



# GFWC/Wisconsin Clubwoman

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GFWC International President Mary Ellen Laister

## Mary Ellen Laister

Mary Ellen Laister has successfully blended a 35-year career in the insurance business with her Federation volunteer activities, and currently serves as GFWC International President.

Mary Ellen first joined the GFWC Miami Junior Woman's Club in Miami, Florida, and then transferred to the GFWC Narbeth Junior Woman's Club, where she was named Clubwoman of the Year. After moving to Arizona, she joined the GFWC Scottsdale Junior Woman's Club, served as the Federation Day Chairman, GFWC Las Noches Woman's Club President, and GFWC Arizona Central District President. She also served as Corresponding Secretary, Third Vice-President, Second Vice-President, President-elect, and President of GFWC Arizona (1996-1998). Mary Ellen established the GFWC Arizona Past President's Tree Grove in Tempe. Mary Ellen was GFWC Arizona Community Improvement Program Chairman, FREE Enterprise Chairman for three terms, GFWC Arizona Junior mentor for four terms, and Ball Chairman for a three-year term. As a member of the GFWC Board, Mary Ellen served as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, President-elect, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, and previously held positions on the GFWC International Hostess and Membership committees, and served as Budget and Finance Committee Chairman. In addition to her volunteer work, Mary Ellen is a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church; a past member of Zonta International of the East Valley; a past president of PROFIT Executive Club; past president and three-term ball committee chairman of The GOVERNORS; and past trustee of St. Luke's Health Initiative. A graduate of Walsh College in Miami, Florida, Mary Ellen has been married to Mel for 45 years. They have one married son and granddaughter.

## District Meetings Spring 2013

April 6	Rivers and Lakes
April 9	Southern Prairies
April 13	Northern Lights
April 13	Rolling Hills
April 15	Lake Shore
April 20	Northwoods

# GFWC-WI President's Message

## Presidents Message

Hello again, as I sit here writing my message to all of you, I look out the window to a bright glorious winter day. And then I look at the thermometer and see zero degrees – maybe not so splendid! Yes, we had that wonderful January thaw and now we have the January cold spell. Oh, the winters in Wisconsin.

And with that, I would like to thank all of you for your Holiday greetings. It's always nice to know you are thought of.

This brings me to think of warmer days in May. I hope you are thinking that way along with me; May 3-5, 2013 to be exact, the dates of our GFWC-WI State Convention in Janesville. The agenda and reservation form are ready for you to send in. I hope to see many of you there.

Since seeing you last I have attended the board meeting of GFWC in Alexandria, just outside of Washington D.C. We had business meetings along with a membership-leadership workshop and away from that we had a continental breakfast at headquarters and a very enjoyable dinner at the historic Mount Vernon Inn. Seeing State Presidents from the other states, having met many of them at orientation, was joyful and rewarding.

I know you have all finished the reporting end to the year and I look forward to reading them. I know you have all worked hard and are proud of what you do within your communities.

I hope you have sent in your LEADS candidate application and are thinking about the Theodora Youman along with the Woman of Achievement nominations.

And above all, don't forget to send me the names of club members who SHINE.  
Until May 3-5, goodbye. Beth



"With GFWC we will shine."

## GFWC-WI SHINING STARS

**Lynda Lukowski** Rhinelander Wm's Club her dedication to the Emergency Ped Bag Project  
**Marlene Erdahl** Rhinelander Wm's Club her energy and enthusiasm for the Holiday Expressions Project  
**Joanne Fabich** Rhinelander Wm's Club for initiating the nursing home Christmas card project  
**Barbara Marlega** Wm's Club Greenfield doing a fabulous job as raffle chairman  
**Carol Murray** Ashland Monday Club she chaired the Fall Extravaganza  
**Kathy Vogelsang** Hartford Wm's Club helped organize The Great Hartford EXPO craft fair  
**Brenda Koeppel** Hartford Wm's Club helped organize The Great Hartford EXPO craft fair  
**Sue Lisko** Hartford Wm's Club helped organize The Great Hartford EXPO craft fair  
**Mary Fortier** Rhinelander Wm's Club she's always there to help new officers and the club  
**Lea Ann Nelson** Plymouth Wm's Club Coordinated Community Days fundraiser  
**Deb Klock** Plymouth Wm's Club Organized the Salvation Army needy family Christmas gift drive  
**Bernice Ward** Plymouth Wm's Club Support and encouragement to the members of the club  
**Gloria Lansin** Amery Wm's Club taking charge of the Recycling Project and securing a \$1,000 grant from Wal Mart.  
**Sharon Paulson** Amery Wm's Club led an Adult Literacy Project securing a \$150.00 grant from GFWC  
**Julie Andersen** Amery Wm's Club helped purchase a new microphone system  
**Frances Cook** - Woman's Club of Greenfield - for her excellent job as volunteer chairman and doing our reports

# GFWC-WI Junior Director's Message

Hello Juniors!!!

Junior Club Presidents you can breathe a sigh of relief now that your club reports have been submitted. Thank you for taking the time to complete these reports, as it gives the state and GFWC International an idea of what projects the clubs are doing in their communities. It also helps GFWC International determine what organizations they may want to partner with in the future.



State Convention is May 3 -5 in Janesville - see the call in this issue. The state JOY (Junior of the Year) Award will be presented along with the state Theodora Yeoman (TY) winner – nominees for TY are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. GFWC- WI Juniors will be hosting the awards banquet for all the winning state projects – Juniors and Generals. If you have never been to a state convention please try to attend one day. It is a great way to see what projects are being done by the various clubs and it may give you some new ideas! It also gives you a chance to meet other amazing GFWC club woman from around the state. The Junior Board will be raffling off a case of Wisconsin wines as our added fundraiser. If your club has a winery near by, and you could donate a bottle, we would greatly appreciate it.

The board is starting to plan the Junior Fall Conference for 2013 –date and place to be announced.

Also, any Junior who would have an interest in a leadership position on the 2014-2016 Junior Board please let any one of us on the Junior Board know. We are looking to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Junior Director Elect.

Remember we are “Creating a future one seed at a time”, by fighting child hunger through Feeding America’s Backpack Program ([www.FeedingAmerica.org](http://www.FeedingAmerica.org)). In addition, GFWC International has a goal of giving 7500 children immunizations through the [Shot@Life.org](http://Shot@Life.org) program. I have included Shot@Life as part of my Junior Special Project. Please feel free to contact either myself or the JSP Chair Evelyn Polster ([depolster1@gmail.com](mailto:depolster1@gmail.com)) with any questions you may have about either of these programs.

*Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. - Howard Thurman*

Juniors let's come alive in 2013 and show the world what we can do!!!

In Federation Friendship,  
Kim Bruns  
GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs

## **\*\*Southern Prairies District\*\* .....**

We are asking for you to bring donations to Janesville State Convention

Items listed below will benefit the **YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter** located in Janesville.

Need for clients are any personal care products, preferable full size containers to be used during their stay for 30 days. Also need is new or gently used bath and hand towels. Below are some ideas to start you thinking. What would you need to be comfortable and make you feel better about yourself?

Full Size Solid Deodorant

Full Size Bath Towel

Tooth Paste/ Brush

Full Size Shampoo

Full Size Conditioner

Hair Brush/Hair Spray

Full Size Skin Lotion

New Makeup, mascara, eye shadow, moisturizing cream

Tampons/ Sanitary Products

Nail Files, nail polish, polish remover, hand cream

### **Additional items:**

**Women's Shelter:** twin sheets, blankets, pillow cases, pillows, diapers, new women's and children's undergarments, new socks, laundry products, cleaning products, gas-only cards, dishcloths, phone cards

**Child Care Program:** Gift cards (Michaels, Hobby Lobby), paper towels, Kleenex, markers, crayons, batteries (D, C, AA, AAA), Cordless phones, radios, napkins, beads, board games

# GFWC-Prevent Child Abuse



For over a decade, market research consistently has shown that the public views child abuse and neglect as a serious problem. As a national organization whose mission is *"to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children,"* we must apply that research to engage all people in our society to act to prevent abuse and neglect from ever happening in the first place. Pinwheels for Prevention was a grassroots campaign that started with the efforts of only a few of our chapters - Georgia, Florida and Ohio. Their success and our desire to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention led us to take this effort nationwide in 2008.

Prevent Child Abuse America, founded in 1972 in Chicago, works to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide. The organization promotes that vision through a network of chapters in 49 states and over 400 Healthy Families America® home visitation sites in 37 states, the Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and Canada. A major organizational focus is to advocate for the existence of a national policy framework and strategy for children and families while promoting evidence-based practices that prevent abuse and neglect from ever occurring. To learn more about what we're doing to prevent child abuse and neglect and how you can help, please visit our websites, [preventchildabuse.org](http://preventchildabuse.org) and [healthyfamiliesamerica.org](http://healthyfamiliesamerica.org).

The Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign provides a unique opportunity for all of us, individuals and organizations alike, to take action by learning more about prevention, supporting child and family friendly policies and services, and volunteering at the local, state, and national levels.

Please see [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) or [www.movementforchildren.org](http://www.movementforchildren.org) for the instructions and more information.

## GFWC-Violence against Women Act

From the GFWC News & Notes:

### Violence Against Women Act Update

On Tuesday, February 12, the U.S. Senate passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by a vote of 78-22. The bill will soon be introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## GFWC-International Annual Convention

Registration for the 2013 Annual Convention in Hollywood, Florida, is now open! With our quick, secure, and user-friendly online system, registering for Convention has never been easier. Online registrants receive exclusive access to the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention Celebrity Stay raffle, and the option to pre-order your tickets to the Gold Coast Raffle at discounted prices. Visit [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention) to complete your registration and to find further information on all things Convention. Registering early is the best way to guarantee your spot at meals, tours, and special events that may sell out. If you need assistance, contact GFWC Headquarters at 1-800-443-GFWC (4932) or [Convention@GFWC.org](mailto:Convention@GFWC.org). Early bird registration runs through **May 15**. Registration closes on **June 7**. See you at the beach!



# GFWC– WI President's Special Project

## GFWC-WI PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

George Washington Memorial Forest

Dimes for Pines Update

by Ina Trummer

Great News! The money is coming in and clubs and individuals are buying up Acres in the Forest. So far 16 acres have been bought. This is good news because this is a two year project and we are just getting started.

Keep those buckets going around at meetings. And...remember.....individual club members or clubs can buy an acre or two or three any time.

So...keep on giving so that our State President, Beth Griesser, can go over the top on her special project and show her we can buy up the whole George Washington Forest.

I have met with the U.S. Forest Service and they tell me they do four cuttings to thin out before they need to reforest. They have already thinned twice. That means it won't be that long before reforestation is needed.

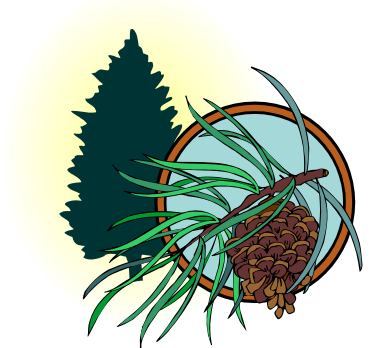
I would love to come and talk to your club or District about it. Just give me a call, I am always ready at the drop of a hat to speak on my favorite subject.

Note: \$80 buys one acre, \$150 buys two, \$200 buys three, \$250 buys four and \$500 buys ten. All Monies should be sent to me so I can record it and know how many acres are being bought. Make out the check to GFWC-WI, memo, Dimes For Pines and send to: Ina Trummer, 807 Fieldcrest Ct., Watertown, WI 53094-6097.

Just think of the song: Green Acres is the Place For Me.

Dime for Pines T-shirts

Please contact Ina Trummer if you want a t-shirt. Delivery will be at state convention. Ina needs the number of shirts and the size. See above for her information.



# GFWC-WI Newsletter Contest

## GFWC-WI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST 2012-2014



Each participating club will send a portfolio (minimum of 3) of its club newsletters from the reporting 2 years directly to the GFWC-WI Communications and Public Relations Chairman by February 1, 2014. There will be 3 state winners announced at the 2014 GFWC-WI Convention. The winners will receive a certificate and a monetary award as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place -- \$75.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place -- \$50.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place -- \$25.00

All the submitted newsletters will be on display at the State Convention. The decision of the judges is final. Newsletters must be submitted for the contest in print format, even if distributed electronically.

### Judging Criteria:

- 75% on newsletter (presentation, design and content)
- 25% for other kinds of publicity-- newspaper, television, radio, brochures, signs, flyers, member kits, creative web pages (please include samples), etc.

Diane Zickert  
GFWC-WI Communications and Public Relations Chairman  
W213 E. Hills Road  
Brillion, WI 54110  
920-756-3296

## Jennie Award

### JENNIE AWARD COUNTDOWN

An important reason for participating in the GFWC Jennie Award is the tremendous public relations impact it can have on the club, state, region and national levels. Once your club selects its GFWC Jennie Award winner and is ready to submit the narrative describing a nominee's qualifications, you should send a news release about your nominee to local media outlets and invite a reporter to your meeting.

After you have selected a member, the paperwork should be sent to **GFWC-WI chairman, Nancy Honadel by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. The winners must be forwarded to our state president, Beth Griesser by June 1<sup>st</sup>. One entry from Wisconsin will be submitted to the Great Lakes Region then two finalists will be sent to GFWC. To print the necessary forms, please go to [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) and make copies from the 2012-2014 manual. You will need a GFWC Jennie Award nomination form, plus a 500 word (maximum) narrative, a photo (up to 5 x 7), clips from two or three newspapers (or other media) stories about successful projects your member contributed to (she need not be mentioned in the articles), letter of endorsement from club president and a letter of endorsement from a representative of another organization. My mailing address is 7141 S. Beachwood Court, Franklin, WI 53132 – for questions please contact me at 414-529-0196 or email [applenancy@milwpc.com](mailto:applenancy@milwpc.com)

**GFWC-WI  
2012-2014**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**Entry Form:** *Print or Type*

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Art Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** Mark correct space

\_\_\_\_\_ Craft

Category \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Art

Media Used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow the rules of each contest.**

**ONE ENTRY FORM per entry and**

**Attach this form to the backside of entry.**

**GFWC-WI  
2012-2014  
Photography**

**Entry Form *Print or Type***

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** Mark correct space

\_\_\_\_\_ "World in Pictures" (Includes High School)

\_\_\_\_\_ B&W \_\_\_\_\_ Color

\_\_\_\_\_ Living Things \_\_\_\_\_ Scenic \_\_\_\_\_ Still Life

Brief caption giving location and/or situation of the photo and photo title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ "GFWC Volunteers in Action"

\_\_\_\_\_ B&W \_\_\_\_\_ Color

Brief caption giving location and/or situation and names of people in photo: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ "A Year in Pictures" (Calendar Contest)

Brief caption giving location and situation of photo and photo title: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow the rules of each contest.

**ONE ENTRY FORM per entry and attach this form to the backside of entry.**

**Packing Entries for Judging and  
Other "Tips" & Contest Rules**

Entry form should be securely attached to the back of your entry. **Make copies as needed.**

Make sure to make extra copies of your photography entries as they **will not be returned** from GFWC.

Photos must be taken during the contest year.

All photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club, with exception to the high school division of The World in Pictures contest.

Contestants must be amateur photographers; earning from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.

Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo. Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras in color or black & white.

Each submission must be an 8 x 10 inch print.

Electronic submissions will be not considered.

All photos must be mounted on a rigid 8 x 10 inch mount board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch.

Do not submit photos with mattes or frames, nor hangers on the back.

Deadline for Calendar Contest is May 15, 2013 & 2014. Each submission must include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver. Clubs should send one photo to:

GFWC "A Year in Pictures Contest"

1734 N Street NW

Washington, DC 20036-2990

\*You are responsible for making arrangements for entering and picking up your pieces after they have been released. Entries will be on exhibit during the State Convention. Check in, viewing and release information will be posted at the convention. Early release allowed only by permission of the Arts & Crafts Co-Chairs.



## Creative Arts Waiver

With my signature I declare that:

- ☐ I have created the submitted work, entitled \_\_\_\_\_, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- ☐ With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe the copyright or other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): ☐ Photography ☐ Poetry ☐ Short Story

- ☐ I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now know or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- ☐ I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding at the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone with Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# GFWC-WI 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

**"Leadership is Our Goal"**

**May 2-4, 2013**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**3100 Wellington Dr, Janesville**

**1-608-756-3100 1-800-315-2621**

Mail to: Barbara Pontow, 1460 Morning Glory Dr, Hartford, WI 53027

[pontow6034@charter.net](mailto:pontow6034@charter.net) 262-673-6034

Checks payable to GFWC-WI

**Registration Form**

**Due Date: Friday, April 26th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Please check highest position currently held (mark only one)

GFWC-WI Officer \_\_\_\_\_ GFWC-WI Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ District President \_\_\_\_\_ Junior BOD \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President/Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate (if applicable)

Past State President (Adm. Dates) \_\_\_\_\_ Past State Junior Director (Adm. Dates) \_\_\_\_\_

GLR Past President (Adm. Dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Registration \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Tour: Lincoln Tallman House \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(3-story home, has stairs, museum at site)

**Meal Registration**

Thursday dinner (on your own)

Friday breakfast (free for hotel guests)

Friday lunch (please choose) \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BLT \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Club Wrap

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Wrap

Friday dinner

Pasta Buffet \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday breakfast (free for hotel guests)

Saturday lunch

Seasonal Fruit Plate \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork Medallions \$23.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon Chardonnay \$26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions**

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**Office Use Only**

PD\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_ NP\$ \_\_\_\_\_ BAL\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# GFWC-WI Annual Convention

## Tentative Agenda

### Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 PM Executive Committee meeting

### Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM Registration opens

8:00 AM Art Room opens

*(Art Room closed for judging 2PM-4PM)*

9:00 AM Past District Presidents meeting

9:00 AM Past Presidents meeting

10:00 AM GFWC-WI Board Meeting **EVERYONE INVITED!!!**

11:30 AM Box Lunch

District Presidents meeting (during lunch)

Community Service Program Chair meeting (during lunch)

1:00 PM Board buses for tour (return by 3:00 PM)

**3:45 PM Opening of GFWC-WI Annual Convention**

Opening Ceremony

Welcome: Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC International President

5:00 PM Recess

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner: ***"GFWC-WI Leaders"***

Club Awards

9:00 PM Recess

### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Junior Board meeting

9:30 AM Business resumes

WILS speaker

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Leadership Workshop

2:00 PM Resolutions or Reporting Workshop *(your choice)*

3:30 PM Membership Tea Jan Allen (3:30-4:30)

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner: ***"Women as Leaders"***

Speaker: Mary Ellen Laister, GFWC International President

President Address

Theodora Youmans Award

Woman of Achievement Award

Jennie June Award

Leads Award

JOY Award

Adjourn

## What to wear?

Friday: GFWC Emblem clothing for meetings & tour

Casual Cocktail for dinner

Saturday: Business Casual during the day

Cocktail Dress for dinner

## Hotel Registration:

Room Cut-off Date: Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Holiday Inn Express

3100 Wellington Dr

Janesville, WI

1-608-756-3100

Room Rate: \$89.00 + tax (1-2 persons)

(each additional person +\$10.00)

Check in: 3:00 PM

Check out: 12:00 Noon

Directions: Exit 171C at the intersection of I-90 & US Hwy 14

You are responsible for making your own room reservation. Call the hotel directly.

A credit card will hold your room.

When making your room reservation, state that you are attending the GFWC-WI

(General Federation of Women's Clubs) convention.

# GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award

It is time to consider the GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award. Each year a deserving club member is honored with this special award for her dedication to her club and federation. We are looking for a member who has given of her talents above and beyond the call of duty. Someone who is active within her club, the district and state. Attached is the official entry form listing the percentages of how the candidate is judged. Although the judging is done primarily on club activities, personal information and activities are also encouraged. The rule is one entry per club. If a member had been entered before and not chosen, she may be entered again. Now is the time to start looking for that special member within your club. Deadline is March 31, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact me at 262-857-2420 or [gailgillmore@wi.rr.com](mailto:gailgillmore@wi.rr.com).

## GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award

### 2013 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This lifetime achievement award is to honor a Wisconsin Clubwoman who has made an outstanding contribution to the General Federation of Women's Clubs

#### NOMINEE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUBMITTED BY

CLUB, DISTRICT OR INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Include a chronological summary sheet of your nominee's involvement in the General Federation of Women's Clubs detailing local, district, state and international levels. A brief summary about her personal life and family may be submitted.

Materials cannot exceed three (3) pages.

Only one nominee from any one club can be submitted. Previous non-winners can be submitted the following year. Final decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

Questions can be directed to: Gail A. Gillmore 262-857-2420 or [gailgillmore@wi.rr.com](mailto:gailgillmore@wi.rr.com)

#### AWARD CRITERIA

80% - General Federation Involvement

15% - Number of Years a Federation Member

5% - Application, Thoroughness and Content

**DEADLINE DATE: Postmarked by March 31, 2013**

**SUBMIT TO:** Gail A. Gillmore, 10010 160 Avenue, Bristol, WI 53104

# Membership

Submitted by: Jan Allen

The Ladies of the Wisconsin Federation Rule! I keep hearing from you about all the new members you are bringing in to our fabulous Federation. I am impressed with all the work you have done. Keep up the great work....and don't forget to bring your new members to our Annual Meeting in Janesville, May 3 to 5.

I heard from Carol Schweinfurth of the Kenosha WC. She informed me that they have brought in 10 new members!

The Rhinelander Woman's Club has out done themselves with 9 new members:

Margaret Baker  
Cindy Goll  
Melissa Houg  
Amy Laxton  
Mary Meek  
Betty Mraz  
Julie Shelton  
Janelle Cary  
Angie Mroz

Plymouth Woman's Club:

Katie Curtiss  
Sharon Hiller

Ashland Monday Club:

Carole Samuelson  
Jean Ylitalo  
Leana Wilk

Oconto Woman's Club has six new members:

Mahala Ault  
Kathy Denor  
Kim Jochem  
Arlene Champine  
Vicki Grunow  
Lana Schulz

Not to be outdone, the Beloit Jr's brought in 4 new members:

Deb Jensen-DeHart  
Megan Flood  
Aubrey Gaulke  
Jenna Lovaas

Woman's Club of Greenfield

Peggy Bonack  
Darbi Huebscher  
Susan Klopatek  
Doris Nerat  
Mary Randall  
Darlene Witkowski

Keep'em coming, Ladies. New members bring life, vitality, and energy!

In the next couple of months many of you will be rounding up your nominating committees to work on a slate of officers for 2013-2014. Here are a couple of reminders and tips:

- Have your Nominating Committee read your club by-laws. Do you have policies on how long you have to be a member before you can serve as an officer?
- Publish in your newsletter and on your website that the nominating committee is seeking members to serve as officers and chairs. All names and suggestions should be sent to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- At a business meeting, hand every member a sheet of paper asking them to please write down the officer position that they would like to fill and/or chair.
- The date and time of the meeting of the Nominating Committee should be announced and published in the newsletter or on the website.
- Once the Committee has agreed on a slate of officers, the Chair of the Nominating Committee is to call each nominee and ask for their agreement to seek that office. I recommend that the Nominating Committee remain together until all nominees have been called.
- It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee Chair to put the names of all nominees in the next issue of their newsletter and introduce/announce the nominees at the next business meeting.

Heads Up.....do you have family or friends in Janesville? Send me their contact information. We are planning a membership tea at the Annual Meeting – Saturday, May 4 at 3:30 at the Convention hotel. We will send your friends and family an invitation to join us and hear about the start of a new club in Janesville.



# CIP Award or Developing a Project

## DEVELOPING A PROJECT THAT MATTERS OR THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

By now your club has probably chosen a project for the betterment of your community.

All projects must be accomplished during the period of January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013. All entries must be sent to Nancy Honadel, 7141 S. Beachwood Court, Franklin, WI 53132 and postmarked by March 1, 2014. Each entry must include the completed Community Improvement Contest Entry Form which may be found at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) in the 2012-2014 manual. The National Award will be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention in Phoenix in June of 2014.

GFWC clubs have impacted communities throughout the world and have been competing for the CIPA since the 1950's. You and your club have the potential to be a winner, so let me hear from you. Any questions, please contact me at 414-529-0196 or email [applenancy@milwpc.com](mailto:applenancy@milwpc.com)

## Resolutions

Proposed Amendment to Resolution in Home Life( additions are italicized, deletions are strike throughs)

### 11. TELEVISION AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA PROGRAMMING

**WHEREAS**, Television *and electronic media such as streaming video, pod casts and online programming* is a *are* powerful medium *means* of mass communication; and

**WHEREAS**, For many families, television *these media* may be the main source of news information. family entertainment and education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Television programs *Programming* includes an inordinate amount of violence, and sex and often there is insensitive advertising of person products: and

**WHEREAS**, Television Programming and advertising are manifested in the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of children and adults; therefore

**RESOLVED**, That the GFWC-Wisconsin supports efforts to raise standards of television programming and advertising and to increase the use of television *all media* as an educational, informational and family entertainment medium *sources*.

Rationale: to update

Resolutions review without change

Education

4 Volunteer Service on Employee Applications

Home Life

1 Advertising of All Medications

3 Basic Community Services for Persons with developmental Disabilities

4 Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

7 Meat Inspections

9 Pure Food and Drug Administration

10 Sexually Transmitted Disease

12 Toxic Household Waste

Public Issues

7 Fundamental Freedoms

9 Firearms Safety

10 Highway Safety

21 Sexual Exploitation

26 Neglect and Maintenance of Cemeteries in Wisconsin

31 Refueling Safety

32 Monitoring Sexually Violent Persons

# Community Service Program

February 2013  
Community Service Program  
ARTS

Many Wisconsin communities are examining the quality of life that is necessary for them to sustain and promote community development. In today's world people are mobile and can work most anywhere. The choice where to live often includes access to a vibrant Arts community. We, as GFWC members, can support the Arts through our support, participation, and attendance at year-round community activities. Stevens Point realizes that restoring The Fox Theatre is a "big selling point for downtown". Oshkosh spent over a million dollars to repair the roof structure of The Grand Opera House because it is an architectural gem and cultural center to the downtown. Yes, Arts are part of the creative economy.

Each Wisconsin community has some outstanding artists. Last year I approached Senator King to see if she would like some artwork from Oshkosh women artists for her office in Madison. Three women artists/teachers who have won many awards were thrilled with this opportunity. The Senator's staff was so pleased to point out the lovely artwork to visitors. This provided an occasion to highlight "Wisconsin Women Artists" and serve as a discussion for the importance of art in our lives.

March is Youth Art Month that can be recognized through a proclamation read by the Mayor at a council meeting. A Proclamation form is available on GFWC-WI Arts website and can be edited for your particular community. It may be hung in a gallery or exhibited with student artworks. It may be presented to an art teacher representing all the art teachers. Make it special for your community. For 20 years ARTS WISCONSIN has been an advocacy group for the Arts in our state. There are daily Arts updates on Facebook and [www.artswisconsin.org](http://www.artswisconsin.org).

A child's early encounters with the Arts can develop an awareness and appreciation. **GFWC-WI** established an event in 1927, the Helen Farnsworth Mears Memorial Art Contest, which encourages and recognizes student artists in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The number of participating clubs is a testimony to the longevity of this arts endeavor in its 86<sup>th</sup> year! One reason the contest survives is its credibility. Not only do students participate in the Mears Art Contest at the local club/city level but also at district and state judging. This is comparable to athletic competitions where the ultimate goal is winning "at state" or the Super Bowl. Every win along on the way encourages confidence in students and their teachers. However, not everyone wins a ribbon but every student should be recognized and receive a certificate for placing and/or participating.

Connecting with community organizations gives welcome exposure to GFWC clubs. Our clubs have creatively partnered with a local art gallery, public museum, public library, businesses, and schools to exhibit the artwork beyond the initial judging. Exhibiting the contest artwork for the public gives the students and the teachers a venue for the community to understand and appreciate what is accomplished in art education. Some innovative clubs have expanded the scope of the Mears Art Contest and included the winners and artwork on their website. One club contacts community sponsors who provide hundreds of dollars in prizes. The extended visibility that the Mears Art Contest has on the Internet, which includes GFWC and local clubs, is evident with over 8,000 articles on Google! Wisconsin Historical Society posted photos of winners in the 1950s.

Last year a club invited its local Legislators, senator and representative, to attend the Mears Awards Reception and also choose beforehand a student's artwork to be exhibited in their offices in the Capitol. The librarian made a Powerpoint video that streamed all the artwork during the reception and highlighted each winner's artwork as they received their award and prizes. This gave the legislators an opportunity to voice their support for the Arts and arts education. Parents, grandparents, students and teachers were thrilled with the photo ops.

Check for information on the Mears Art Contest: [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org), Community Service Programs, **Arts**, scroll to the Mears Art Contest. The *Certificates* are in five forms for printing: First, Second, Third Place, Honorable Mention, and Participation. The fields to type in are: student name, club name, date, and at the very bottom, choices for names of judges, chairman, or president and their signatures. For any questions please contact me: [smattox@ameritech.net](mailto:smattox@ameritech.net), 920-233-2833, 1313 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

*The search continues for the long-lost Mears medallion that was presented as an art contest award. There is a \$100 reward for anyone locating the medal so the Oshkosh Public Museum can make a casting for our future Mears winners.*

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and policies

## **GFWC-WI BYLAWS & GENERAL POLICIES AMENDMENTS**

Committee: Kathy Reffue, Kristina Higbee, Jan Allen, Ellen Weber, Advisor, Lois Stanton

**\*\*\*Be sure to bring your GFWC-WI Clubwoman to the Annual Convention in Janesville, as there will be limited copies of the bylaws amendments available.**

### **ARTICLE VI – Dues**

Section 3 – Dues shall be automatically increased one dollar (\$1.00) each administration in the year 2000 and continuing to the year 2010.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Strike this section as the time limit has expired.

If amended the Sections under Article VI – Dues would be re-numbered to 3 from 4.

### **ARTICLE IX – Nomination and Election of Officers**

Section 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: A member of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Executive Office.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Strike the entire sentence.

RATIONALE: This is in conflict with Roberts Rules of Order, "Members of the nominating committee are not barred from becoming nominees for office themselves. To make such a requirement would mean, first, that service on the nominating committee carried a penalty by depriving its members of one of their privileges; and second, that appointment or election to the nominating committee could be used to prevent a member from becoming a nominee".

If amended would be removed from ARTICLE IX Section 3 and the sections would be re-numbered.

### **ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers**

Section 5 – the last sentence reads: It shall also be her duty to assist the President in compiling the new administration materials for the white manuals.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Strike the words "white manuals" and replace it with "state directory".

RATIONALE: White manuals are obsolete.

If amended would read:

### **ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers**

Section 5 – The Corresponding Secretary shall be in charge of registration for all GFWC-Wisconsin meetings of the Board of Directors, workshops/seminars, and the Annual Convention and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to her by the Executive Committee. It shall also be her duty to assist the President in compiling the new administration materials for the state directory.

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

## **ARTICLE XIII – Scholarship Funds**

Section 1 – A Scholarship Fund for Nurses and those interested in studying in allied health fields shall be established with the funds being raised from member clubs and investment funds, said fund to be administered by the Scholarship Committee.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Strike the words “Nurses and”.

RATIONALE: The scholarships are no longer only for nurses.

If amended would read:

## **ARTICLE XIII – Scholarship Funds**

Section 1 – A Scholarship Fund for those interested in studying in allied health fields shall be established with the funds being raised from member clubs and investment funds, said fund to be administered by the Scholarship Committee.

## **ARTICLE XV – Committees**

Section 1 – There shall be an Executive Committee and two classes of Standing Committees. Class A: Committees concerned with projects and programs, and Class B: Executive task committees. Class B shall include committees in charge of Budget, Investments, Federation Extension and Membership, *GFWC CLUBWOMAN*, Legislation, Scholarships, Printing, Amendments and Policies, Resolutions, Standardized Reports, Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award, Wisconsin’s Own Library, Fundraising, Strategic Planning and such other committees as seem necessary for the business of the Federation. In addition to those duties specifically set forth in this article, committees shall be responsible for such other duties as may properly be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

In the second sentence add WI after GFWC, strike the word “Printing”, and after Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award add “Woman of Achievement” and after Wisconsin’s Own Library add “Fundraising”.

RATIONALE: Adding WI to GFWC clarifies, strike “printing” as WI does not have a printing committee and Woman of Achievement and Fundraising need to be added as they are listed under Class B Committees.

IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## **Article XV – Committees**

Section 1 – There shall be an Executive Committee and two classes of Standing Committees. Class A: Committees concerned with projects and programs, and Class B: Executive task committees. Class B shall include committees in charge of Budget, Investments, Federation Extension and Membership, *GFWC-WI CLUBWOMAN*, Legislation, Scholarships, Amendments and Policies, Resolutions, Standardized Reports, Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award, Woman of Achievement, Wisconsin’s Own Library, Fundraising, Strategic Planning and such other committees as seem necessary for the business of the Federation. In addition to those duties specifically set forth in this article, committees shall be responsible for such other duties as may properly be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XV – Committees**

Section 9 - The Amendments and Policies Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee, the First Vice President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, and the GFWC-Wisconsin Parliamentarian. The Amendments and Policies Committee shall review the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Policies at least once in each administration. This Committee shall present for consideration amendments necessary to keep the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Policies consistent with the current practice, recommended by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Amendments may also be recommended by District Conventions and by federated clubs. Policy changes shall be voted on by the Board of Directors.



# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

## RECOMMENDED CHANGE

Insert before the last sentence "Bylaw amendments shall be voted on by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and if approved, will be voted on by the general membership at the annual convention".

RATIONALE: To clarify the bylaw amendments voting process.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

### ARTICLE XV – Committees

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### ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 12 - The Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award Chairman shall be appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval. It shall be her duty to prepare information on this project and nomination blanks for the clubs, to select with the approval of the Executive Committee, three judges from outside Federation membership to judge the entries and to present the award.

## RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

Insert "and Woman of Achievement Award Chairman" after Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award Chairman.

## RATIONALE:

Selection process for both awards is the same and can be listed in the same section.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

### ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 12 - The Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award Chairman and Woman of Achievement Award Chairman shall be appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval. It shall be their duty to prepare information on this project and nomination blanks for the clubs, to select with the approval of the Executive Committee, three judges from outside Federation membership to judge the entries and to present the award.

### ARTICLE I – Dissolution

Section 1 – In the event of the dissolution of the GFWC-Wisconsin, the total assets shall be liquidated and allotted to organizations of like purpose to be determined by the GFWC-Wisconsin Board of Directors in accordance with government regulations.

Section 2 – Any state club wishing to withdraw from GFWC-Wisconsin must announce that a vote to withdraw will take place at a designated meeting. This announcement must be made at the preceding meeting and in a mailing to each member at least one month prior. This announcement must also be made to the State President, the District President and the State Membership Chairman. If five or more members choose to remain a federated club, they would have all the rights and privileges to the name and the property of the club including funds and remain the federated club. The quorum for a vote must meet the requirements of the club's bylaws. Any vote must be by written, signed ballot in order to be legal.

Section 3 – Any state club which discontinues affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs must eliminate from its name any reference to Federation, including letterheads and publicity, etc. since it gained its reputation for volunteerism by being affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Any and all dues collected during the club year prior to withdrawal from the General Federation of Women's Clubs must be paid to the district, state and General Federation treasurers. All GFWC and GFWC-Wisconsin program material shall be returned promptly to the GFWC-Wisconsin president. Clubs which have chosen to withdraw from the Federation can no longer participate independently in state programs exclusive to GFWC-WI (i.e., Helen Mears Arts). The tax exempt number that was obtained with the use of the Federation affiliation shall no longer be valid. Notification will be sent by the GFWC-Wisconsin Executive Committee to the IRS of the club's withdrawal.

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Move Article I to the end of the Bylaws before Article XVIII Parliamentary Authority and re-number the Bylaws accordingly.

RATIONALE: The Bylaws Committee is in agreement that the first Article for the GFWC-WI Bylaws should not be one of dissolution.

IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

ARTICLE XVII – Dissolution

## **\*\*NEW BYLAWS & GENERAL POLICIES – GFWC-WI STATE DIRECTORY**

RECOMMENDED NEW BYLAW:

### **ARTICLE I - Name**

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Wisconsin, hereinafter known as GFWC-WI. It shall be affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, International (GFWC).

RATIONALE:

The first Article of the GFWC-WI Bylaws should state who Wisconsin is and who they are affiliated with.

IF ACCEPTED WOULD READ AS ABOVE.

RECOMMENDED NEW BYLAW:

### **ARTICLE II - Object**

Section 1 - The GFWC-Wisconsin is a statewide women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

RATIONALE:

Article II would explain the mission of the GFWC-Wisconsin.

IF ACCEPTED WOULD READ AS ABOVE.

RECOMMENDED NEW BYLAW:

### **ARTICLE III – Officers of the Corporation**

Section 1 – The officers of GFWC-WI shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and the Director of Junior Clubs. No person can hold more than one GFWC-WI office during an administration.

RATIONALE:

Article V of the GFWC-WI Bylaws states that the officers of the corporation are on the Board of Directors, but it does not state anywhere in the bylaws, who those officers are.

IF ACCEPTED WOULD READ AS ABOVE.

### **RECOMMENDED NEW BYLAW AMENDMENT:**

#### ARTICLE III – Officers of the Corporation

Section 1 - The officers of GFWC-WI shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and the Director of Junior Clubs. No person can hold more than one GFWC-WI office during an administration

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Add a new position to the officers of GFWC-WI. A third Vice President officer, which would give GFWC-WI a President-elect, First Vice President and a Second Vice President.

RATIONALE: The First Vice President is membership chairman and during her second year in office she becomes President-elect. The President-elect needs to devote the second year in office to her upcoming administration and membership is a lesser priority. Membership is too important to not have full time focus for two years.

IF ACCEPTED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE III – Officers of the Corporation

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**NOTE>>>\*\*\*These changes listed next ARE ONLY if the position of President-elect is approved and added:**

## ARTICLE IX – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 2 – At the beginning of the fiscal year in the odd numbered year, the First Vice President shall automatically become the President-elect of the Federation and shall assume the duties of the President at the close of the next annual convention.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Strike this Section entirely.

RATIONALE: With the addition of the President-elect position, the First Vice President will not automatically move up in office.

IF AMENDED ARTICLE IX – Nomination and Election of Officers Sections would be re-numbered.

## ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers

Section 2 – The First Vice President shall be Dean of District Presidents. She shall be responsible for filing the annual corporation report with the Secretary of State. She shall be appointed by the GFWC-Wisconsin President to serve as the GFWC-Wisconsin Membership Chairman.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Strike the words “Dean of District Presidents” and replace them with “Dean of Membership”. Add “She shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the recruiting and orienting of members in the GFWC-WI Federation. She will chair the Membership Committee”. Strike the last sentence in Section 2.

RATIONALE: The Dean of District Presidents is now the President-elect and the First Vice President will be in charge of membership. She will be in charge of all matters pertaining to membership.

IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers

Section 2 – The First Vice President shall be the Director of Membership. She shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the recruiting and orienting of members in the GFWC-WI Federation. She will chair the Membership Committee. She shall be responsible for filing the annual corporation report with the Secretary of State.

## ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers

RECOMMENDED NEW SECTION:

Section 2 – The President-elect shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. She shall be the Dean of Districts. She shall serve on the Strategic Planning, Budget and Investment Committee. She will plan her programs of work for her administration.

RATIONALE: The duties of the President-elect need to be added under ARTICLE X.

IF AMENDED WOULD READ AS ABOVE:

The sections would be re-numbered.

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

## ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 4 - The Budget Committee shall consist of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the immediate past Treasurer, and two other members of the Board. The Budget Committee shall prepare a budget.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Add the word "President-elect" in front of First Vice President.

RATIONALE: The new position of President-elect needs to be added to the Budget Committee.

### IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

The Budget Committee shall consist of the President-elect, First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the immediate past Treasurer, and two other members of the Board. The Budget Committee shall prepare a budget.

## ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 5 - The Investment Committee shall consist of the President, the immediate Past President, the First Vice President, the Treasurer, and one other member who shall be selected by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The selected committee member shall become a member of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall name its own chairman and secretary; however the GFWC-Wisconsin Treasurer, as a member of the Investment Committee, shall not serve as chairman of this committee.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Insert "President-elect" after President in the first sentence.

RATIONALE: The new position of President-elect needs to be added to the Investment Committee.

### IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 5 - The Investment Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, the immediate Past President, the First Vice President, the Treasurer, and one other member who shall be selected by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The selected committee member shall become a member of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall name its own chairman and secretary; however the GFWC-Wisconsin Treasurer, as a member of the Investment Committee, shall not serve as chairman of this committee.

## ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 14 - The Strategic Planning Committee shall consist of at least seven members appointed by the President: the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Director of Junior Clubs and the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, with the First Vice President the Chairman. The other members of the Committee will be a representation of the state and not otherwise members of the Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: In the first sentence, add the word "President-elect" after President. Strike the words "First Vice President" at the end of that sentence and replace it with "President-elect".

RATIONALE: The new President-elect position needs to be added to this committee.

### IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE XV – Committees

Section 14 - The Strategic Planning Committee shall consist of at least seven members appointed by the President: the President-elect, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Director of Junior Clubs and the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, with the President-elect as the Chairman. The other members of the Committee will be a representation of the state and not otherwise members of the Board of Directors.



# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

Section 1 - President – In the event of a vacancy in the office of President during the first year of the administration, the First Vice President shall have three months to declare the administration hers and assume the office of President for the remainder of the administration. If she declines to claim the Presidency, the office will remain vacant and the Executive Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors shall carry out the duties of the office for the remainder of the first year until the President-elect shall assume the office after July 1 in the second year for the remainder of the administration. The First Vice President will then be eligible to have the next administration as President.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: In the first sentence, strike the words “First Vice President” and replace it with President-elect. Repeat this again in the last sentence.

RATIONALE: The President-elect is the eligible person to automatically assume the office of President due to her title.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE XVI

Section 1 - President – In the event of a vacancy in the office of President during the first year of the administration, the President-elect shall have three months to declare the administration hers and assume the office of President for the remainder of the administration. If she declines to claim the Presidency, the office will remain vacant and the Executive Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors shall carry out the duties of the office for the remainder of the first year until the President-elect shall assume the office after July 1 in the second year for the remainder of the administration. The President-elect will then be eligible to have the next administration as President.

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

Section 2 - First Vice President/President-elect – In the event of a vacancy in the office of the First Vice President/President-elect, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual Convention. She shall notify the Nominating Committee of her intent to declare for this office within 30 days of her appointment.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Strike the word First Vice President in the first sentence.

RATIONALE: This describes the vacancy for President-elect, therefore the First Vice President will be moved to Section 3 with the other officers.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

Section 2 - President-elect – In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President-elect, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual Convention. She shall notify the Nominating Committee of her intent to declare for this office within 30 days of her appointment.

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

Section 3 - The office of Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Add the words “the First Vice President” after the word “of” in the first sentence.

RATIONALE: The new position of President-elect moves the First Vice President into Section 3.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

The office of First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

# GFWC-WI Bylaws and Policies continued

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

Section 5 - If the President is temporarily incapacitated or unable to perform her duties for a period of thirty consecutive days, the First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President until the President again assumes her duties or the office is declared vacant.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Strike the words "First Vice President" and replace them with "President-elect".

RATIONALE: The President-elect is to perform the duties of the President when she is unable.

## IF AMENDED WOULD READ:

## ARTICLE XVI – Vacancies

Section 5 - If the President is temporarily incapacitated or unable to perform her duties for a period of thirty consecutive days, the President-elect shall perform the duties of the President until the President again assumes her duties or the office is declared vacant.

## GFWC-WI Arts Department State Convention – May 3-4, 2013



Be creative!  
**REPURPOSE, REDO, REUSE**  
**"ARTcycle" Contest**

- Any Size
- Anything LARGE or small
- Made of Any Material – with a minimum of 75% recycled materials
- Maximum: Two Entries per Paying Club Woman
- Please include a 4 X 5 card telling about your project
- Ribbons Awarded
- Silent Auction: on items donated to raise money for State Projects
- Silent Auction ends on Second Night of Convention
- Members will Vote

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# GFWC-WI Club News

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Rhineland Club presented the Newbold Fire Department with Oneida county's first Pediatric Jump Kit Bag for its First Responder department. This project is an expansion of the now completed EMSC Pediatric Jump Kit Bags for the GFWC-WI Ambulance Project. The Ped Bags are specialized kits that put critical equipment and supplies for all size children in one organized location.

Pictured are: First Responders for Newbold Fire Department and two Woman's Club members

Front row: Mary Fortier, club Program Chair for Public Issues; Wendy Sachse, Janet Siefert

Back row: James Fleming, Sheila Fairfield, Steve Siefert, Scott Counter, Newbold Fire Department Captain and EMS Coordinator; Lynda Lukowski, First Vice President and Program Chair for the club.



The Amery Woman's Club has started a new project in adult literacy. This fall 16 volunteer tutors were recruited and trained by Northern Waters Literacy(NWL). We have now begun to recruit learners. NWL is matching tutors and learners. We will serve many different needs including English as a Second Language, GED, basic skills, and special requests like help in filling out forms, applying for jobs, balancing the checkbook, etc. One of our volunteers is a trained ESL teacher and will conduct a class in January for volunteers. Local agencies, ministers, the library and others are opening their doors and informing community members about our efforts which we expect to grow as we spread the word. Anyone with questions about this program may call Sharon Paulson at 715-268-4039.



The Beloit Junior Woman's Club held their 31st Wonderfest Arts and Crafts Expo on November 11, 2012! Over 80 vendors participated. \$9,500 was raised, all to be donated back to the Greater Beloit community. The club donated approximately 400 hours in time to accomplish this feat. This picture shows our Frost Night, where we frosted 1,000+ sugar cookies we made earlier in the month to be sold at Wonderfest.



The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wisconsin has completed a project to provide Emergency Medical Services for Children Pediatric Jump Kit Bags for over 90% of the ambulances.

An extension to that project is to provide Wisconsin's Licensed First Responder departments with Ped Bags. These Ped Bags are specialized kits that put critical equipment and supplies for all size children in one organized location.

The Rhineland Woman's Club presented the Crescent Lake First Responder department with its Pediatric Bag.

Pictured are: Adrienne Birkholz, Woman's Club President; Keven Mahner, Paige Mahner, Ken Orton, Crescent Lake Fire Chief; Joe Mahner, Liz Austin, Woman's Club Historian; Mary Fortier, Public Issues Program Chair; Greg Zeke, EMS Co-ordinator.

For more information, please contact Adrienne Birkholz at (715)369-9180, or Mary Fortier at (715) 282-5027.



# GFWC-WI Club News

The GFWC Oconto Woman's Club has had a very active beginning to their 2012-2013 club year. Besides adding 6 new members to the membership roster, members conducted 2 successful fund raising projects: the annual Election Day Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and a Club Christmas Raffle. The club also actively supported projects for Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. of Oconto and Marinette counties including the support of 2 applicants for the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship and adopting and buying Christmas gifts for 10 individuals in 3 different families. For the Christmas Rainbow House project, members were divided into 3 "family teams." Each team bought gifts for their assigned family members, and at the December club meeting, held a "show and tell" of gifts purchased. Members then wrapped the gifts and handed them over to the Rainbow House Advocate who attended the meeting to give an update on the scholarship applications and services the House provides its clients. The club, as a member of the Oconto Chamber of Commerce, also worked on a number of Chamber projects including help with decorating Winter Wonderland, a community park decorating project; co-sponsorship of Santa's visit to city hall for the community youth; and initiation of a new project...Deck the Fence in Oconto. Eighty-two wreaths and signs noting memorials, honorees, and season greetings were purchased by individuals, families, organizations and businesses and hung to beautifully decorate the nearly 900 foot iron fencing that borders the Oconto River in the community. This was a well received project and plans are already being made for next year's fence decoration!



**Rhinelanders Woman's Club:** Mary Fortier, Public Issues Program Chair; Pine Lake Fire Chief, Brian Gehrig; Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Braun and EMS Co-coordinator; and Adrienne Birkholz, Woman's Club President.

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis members busy packaging Christmas Cookies for Fund Raiser Exchange. Bea Steffes, Virginia Strukel, Anita Bushner, Monica Jerich and Gloria Beckner.



Nice assortment - Virginia Strukel and Barbara Mueller

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Members: Donna Wood, Sharon Plucinski, Sandy Anderson and Janet Gauger hosted the GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis Booth at the "Reflections of Woman's Wellness" Event (Feb 9, 2013) - Information on Woman's Health was presented by several speakers. It gave our members a chance to "talk up" our Woman's Club to those in attendance

Members Sharon Plucinski and Janet Gauge



## Muskego Woman's Club Donates to City Beatification Project

A check for \$12,000 was presented the Muskego Mayor Kathy Chiaverotti to be used to purchase benches and planters along the newly reconstructed Janesville Road. The club has raised funds over the past several years in anticipation of this project.

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Here are the new updated pictures of Wisconsin's Own Library.

Lane Library at Ripon College has replaced all carpeting throughout the street level of the library.

Lane Library has added new end cap shelving for our Collection. The middle metal stacks have been removed and replaced with this new end cap shelving. A permanent marker has been installed to identify the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs as the owner of the Collection.



GFWC-WI Members Planting One Seed at a Time -  
Winter Board / Workshop



## Attention All Club Members:

Please submit articles and pictures of your clubs activities. The next due date is May 1st, 2013. Please email Melisa Schmidt at [melisaschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:melisaschmidt@hotmail.com) or via mail PO Box 272, Brodhead, WI 53520. Thank you in advance!



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## Margaret Chase Smith-Notable Clubwoman



***"My creed is that public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation with full recognition that every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration, that constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought, that smears are not only to be expected but fought, that honor is to be***

(1897-1995) was an active member of GFWC in Skowhegan, Maine and became president of her local club at age 25. Smith held political office in Maine for a total of 33 years (1940-1973). She was first elected as State Representative and later became Senator. Smith was the first woman to ever be elected to both Houses of Congress, and in 1964, she became the first woman to campaign for the presidential nomination of a major political party.







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