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GFWC – WI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, its official - I am your new state president. Just returned from Baltimore, Maryland, had a great time. Met some new people, visited with friends from around the country. Ate some crab, took a boat cruise, did some Zumba, played the African drums, attended workshops and meetings. Loretta will fill you in more on what happened in Baltimore and what awards we won.

Fall workshop will be here before you know it! Do you have your registration in yet? A copy of the call will be in this issue of clubwoman magazine. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Green Lake at the Green Lake conference center, on September 9th and 10th. The General Session will start at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon and we will end on Saturday afternoon. Yes, we have breaks, learn some new things, listen to speakers, laugh, and share ideas and maybe sneak in a tour of the grounds. Speakers will be Becky Weber GFWC legislation chairman, Ron Schmitz, author/cartoonist, Andrew from Wisconsin Own Library, reporting workshop- "How to write that award winning report"

There will be a special meeting for the eight clubs that applied for the 501(c)(3) designation. As Paula represented you at the meeting, she would like to meet and tell you what changes your club will have to make to your by-laws. Please make sure these clubs attend: Stevens Point, Edgerton, Shorewood, Plymouth, Princeton, Kenosha, Monroe and Blanchardville.

I am looking for a state photographer to take pictures at state meetings. Since Sue Bednarek was our state photographer the past two years and is now your state treasurer. Any club member who has the talent with a camera and would be willing to take pictures. Please let me know.

An update on the 2017 State Convention in Eau Claire; we had to change the venue. I had originally booked The Plaza hotel, and the hotel was sold and the last day of operation will be October 31, 2016. So we are still having the convention in Eau Claire, with help from Linda Rundle we are now holding the convention at the Holiday Inn in Eau Claire, on May 18th, 19th and 20th.

By the time you read this article the club manual for 2016-2018 administration should be available on-line the gfwc.org website. The latest would be August 1st.

Ladies, now is the time to start thinking of your clubs nominee for Jenny June award. The deadline will be here before you know it!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall workshop! Together we can accomplish great things!

"Let's do this"!

Sue

First Vice President – Deb Brossard

Greetings GFWC-WI clubwomen!

"Jack of all trades and Master of one"… at least I will try to "master" all the roles I will be fulfilling as your GFWC-WI 1st Vice President for the next two years. It should be an exciting time. I understand that I am on six standing committees, serving as chair for two of these six. As chair of the Membership committee, my main focus will be on retaining current GFWC-WI clubs and fostering new ones as the opportunities present themselves. If any club is struggling to retain or grow their membership, I hope they will keep me in mind as a valuable resource. Should anyone have a lead on potential new clubs, please contact me as well and I will do my best to assist in that effort. As chair of the Budget committee, I will work with the members to make sound, fiscal decisions that keeps GFWC-WI in a solvent financial standing. I look forward to re-familiarizing myself with our organization's bylaws and policies and will contribute my time and talent to that committee, interpreting and revising this foundation as is necessary. The remaining three committees on which I will serve, Communications, Strategic Planning, and Investment, are all chaired by knowledgeable and capable GFWC-WI clubwomen and I will count on them to steer us in the right direction, allowing our organization to remain vibrant, healthy, and sustainable. In summary, it looks like I am going to be a very busy gal, grateful that I now have the time and energy to return full force, as one of your leaders, to the world's oldest and largest organization of women volunteers! Thanks for your faith in me. I hope to do you proud!

GFWC-Wisconsin's President's Special Project

The 2016-18 administration's President's Special project is supporting cancer treatment and research.

Clubs can help out with this project in their communities by participating in local walks, supporting local facilities by providing chemo/radiation therapy patients with comfort item care packages, a rotating library, prayer shawls, knitted caps and lap blankets. Cancer treatment centers are becoming more prevalent in our communities, which means more people are inflicted with this devastating disease. Let's make a difference in our communities by comforting our fellow community members as they go through treatments. Sue will be updating us with more details in the next edition of WI-Clubwoman.

GFWC- WI JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We got things under way already with the first fundraiser starting on July 6th and running (or should I say walking) for 6 weeks – it is the 1st ever GFWC-WI Junior Walking Challenge. We have 34 participants across all corners of the state seeing who can average the most steps in this time period. Find out which member, club and district walked circles around others at the Fall Workshop in Green Lake, WI - September 9th and 10th.

My Junior Special Project for the next two years will be educating members about teenage runaways, homelessness and sex trafficking. I'm currently discussing with a national organization about what GFWC-WI can do to bring their program to Wisconsin. I should have more information at Fall Workshop. If you are curious about why I chose this topic – you can go to the website: www.1800runaway.org/blog/- look for a blog from June 17th, there you will find an excerpt of my speech from installation night and see National Runaway Safeline giving GFWC-WI kudos for our support!

One thing I ask everyone to do (if you haven't already):

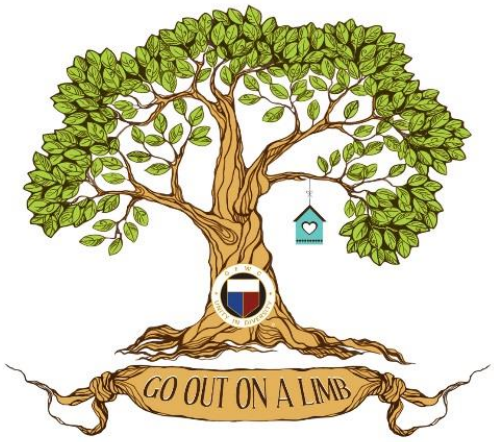
- like the 'GFWC Wisconsin Juniors' Facebook page
- like 'GFWC' Facebook page
- subscribe to GFWC News & Notes – it comes out every Thursday
- sign-up for GFWC Legislation Action Center – we will find out more about this at Fall Workshop

I will see you soon in Green Lake!

In Federation,
Loretta Caron – GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs

Advice from a Tree

- Stand tall and proud
- Remember your roots
- Stay grounded
- Turn over a new leaf
- Keep growing
- Go out on a limb



JUNIOR DIRECTOR-ELECT - MICHELLE MUNOZ

Let me start by thanking everyone for your support as I was given the JOY (Junior of the Year) Award at the Spring 2016 Convention. I couldn't have been more surprised and thrilled to receive the award as a volunteer in the community I support in Wisconsin.

I am looking forward to being the JDE for 2016-18 club administration. I had the opportunity to attend the 2016 GFWC Convention held in Baltimore. We met so many wonderful ladies from around the country, and especially getting to know the ladies representing the Junior Clubs. If you get the chance to attend any of these events, please do. I get so much inspiration attending our state conferences, meetings and conventions. It's at a higher endorphin level at the International level, meeting all our fellow clubwomen from around the country. The host city puts forth all the effort to make us all feel so welcome and keep us entertained. Kudos to our Sisterhood in Service of Maryland.

As I start my newest role in this administration as JDE I encourage Junior club members to attend our conferences, seminars and workshops. Please invite your club members to these functions so they too can learn more about the wonderful things we do as a whole around the state of Wisconsin. I also encourage everyone to share the Clubwoman Newsletter with all members, as they can understand what -***Living the Volunteer Spirit***- is all about.

- In Sisterhood of Service – Michelle Munoz

REFLECTIONS FROM PAST LEADERSHIP

What an honor it has been to serve as the Director of Junior Clubs for Wisconsin the past two years. The network of friends and the work you all do is inspiring. I am so proud of everything the Junior Clubs of Wisconsin have been doing over the past year. The Junior members volunteered over 9296 hours, donated $50,183.24 in cash and $31,872.00 in in-kind donations.

The support of my focus – "Arts in the Schools" was overwhelming. When we set out to organize the Tie One on for The Arts auction I never dreamed it would be so successful. Thank you to all who either made an apron, donated one, purchased one or just came and had fun. We raised over $2400 at the event. All of the proceeds went to various arts in the schools projects across the state. Over the past two years we were able to donate to projects in every district. Thank you!

My final duty was to represent you in Baltimore at the GFWC Annual Convention. I was honored to accept seven awards for Wisconsin including: Outstanding Achievement in Website - GFWC WI, Honorable mention in website contest – GFWC Brown Deer Juniors, Youth Short Story – Mary Wells, A Year in Pictures March – Laurie Muffler, 2016 CIP Award Third place – Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club, and Shot @life Silver Status – GFWC-WI. Jan and I were also both honored with awards for our leadership, Jan winning the Charlotte Emerson Brown award and I received the Junior Director of the Year award. It was an amazing celebration. Congratulations to all of our state winners.

During the next administration I will be serving as the GFWC CSP Arts Chairman. I look forward to continuing to promote the arts to our clubwoman and especially the arts in our schools.

Yours in Federation

Kristina Higbee
GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs 2014-2016

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

WISCONSIN'S OWN LIBRARY

Thank you to all of you who have given us books for Wisconsin's Own Library which is housed at Lane Library at Ripon College. It has over 5,000 books and pamphlets written by authors from Wisconsin, who have lived in Wisconsin or their book is about Wisconsin.

At our recent convention the club voted to pay $208 for a pedestal glass book case to display valuable books in our library.

You can access information online regarding this special collection:

Go to **Ripon.edu/library**, click on **Lane Library catalog**, then **Advanced Search**. In the middle of the page (beneath title or list of books) click on **Wisconsin's Own Library-Search**. This will give you the entire list of books and pamphlets in the collection. You can check to see if a local author already has a particular book in this library. If not you may want to donate one of their books for them.

You can check out most books from this collection through the Interlibrary Loan at your own public library. The older and more valuable books are not available to check out but would have to be read at the Lane Library.

Do continue to send us your books and we will deliver them to Wisconsin's Own Library at the Lane Library, Ripon College.

Please include the information: Sender's Name, Club Name and City as a GFWC label will be placed in the book with the club information.

Feel free to contact either of us if you have questions.

Wisconsin's Own Library co-chairs:

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GFWC-WI HELEN FARNSWORTH MEARS ART CONTEST
Winners

2016
Sturgeon Bay – Judges: Sally Guger & John Guger

CLASS A		NAME	Grade	SCHOOL	CLUB
1st	3-D	**Katie Kruse**	8	Thomas Jefferson Middle	**Port Washington**
2nd	3-D	**Caitlyn Bodenburg**	8	Elk Mound Middle School	**Menomonie**
3rd	3-D	**Chloe Pease**	7	East Troy Middle School	**East Troy**
CLASS B					
1st	2-D	**Olivia Straub**	7	St. John the Baptist	**Plymouth**
2nd	2-D	**Rachel Runge**	8	Homeschool	**Rhinelander**
3rd	2-D	**Josie Duchow**	7	St. Paul's Lutheran	**Oconomowoc, Jr.**
1st	3-D	**Ashley Valerio**	8	St. Matthew's Lutheran	**Oconomowoc, Jr.**
2nd	3-D	**Anna Seifert**	8	St. John the Baptist	**Plymouth**
3rd	3-D	**Maddie Nelson**	7	St. Paul's Lutheran	**Oconomowoc, Jr.**

HONORABLE MENTION

CLASS A	2-D	**Ella Mullikin**	8	James Williams Middle Sch.	**Rhinelander**
	2-D	**Tatum Novak**	7	Mineral Point Middle School	**Dodgeville**
	2-D	**Theo Geiger**	7	Brillion Middle School	**Brillion**
	2-D	**Cora Dieringer**	8	Thomas Jefferson Middle	**Port Washington**
	3-D	**Angelica Becker**	8	Merrill Middle School	**Oshkosh Arts**
	3-D	**Tyler Umhoefer**	7	Thomas Jefferson Middle	**Port Washington**
	3-D	**Bethany Harman**	8	Dodgeville Middle School	**Dodgeville**
CLASS B	2-D	**Rachel Heinrich**	8	Homeschool	**Menomonie**
	2-D	**Karissa Thurn**	7	Northwoods Comm. Sec.	**Rhinelander**

Each District participated in the 89th GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest. More entries were submitted than in any other year in the last ten years. This is also the 100th Anniversary of the death of Helen Farnsworth Mears whose life and artistic talents inspired GFWC-WI to establish this memorial contest in 1927 to encourage young student artists. The state winners' artwork is on exhibit at the Oshkosh Public Museum through July 31. From July 2 – October 16 the Museum devotes a gallery to not only the artistry of Mears, but also to other geniuses of her generation whose inspiration helped transform Sawdust City. The exhibition, *Geniuses of Oshkosh*, promises to reveal why Mears, after one hundred years, still retains such esteem…It has been an honor to serve as the chairman of this renowned art contest. Shirley Brabender Mattox, Oshkosh Women's Arts Club

Amery Woman's Club – Gloria Lansin - Pictured Winners - Brennan Hansen, Lydia Monson, Julia Engelbretson & Cora Green (Not pictured winner – Nick Erickson)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Spring Convention of the GFWC-WI was uplifting. I was proud to be part of 90 members from all over the state who shared their talents and stories of volunteering. It was difficult to choose a winning entry from the 28 clubs that sent in annual reports. They were all good. We awarded the Hartford Juniors the best overall project, **Accents Fine Arts & Jewelry**. The Woman's Club of Hartland received the award for the best single project**: Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets.** I highlighted 21 other projects in my annual report to the president.

Wild, Wacky and Wonderful Wisconsin was the theme for the convention fundraiser which brought in $1,265! The baskets and boxes of items donated by districts, clubs and individuals kept growing until the tables were filled. The apron project of the Juniors was clever and fun. The clotheslines were filled with aprons. Kim will report on the dollar amount raised in her news this issue.

Sue LaBuda, new president of GFWC-WI hinted that yummy chocolate bars will be for sale at the fall workshop. I agreed to chair the fundraising committee again this term. I welcome your ideas. - Julie Riemenschneider

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award

Now is the time to be thinking about a club member who is worthy of this award.
Each year a deserving club member is honored at our GFWC-WI Convention with this special award for her dedication to her club and the federation.

All clubs have someone who has given of her talents above and beyond the call of duty. Someone who is active within her GFWC Club, District and State.

The official entry form (found on the GFWC-WI.org website) lists the percentages of how the candidate is judged. Although the judging is done primarily on club activities, personal information and other activities are also encouraged. Listed is also past recipients of this award - so, who is missing that is most deserving??? Start now gathering information on that special club member.

One entry per club - if a member is not chosen - she may be entered again the next year.

Deadline is March 31, 2017
If you have questions, please contact Pat Hladilek, Chairman at 414/541-8861 or patzzhl@hotmail.com

HOME LIFE – Spring Convention Winners Update

GFWC WI Home Life Community Service Program

At the recent state convention in Sturgeon Bay, GFWC-WI was honored to report that thirty-two clubs in Wisconsin reported on their Home Life CSP involvement for 2015. There were a total of 144 projects totaling 19,606 hours! Cash donations totaled $51,034.39 and In-Kind donations of $15,287.71 for a grand total for cash and in-kind donations of $66,322.10.

HOME LIFE Community Service Projects Partnership Projects:

Canine Companions for Independence - 2
Easter Seals - 1
The Heart Truth® Campaign - 6
Inside Knowledge – 5

When planning your club programs, or doing a 2-minutes talk, or writing for your club newspaper, please emphasize our partners. Some suggested monthly emphasis are listed below. How about making a charitable donation to one of our CSP partners.

- January - Home Life *Inside Knowledge*: National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month;
- February - Home Life *Heart Truth*: Encourage National Wear Red Day celebrations (first Fri in Feb.)
- March - Home Life *Easter Seals*: March Easter Seals month. Wisconsin statewide Annual Campaign starts in March and runs through July.;
- April - Home Life: April National Volunteer week;
- May - Home Life *Inside Knowledge*: May - Mother's Day - Home Life: Older Americans Month;
- September - Home Life *Inside Knowledge*: - National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month; Home Life *Inside Knowledge*: - National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; Home Life: Second Sunday in September National Grandparents Day

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Best Single Project:

GFWC-WI Rhinelander Woman's Club

GFWC-WI Rhinelander Woman's Club continues to provide volunteer hours for those less fortunate in their community – not just in one food pantry, but in several. At the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, a very dedicated group of 7-9 Clubwomen help every month to share with those in need (over 790 hours). At Personal Essentials Pantry, over 321 volunteer hours are provided. This pantry provides essential items that cannot be obtained from the food pantry or other community programs. Personal products were collected at monthly meetings throughout the year $1,000 cash and $280 in-kind. They also support two additional pantry programs, the Community Garden and the School Backpack Program.

Best Overall Project:

GFWC-WI Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club

GFWC-WI Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club continues their very successful **Best Bra Contest** held during October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They raised funds in four different ways: (1) $10 entry fee for each decorated bra submitted to judge, (2) $5.00 per vote for the People's Choice Award, (3) Raffle tickets and (4) a game. The best bra was determined by votes from breast cancer survivors who attended the event. There was a first place award in both an adult category and a kid's category. Raffle prizes were donated and raffled off at the event. The event raised **$3,276.00** – 50% was donated to Foundation for St. Francis (Su Salud program, which offers free mammograms to Hispanic women living in the Milwaukee area) and 50% was donated to Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle, which provides monetary support for medical and non-medical expense to breast cancer survivors.

It has been an honor and very rewarding to serve as GFWC WI Home Life Chairman. Remember our Home Life Community Service Programs: *Canine Companions for Independence, Easter Seals, The Heart Truth, and Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer*.

GFWC-WI Home Life Community Service Program Chairman 2014-16

Nancy Schrap

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414-771-6472

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Hi, all and welcome to International Outreach! If your club is looking for project ideas, call or send an email. Here's a new reporting form that might make life easier. Send with the rest of your club's reports.

Living the Volunteer Spirit with you,
Sue Bessert
GFWC-WI International Outreach Chairperson
715-473-4603 bbessert@centurytel.net
GFWC-Rhinelander Woman's Club

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORT 2016

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

GFWC – Wisconsin – Club Name: _____

Prepared by: _____
Club Contact Name and Address:
_____

Statistical:
Number International Outreach Projects: _____
Number of volunteer hours: _____
Number of involved members in International Outreach Projects: _____
Dollars donated: _____
In kind donations value: _____

PROJECT NAME	HOURS	$DONATION	INKIND
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:		**$**	**$**

Narrative: *(Tell who, what, when, where, why, and impact of each project; add pages as necessary.)*

2016 Member Arts and Photography Winners

Appliqué
Second Place – Judith Kingsbury / Rhinelander W.C.
Basket Weaving
Second Place - Joni Briski / Oconomowoc W.C.
Ceramics
Third Place – Karin Corona / Brown Deer W.C.
Crochet
Second Place – Mary Jo Mydlach / Oconomowoc W.C.
Embroidery
Second Place – Julie Riemenschneider / Amery W.C.
Embroidery Machine (Appliqué')
First Place – Judith Kingsbury / Rhinelander W.C.
Second Place – Pat Mignon / Brillion W.C.
Third Place - Diane Zickert / Brillion W.C.
Fad Art
First Place – Karin Corona / Brown Deer W.C.
Second Place – Roz Schuettpelz / Rhinelander W.C.
Holiday Decoration
First Place – Joni Briski / Oconomowoc W.C.
Second Place – Sheila Fry / Monroe W.C.
Hooked Rugs
First Place – Joan Jones / Rhinelander W.C.
Jewelry
First Place – Nancy Waters / Pewaukee W.C.
Second Place – Patricia Soefker / Oconomowoc W.C.
Third Place – Marge Kugler / Amery W.C.
Knitting (Hand)
First Place – Janet Cuzner / Brown Deer W. C.
First Place – Susan Schwarten / Muskego W. C.
Second Place – Aleen Weishan / W.C. of West Allis
Third Place – Elsie Labreche / Amery W. C.
Fourth Place – Michelle Munoz / Kenosha Jr. W.C.
Member Art
First Place – Adrienne Birkholz – Color Pencil / Rhinelander W. C.
First Place – Mary Ann Zuengler - Acrylic Painting / Plymouth W.C.
Second Place – Oil Painting - Carol Casey / Muskego W. C.
Third Place – Mixed Media – Roz Schuettpelz / Rhinelander W. C.
Fourth Place – Paint on - Jayne Mackey / Kenosha W.C.
Miscellaneous
First Place – Alice Kranig / Monroe W.C.
Second Place – Karin Corona / Brown Deer W. C.
Third Place – Laurie Muffler / Oconomowoc Jr. W.C.
Natural Items
First Place – Kathy Pierce / Rhinelander W.C.
Paint On
First Place – Julia Lannin / W.C. of Greenfield
Paper & Graphics
First Place – Nancy Waters / Pewaukee W.C.
Second Place – Yolanda Larson / Kenosha W.C.
Third Place – Linda Crossman / West Allis W.C.
Quilted (Hand)
First Place – Jan Flood / Stevens Point W. C.
Second Place – Diane Zickert / Brillion W.C.
Quilted (Machine)
First Place – Juanita Seidl / Amery W.C.
Second Place – Diane Zickert / Brillion W. C.
Third Place – Jeanie Borchardt / Oconomowoc W. C.
Fourth Place – Susan Meier / Blanchardville W.C.
Stamping
First Place – Laurie Muffler / Oconomowoc Jr. W. C.
Scrapbooking
First Place – Paula Berkhahn / W.C. of West Allis
Sewing (Machine)
First Place – Janet Cuzner / Brown Deer W. C.
Second Place – Margaret Baker / Rhinelander W. C.
Third Place – Carla Hartwig / Monroe W. C.
Fourth Place – Elsie Labreche / Amery W.C.
Toys and Dolls
Second Place – Margaret Baker / Rhinelander W.C.
Wall Hanging
First Place – Judith Kingsbury / Rhinelander W.C.
Second Place – Jeanie Borchardt / Oconomowoc W. C.
Third Place - Susan Meier / Blanchardville W.C.
Weaving
First Place - Linda Taylor / W.C. of West Allis
Second Place – Sheila Fry / Monroe W.C.
World in Pictures / Living Things
First Place – Kristina Higbee / Oconomowoc Jr. W. C.
Second Place – Sheila Fry / Monroe W. C.
Third Place – Gloria Lansin / Amery W. C.
World in Pictures / Scenic
First Place – Laurie Muffler / Oconomowoc Jr. W. C.
Second Place – Mary Anne Gross / Shorewood W. C.
Third Place – Helen Shimon / Oconomowoc W. C.
World in Pictures / Still Life
First Place – Nancy Waters / Pewaukee W. C.
Second Place – Kathy Doebert / Plymouth W. C.
Third Place – Michele Olshanski / Pewaukee W. C.
GFWC Volunteers in Action
First Place – Kathy Doebert / Plymouth W. C.
Second Place – Patrica Parsons / Amery W. C.
Third Place – Kristina Higbee / Oconomowoc Jr. W. C.
A Year in Pictures
First Place – Laurie Muffler / Oconomowoc Jr. W. C.
Second Place – Ellie Thoemke / Oconomowoc W. C.
Third Place – Gloria Lansin / Amery W. C.

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's Member Arts and Photography Contest. We really had an art room full of beautiful pieces! There were a total of 105 entries from 17 different Clubs. Thank you to Ruth Dietrich for helping secure the Judges and Rivers and Lakes District for hosting the Convention. Member Arts Judges: Janice Coenen and Dawn VandeBoort. Photography Judge: Jason Mann really enjoyed judging and seeing all your creative art work.

I'm pleased to announce the 2016-2018 Member Arts and Photography Chairman: Sue Hooser from Kenosha Jr. Woman's Club. I know she will do a fantastic job; it was a pleasure having her help in the Art Room. I'm very excited to see next year's artwork…start a project and take some photos today!

Special Announcement from the 126th GFWC International Convention! Laurie Muffler, a member of the Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club; 1st Place Calendar Contest Photo, Titled: "Hyde's Hill" will be featured on the GFWC Calendar for the Month of March. Laurie, Congratulations from all of GFWC-WI on your amazing winning photo!

It has been my pleasure to be your Member Arts and Photography Chairman for the last 4 years. Thank you to everyone who helped in the art room and participated in the contest.

Respectfully Submitted by: Janice Curtiss;
2014-2016 Member Arts and Photography Chairman

GFWC Wisconsin 2015
Club Report Award Winners

GFWC Special Projects	Best Overall	Best Single Project
GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention	GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis	GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children	GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club	GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club
GFWC Community Service Programs:		
Arts	GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club	GFWC Menomonie Woman's Club
Conservation	GFWC Oconto Woman's Club	GFWC Steven's Point Woman's Club
Education	GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club	GFWC Amery Woman's Club
Home Life	GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club	GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club
International Outreach	GFWC Woman's Club of Greenfield	GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club
Public Issues	GFWC Monroe Woman's Club	GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha
GFWC Advancement:		
Communications and Identity	GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club	GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club
Fundraising	GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club	GFWC Woman's Club of Hartland
Leadership	GFWC Oconto Woman's Club	GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club
Legislation and Public Policy	GFWC Woman's Club of Greenfield	GFWC Woman's Club of Greenfield
Membership	GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha	GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club
President's Special Emphasis	GFWC Bloomer Woman's Club	GFWC Steven's Point Woman's Club
WHRC	GFWC Amherst Junction Woman's Club	GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club

GFWC-WI FALL WORKSHOP
GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10 2016

Mail to: Janice Curtiss
320 Reed Street, Plymouth, WI 53073 **Checks Payable to GFWC-WI**

Registration Form

Name_____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____

NAME OF CLUB _____**DISTRICT** _____

Please check highest office currently held:

____ GFWC-WI Officer _____GFWC-WI Board Member ____Member

____ JR Board Member _____ District President ____Club President

Workshop Registration $25.00 _____ (on or before August 20)
Late Registration $30.00 _____ (after August 20)

No refunds after August 26, 2016

Meal Registration:
Friday Dinner $13.50 _____
Saturday Breakfast $9.75 _____
Saturday Lunch $11.75 _____

Total $_____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

PD$_____ Date _____ CK# _____ NP$ _____ Bal$ _____

GFWC-WI FALL WORKSHOP
GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10, 2016

-Continued -

Hotel: Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23
Green Lake, WI 54941
920-294-3323

Please call the number: 920-294-3323 to make your reservation.
Room Rates $99 double occupancy, additional fee for more than two people in the room.

NOTE: When arriving to the conference center please check in at the Kraft Centre registration building for your hotel room information.

Friday September 9th

Tentative Agenda

11:30 am Executive Committee meeting
1:30 pm By-laws and Policies committee meeting
2:30 pm Membership committee meeting
12:00pm-3:00 pm walking tour of the grounds at Conference center
3:00 pm General Session
5:00 pm Dinner
6:15 pm - 9:30 pm General session
GFWC Legislation Chairman Becky Weber
Chairman Reports
Speaker

Saturday
7:30 am -8:30 am Breakfast
Junior Executive meeting
9:00 am - General Session
Reporting- How to write that award winning report!
11:00 am - Speaker- author Ron- cartoonist
12:00pm - Lunch
Rolling Hills District meeting
Communication Committee
1:00 pm - Tour of the grounds- Power point presentation
1:45 pm - General session
3:00 pm - Adjournment

Halloween in Wisconsin

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

October 27 – 30, 2016

Grand Geneva Spa and Resort
7036 Grand Geneva Way
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Looking forward to another great time with your Federation Sisters? Plan on attending the 2016 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin this fall. The Resort is accepting reservations *already* at 1-800/558-3417 and be sure to mention GFWC – Great Lakes Region. Double-Doubles at $129.00 + tax per night. Hotel reservation Deadline is September 24, 2016.

Halloween is a time for fun! Leave those beads and bangles at home and bring your best costume ideas for Saturday Night's "Women through Time – Real or Fiction".

REGISTRATION FORM
GFWC – GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
October 27TH–30TH, 2016
Grand Geneva Resort and Spa
7036 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Name: _____

Address: _____E-mail_____

City: _____State: _____Zip:_____

__Home
Phone: __Cell _____Officer/Chairman: _____

Club/District/State Affiliation: _____/_____/_____

Registration Fee:	$25.00	_____
A late fee of $25 will be added with a postmark after the due date.		
Thursday – Nibble, Sip and Paint	$40.00	_____
Nibble on Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Sip a Glass of Wine and Paint your own Masterpiece!		
Friday – Lake Geneva Boat Tour	$35.00	_____
Tour Lake Geneva, learn about the History of many famous homes. Lunch on your own in the downtown area. Many lovely restaurants to choose from and some great shopping too!		
Friday – WI State Night – Oktoberfest	$35.00	_____
Enjoy an Authentic German dinner with some fun polka music.		
Saturday – Lunch	$28.00	_____
Tomato Bisque Soup, Vegetable Lasagna, Chef Choice Dessert		
Saturday – Banquet	$39.00	_____
Tossed Salad, Scaloppini of Chicken with sides and Chocolate Mousse		
Sunday – Breakfast Buffet	$32.00	_____
Juice, Seasonal Fruits and Berries, Fresh Bakery-Croissants, Danish, Muffins, Bagels, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Herb Roasted Potatoes		
Mini Mart Space	$10.00	_____
-FOR GFWC GLR FUNDRAISING-		
Opportunity Basket Tickets Qty of 20	$20.00	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Make Checks Payable To: GFWC Great Lakes Region - WI
Send Registration To: Jan Flood
1832 Illinois Ave, Stevens Point WI 54481
715-344-8283 janflood@att.net

Registration must be postmarked by September 19,2016. NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 21, 2016

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

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$129.00 per night +tax

$6 campus fee includes use of fitness facility, internet access, daily paper, 2 bottles of water, in-room coffee and more. Please see website for full list.

Note: Your confirmation will reflect $15 campus fee due to a "standard" reply. Be assured that you will be charged only $6 per night.

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa is the place to meet. Whether a corporate meeting, convention or a gathering with friends and family, the endless range of meeting space and activities will keep everyone engaged. Conveniently located between Chicago and Milwaukee, there is so much to do at Lake Geneva's only four diamond resort.

7036 Grand Geneva Way
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147

Check the website at grandgeneva.com for more information on this lovely location.

Deadline

For Hotel Reservations

September 24, 2016

Call ***1-800-558-3417*** to make your reservation.
All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Be sure to mention the group, GFWC-Great Lakes Region. Please note that there is no code for reference.

Join your Federation Sisters October 27 - 30 for Learning, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun – At this years' *GFWC-Great Lakes Region Conference* which begins

Thursday October 27th, an artistic optional evening of Nibbles, Sips and Paint at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa. Join in the fun as we create original artwork under the guidance of our GFWC Wisconsin Co- Hostess State Chairmen, Kristina Higbee and Jean Maiwald. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and wine will definitely improve all the artwork!

Friday, October 28th, will find the Sisters of the Great Lakes aboard the U.S Mailboat touring the beautiful Lake Geneva followed by a lunch-on-your-own in downtown Lake Geneva's quaint shopping district and of course shopping! GFWC Wisconsin State Night's banquet celebrates the heritage of Wisconsin and the Season with Oktoberfest at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa complete with Polka Music entertainment. If you have German attire, bring it along and show off your heritage.

GFWC International President Sheila Shea and GFWC President – elect Mary Ellen Brock will be joining the Great Lakes Region so plan to come and meet or greet our guests and learn more about GFWC Programs and Partners on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, October 29 we're meeting on the auspicious Halloween Weekend this year and in keeping with all fun and frolic related to the holiday remember to bring your best costume for the Saturday Night Banquet celebrating "Women through Time – Real of Fiction"…short of ideas for a costume? Can you see yourself as Audrey Hepburn from Breakfast at Tiffanys in that little Black Dress with the terrific Pearls or perhaps as Mia Angelo, Lisa Scottoline or Isabel Allende, we welcome your interpretation; but perhaps you're best imitation will be Dorothy Gale, Maria VonTrapp or Mitzi Gaynor. I know at least one of you might be planning Sacagawea, or Pocahontas. There definitely will be room for Golda Meir, Helen Keller and Margaret Thatcher as well as Hermione Granger or perhaps Annette Funicello; but a GFWC Region Banquet would not be complete without a visit from some of the "Ladies of the Club."

We have a lot of "Fun" planned but we also have a terrific opportunity to learn at this annual Weekend with your Sisters in Federation. We will be having a presentation from the "*Everytown for Gun Safety*" group on Gun Laws and Violence Against Women. This organization is providing advocacy information specific to our region's states to help in support of our Signature Program of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Our *LEADS Graduates* will join us to celebrate and encourage Leadership Development. Communications and Public Relations will present a terrific program to help us learn to navigate the GFWC Website and beyond. Membership is important to the survival of our clubs from the grass roots to internationally and we will have a presentation with ideas to help on all levels. Our Social Media Committee will be awarding their first award for "Face Book" submissions and you don't want to miss out if you are the winner. The *Junior Special Program* and *Capital Campaign* will provide us with news we can use and ways we can support these important GFWC Programs. Partners will be coming to meet with you and explain their opportunities for your club to participate in worthwhile activities of volunteering. We will be showcasing *Easterseals* as a partner with GFWC that has been a leader in helping those children afflicted with developmental disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder. So if you need another reason to join in the fun, how about "shopping" with our ever spectacular vendors and "winning" in our awesome fundraising opportunities only available at GFWC Great Lakes Region Annual Conferences? Some of the details are already set…more information to come. Don't forget to subscribe to the GFWC GLR Communique for up to the minute information from around the region. (Communique Subscriptions are FREE! Contact Shelli Fehr shellifehr@hotmail.com)

This is your chance to WIN! WIN! WIN! Opportunity Baskets for “Your Personal Spa at Home” provided by the Executive Committee Members, State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs. Opportunity tickets are available on your Registration Form as well as from the Fund Raising Committee.

Your Personal Spa at Home

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Lin Wilken, GFWC GLR President 2016 - 2018

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS WISCONSIN
EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

ESO is a reading sorority for GFWC club women. Getting started is very easy.

1. Make copies of this application for all interested club women.
2. Fill in the bottom portion and send all forms to the state chairman. You are now a pledge.
3. Go online to find the current book list www.GFWC.org look for ESO tab.
4. Select a book from the list and read at your own pace.
5. Each completed book requires a "report" containing what the book was about. A few lines are all that are required. They may be e-mailed or postal mailed.
6. Continue reading until you have read 4 books from 4 different categories and reported them. You are now a member!!!

ESO LEVELS

Pledge	submits application and begins reading
Member	has read 4 books from 4 different categories-receives pin and certificate
Star	has read 4 books from 10 categories - receives certificate
Torch	has read 4 books from 16 categories - receives pin and certificate
Century	has read 100 books - receives certificate -from this point on you may read whatever you wish as long as you report it. Move on to Second Century, Third Century, etc

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ESO PLEDGE APPLICATION

Please complete this form and send it to the state ESO chairman.

Name _____

Club_____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

I hereby agree to pursue the goals of ESO and to participate in ESO programs.

Date _____ Signature_____

At Great Lakes Region Conference

GFWC-WI is hosting this year's GFWC-Great Lakes Region Conference and we need your help!

The conference is being held at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva, WI, from October 27th thru the 30th. We have had a number of clubs, districts and clubwomen step up to help with many of the tasks at hand. Our greatest need right now is monetary donations. This money will be used to offset the costs of Wisconsin State Night dinner which is themed Oktoberfest. We would like to hire a polka band to add to the festive night. There are also the normal costs for an event such as; table decorations, door prizes, nametags, etc.

Any donation, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please make your checks out to:
GFWC Great Lakes Region – WI
And mail to: Jan Flood
1832 Illinois Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Thank you for your help from your WI Co-Chairs, Kristina Higbee and Jean Maiwald.

Hope to see you there!!

Community Improvement Program and Jennie Award

It is time to start thinking about the Jennie Award. This award honors one of your own club members for their outstanding performance as a volunteer in all aspects of their life. Work within your club, community, church, and family are all components of this award. This is the highest honor given to a clubwoman by GFWC. New award forms will be available with the new club manuals. You will need to download an entry form at www.GFWC.org/ClubManual. Deadline for this award is June 1, 2017.

Community Improvement Program Award is a two year process. Start looking now for a project in your community that will help enhance the lives of your neighbors and community by meeting their special needs. This can be an ongoing effort already in place in your club that needs more development. More information will be available in your new club manuals. Deadline for your CIP is December 31, 2017.

For more information contact - Chairman Tari Wallner at 715-341-7750 or wallner7@att.net

CONSERVATION

A wonderful plant to have in the garden. The Lavender Plant is of beautiful color, and very aromatic. Just to walk past and inhale the serene smell can put you in a happy place. Lavender plants can tolerate many growing conditions. They do best in warm well drained soil. Many folks grown it to make their own oils. Fun to cut seedlings and put them in little crinoline sacks to make sachet pouches to place in with our personal essentials. Looking for a different ideas for the garden – Look into the Lavender Plant. - Mary Pike – Conservation Chair – Lakeshore District

AROUND WISCONSIN – CLUB PROJECTS

Top Left – GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club was honored to present Fran Damp with her 50 year pin and certificate at our May 2016 Luncheon

Top Right – GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club 2016-18 Club Officers: (R-L) Deb Klock – President, Stacey Hibbard – Vice President, Ros Passehl – Secretary, Janice Curtiss – Treasurer

Bottom – Members of the GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club at their 103rd Spring May Luncheon. The Club made and presented a Quilt of Valor to Robert Williams – WWII Veteran. Robert is the husband of Helen Williams who has been a club member since 1984 (on Robert's right)

SHOREWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB – NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by: Pat Mueller

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis – 4th of July Parade
GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis' work goes on all year…

Submitted by: Pat Hladilek

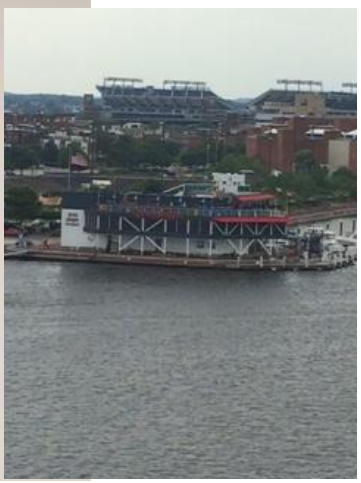
Walking Candy Handlers – Sandy Wargolet & Pat Wolfe

Driver – Sandy Schaff with Club President Linda Taylor, Barbara Nazer & Linda Crossman

Right - Members make all sorts of "Goodies" for our Chocolate Fix Booth at the June West Allis Ala Carte
Vendors and organizations line the street between 70th & 76th on Greenfield Avenue for the City Celebration
Pictured – Nancy Zarcone, Linda Crossman & President – Linda Taylor

State President Sue LaBuda and State Treasurer Sue Bednarek raising funds for The Princeton Woman's Club at their food booth fundraiser at the Princeton Flea market on Saturday July 9th

2016 GFWC Convention - Baltimore, MD



2016 GFWC Annual Convention Recap

by - Loretta Caron

The 2016 GFWC Annual Convention was held in "Charm City" Baltimore. It was a week packed with fun, speakers, awards, and meeting new friends. The convention started on Saturday, June 25th with a special Junior Awards night – celebrating 100 years of Juniors. Nine past Junior Directors came down the red carpet including Jeanenne Morrow (1966-1968) and of course Wisconsin's very own Marianne Potter (2000-2002). Some awards were handed out including "Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs" – where Kristina Higbee won!

Sunday morning was the LEADS breakfast. We sat by 'class' year and I had a chance to see a few classmates from 2013 (Hollywood, FL). After breakfast was the Opening Ceremony – I always love seeing the flags making their way in and what international delegates are present. Sunday afternoon we had quite the surprise when we made our way into the convention hall – there were drums called jembas on each seat with a great team building activity by the Drum Café. They definitely did their homework on GFWC and it was quite exhilarating to experience ~800 women beating a drum at the same time. Placing my hand on the drum – you could feel the energy in the room.

The next few days we had more awards, speakers, by-laws and resolutions and even some Zumba. Monday was region banquet night and saw Paula Schlice installed as Great Lakes Region Vice-President. We will see our Great Lake friends soon in Lake Geneva at the end of October. Two things that definitely caught my attention was "Everytown Gun Control" – we should learn more about this at our Region meeting. Also GFWC has made an exclusive service organization agreement with Welcome Wagon – I'm excited to see what this does with membership.

Tuesday night was the "Gathering of the Goddesses" with keynote speaker Suzy Toronto. What a lovely woman as we learned to put on our tiaras along with pink lipstick. Also that evening was the Community Improvement Awards. We knew Oconomowoc was in the top five, but where would they place? Congratulations on a 3rd place win along with a check of $2500! The final highlight from this evening was when Cathy Jo Bryant (Director of Junior Clubs) gave her state of the federation speech – she mentioned a few clubs and I was so excited when she mentioned Kenosha Junior Woman's Club and a few things we had accomplished.

Wednesday was the much anticipated installation night called an "Enchanted Evening". We walked into the dinner and it was clear purple would play a role in the next 2 years. After dinner we went to the installation ceremony – with the beautiful gowns and pageantry. I loved seeing the passing of the pins from past Director of Junior Clubs to Jolie and same for past International Presidents to Sheila Shea. Sheila gave a great speech at installation and I hope the video can be shown on the GFWC site so everyone can hear what she had to say.

After installation, the 2016-2018 administration is official and it was time for business with the Board of Director's meeting on Thursday and Friday. We managed some fun Thursday night on board the Spirit of Baltimore.

It is hard to capture a full week in just one page, but if you want to know more – ask me about Howard Jones, crab cakes, and the women I met from Aruba, Florida, Mississippi, and everywhere else!

Recap of Wisconsin Awards:

Charlotte Emerson Brown – Jan Allan
Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs – Kristina Higbee
Community Improvement Program – Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club – 3rd Place
Conservation – Category 3
Website – Category 3
Website – Honorable Mention – Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club
Shot @ Life – Silver Award
Youth Writing Contest – Short Story – Grade Category 2
Photography – Year in Picture – March – Laura Muffler – Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club

Muskego Woman's Club Hosts – Safety City

STOP, DROP & ROLL AND OH SO MUCH MORE!

During the summer months, the preschoolers of Muskego participate in a program called "Safety City," now in its 38th year. Held in conjunction with the Muskego Police Department, Muskego Parks & Recreation Department and the Muskego/Norway School District and hosted at St. Paul's Lutheran School, the Muskego Woman's Club sponsors a two-week class where children learn about road and pedestrian safety, fire protection, poison prevention, 9-1-1 and safe phone use, animal safety, dental and general hygiene and stranger awareness. They have field trips to both the police and fire departments and guest speakers from the community work with the children to learn the various concepts being presented. As an added benefit, teen volunteers work with 2 or 3 children individually to further reinforce the information taught. The course culminates with a graduation ceremony where parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors get to witness firsthand what the children have learned through songs and recitations of their "most important thing they learned." Afterwards, everyone has the opportunity to have a cookie or cupcake as well as demonstrate their mastery of road and pedestrian safety on big wheels in the child-sized city in the parking lot. Many of the teen volunteers were participants when they were younger and the children in this year's program are sure to return when they are teens as well.

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Please submit articles and pictures of your clubs activities. Please mail to: Michelle Munoz, 39129 N Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083 Email: chellemunoz@hotmail.com Thank you in advance!

Look for other GFWC-WI Clubs on Facebook and Like them

Here are a few clubs on Facebook for you to check out:

- GFWC
- GFWC Volunteer Network
- GFWC Wisconsin Juniors
- Amery Woman's Club
- GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club
- GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha
- GFWC – Kenosha Junior Woman's Club
- Muskego Woman's Club GFWC
- GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club
- Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club
- Woman's Club of Pewaukee
- GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club – WI
- Rhinelander Woman's Club
- GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club

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