

**Sample Reports from Breakout Session at GFWC-WI Fall Workshop  
September 10, 2016  
Green Lake Convention Center**

**Topic: Education**

Title: Serving our Youth in the Greater Pewaukee Area

The Pewaukee Woman's Club serves the youth of one community in two significant ways. 1) Our members work in Pewaukee Lake Elementary and Horizon Elementary School as Expert Listeners, listening to specific children read, and as Math Mentors, assisting children in specific skills. Partnering with the Pewaukee Public Schools

2) We encourage all students in area public, private, and religious schools as well as home schools to engage in creative writing by offering the GFWC-WI writing contest to all kids K-12. Each student receives a framable certificate for participation.

Partnering with public, private, religious and parents of home schoolers.

9 members/328 volunteer hours

**Topic: Public Issues**

Title: USO Phone Cards "Operation Phone Home"

In order to fund this project, the Rhinelander Woman's Club sold the GFWC endorsed fundraiser, Terri Lynn products. Out of 60 members, 30 members collected orders and distributed the products. We raised and donated enough money for 700 soldiers to call home, at a cost of \$250. The money was presented to a USO representative on Veteran's Day. The local media was present along with a local active duty member of the military. She spoke about how important it is to our service members to be able to contact family during the holidays. A photo of the event has been posted to the Club's Facebook Page.

30 members/90 volunteer hours/\$250 donated

**Topic: GFWC Special Signature Project**

Title: Domestic Violence

The GFWC Table 9 Club held a bake sale fundraiser to buy a washer and dryer for the Woman's Shelter. Five members purchased and painted a room and furnished draperies and bedding. We collected personal items at meetings including children's items and diapers to donate. Jennifer Jones came to speak to our club on what was needed at the Woman's Shelter.

5 members/80 volunteer hours/\$800 donated/\$200 in-kind donations

**Topic: Conservation**

Title: Black-Eyed Susan Project

The Village of Blanchardville celebrated 125 years in 2015. Blanchardville Woman's Club wanted a particular flower throughout the village in recognition of 125 years. The Black-Eyed Susan flower was chosen because of its meaning, perseverance. A grant was applied for and received for \$200 from a community fund. We sold and gave away seeds during 2014. One hundred percent of the members (25) participated. Articles and photos in the local papers described selling seeds, planting, fertilizing and giving seeds away.

25 members/\$200 grant money used

**Topic: Membership**

Title: Guests to First Luncheon Free

Mentors were assigned to accompany new members for several meetings. Invited new members to evening meeting to meet each other and meet committee chairs and officers. Also accommodate people still working at a members home. Our club gained 8 new members.

12 members/60 volunteer hours/\$100 in-kind donations

**Topic: Home Life**

Title: One Heart

February, heart month, our Lakeshore District wore red to support the importance of women's heart health. We supplied a nurse from the community health center to check blood pressure for our members. A healthy snack of fruit and nuts was supplied to all members. A gift basket was donated to a fundraiser to support the health center.

60 members/20 volunteer hours/\$100 in-kind donations

**Topic: Junior Special Project**

Title: Juniors Care for Kids

Our chairperson contacted school district counselors at each school in Oconomowoc. We let them know we had items available for kids of all grades in need of winter wear such as coats, hats, gloves and boots, as well as school supplies including backpacks and tennis shoes. A total of 143 students from 8 schools in the district were provided the basic school supplies and winter wear.

25 members/150 volunteer hours/\$2,000 raised/\$2,000 in-kind donations

**Topic: Arts**

Title: Toot for the Arts

Identifying a unique opportunity, Club members donated used musical instruments to middle school students giving them the opportunity to explore playing an instrument. Flyers were also sent to high school seniors who also might be interested in donating their instruments upon graduation. As many of these instruments needed refurbishing, a social event with a silent auction was held to raise \$3,500 in order to restore and prepare instruments to playable condition. In addition, a local business person donated services to tune each instrument. The club also raised funds for gift cards to be given to music teachers to be used for accessories such as reeds, sheet music and lyres.

30 members/250 volunteer hours/\$25,000 raised, \$50,000 in-kind donations

**Topic: Fundraising**

Title: Style Show

The Oconomowoc Woman's Club hosts a Style Show in October using members as models. We usually have 400 guests attend and earn around \$18,000. Many hours are spent planning at our first committee meeting held in April. We partner with 6 stores and have 3 models assigned for each store. Our members help with staging the raffle, selling tickets, and helping with guiding the models up and down the stage platform.

40 members/400 volunteer hours/\$18,000 raised

**Topic: Arts**

Title: Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest

By the GFWC-WI Stage Left Executive Committee Club

Our club contacted several middle schools and home schooled students throughout the state regarding participation in the HFM contest. This art contest has been in existence in the state of Wisconsin for nearly 90 years and is highly regarded in the art circles. 20 middle schools and 50 home schoolers responded to the invitation and submitted their projects for consideration. We arranged for the judging of 150 entries and submitted 8 projects (maximum amount allowed) in the state contest. 8 of the 8 entries took 1st place and our students were delighted to receive the recognition and monetary prizes. Local and national press covered the state event and the winners were featured on Good America. The General Federation of Women's Clubs - Wisconsin, was also recognized nationally at that time.

100% of our club, 3 members/300 volunteer hours/\$1,000 in-kind donation

Thank you all for your creativity and participation in the Breakout Session on Reporting!  
Please note most reports are fictitious, and some wrote with the intent of actually planning the project for their club. Happy Reporting!

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