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GFWC-WI GREAT LAKES REGION DELEGATES



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Message from our GFWC-WI State President, Nancy Dickman



Since the last Clubwoman, life has been full of GFWC adventure!

Tucked around and between the GFWC Board of Directors meeting held in Denver this past August, the Great Lakes Region Conference, and the Junior Fall Conference, the fall schedule was loaded with district meetings for Northern Lights in

Amery, Northwoods in Woodruff, and Southern rairies in Janesville. Not to worry about the other districts; our Director of Junior Clubs spoke at the Rolling Hills District meeting in Boscobel, our President-Elect spoke at the Rivers and Lakes District meeting in Brillion, and our two vice-presidents represented us at Lakeshore District in Wauwatosa. In addition, it was a pleasure to be at the Monroe Woman's Club fundraising gala and a membership tea at Princeton Woman's Club.

It has also been my privilege to participate in the Zoom Mini LEADS sessions that included guests from other states, which means GFWC-WI shines its light by sharing its terrific programs with others! And on October 24, I had an incredibly joyful experience visiting Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI to see the impact of the donation GFWC-WI made last May. Be sure to peek at some photos of the day later in the Clubwoman. In the past eight weeks, I have traveled our state from the north to south and east to west borders more than once and have cherished every moment.

I am tremendously grateful to our committees as they revamp and rewrite major portions of the Bylaws,

Policies, and Resolutions. This sort of effort is time-consuming and what I call heavy-lifting brainwork. We, as an organization, can and should be proud of these efforts.

Your Executive Committee continues to systematically accomplish the objectives of the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.

We established the Ad Hoc Technology Committee at the beginning of the term which has worked to evaluate longer-term solutions for email communications and document storage and management that is secure. Utilizing technology in our organization is of course a given in our time. This group will have an important presentation for all of us at the Winter Workshop next February.

Although the Call is not yet prepared, I do hope you make plans to attend the Winter Workshop and board meeting in Middleton on February 9-10, 2024, to be right on top of all the changes unfolding in the Technology, Resolutions, and Amendments and Policies Committees. In addition, we will get a first glimpse of the committee's work shaping the next administration. I promise, that all these committee members have been diligently working for GFWC-WI.

Thank you for your dedication to GFWC-WI. We do amazing things for our communities. I've said it before and I say it again, "Your light is brilliant!"



Message from GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs, Suzanne Hooser



I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the GFWC WI Director of Junior Clubs. During my tenure, I have traveled extensively, met numerous members, and formed new friendships. I had the privilege to at-

tend the Board of Directors meeting in Denver and I presented the beach ball activity at the Rolling Hills District meeting. I then traveled to Noblesville, IN for the Great Lakes Region Conference.

As the Director, I was responsible for coordinating the Junior Fall Conference where I presented our members with information on issues affecting our clubs and communities. The leadership committee presented the issue of how to take control of your meeting, and I was chosen to play the role of Snow Wright in the skit. The 7 Dwarfs played out this skit, which had the audience engaged and laughing. Additionally, our Tech committee presented ideas on how to boost your Facebook posts and attract new members through social media. We also

discussed the different scenarios of a domestic violence survivor and how it continues to impact victims after the violence has ended.

One of the highlights at the Junior Fall Conference was chartering a new club; the GFWC WI Past State Directors of Junior Clubs. We also drew attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month through the “Match the Babe to the Bra” contest. Our members were busy creating rain sticks that will be distributed to local nursing homes for dementia patients. We collected jars of peanut butter in honor of Tamarra Coleman, who was the recipient of the 2022 Theodora Youmans Award. We had some amazing speakers and a chance to tour the Civil War Museum.

Through my responsibilities as Director, I have gained more confidence in myself, learned how to lead members to be their best selves, and embraced the many areas where I need help. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Like the many colors of the changing leaves, it has been a beautiful journey!



OFFICER REPORTS:

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GFWC - WI President-Elect, Linda Brown

Autumn is in the air! That means this officer has been on the road, traveling in many directions and visiting different places.

In September, I went to the Northern Lights District/Amery as the host club. I always have a great time with these wonderful women and feel very welcome.

The Great Lakes Region took me to Noblesville, Indiana for four days. I had many adventures and learned so many things. I caught up with old friends and met new ones.

The GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference in Kenosha is something I look forward to. I enjoyed the conference with my friends and state pride.

The Rivers and Lakes District Meeting in Brillion is one of my favorite places to stop. It is always a joy to visit with these wonderful members.

And I cannot forget my home district, the Lakeshore District. This meeting is always a joy. I enjoy visiting with my district sisters, sharing a meal, and listening

to our guest speakers. It is always a happy time catching up with them!

I will go to Ripon College for the Annual Open House. This informative event always puts a smile on my face. I never miss an opportunity to go.

As you can see, I have covered a lot of miles this autumn, and I am looking forward to my next adventures. Where will it take me?

Membership is important to me, and I am so anxious to get the totals to your clubs. Every single club has worked hard to recruit new members and spread the word about GFWC. I am proud of all of you and all the hard work that has been done to get new members.

Remember: Every day is a membership day, and one new person at a time is a success! Keep going, we can do this!

**GFWC - WI Second Vice President, Erin Epping**

With the arrival of fall, I want to emphasize the significance of organizing and carrying out volunteer activities, despite the inactivity of many clubs during the summer months. These volunteer activities should be planned in a way that can be reported in January.

To help with this, the 2023 State Reporting documents have been updated and can be found on the GFWC-WI website gfwc-wi.org/gfwcwi-reporting. Please note that the deadline for reporting is January 31, 2024, but feel free to submit your reports earlier if you can. If you have any questions about reporting, please do not hesitate to contact me at epping728@gmail.com or 414-355-8780 (cell).

Since the last Clubwoman, I have attended several

meetings, including the Executive Committee and state committee meetings, such as Wisconsin's Own Library and the State Budget Committee. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Junior Fall Conference. I look forward to seeing you at Ripon College for the upcoming Wisconsin's Own Library Open House.

As we move into the holiday season, I wish you and your families a wonderful season filled with hope and joy.



GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary, Tammy Welter



Important Notice: The State Handbook has been updated with changes made to the following districts: Lakeshore, Northern Lights, Rolling Hills, and Southern Prairies. You can access the updated version and print it from the website.

If there are any changes in your personal information that need to be updated, please inform me.

I am excited to remind you about the upcoming Winter Workshop registrations. Take advantage of the early bird discount and submit your registration early!

GFWC - WI Recording Secretary, Shelly Isely

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful autumn season in Wisconsin. As Recording Secretary for GFWC-WI from 2022-2024, I attended the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference on October 21st at the Kenosha

Civil War Museum in Kenosha. It was a great meeting with informative sessions and inspiring speakers. The "Snow Wright" skit was both funny and educational, showcasing the creativity and talent of our members.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 28th have been recorded, approved, and filed, thanks to Nancy Niedziela, pro tempore.

I'm also the Health Scholarship Committee Chair,

along with Michelle Munoz and Joyce Schaefer. We're updating the application, which will be available on the GFWC-WI website in January 2024. District Presidents will receive an email with the guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs. The scholarship is open to both high school and adult students pursuing a career in the health field. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in applying.

In addition, I sit on the Board of Directors for GFWC Monroe Woman's Club.



GFWC - WI Treasurer, Michelle Munoz



CLUB DUES REMINDER-NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Please note that the dues for the 2023-2024 Club Year are \$22.00 per club member. Out of this amount, \$15.00 will be sent to GFWC headquarters by the GFWC-WI

Treasurer, while \$7.00 will go towards Administrative Expenses of the GFWC-WI. The checks should be made payable to GFWC-WI and mailed to Michelle Munoz at 39129 N Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083. Please mark the envelope on the bottom left as GFWC-WI. It is important to remember that the full amount must be paid for EVERY member on the club roster. In case there are any special members due to longevity or special circumstances, the dues concessions need to be handled within the club. If amounts are not remitted for those special members (for example, honorary or associate members), those members cannot be included in the list of members sent to GFWC International until the full dues are received for them by the GFWC-WI Treasurer.

For Juniorette Clubs, the dues are \$17.00 per member, out of which GFWC-WI will retain \$7.00 per member and \$10.00 per member will be remitted to GFWC. In addition, Junior Clubs need to send \$1.00 per member for GFWC-WI Junior membership to the GFWC-WI Junior Treasurer (Tammy Welter) by November 1st. The checks should be made payable to GFWC-WI Juniors and mailed to Tammy Welter at 1960 Boulder Lane, Beloit, WI 53511.

It is important to submit the Club's Rosters, and electronic copies are preferred for ease with database management. Club Treasurers should also remember to send their District dues to each respective District Treasurer with their club rosters. Feel free to contact Michelle Munoz at 847-910-8698 with any questions. Email: gfwcwi.treasurer@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE



Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi GFWC-WI
2023 LEADS Graduate



Great Lakes Region President Dana Jones, GFWC-WI
Jennie June nominee Paula Schlice, GFWC International
President Deb Strahanoski, and GFWC-WI State
President Nancy Dickman



Great Lakes Region State Presidents and
Directors of Junior Clubs known as the
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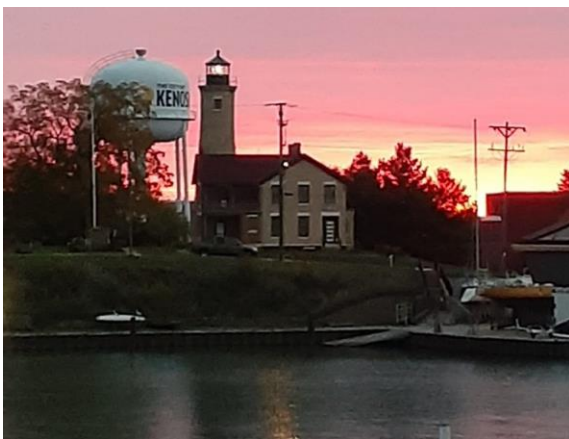
JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE



Junior Fall Conference Attendees



Chartering of GFWC WI Past State Directors of Junior Clubs



The 1866 Kenosha Southport Lighthouse was illuminated to welcome our GFWC-WI sisters to Kenosha October 20 & 21 for the 64th Junior Fall Conference.



Suz Hooser with 2022 Theodora Youmans Award recipient Tamarra Coleman

GFWC NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

National Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



The Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club participated in the GFWC's National Day of Service on September 30th, bringing nonperishable food to their meeting to support the "End Hunger USA" campaign.



GFWC Oconto Woman's Club members participated in the GFWC National Day of Service campaign by cleaning out their closets and purchasing school supplies.



The Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club organized a food drive on September 30th to support the End Hunger in the U.S.A campaign.



Brown Deer Junior's had a successful Fall Rummage Sale, which helped us raise funds for our annual contributions. We also donated unsold items to several organizations. This year's sale included a Food Drive, in conjunction with the GFWC National Day of Service project. We have decided to continue this initiative for each of our future spring and fall rummage sales.



On the National Day of Service, the Stevens Point Woman's Club collected food for the elementary school's backpack program.



Jane Kliver is shown tending to roasted chicken prepared by the Rhinelander Woman's Club for a community meal. The club cooked 80 pounds of chicken.

TREES FOR TOMORROW EXCLOSURE DEDICATION

The October 24 Trees for Tomorrow dedication was nothing short of inspiring and heartwarming! GFWC-WI proudly approved a donation at the 2023 State Convention to Trees for Tomorrow (TFT) to construct an outdoor “classroom” known as an enclosure where students could observe firsthand the effects of controlled access deer browsing on several areas of the Trees for Tomorrow property. The TFT staff planned a wonderful dedication event that included inspiring remarks by Executive Director Cheryl Todea and TFT educator Todd Starling that outlined the extensive impact on the grounds the GFWC-WI donation afforded the center. The impact of the donation will affect observation and education programs at TFT for decades!

Past State President Ina Trummer served on the TFT advisory board for decades and shared some recollections that provided a wonderful context for the changes at TFT over the past 40 years. The staff’s warm reception for Ina chased away the cool temperatures of the day and left our band of GFWC-WI members delighted to be at TFT for this incredibly special dedication.

The TFT ceremony included a check presentation, a ribbon cutting at the entry to the enclosure space, and a planting of the first sugar maple, our state tree, in the enclosure. It was wonderful.

It began to pour rain when we did the ribbon cutting. But no worries - there were lots of umbrellas and at the planting site, the staff had set up a

canopy. Honestly, it was humbling to see how proud the TFT team was of the 3 observation sites they were able to create with the donation. The enclosure is a large, fenced area to prevent deer from entering and nibbling on the trees and shrubs in the area. This will be planted with indigenous hardwood trees - thus the first sugar maple. A second, smaller fenced area will have some planted trees and shrubs, but most will be natural germination, pollination, and growth progress. A third, unfenced area, will continue to allow deer populations to roam and feed. The intent is for students to see the effects of deer foraging compared to the area where the deer are excluded. We learned so much that day.



Nancy Dickman, Carolyn DeJongh, Trees for Tomorrow Co-chair, Ina Trummer, Cheryl Todea, Trees for Tomorrow Executive Director, Todd Starling, Trees for Tomorrow Educator



Cheryl Todea, Carolyn DeJongh, InaTrummer, Nancy Dickman



Group shot of GFWC-WI members after the tree planted



Ina plants the FIRST sugar maple with Todd's assistance as Nancy and Carolyn look on

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**AWARENESS AND PREVENTION***Submitted by Michelle Munoz, chair***GFWC offers a Success for Survivor's Scholarship**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is currently offering a scholarship to those who have survived intimate partner violence and are interested in pursuing higher education. The scholarship provides financial assistance and personal support to aid survivors in achieving financial and personal independence. Since its inception in 2012, GFWC has awarded over \$127,500 in scholarship funds. In 2023, 12 recipients were awarded scholarships.

The scholarship application process for this year opened on October 1, 2023, and the deadline for applications is February 4, 2024. Recipients will be notified between May and June 2024, and monetary awards will be sent upon receipt of higher education enrollment verification in July 2024.

GFWC encourages its members to become more

involved in the application process and to create connections with domestic and sexual violence agencies. Survivors who wish to apply must meet the following eligibility requirements: they must have survived intimate partner violence, be a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States, be enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited public or private post-secondary or vocational institution and be recommended by a licensed or accredited domestic violence agency, counselor, or social worker who is willing to provide information on their behalf.

The Survivor's Scholarship application is available on the GFWC-WI.org website for your clubs to utilize with your local agencies. Domestic violence agencies may have staff that can help survivors through the application process, but most agencies do not, so it is crucial to educate their staff on the importance of meeting each of the criteria.

**Community Service Programs:
ARTS AND CULTURE**
*pages 10-13***Helen Mears Art Contest***submitted by Shirley Brabender Mattox, Chair*

It's time to reach out to all the schools in your area and introduce them to the GFWC-WI Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, which is now in its 97th year. At the district Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, one of the judges was surprised to find that none of the parochial schools took part in the competition. She believed that they should all participate out of pride. It might be worth visiting the 7th and 8th-grade teachers at schools without an art teacher as it could produce some surprising results. You can check out the art contest links and use the forms available on the new website, gfwc-wi.org.

The Wisconsin Historical Society announced at its State Fall Conference in La Crosse that the "Museum Exhibit Award" had been presented to the Oshkosh Public Museum for "Helen Farnsworth Mears: A

Genius of Wisconsin," which commemorated her 150th birthday. The exhibit explored her life and career, showcasing her art from the museum's collection and loans from other Wisconsin museums. It was enhanced with new insights from the Mary Mears Collection purchased in 2017, which helped to offer a better understanding of Helen's personality and work.

Former Museum Curator, Deb Daubert, expressed her opinion that GFWC-WI's continued support of the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest in schools throughout Wisconsin since 1927 is the reason why the memory of this brilliant artist is still celebrated today. We urge every club to consider supporting this art contest and giving 7th and 8th-grade students the opportunity to be recognized for their artistic and creative works.

ARTS AND CULTURE

continued

Writing Contest

submitted by Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Chair

We are excited to announce the GFWC 2024 Writing Contest, which is open to all GFWC members and K-12 students who have created a short story or poem in 2023. If you have a talent for word smithing, this is the contest for you!

To participate, please visit <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/member-short-story-and-poetry> for detailed information on the policies and rules of submission and judging. Please note that a waiver must be completed and submitted for each submission.

All entries must be submitted on or before February 12th, 2024, either by email or USPS to the following: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, W275N2337 Oak Ct, Pewaukee, WI 53072 or at alrchgfwc@gmail.com. We are excited to receive your entries for this contest and we wish you the best of luck!



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

submitted by Michelle Black, Chair



Can you believe that Thanksgiving is almost here and 2023 is almost over? The Civic Engagement and Outreach team has some exciting news to share with you all! We wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving.

We are proud to announce that GFWC’s new Civic Engagement and Outreach initiative is partnering with the United States Coast Guard for a new community project - building a museum! But not just any museum. Our goal is to assist in fundraising efforts for constructing the United States Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut.

As you may know, the United States Coast Guard has been an integral part of the country's history since 1790. Women have played a vital role in the Coast Guard's mission, starting as assistant lighthouse keepers during the Revolutionary War. The Coast Guard has led the way in placing women in leadership roles, granting them an opportunity to attend Officer Candidacy School in the 1970s. Today, the United States Coast Guard Academy has a female enrollment of 43% for the class of 2026, which is nearly 20% higher than the other three service academies.

The Coast Guard has significantly impacted everyone's lives, directly or indirectly. The Museum Foundation has raised \$142 million towards this monumental undertaking. As GFWC, we have a unique opportunity to contribute to this cause and honor the women who served in the past, those who serve now, and those who will serve in the future. Let us use our fundraising skills to push the United States Coast Guard Museum across the finish line. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

submitted by Sue Sands, Chair

As the weather cools down, it is the perfect time to snuggle up with a cozy quilt, turn on the fireplace, grab a warm drink, and read a good book. Some new releases this fall include "The Leftover Woman" by Jean Kwok, "Going Infinite" by Michael Lewis, "Let Us Descend" by Jesmyn Ward, "The Exchange" by John Grisham, and "Judgment Prey" by John Sandford.

Did you know that there is a GFWC ESO Book Club on Facebook? Everyone is welcome to join this group of over 1,600 members. To join, search for "GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB" on Facebook and request to join.

You'll find many project ideas related to Education & Libraries, as well as more information about ESO.

The National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled offers a free library program that provides braille and recorded materials to people who are unable to read regular print or handle print materials. Books and materials are mailed to those who register with the program. Wouldn't this be a great Education & Libraries project for your club to sponsor?



ENVIRONMENT

Submitted by Gloria Lansin, Chair



"Help me through the winter", say the birds, bees, and butterflies. To help them, we should leave leaf litter undisturbed as it hides insects and larvae. We should also

put up piles of shrubbery and brushes to provide protection for the birds. And we should leave flowers with head seeds and trees with berries and nuts for our winter visitors and residents.

When it comes to using a leaf blower at this time of year, the answer is no. This is because we will disturb the honeybee queen that has burrowed into the ground to take her winter nap. Instead, we should

leave our flower gardens alone and let them naturally die back, which will send the remaining nutrients to the roots.

If you have milkweed plants, you can pick the milkweed pods, take them apart, and dry the seeds. You can then start them inside in early spring and plant a garden of milkweed for the monarch butterflies. Helping Mother Nature helps us to survive. Imagine a world without bees and butterflies, and then, no food.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Joyce Schaefer, Chair

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month!

It is important to be informed about Alzheimer's Disease, as it affects millions of Americans. Here are some quick stats to help you understand the magnitude of the problem:

- Over 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Disease, and 3 million new cases are diagnosed every year.
- The disease is most prevalent in women and Black Americans.
- Alzheimer's Disease is deadlier than breast and prostate cancer combined.
- 11 million Americans act as unpaid caregivers for a loved one with Alzheimer's.
- Less than 1 in 5 Americans are familiar with mild cognitive impairment, which can be an early stage of Alzheimer's Disease.

Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive and deadly brain disease, with no known cure. The disease is caused by the buildup of misfolded proteins between nerve cells, which leads to brain damage. Unfortunately, symptoms may not appear until a decade or more after the damage has occurred. The symptoms of Alzheimer's and mild cognitive impairment (MCI) are similar, but MCI can precede Alzheimer's. Here are some common symptoms to watch out for:

Symptoms of Alzheimer's: Memory loss, repeating questions, loss of initiative, poor judgment leading to bad decisions, wandering and getting lost, mood and personality changes, difficulty with language, and increased anxiety.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS *Continued**Submitted by Joyce Schaefer, Chair*

Symptoms of MCI: Losing things often, forgetting to go to events or appointments, and having more trouble coming up with words to say.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, it is important to see a healthcare provider. Treatment may involve medications, lifestyle management strategies, and clinical trials.

ADVANCEMENT AREA:*pages 13-14***COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS***submitted by: Loretta Caron, chair*

Did you know that GFWC is going to update its emblem soon? The updated emblem and associated branding materials will be available for members to access on November 13, 2023. Would you like to download the latest GFWC Style Guide? If so, simply use the QR Code by following these instructions:

Open your phone camera.

Point the lens towards the QR Code.

Once a yellow banner appears, tap it and you will be automatically directed to the document.

Hope this helps!

**LEADERSHIP***submitted by: Deb Brossard, Chair***Building Leadership Capacity Through Club Projects**

Here is how the leadership committee would define a Leadership Project:

- A project that helps develop leadership skills in your members so they feel confident taking on leadership roles.
- A project that involves mentoring between experienced leaders and novice leaders.
- A project that results in a succession plan for your club.
- A project that educates members about leadership roles and inspires them to develop into a leader.
- A project that involves non-traditional methods of developing leaders, such as sharing leadership roles or shadowing experienced leaders.

A Leadership Project is not:

- A list of members of your club and the leadership roles they currently fulfill.
- A list of members of your club and the different GFWC meetings and conventions they attended.

However, these lists could spur leadership projects. Instead of just listing leadership roles members have, these leaders could share how they became leaders and assist new members in developing some of the necessary skills to move into leadership positions.

Instead of just listing meetings/conventions members have attended, these members could share leadership sessions they attended and what they learned that would assist all members in developing leadership skills.

Well thought out and executed projects can be found in the lists of Top Ten Leadership Projects for 2022. There are also Top Ten Lists from 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 that will give you some ideas. All these lists can be found in the Member Portal on the GFWC website under T for Top Ten. Check them out!

The key to creating a powerful leadership project is to focus on developing your members as leaders. We often struggle to find members to fill leadership roles within our clubs, so we must grow and develop our own leaders. The Leadership Committee looks forward to reading about your leadership projects during this next award cycle. Don't hesitate to contact Deb Brossard (deb.brossard@gmail.com) with questions or if you need help with these projects or writing them up for your club report submissions in January, 2024.

FUNDRAISING

Submitted by Loretta Caron – GFWC-WI Junior Fundraising Chair

Carolyn Mitchell, GFWC-WI Fundraising Chair



Roxie is making steady progress towards her goal of \$275 and has currently raised a little over \$230, thanks to GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference. The latest Fall Walking Challenge has just concluded with 40 participants. Over a period of six weeks, 12,338,378 steps were taken, and the average number of steps per person was 57,861 (the lowest week was excluded from the average). The winners of the challenge are as follows:

- Champion \$40 – Jan Pisarek – West Allis
- 1st place - \$35 - Kathy Weiser – Beloit Juniors
- 2nd place - \$25 - Jean Barney – West Allis
- 3rd place - \$15 - Susan Sanders – West Allis

The winning club and district selected an organization in their community that empowers

children, and \$50 was donated to that organization in their name. The winning club was Monroe, and they chose to donate to Equine Empowerment. The winning district was Lakeshore District, and they chose to donate to Girls on the Run.

Stay tuned for future GFWC-WI Clubwoman editions to learn about the walking challenge and another winter fundraiser that allows you to participate from the comfort of your home.

Thank You to all who donated gift cards. They all sold. The GFWC-WI shirts are still available on the website under the marketplace tab. I will see you all in February with all the other items and we will do another 50/25/25.

WOMAN’S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

Submitted by Mary Kaye Ernest, Chair

With Thanksgiving only a few weeks away, we are quickly approaching the end of 2023. I want to provide an update on the latest happenings at WHRC Headquarters. If you were unable to attend the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in October but would like to purchase one of the brand-new WHRC Pins, you can simply go online to GFWC Marketplace and place your order there.

Please mark your calendars for March 8th, 2024, for the Women’s History Day Celebration at Headquarters. Additionally, please make a special note to mark May 1st, 2024, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center. I want to express my gratitude to all the clubwomen who have generously supported WHRC with your monetary donations. Without your financial contributions, much of the work that is being done would not be possible.



NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Mary Kaye Ernest, Chair

Have you ever thought of being a part of the GFWC-WI Executive Committee? We are looking for dedicated members to serve on the 2024-2026 GFWC-WI Executive Committee. These positions are an excellent opportunity to be a part of the action. The only requirement is to have previous experience on a District Executive Committee or on the GFWC-WI Board of Directors.

You're Invited!

GFWC Wisconsin's Own Library *Open House*

Saturday, November 11, 2023 • 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Lane Library at Ripon College
300 W. Seward Street • Ripon, WI 54971

All are welcome to enjoy our unique collection of books and poetry by Wisconsin authors and illustrators.

- Learn the History of GFWC Wisconsin's Own Library
- Listen to Live Poetry Readings featuring Dr. Megan Gannon, Associate Professor of English, and Students of Ripon College
- Enjoy Refreshments and More!

Admission is Free!

Bonus for GFWC-WI Clubs: For each club woman member who attends the Open House, your GFWC-WI Club will receive \$10 per person!

GFWC Wisconsin's Own Library Open House is hosted by GFWC-WI. Funding is provided by the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust.

Please RSVP by October 27
to Sue Bednarek by phone or email:

- 920-295-6509
- sjbednarek@charter.net

Hurry! Limited Space Available!



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE*Submitted by Nancy Niedziela, Chair*

We hope this message finds you well. As we gear up for the winter workshop and the upcoming publication of the winter Wisconsin Clubwoman, the resolutions committee is working hard to prepare new reviews and revisions. We are pleased to announce that the Amery and Pewaukee Clubs have offered new resolutions and suggestions for revisions. We are grateful for their participation at the ground level.

As we move into the busy holiday season, we want to remind everyone to take care of themselves and stay safe. We wish you a wonderful fall season and hope to see you at the winter workshop.

Best regards,

The Resolutions Committee:

Nancy Niedziela, Kim Bruns, Ruth Diedrich,
Sharon Phelps, Paula Schlice

RESOLUTION

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP:**Pages; 16-17****GFWC-WI THEODORA YOUNG AWARD***Submitted by Diane Zickert, Chair*

Attention, ladies! The deadline for submitting the nomination forms for the Theodora Young Citizenship Award, named after the renowned activist and suffragist, is approaching fast. You have until April 1, 2024, to download the form from the GFWC-WI website (gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships) and submit it with three community recommendations for an exceptional woman from your community who deserves this honor. Please make sure that the completed nomination form and recommendations are postmarked by April 1, 2024. You can send your entries to Diane Zickert at 230 Achievement Dr, Apt A6, Brillion, WI 54110. Don't miss the chance to recognize the outstanding women in your community!



WOMAN of ACHIEVEMENT*submitted by: Ina Trummer, Chair*

Is there a woman who has made an outstanding impact on your club and her community? She may be a member of your club who has been recognized for her involvement in one of the many programs in GFWC or a special project in your club. I am sure that there are several deserving ladies of this very special and prestigious award. Therefore, I encourage you to start looking for that very special person and nominate her.

When you nominate someone, please make sure to include three letters of endorsement, a summary of the nominee's involvement in GFWC, and a summary of her personal life and family. The materials you submit cannot exceed three pages. You can mail the completed form to Ina Trummer, Chairman, at 807 Fieldcrest Court, Watertown, WI, no later than April 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 920-261-9372.



Ellen Weber
2023 Woman of Achievement Recipient

Scholarship*submitted by: Shelly Isely*

**THE HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS A
SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000.00.**

GFWC-WI awards scholarships annually to high school students and adult learners in Wisconsin who are pursuing careers in the healthcare sector. The scholarship recipients will be notified in late April and invited to an awards banquet at the GFWC-WI State Convention in May 2024.

In January 2024, all District Presidents will receive an email containing guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs, along with an information document that should be shared with schools.

If you have any questions, please contact your District President or the Committee Chair, Shelly Isely (shellyisely@yahoo.com).

The online application form for 2024 will be available in January. Please wait for the detailed email from your District leadership before sharing any information with schools.

We encourage applications from all districts. We wish all applicants the best of luck!

Community Impact Program Award*submitted by: Carol Wolfenden, chair*

Is your club looking to win \$100? If your club is making a positive impact in your community, then this program might just be for you!

To enter, all you need to do is:

- ◆ Take a look at all the work your club has done between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023.
- ◆ Fill out the entry form found in the GFWC 2022-2024 Club Manual for the COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP) AWARD.

- ◆ Submit your entry to Carol Wolfenden, the state CIP Award chair, by March 1, 2024. You can send it to S464 Tower Rd, Kendall, WI 54638 or email it to wolfenden@mwt.net.

Good luck! Let us know if you have any questions.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS REPORTS:

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SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT

Submitted by Deb Strecker, District President



Beloit Junior Woman's Club Blanchardville Woman's Club* Burlington Woman's Club* Kenosha Junior Woman's Club* Monroe Woman's Club* Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club* Woman's Club of East Troy* Woman's Club of Kenosha* Lakeside Youth Club*

I absolutely love this time of year. The weather has been perfect and the trees' colors are breathtaking. I recently had the chance to witness this beautiful display while traveling to GFWC-WI events as the Southern Prairies District President.

Our fall workshop was held on September 26th at the Janesville Botanical Gardens, and we had a great turnout of 32 SPD members, all dressed up in their best sunflower and fall attire.

I attended the Great Lakes Region Conference in Noblesville, Indiana, and gained valuable information to share with my clubs and the SPD. Conventions and workshops are an excellent source of inspiration!

The GFWC WI Juniors Fall Conference was recently held in Kenosha. It was well-organized by the Junior Board with leadership training and community service projects related to Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness. The group project on sexual abuse was memorable.

I presented on overcoming the fear of public speaking for GFWC WI Mini-LEADS virtual classes. It was well attended and received positive feedback, even from out-of-state members. Some expressed interest in replicating our successful leadership program.

As this is the last Clubwoman before the holidays, I wish you all a joyous holiday season.

ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

Submitted by Kathy Novack, District President



*Boscobel Woman's Club * Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club* Hartford Junior Woman's Club * Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club* Muskego Woman's Club* Oconomowoc Woman's Club * Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club* Woman's Club of Hartland * Woman's Club of Pewaukee*

The Rolling Hills District has been quite busy lately. We held our Fall District Meeting on September 23rd in Boscobel, WI. We were honored to have Suzanne Hooser, a guest from GFWC-WI Executive Board, lead us in the "beachball exercise". The exercise was a huge success, and many creative ideas were shared. We had a great turnout, and we would like to express our gratitude to President Angela O'Brien and the members of the Boscobel Woman's Club for organizing such a wonderful meeting and for their gracious hospitality.

Carol Wolfenden, President-Elect, and I visited several women's clubs including Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club, Oconomowoc Woman's Club,

Woman's Club of Pewaukee, Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club, Woman's Club of Hartland, and Hartford Juniors Woman's Club.

We were present at Pewaukee for the induction of 12 new club members into the Woman's Club of Pewaukee. It was a wonderful day, and it was a great honor for Carol and me to be a part of this special celebration.

Pictured is the Rolling Hills district board of directors and Committee chairs. Back row: Paula Decker, Sue Schwarten, Lora McPhillips, Carol Anderson, Renee Rasmussen, Missy Kimball, and Lynn Mickelson. Front row: Carol Wolfenden, Kathy Novack, and Suzanne Hooser.



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*

As the autumn air turns cooler and the deciduous trees adorn themselves with their beautiful hues, many fundraising events are happening in the district. Clubs are actively organizing their monthly programs and identifying both local and national service opportunities to engage in. All the clubs are striving to boost their membership, which ensures that fresh ideas and energy are infused into the club.

The district meeting that took place in Amery at the end of September was a huge success. All clubs were encouraged to promote the Short Stories contest for both students and adults, and also to participate in the Helen Mears Art contest next spring. We are currently reviewing the district bylaws for approval at the Spring 2024 district convention. We are grateful to

other districts for sharing their current bylaws with us.

We would like to remind everyone to compile their service hours and complete their 2023 project reports as soon as possible after the holidays so that we can determine our state awards.



NORTHWOODS DISTRICT

Submitted by Mary Meek, District President



*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*

The Northwoods District kicked off its 2023-24 program year with a picnic business meeting held in August, beautifully hosted by the clubwomen of the Lakeland Area GFWC. Apart from discussing important agenda items and enjoying some fellowship, we also had a breakout session on strategic planning. During this session, the clubwomen shared valuable information needed for district planning while learning the steps necessary to develop their club's strategic plan. I am genuinely excited to witness what comes out of our time spent together.

Another highlight of this year was attending four official club visits, and I was also invited to attend the meeting of a non-federated club to explain the benefits of becoming a part of GFWC. I hope that we

have a new sister club joining us soon.

I am proud of our clubs and the work they are doing in their communities. Our clubwomen are engaged, committed, and this is reflected in the many ways they live their volunteer spirit.

Together, let's continue to be creative, passionate and 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 * Women's Club of Princeton * Woman's Club of De Pere*

Part 2 of the Administration 2022-2024 has begun! I hope your club has started with good attendance at meetings, shared great ideas, and is eager to have the best year of your partnership with GFWC-WI.

The Rivers & Lakes District fall meeting was hosted by the Brillion Woman's Club on October 26 at Cobblestone Creek. Retired Police Chief Joanne Mignon spoke to the members about the COPS (Children of Police Survivors) program. GFWC-WI First Vice-President Linda Brown also shared membership

recruitment and retention ideas, which were found to be informative and helpful.

The Wisconsin's Own Library Open House is Saturday, November 11, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Mark your calendars and plan to visit the Lane Library at Ripon College.

The Woman's Club of De Pere will host the Spring District meeting, and the date and other information for this meeting are being determined. More information will follow soon.

LAKESHORE DISTRICT*Submitted by Carol Ziebler, 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*

Greetings to all the amazing sisters of GFWC-WI Lakeshore District. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the support, sympathy, and memorial donations that you have extended to us during this difficult time. We also appreciate your attendance at the Memorial service of District President Linda Taylor. Your kind words and actions have been acknowledged by Linda's family, Lakeshore District, and West Allis Club sisters. Linda was an exceptional person, and we are certain that she has already organized a new GFWC club in her new home. She will be dearly missed, and her shoes are big to fill.

We are pleased to announce that GFWC-WI Lakeshore District has once again achieved the top district position in the Jr Walking Challenge this fall. Congratulations to the ten walkers who chose Girls on the Run for their charity award.

Our Lakeshore Clubs and members have been actively engaged in member recruiting events, fundraisers, and meetings. Brown Deer Jr had a successful rum-

mage sale, National Day of Service, and Best Bra Contest Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. Greenfield had a successful brat sale at Sendik's grocery store and held a Farmer's Market member recruitment event. PDO held their first club meeting with a delicious homecooked luncheon, and members donated to Honor Flight. West Allis recruited four new members this summer and fall and is having a Culver's fundraiser in November. Port Washington Woman's Club has been holding a very successful basket raffle at the local farmer's market. The raffle tickets raise money for a \$1,500 college scholarship for a second-year college student going into the medical field. The raffle drawing will be held at the club's November meeting.

Lastly, a district committee is currently planning for our hosting of the GFWC-WI Convention on May 2-5, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield, Wisconsin. More information will be provided in the Winter GFWC-WI Clubwoman. Therefore, please SAVE THE DATE for this special event.

CLUB CORNER

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SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT

GFWC Burlington Woman's Club



The Burlington Woman's Club collected and donated grab-and-go snacks and treats for the local fire and police departments.

GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club

The GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club has been incredibly active this year! We began by serving food to the firefighters at the Safety Day in the Prairie event. We also participated in the Adopt-a-Road program and enjoyed finding the most unique pieces of trash. On the GFWC Day of Service, we were honored to pack food boxes for the Grace Welcome Center. In October, we welcomed three new members to our club, and our Pink-Tober Auction, the major fundraiser, was a tremendous success, thanks to the support of our

members, local businesses, and community. In November, we welcomed another new member and organized our annual Dayton Bingo Party for disabled residents. In December, we will purchase, wrap, and deliver gifts to our Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. The GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club is always eager to assist our community!

GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha

Summer was quite busy at the Woman's Club of Kenosha. We hosted the 100 Woman Who Care and had two basement sales. We collected food for the Food Bank and clothes for an orphanage in India. Three members completed the virtual mini-leads, attended the District meeting and the Jr. Fall Conference. The more you know the more you grow! We're back to having monthly luncheons and evening meetings. Our fundraisers are a Trivia Night, Holiday Fair and December Tea with Jessica Michna. We continue to work on our 175 yr. old house and expect to have the kitchen painted and a

new stove by December ! I am thankful for all the members and community support who help us.



ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

GFWC Dodgeville Federated Woman’s Club



President Bridget Leiskau Dickler presented the awards for the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest at Saint Joseph Catholic School and Mineral Point Middle School at the schools' award ceremonies.



At their October meeting, the Dodgeville Federated Women's Club recognized their longtime members and honored them for their dedication.



Pictured in the photo are Ashley Foist, Lynette Potter, Ginny Liska, Karen Zimmerman, Pat Risch (Secretary), Ginger Jones, Colleen Polglaze (Treasurer), and Bridget Leiskau Dickler (President). In the front row are Florence Wasley (Vice President) and Cathryn Tredinnick



Seated in front, is Cathryn Tredinnick, clockwise: Florence Wasley (Vice President), Karen Zimmermanand, Pat Risch (Secretary), Ginger Jones, and Colleen Polglaze, (Treasurer). All are past presidents of the club.

GFWC Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club

HONORING WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Members of the GFWC-WI Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club gathered for an “Honoring Sara White, Army Reservist” luncheon. Sara, a Hillsboro Club member, is probably the first and only Hillsboro Club member to serve in the military. She has served nationally and internationally. One of her recollections was serving in Kuwait sandstorms where summer temperatures were much higher than Wisconsin’s. Sgt. 1st class White’s transportation expertise is based on her being a train engineer and being in charge of cargo manifests for all incoming and outgoing equipment. Though Sara has already served for 12 years, she is up for a promotion and intends to serve for 8 more years. The Club presented her with gifts in recognition of her service to our country.



Photo (clockwise, bottom left to right) Jean Traeder, Marty Magalsky, Wendy Manser, Sara White, President Lori Stanek, Jane Jensen, Diana Marshall, Kay Stanek, Joyce Meza.

ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

GFWC Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club

At the Hillsboro Club's meeting in October, the guest speaker was Kathy Novack, the President of the Rolling Hills District. In the picture, she can be seen alongside some of the Hillsboro Board members. Kathy and Carol are currently visiting all nine clubs in the Rolling Hills District to promote membership.



Front row: Kathy Novack, Wendy Manser, Carol Wolfenden Back row: Karen Stanek, Diana Marshall, Jean Traeder,

GFWC Woman's Club of Hartland

Membership is crucial for our club, as it is for any club. In 2023, we welcomed 21 new members, sixteen of whom joined in August. We are thrilled to have them on board. In the picture below, you'll see the ladies that we welcomed in September.



While new members are essential, it's also important to show our long-standing members that they are valued. During

our October meeting, we recognized some of our members who have been with the club the longest. These amazing women are a goldmine of information about the club. In the back row from left to right are

Villa Johnson (31 years), Jo Pedersen (41 years), Carol Kawleski (19 years), Millie Bierman (36 years), and Lila Goll (63 years, that's right 63 years in our club!). In the front row, are Muriel Johnson (34 years) and Jan Molter (23 years).



We have five members who were unable to attend, including Shirley Bohrman (23 years), Carol Krueger (23 years), Nancy Eberhardy (25 years), Jean Lehman (27 years), and Carla

Laasch, who has over 20 years of membership. I would like to personally thank these women for all the contributions they have made to our club. Well done, ladies!



NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT

GFWC Spooner Woman's Club

We are proud of our relationship with the Spooner Library – a partnership we've cultivated since 1915, when the SWC (then the Spooner Study Club) led the charge to found it. Our annual Book Sale netted \$2000 – this is our major fundraiser for the year. The library kindly assists us with our book collection for the sale.

The SWC partners with many local businesses and other service organizations to stretch our dollars and increase our impact. This year, we have:

- Awarded a scholarship to a deserving SHS graduate
- Delivered hand-written Christmas cards to our nursing home residents
- Led a Hat/Glove/Underwear drive for our public elementary school
- Donated over \$500 to our local food pantry through monthly collections
- Packaged gift bags for tween/teen girls for dad-daughter gifts
- Gave \$600 for the Spooner Library's Story Walk, promoting youth literacy
- Donated household goods to our local domestic

violence shelter

- Sponsored a local family for back-to-school supplies and Christmas gifts.
- Granted \$500 to local schools to advance performing arts.
- Created/posted large Valentine displays at our local nursing home.
- Continued our annual \$500 donation to the Spooner Library.

We've recently said our final good-byes to two members of the SWC: long-time member Pat Schue, and our former president, Karie Masters. As the library renovates next year, we are working with them to use the many donations in Karie's name for a permanent memorial fixture.

Pictured: SWC members Sherrie Wiegand and Carol Reed set up the checkout station for the book sale.



GFWC Amery Woman's Club

We're delighted to announce the successful conclusion of our 45th Arts and Crafts fair in June. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to host over 90 vendors, including food trucks and musical performances. Our club members volunteered their time and effort to make this fundraiser a wonderful success. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, we will be able to offer four \$1,000.00 scholarships for the next academic year.

We had a blast at our annual picnic held in Garfield Park by Lake Wappogasset in August. Everyone brought delicious food and desserts, making it a feast to remember. Our loyal pontoon drivers, Jim Andersen, and Joel Anderson, provided guided tours of the lake for all the women who wanted to join in. We also invited two of our scholarship winners to share their inspiring stories.

During our September meeting, Father Jerry from St. Joe's Catholic Church spoke about human trafficking in our communities, which was eye-opening.

On September 23rd, we successfully hosted the Northern Lights District meeting. Nancy Dickman, the President of GFWC-WI, and Linda Brown, the President-Elect, graced the occasion with their presence and spoke about the latest developments at GFWC. They also highlighted the significance of membership. May Wiarda, a third-grader from Amery Elementary School, spoke about the environment and led an interactive game at our event.

We completed our Fall Adopt a Highway cleanup, collecting nine bags. Now the road leading into Amery looks clean and attractive.

The club hosted a 70s-themed fundraiser on October 14th, featuring a large auction.



NORTHWOODS DISTRICT

GFWC OCONTO WOMAN'S CLUB



The GFWC Oconto Woman's Club in early July organized a project to sort and prepare supplies for the Oconto County School Supply Drive. Thirteen vol-

unteers, including 11 club members and 2 other helpers, efficiently sorted boxes, bags, pencils (over 10,000), crayons, markers, glue sticks, and more. They bundled the supplies and made them ready for distribution in August.

At the GFWC Oconto Woman's Club assisted with three different county/city wide collections to support food and nutritional needs in our community, recog-

nizing the year-round efforts of our members. Eighteen winter coats were donated to a local Oconto church Coat Drive, 75 pairs of gently used walking shoes were donated to the Gillett American Legion Auxiliary as part of their effort to collect 2,500 pairs for distribution in nations such as Africa, and several bags of school supplies were donated to the Oconto County School Supply Drive, Inc, as part of our continuing support of this effort.

This past fall, over 400 new book bags filled with supplies were distributed to



families in financial need. "Making a difference" in our community, county, nation, and abroad is what these ladies are all about.

GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

Our club recently had a memorable experience while raising money for the Rhinelander Community Band. We enhanced the standard Culvers Share Night by creating table-top displays for diners to read about the band's expenses as they waited to be served. We also invited members of the Community Band to play outside the restaurant, encouraging patrons to fill the tip jars for this local cause. Although our portion of the meal sales was typical, we exceeded our goal in tips, pulling in over \$500.00 in just four hours. This event qualified us for the Arts Live opportunity, and we are excited to see where this will take us next.

Currently, we are hosting the concession stand at the Fright Factory at Masonic Lodge #242. A team of creative members from RWC fashioned 'zombie/creepies' to line one of the passage halls, including one live zombie among the cast to scare the bejeebies out of those who make it that far. Fright Factory is getting excellent reviews, so be sure to look us up in 2024 and experience it for yourself.



Pictured: Dee Jacobs, Margaret Baker, Cindy Goll, Marilyn Pekol community band Director, Dan Scholten community band Treasurer, and Christy Schneider .



Dee Jacobs, Sandy Siewert , Cindy Zielinski, Christy Schneider. Seated: Cindy Goll.

NORTHWOODS DISTRICT

GFWC Stevens Point Woman’s Club

September was a busy month for the Stevens Point Woman's Club. We organized a successful fundraiser at Art in the Park and presented The Playhouse Theatre Group with a charitable donation of \$500.



RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT

GFWC Women’s Club of Princeton



The Women’s Club of Princeton held its First Annual Membership Tea on September 24th. Members wore suffrage-style outfits that our club wore during our town’s 175th Anniversary parade. Pictured from left to right; Chris Goulet, JoDee Megeath, Cheryl Harvey, Terry Beck, Renee Cybul, Gail Harter, and Rose Wick.



The Women's Club of Princeton participated in the "Decorate a Lamp Post" Contest sponsored by the Princeton Chamber of Commerce and had fun adorning a lamp post. Pictured from left to right: Marie Wilkins, Sue Gerald, JoDee Megeath, Renee Cybul, Cheryl Harvey, Chris Goulet, kneeling Rose Wick.



LAKESHORE DISTRICT

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club

In August, we hosted our Summer Social event and sent invitations to the residents of our community to join us for an afternoon of socializing. During the event, we served snacks and beverages while those who attended learned about our Club's history and current activities. We were delighted to welcome a new member and others who have shown interest in joining our Club at our fall general meetings. It was a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon.

Our September speaker was from Art Therapy House, an organization committed to unleashing the healing potential of the creative process and art therapy for adults and children in need. They also receive unsold

items from our rummages for use in their therapy projects and activities.

In October, we had the Village Manager of Brown Deer as our guest speaker. He provided an update on current Village matters and answered questions from our members.



GFWC Woman’s Club of West Allis

The Club received a Community Partnership Award from the West Allis Police Dept. for sponsoring the new “Sundown Program”. This program provides free front and back door alarms to homes with individuals who have Autism or memory issues.



Monica Jerich and Carol Ziehler received a Community Partnership Award for our club from the West Allis Police Dept. for our sponsorship of their Sundown Door Alarm Program

Our members had a busy July, which included participating in the West Allis Independence Parade, hosting a club picnic, and volunteering at National Night Out at the West Allis Farmer’s Market, sponsored by the West Allis Police.

In September, we tied purple ribbons on poles and trees along the Downtown’s main street to raise

awareness for Domestic Violence. Many people thanked us for our efforts.



During our October meeting, we collected 132 items of Kids' Cold wear to support the GFWC-WI Juniors Advocates for Children initiative. These items will be offered to the families who come to the Hope Closet at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. We are happy that our hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks will help some of these kids stay warm. Congratulations to the Juniors for a timely appeal,

and thank you to our generous members who supported it!

Our meeting’s activity was luminary-making for the Luminary & Harvest Festival held at VMP Healthcare and Senior Living. This is an organization that we often work with for community outreach. Longtime club members enjoyed reconnecting after the summer hiatus, and the three guests who became members that day had fun making their luminaries and making some new friends too!

SAVE THE DATE



127TH GFWC-WI Annual Sate Convention

Hosted by GFWC-WI Lakeshore District

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Let your light shine in Brookfield and Bee Inspired

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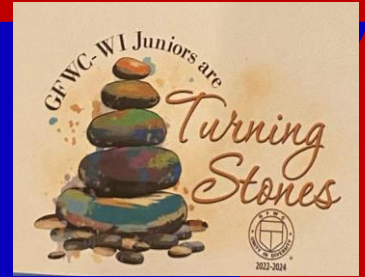
The GFWC-WI Lakeshore District is bringing back vendors for the 2024 GFWC-WI State Convention. We have space for twelve vendors. The fees for each space will be \$35 for spaces without electricity and \$55 for spaces with electricity. New for this convention is that we are reserving up to five spaces for GFWC-WI Clubwomen at a fee of \$0 per space with the understanding that the clubwoman will register to attend the convention. The deadline to sign up for these special spaces is December 2, 2023. Our hope is that clubwomen who have small businesses will want to register for the convention and provide them with an opportunity to offer their wares. Please note, sign up early because if we have multiple vendors

with the same product, vendors will be approved first come, first served.

To take advantage of this opportunity, the application is on the GFWC-WI website at url: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/2024-convention-news>
For questions, please contact Erin Epping at 414-355-8780 (cell) or eepping728@gmail.com.



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