeath, Chris Goulet, Cheryl Harvey, Terry Beck, Jenny Stelzner, Rose Wick, Vicky Evans, Gail Harter, Leann Holland, and Mary Lou Neubauer (not pictured, Renee Cybul – photographer). Members enjoyed playing “The Wright Family” game to pass fun socks (filled with goodies) around in a circle based on the directions “right” or “left” in the story.



On Saturday, Dec. 10 club members delivered the handmade Pinecone Christmas trees (in mini flowerpots) and hand-crafted Christmas cards to our friends at Martha's Assisted Living in Princeton. It is their hope these little "trees" bring some holiday joy to the residents each day.

Members delivering pinecone Christmas trees to Martha's residents, from left to right: Renee Cybul, Mary Hatfield, Rose Wick, Sue Gerald, Marie Wilkins, JoDee Megeath, and Jenny Stelzner

LAKESHORE DISTRICT: BROWN DEER JUNIORS



Representatives from STRYV365 were our speakers at our October general meeting. This is an organization that works with kids in school districts and other places who have been subject to trauma. Its

purpose is to build resiliency skills through teaching responsible decision-making, self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship skills. \$100 was donated to them as part of 2022 Children’s Advocacy Week.

Club members joined volunteers from St. Bernadette's Sleeping Bag Ministry to help assemble sleeping bags for the homeless. The bag covers are cut and sewn from recycled fabric and bedding. Filling materials are added to the covers and quilted together. Men's neckties are added to tie the bags, and the bags are taken to the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary for distribution. Usable bedding items left over from our Club rummage sales are given to the group.



New ways to raise funds at this year’s 13th Best Bra Contest included a gift card tree and

a “Heads or Tails” 50/50 Raffle. Because of the attendees’ generosity, proceeds exceeded \$3,000. A special thanks to Libby Montana Bar for co-hosting the event. Proceeds from the event were donated to Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle.

\$500 worth of school supplies were donated to Brown Deer High School. Items donated included Kleenex, assignment notebooks, pencils, and batteries for graphing calculators.

These donations are greatly appreciated by the staff and students who will directly benefit from these supplies.



WOMAN’S CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

The GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference, Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, at the Brookfield Convention Center was four days of fun, food, and getting acquainted with members from the Region's clubs. It was great being able to attend a Conference just eight miles away!! The Conference was enlightening regarding GFWC’s goals and purpose, and International GFWC president, Deb Strahanoski, encouraged us to dream big, aim high, and look to the far future to make important changes happen via GFWC!



In October we gained five new members. Eleven guests attended our annual, evening “Wine and Cheese Reception” where we had fun playing “Getting to Know You BINGO” created by Linda Smith, a newer member, and

learned about the “Power of Color” in our lives.

Our November speaker was a Vietnam vet who told us many benefits are available, even for retired vets, at our nearby VA Medical Center. He said ALL vets deserve them and we should encourage our loved ones to apply.

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WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST ALLIS



Some dedicated members read to kindergarteners at two schools during our annual "Harvest of Books" and invited each thrilled child to choose their very own (member-donated) book.



In December, many members "Filled Purses" and donated toys to the "Hope Closet" serving Domestic Violence survivors and needy families. Members made (and gave) 100's of Christmas cards to nursing home residents.



Boxes of homemade cookies were sold to Senior Living residents to make their Holidays brighter and raise money for our Ways and Means fund.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF GREENFIELD

We have had several fund raising projects. We collected school supplies for the Greenfield schools. We have also collected food for Hunger Task Force. We continue to donate clothing and personal hygiene items to the Women's Refuge Center.

We had our annual Christmas luncheon. This is a fun luncheon that also is a fund raiser for our club. We sold candy and cashews. We had a 50/50 raffle. Finally, we had a gift card raffle. We had this instead of gift baskets. We decorated envelopes and put the card or cards in each envelope. We picked on the decoration without knowing what was inside.

This new year we are planning fund raising and donating to our community!



Lois Stanton receiving Honorary Membership Award from President, Frances Cook.

The Woman's Club of Greenfield

honored legendary member Lois Stanton with an award of Honorary Membership at our Scholarship Awards Luncheon in May, 2022. Lois has served as Greenfield Club President three times, published the Club Newsletter (The GreenLeaf) for decades, served as Lakeshore District President and GFWC-WI State President in the past as well as many other offices. Lois's love of GFWC was manifested by her dedication to the organization on all levels. The Woman's Club of Greenfield is honored to call her cherished member and friend.

The Woman's Club of Greenfield has been active this fall. We have several new members. This is always a pleasure.

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February 10-11, 2023

Winter Workshop - Green Bay

March 1, 2023,

GFWC-WI Junior Of the Year Award (JOY)

April 1, 2023,

GFWC-WI Theodora Youmans Award

GFWC-WI Health Scholarship

April 15, 2023,

GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award

May 4-6, 2023,

GFWC-WI 126TH Annual State Convention - Eau Claire

June 1, 2023,

GFWC Jennie Award

June 10-13, 2023,

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