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## Happy 2021! Are you on track?



Photo from Winter Workshop 2020

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Have you been or are you now an active member of a GFWC-WI Club?

Or are you a member of a District executive committee?

Or are you a member of GFWC-WI Board of Directors?

Good news! You could be on track for a position on the next GFWC-Wisconsin Executive Committee. LEADS graduates: You, too, could be on the same track. Are you willing? The members of the Nominating Committee are eager to hear from you.

Contact: Kim Bruns, Mary Kaye Ernest, Kristine Huss, Pat Soekfer or Barbara Pontow. Thanking you in advance.

*Submitted by Barbara Pontow, GFWC-WI Nominating Committee Chairman  
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## Message from our 2020-2022 GFWC - WI President

Greetings in the New Year, Wisconsin Clubwomen!

Thankfully we said farewell to a challenging 2020 and can now focus on “ringing in” a fabulous 2021 with new hopes, new dreams and new goals. While maintaining a balanced **Mind-Body-Spirit** we can all look forward to an exciting future!

The February Call is available on our GFWC-WI website for the Winter Workshop in Brookfield. Please plan to attend! We have wonderful guest speakers and a project involving No Sew Fleece hats and scarves for families in need.

Over the holidays I enjoyed the GFWC International virtual Holiday Open House, sent out a December *Federation News*, and hosted “Meet & Sip” Zoom calls with our Board of Directors and Club Presidents. I am hosting monthly Zoom meetings with our Executive Committee, planning our February Workshop and Spring State Convention in Wausau/Rothschild, and participating on Zoom meetings for Wisconsin’s Own Library.

Yes, I continue to proudly serve as your 60<sup>th</sup> State President and want you to know I am here for you! GFWC-Wisconsin is not only surviving the worldwide pandemic, but is *thriving* with enthusiasm and optimism for a successful 2021. Our Wisconsin Clubs and Districts are full of great leaders, wonderful projects and continually make a difference – with such joy!

Here’s wishing you a prosperous 2021 filled with happiness, gratitude and positive mental health. #IamGFWC and look forward to reading your Club reports. Know that your volunteerism and service to GFWC is so very much appreciated and I simply *cannot wait* for the endless possibilities 2021 will bring!

Happy New Year, Sisters!

Abby



Abby Lorenz  
GFWC – WI President



### REGISTRATION OPEN:

February 19-20, 2021 - GFWC-WI Winter Workshop: Meetings for Board of Directors and working committees. All members invited.

Sheraton Brookfield, 375 Moorland Rd., Brookfield, Wisconsin

## Message from our 2020-2022 GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs

Thankfully 2020 is now behind us! May 2021 bring us back to some normalcy at some point. It will be great to be able to see each other without having to cover half our faces.

In November, I hosted a Junior Zoom where I was happy to hear that most clubs were able to welcome some new members!! Clubs said that in the past couple of months they have been busy with many service projects. Unfortunately, not much fundraising being done. I know some members are feeling Zoomed out but right now that is the best way for us to stay connected with each other.

In the past couple of months, I have virtually attended a couple of Executive Board meetings and the GFWC Holiday Headquarters Tour. I sent an ornament for the GFWC Holiday tree and I have been putting out a "Junior Notes" email every month or so to keep clubs updated. If you would like to be included in the updates, please let me now and I will add you in the future.

Reporting time is upon us so don't forget to let us know all about the great service projects you have done. Even if you report on just one project, we would love to hear about it!

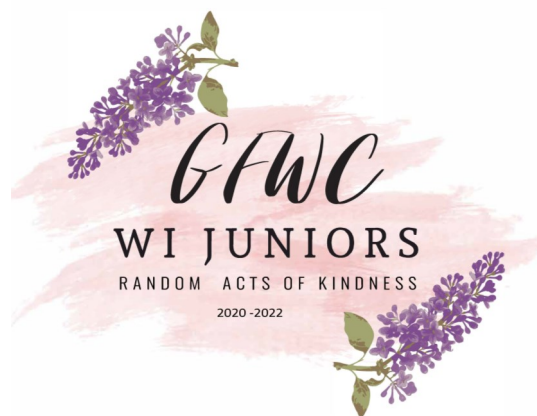
I look forward to seeing some of you at the Winter Meeting in February. Stay safe, Stay healthy.

In Junior Federation,

Tammy



**Tammy Welter**  
**GFWC - WI**  
**Director of Junior Clubs**



## GFWC - WI Officer Reports -

GFWC-WI First Vice President

Report by Nancy Dickman



**Nancy Dickman**  
GFWC - WI  
First Vice President  
2020-2022

### **How do we maintain membership engagement during the pandemic?**

For now, the top priority is the wellbeing of GFWC-WI club sisters. The pandemic continues to rattle the state and affect how members can interact within clubs and communities. Hybrid meetings where a small number of people are in the room and the rest are on video call has worked fantastically well for clubs and districts to stay in touch.

For members who do not use technology, it really helps to create a call tree to make sure no members are left isolated. When the pandemic abates, and all are strong and healthy and ready, GFWC-WI members can once again be that fierce presence in Wisconsin cities and towns. Clubs need to focus on helping members feel connected to GFWC.

For all those who feel comfortable, do try to attend the February 19-20 meeting. So much GFWC-WI work is done via committee and this meeting is geared toward committees! The upcoming February meeting will have good social distancing, so that means good location, great agenda, and marvelous people.

Keep in mind, GFWC bonds can survive a pandemic – it proved that 100 years ago.

Nancy



**GENERAL FEDERATION**  
*of* **WOMEN'S CLUBS**

**Save the date: October 7—10, 2021**  
for the GFWC Great Lakes Conference in Lisle, Illinois (near Naperville)

## Officer Reports -

GFWC-WI Second Vice President

Report by Linda Brown

### Let's Get Ready-Let's Get Set-Let's Go - Report!

**Deadline: January 31, 2021**

Well, it's that time, end of year **REPORTING**. This requirement is an important step for our clubs, members and districts to accomplish. And this year I have a 100% goal that all clubs report. Impossible you say? And I say that we can do it.

Clubs that struggled last year reporting have been contacted by letter offering "Do you Need Me" and I am in hopes that these 6 clubs accomplish this task. Faith and determination from these club presidents are what I am hoping for. Every club is important and their hours and reports are needed for Wisconsin to succeed.

**GFWC-WI Website** is the perfect place to start! All updated forms and instructions are on the Reporting web page to write a great report.

The GFWC-WI chairmen will need all the forms filled out so their reporting can be completed and sent to international headquarters for their review.

### **Don't Forget To TOOT YOUR OWN HORN!**

With the Covid pandemic, reports will look different this year but remember that all your kindness and donation counts. Projects, fundraisers and meetings are at a slow pace this year but I am so looking forward to reading all the reports and seeing what you all have been up to.

### **Great Team work! Our Reporting Team!**

Always remember that we are here to help you answer questions, concerns and problems. All you need is to reach out and we will get whatever you need.

Team members: Linda Brown, Suz Hooser and Nancy Niedziela

Wishing you a very happy healthy New Year 2021.

Linda



Linda Brown  
GFWC – WI  
Second Vice President  
2020 - 2022

## Officer Reports continued

Report by Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary

Greetings GFWC-WI Sisters,

Happy New Year to all of you. I am praying that in 2021 we will all get to see more of each other in person.

I know that Barb Pontow is already recruiting candidates for the 2022-2024 term, so I thought that I would share a bit about what being corresponding secretary means. I have the obvious job of recording and managing the correspondence of our state organization, but there is lots more. My second job is to assist the incoming president in the construction and assembly of her state directory and handbook. Abby and I worked together for weeks this summer on this project and then it was my job to distribute it to all of you at the Fall Workshop. I will again assist Abby this summer in doing some updates because of officer changes, address, phone, and email changes and get these updates to you. My third job is to keep track of voting credentials. I need to be sure that at BOD meetings there is a quorum, and I need to call the roll at BOD meetings. At state conventions, I need to be sure that each club has the required representative voting credentials as required by the bylaws. My fourth job is to take reservations for all meetings and conventions. This means I need to keep track of who is eating the chicken and who has the veggie wrap for every meal. I also need to be sure that every gal's dietary restrictions are noted and ordered. I also need to create tickets for each meal and special event. Then I need to assemble each person's packet for the meeting with the appropriate name tags, voting cards, credentials, meal tickets and tickets for special events. As a part of this job, I need to gather volunteers to help me woman the registration table where members pick up their materials for the meeting. This fourth job requires me have good skills with Excel and Word. Although for much of the year, my job is incredibly quiet, it gets rather exciting just before each meeting.



**Nancy Niedziela**

**GFWC – WI  
Corresponding Secretary  
2020-2022**

Within the next few weeks, you will be sending me your reservations for the Winter Workshop using the call included with this newsletter. Please note that registering online can be done later than sending the reservation in by mail. This is partly because of recent issues with the USPS but is it mostly because my mail will be forwarded during the month of January, and I do not want to miss a single reservation. With online reservations, I get the update within one day, not a week or more through the post office. It is easy to pay online through PayPal; please take advantage of the extended deadline for those registering online versus mailing in a check. It is a safe way to be sure your registration is recorded. By doing it online, it is easier for me to read; and I do not have to decipher handwriting, which can be problematic for email addresses and correct name spelling.

Our community service project for the Winter Workshop will be making “no sew” hats and scarves for children. There is a place on the registration form to register for this activity. We need to know how much fleece to have on hand to keep your hands busy after dinner on Friday night. To the right is the picture of the finished project. You need to be able to cut and tie knots and that is all; no special skill set required. If you have a good fabric scissors or shears and plan to participate, please bring them to the Winter Workshop.



**Service project at February Winter Workshop**

Looking forward to seeing you all in February.

In Federation—Nancy

**GFWC-WI Winter Board of Directors' and  
Working Committees' Meetings**  
**Friday, February 19, & Saturday, February 20, 2021**  
Sheraton Brookfield Hotel, 375 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Required to reach you) Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_ GFWC-WI Officer      \_\_\_ GFWC-WI Junior Board Member      \_\_\_ Guest

\_\_\_ District President      \_\_\_ GFWC-WI Board Member

\_\_\_ Club President      \_\_\_ Member

**Registration via mail or online**      Postmarked on or before 1/23/21      **\$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Discount of \$5.00      Postmarked/Completed by 1/14/21

Cash Refunded on site. Do not deduct this from your total.

Late Registration      Postmarked/Completed after 1/23/21

Mail in Registration Deadline      February 5, 2021      **\$45.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Online Registration Deadline      February 12, 2021

***Sorry, no refunds after February 12, 2021***

**Friday Quick Bite Lunch at Sheraton Brookfield** – Pick up at Registration (Choose one)

Deli sandwich, piece of whole fruit, chips, cookie      **\$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Vegetable Wrap      \_\_\_ Ham and Swiss on a focaccia roll

\_\_\_ Turkey with Cheddar on a pretzel bun

**Friday Dinner at Sheraton Brookfield** (Choose one)      **\$32.00** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pretzel Crusted Chicken topped with mustard cream sauce, brown sugar glazed baby carrots and four cheese mashed potatoes.

\_\_\_ Butternut Squash Ravioli with sage, pine nuts, and brown butter sauce

\_\_\_ Coconut Shrimp with French fries and coleslaw

All dinners include house salad, rolls and butter, water service and choice of coffee or tea.

**Saturday Breakfast at Sheraton Brookfield** – Deluxe Executive Breakfast      **\$22.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Fresh fruit display, assorted pastries, Kringle, muffins, potatoes, choice of bacon or sausage, scrambled eggs, orange, cranberry, or apple juice. Coffee and Tazo tea.

**Saturday Lunch at Sheraton Brookfield**      **\$18.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Caesar Salad with rolls and butter, cookie, water service, and choice of coffee or tea.

**Workshop Total**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Event: Friday Evening Project – No Sew Fleece Hats and Scarves      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to GFWC-WI**

Mail to Nancy Niedziela, Corresponding Secretary, N30W29273 Hillcrest Drive, Pewaukee, WI 53072

262-366-1660      RNIEDZIELA@WI.RR.COM

On-line registrations and payments are being accepted at gfwc-wi.org, immediately. The date of your credit card or PayPal payment will be considered the postmark and must adhere to the same deadline for discounts or penalties.

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

**GFWC-WI  
Winter Board of Directors' and  
Working Committees' Meetings**

**HOTEL INFORMATION  
Sheraton Brookfield  
375 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005  
262-364-1100**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We have rooms blocked for GFWC-WI at Sheraton Brookfield on both Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20, 2021. Rate: \$79 plus taxes per night; 2 Queen beds, double occupancy; or 1 King bed. Call to ask for the "GFWC-WI Winter Board Meeting and Workshop" to receive the \$79 rate.

Rooms include a coffee maker, mini refrigerator, flat screen TV and Wi-Fi. Hotel features an indoor heated pool (open 10am-8pm) and Fitness Center. As of the date of this document, the full-service restaurant on site is closed. That may change by February.

There are other dining options at nearby Brookfield Square Shopping Center. Sorry, but food from other restaurants may not be brought into GFWC-WI meeting rooms.

**Book your room by February 5, 2021 as our room block rate is not guaranteed after February 5.**







## TENTATIVE AGENDA 2021 Winter Board & Working Committee Meetings

**Friday, February 19:** All meetings and meals will be conducted on site at Sheraton Brookfield; casual dress/GFWC attire is appropriate. A directory of specific rooms for committee meetings will be available at registration.

- 12:00 pm: Amendments and Policies Committee meeting
- 2:00 pm: Resolutions Committee meeting
- 3:00 pm: Executive Committee meeting
- 4:00 pm: Registration opens
- 4:15 pm: District Presidents' meeting
- 4:15 pm: Communications and Public Relations Committee meeting
- 5:30 pm: Social hour
- 6:30 pm: Dinner
- 8:00 pm: Project: No Sew Fleece Hats and Scarves – Please sign up on registration page (page 7 of this “Clubwoman”) so that we know how much fleece to have on hand. Thank you!
- 9:30 pm: GFWC-WI evening activity concludes

**Saturday, February 20:** All meetings will be conducted on site at Sheraton Brookfield; casual dress/GFWC Attire is appropriate. A directory of specific rooms for committee meetings will be available at registration.

- 7:30 am: Leadership Committee meeting
- 8:00 am: Registration opens and will remain open until 9:55 am
- 8:00 am: Membership Committee meeting
- 9:00 am: Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- 9:00 am: Nominations Committee meeting
- 10:00 am: Call to order of the 2021 Winter GFWC Wisconsin Board of Directors' meeting  
Business: Amendments/Policies; Resolutions; Membership
- 11:30 am: STEM presentation – Laura Schmidt of Milwaukee Tech Hub Coalition
- 12:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 pm: GFWC Wisconsin Board of Directors' business resumes
- 2:00 pm: Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin - virtual presentation on why prevention is important—addressing the impact abuse and neglect has on children with ideas on what we can do (individually, organization, community) to help build strong families and support them so all children can grow up in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.
- 3:30 pm: Adjournment of the 2021 Winter GFWC Wisconsin Board of Directors' meeting
- 3:30 pm: GFWC-WI Junior Board meeting

## Reports from around the State - District Presidents



**Sue Schwarten**  
GFWC – WI District President  
Rolling Hills  
2020-2022

**ROLLING HILLS:** Dodgeville \* Hartford Juniors \* Hillsboro \* Muskego \* Oconomowoc Juniors\* Oconomowoc \* Hartland \* Pewaukee

Here we are in the year 2021. Happy New Year to everyone!

Hope you are all doing well. I know we are all hoping that things will change soon. In person meetings are my number one hope that we will be able to have again.

Holidays are over and even though they were very different for many of us we need to move forward and make plans for club activities.

The winter workshop will be taking place next month and I am hoping to see many of you there. This has always been a good source of getting good ideas from other clubs and to check out some of the committees. You may find an interest in being involved. Please plan on attending the workshop.

You never know what you may gain by being present.

**LAKESHORE:** Brown Deer Juniors \* North Shore Juniors \* Past District Officers \* Port Washington \* Shorewood \* Greenfield \* West Allis

Happy 2021!

The clubs in our district are doing well and continue to deliver volunteer services to the communities we serve. At the district level, Dorothy Protz has been working hard to prepare our Scholarship Application and reaching out to schools in our area for assistance in getting the word out about the scholarship.



*Plant Grow Sustain*

The scholarship information for Lakeshore District has been posted on the GFWC-WI website, <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships>.

The district is also beginning the planning for our Spring gathering.

Hopefully, with the vaccine and better weather, we can have wonderful celebrations across the state!



**Erin Epping**  
GFWC – WI District President  
Lakeshore  
2020-2022

**SOUTHERN PRAIRIES:** *Beloit Juniors \* Blanchardville \* Burlington \* Edgerton \* Kenosha Juniors \* Monroe \* Pleasant Prairie \* East Troy \* Kenosha*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I had the pleasure of attending the Woman’s Club of Kenosha November luncheon meeting where they presented a Quilt of Valor to a female veteran and presented certificates of appreciation to two community members who volunteered their time and material to board up the clubhouse windows after the civil unrest in August. I had an enjoyable time meeting and talking with the members!

I look forward to visiting the other clubs in the District in 2021 either in person or via Zoom.

Some clubs have met via Zoom, in person or Facebook live in November and December. Clubs have done a variety of community service projects such as making Christmas stockings and filling them with personal care products and making cookies for veterans of a care facility, decorating their village for Christmas, providing needy families Christmas cheer food boxes and coupons for families to purchase clothing and toys, and donating sheets and pillows to a nonprofit organization that supplies beds for children who do not have one.

Upcoming District Events: Board meeting Feb. 23 via Zoom and our Spring District Convention April 27 in Blanchardville.



**Julie Saether**

**GFWC – WI District President  
Southern Prairies**

**2020-2022**



**Woman’s Club of Kenosha November luncheon meeting a Quilt of Valor presentation**

## Reports from around the State - District Presidents

**RIVERS & LAKES:** Berlin \* Brillion, \* Oshkosh \* Plymouth \* Princeton \* De Pere

Greetings from the Rivers and Lakes District. May you and your families enjoy a wonderful new year. Health and good wishes to all of you.

The 2020-2022 administration was installed virtually via ZOOM on December 1 by Rivers and Lakes Past President **Sue Bednarek**. The theme selected for the installation was the Rainbow ceremony. Installed were President **Sue Sands**, Vice-President **Elizabeth Griesser**, Treasurer **Ruth Diedrich** and Secretary **Sue Robertson**.

Our district looks forward to holding our first meeting in Brillion on April 22 as our November meeting was cancelled due to concerns with Covid-19.

Remember – Be flexible – and bend with the times.



**Sue Sands**

**GFWC – WI District President  
Rivers and Lakes**

**2020-2022**

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**NORTHWOODS:** Amherst \* Antigo Juniors \* Lakeland Area \* Oconto \* Rhinelander \* Stevens Point \* Stevens Point Juniors

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Northwoods District!!

It's not surprising that given an obstacle we are finding workarounds to complete our mission. We understand the importance of inspiring and encouraging each other as we move forward embracing the use of both new and existing tools. Many clubs are meeting virtually via Zoom and have found creative and safe ways to continue to support the needs of their community. Especially in challenging times, our accomplishments continue to make a difference!

As the hosting district, plans continue in hopes of gathering safely for the 2021 GFWC Wisconsin Annual Convention, May 13-15 in Rothschild. Please mark your calendars as we look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Northwoods!!



**Mary Meek**

**GFWC – WI District President  
Northwoods**

**2020-2022**

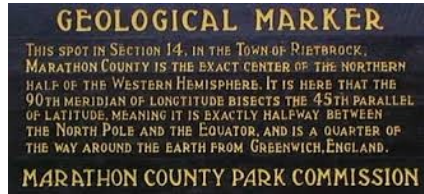


## GFWC-Wisconsin 124th Annual State Convention

### Welcome to the Northwoods spring 2021!



Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum  
700 N. Twelfth St, Wausau 54403



Once in a lifetime opportunity!  
45x90 Geographical Marker  
5651 Meridian Rd, Athens 54411



Yawkey House Museum  
403 McIndoe Street, Wausau, WI 54403

We pray you all are well and staying safe during this unusual time. Together, let us look ahead to spring 2021!

Home to vast forests, thousands of lakes and many of the friendliest communities in the state, your Northwoods District is excited to host the **GFWC – Wisconsin 124th State Convention** in May 2021! Start to gear up because we'll be so ready to come together and celebrate! And we have some surprises for you!

#### Mark your calendars:

**When:** May 13 - 15, 2021

**Where:** Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild, perfectly located in the heart of Wisconsin on I-39 / Hwy 51 at Exit 185 and just minutes away from the Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) and Hwy 29 interchange. The entire complex is a ground level facility with no steps, escalators or elevators.

**Cost:** Early-bird registration will be available

Anticipate the Convention Call – the full line-up of speakers and registration materials in the March 8th “Clubwoman” and on the website.

Plans are underway to set up some pre-convention tours at the area's top attractions. If you have a special attraction on your bucket list, please let us know soon.

Here's a sampling under consideration at this time:

- 45 X 90 - This geographical marker halfway between the Equator and the North Pole, a quarter of the way around the planet, and halfway between Greenwich Meridian and International Date Line. Get a collection coin to prove you were there!
- Wausau walking tours to choose from: Andrew Warren Historic District or Wisconsin Riverwalk, downtown
- Renowned Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

To get a flavor of Wausau history 19th and 20th century, check out this Marathon County Historical Society video <https://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/yawkey-house-museum/video>

## GFWC Program Areas:

### Environment

Submitted by: Karen Ostrowski, Chairman



With spring just around the corner it's time to think about Earth Day and Arbor Day and although the 1000 initiatives was part of the last administration we are still undertaking some of those projects.

How many of us have that like-new pair of shoes that don't quite feel right on your feet? Donate them for Soles for Souls. What about that worn out pair of athletic shoes—they can go to Nike Grind [running tracks] . These ideas are a great excuse to start spring cleaning. And clothes in good condition can be donated to shelters.

I would hope all clubs can get on board and plant at least one tree or shrub for Arbor Day. The planet will thank you and so will our furry and feathered friends.

I can't wait for my wildflowers to bloom to attract butterflies. Wildflowers can be planted in pots for those of you living in smaller spaces or apartments. If you plant, they will find them.

The State of Wisconsin was considering putting the Monarch Butterfly on the endangered list but decided not to even though their numbers continue to decline due to pesticides and herbicides. So let's help them out by leaving milkweed behind when weeding as it is an important part of their lifecycle.

### Civic Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chairman



Here are some patriotic ideas that we can do socially distancing ourselves:

- Honor and celebrate upcoming patriotic holidays by hosting or volunteering for events commemorating Inauguration Day or President's Day
- Consider purchasing or printing copies of the United States Constitution for distribution. One organization that provides copies at bulk rate is <https://freedomfactor.org/>
- Provide information on correctly folding a United States flag, plus the meaning and symbolism in the flag folding ceremony, to scouts, school groups, and others. The American Legion offers clear and concise instructions.
- Create a play, puppet show, or exhibit to teach young students about "Symbols of the United States," including the US flag, Uncle Sam, the Liberty Bell, the bald eagle, the Statue of Liberty, and others. Why not do the show on Facebook Live!
- Be sure to get more ideas in the GFWC Club Manual

## Education and Libraries



I received the January Education and Libraries newsletter from Tina Daniels, International GFWC Education Chairman today, January 1, 2021. I

will forward her newsletter to district chairmen and ask them to forward it to club presidents within their districts. Tina provides an exceptional newsletter. It is full of ideas and resources. She also sent an exceptional newsletter for ESO which Nancy Schrap will share with you.

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman



Julie Riemenschneider and her "other half" at Christmas

During the 2020-2022 administration, the Education and Libraries Challenge Project is to complete club projects focusing on STEM Projects with Students with Disabilities. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Tina suggests talking to your local school about special education self-contained classes, resource classes or collaborative classes. Ask if your club could come to the class and introduce the students to a STEM activity. If classes are not being physically held, you could "teach" virtually. This could also be replicated with Scout troops as well.

Here are some links to a few simple STEM activities you could easily incorporate during the winter months:

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/winter-stem-activities/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/SallyRideSci/winter-stem-activities/>

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/winter-science-ideas-kids/>

<https://www.steamsational.com/winter-stem-activities-for-kids/>

<https://www.vivifsystem.com/blog/2019/12/5/25-best-winter-stem-activities>

## GFWC Program Areas continued -

### Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marianne Potter, Chairman



2021, a new year, is bringing hope to a return to a more normal life. As clubs are completing the 2020 reporting, the impact made on their communities will be apparent. Beth Smith, GFWC Health and Wellness Chairman, shared the following amount for in-kind donations of masks and extenders for reporting: \$2 per mask and surgical cap and \$1 for extenders.

It is important to support the affiliates associated with this CSP: Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, PCAA (Prevent Child Abuse Association), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UNF Shot @ Life Campaign, and UNICEF USA. If the club supports any one of these affiliates, club members' donation may be included as part of the club's numbers.

February 5 is National Wear Red Day <https://www.goredforwomen.org/en/get-involved/give/wear-red-and-give>. Encouraging members to visit this website gives information on the signs of strokes and heart attacks for women as well as how to donate and volunteer.

The USDA and HHA have released New Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025 (<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDACNPP/subscriber/new>). This is the first dietary guidelines provided for each life stage, including pregnant and lactating women.

Please contact me, Marianne Potter, if you would like to share ideas and projects on a regular basis. Be safe.

GFWC-WI Health and Wellness Chairman

Marianne Potter

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2021**



## GFWC Junior Special Program

### Advocates for Children

Submitted by: Sue Bessert, Chairman



Right here in Wisconsin there's a great resource: Children's Wisconsin. I've connected with this group and they are presenting at the February Winter Workshop (see agenda on the call on page 9.) I'm hoping we can get the presentation on our State website after the meeting. Stay tuned.

Below is a "Feelings Thermometer" that was posted on their Facebook page. It may just hit the mark for many of us and our children these days.

Consider liking their Facebook page and you will see more wonderful resources like this!

# FEELINGS THERMOMETER

	How do you feel?	What can you do about it?
	<b>ANGRY, FURIOUS, EXPLOSIVE</b> ▶ Yelling, Stomping, Meltdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vigorous physical exercise</li> <li>• Breathe deep breaths</li> <li>• Take a warm shower or bath</li> </ul>
	<b>FRUSTRATED, ANNOYED, IRRITABLE</b> ▶ Arguing, Refusing, Shutting down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meditate/pray</li> <li>• Listen to favorite music</li> <li>• Take a fast-paced walk</li> </ul>
	<b>ANXIOUS, WORRIED, UNSETTLED</b> ▶ Pacing, Avoiding, Clingy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to a family member/friend</li> <li>• Pay attention to each of your 5 senses</li> <li>• Focus on what you <i>can</i> control</li> </ul>
	<b>SAD, NEGATIVE, LONELY</b> ▶ Crying, Withdrawn, Slowed/Disengaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set a positive goal for the day</li> <li>• Call a friend or relative</li> <li>• Journal about your feelings</li> </ul>
	<b>HAPPY, CALM, CONTENT</b> ▶ Smiling, Laughing, Engaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help someone else</li> <li>• Notice and enjoy your positive mood</li> <li>• Engage in an enjoyable activity</li> </ul>



## Leadership and LEADS

Submitted by: Chairwoman Mary Meek and Sue Bessert, committee member

Now is the time for clubs to nominate a member of their club to join our leadership team!

**The deadline to receive club LEADS Participant applications is January 31, 2021.**

The application is on the next page. All clubs have leaders—now is the time to recognize their efforts and potential.

Read on for more details. For reference, this information is on the state website too.

### **GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)**

The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before (Friday) the official opening of the GFWC International Convention (Saturday-Monday). LEADS is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch. A graduation ceremony is held at the conclusion of the day-long program.

Some important details are as follows:

- One attendee each year from each State Federation is eligible to participate in LEADS. GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:
  - 1) Round-trip travel to and from the GFWC Convention city, up to \$250
  - 2) Lodging allowance of one-half of room charge for two nights at official Convention hotel
  - 3) Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
  - 4) Checks will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.
- State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of attendee's expenses (i.e. additional lodging, meals, or Convention registration). GFWC-WI supports our candidate by underwriting up to \$1000 of eligible expenses.
- LEADS attendees are expected to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.
- The LEADS participant is responsible for making her own travel and lodging arrangements.
- Note for GFWC-WI: In prior years a LEADS welcome reception occurs on Thursday evening and a LEADS breakfast occurs on Saturday morning. Watch for details regarding these events in the convention program and plan your travel accordingly.

More information found after the application on page 20 of this "Clubwoman."

# GFWC-WI LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

*SUBMIT TO GFWC-WI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Above information will be concealed during the judging process.

1. List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held\*:

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2. List all district offices and/or chairmanships held\*:

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3. List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved\*:

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4. List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested\*:

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5. Why do you want to be part of GFWC LEADS?\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* If more space is needed, please complete answers on reverse side of this form.

Are you willing to:

Defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or GFWC-WI? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Return to the State and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: January 31, 2021**

**Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to:**

**GFWC-WI Leadership Committee**

c/o Michelle Munoz – GFWC-Wisconsin LEADS Nominee Selection Chairman

39129 N. Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083 [chellemunoz@hotmail.com](mailto:chellemunoz@hotmail.com)

## Leadership and LEADS continued

### CONTENT & PRESENTATIONS AT LEADS

LEADS may include the following:

- Presentations on conflict resolution, mediation, public speaking skills, time management, parliamentary procedure
- Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance
- Discussions on GFWC policies, procedures, and parliamentary law
- Tips and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities

### CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING IN LEADS

It is highly recommended that each state candidate for LEADS:

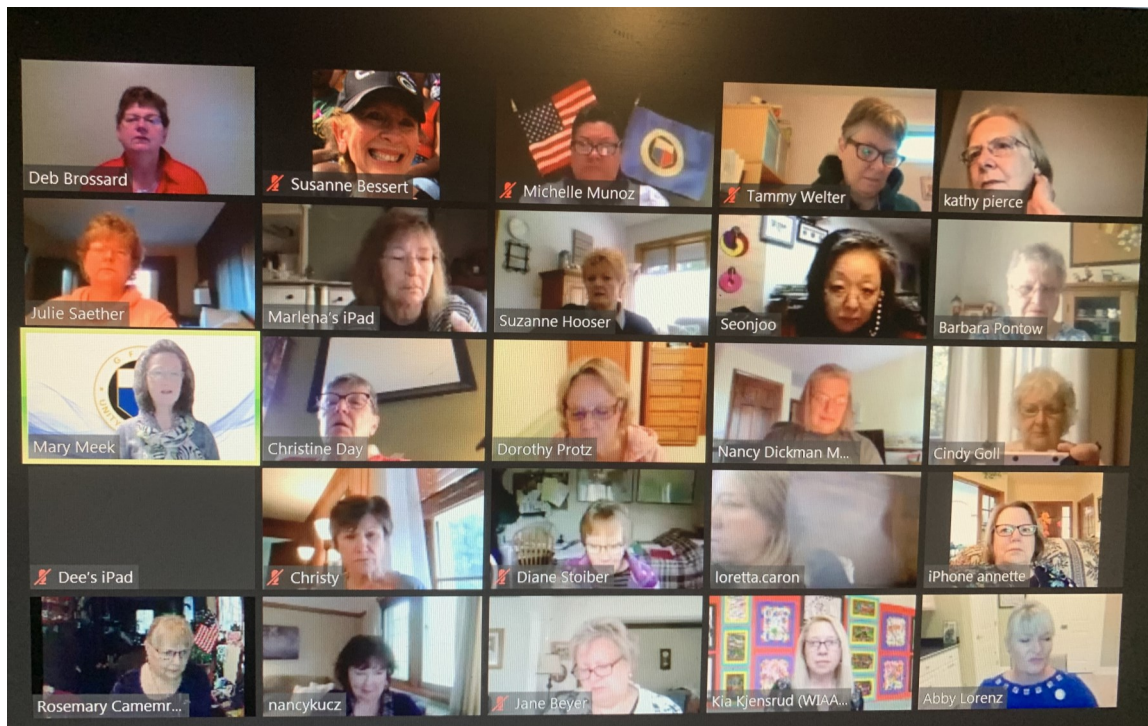
- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.
- Exhibits a commitment to Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in Federation.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level. This criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply.
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state.
- Agrees to the following additional criteria established for GFWC-WI:
  - Agrees to serve and actively participate on the GFWC-WI Leadership Committee and contribute to the GFWC-WI Mini LEADS Presentation Team.

Preference in the selection of the GFWC-WI LEADS candidate will be given to GFWC-WI Mini LEADS graduates.



## Congratulations, 16 new Wisconsin Mini LEADS graduates!

Stay tuned for our next Mini LEADS opportunity!



### October 2020 Mini LEADS graduates:

#### Lakeshore District

1. Annette Cernohous, Women's Club of Greenfield
2. Christine Day, Women's Club of Greenfield
3. Carolyn Mitchell, GFWC Brown Deer Jr Woman's Club
4. Dorothy Protz, GFWC Brown Deer Jr Woman's Club
5. Danielle Schmitz, GFWC Brown Deer Jr Woman's Club
6. Diane Stoiber, GFWC Brown Deer Jr Woman's Club
7. Carol Ziehler, GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis
8. Jane Beyer, GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club
9. Seon Joo Oh, GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club

#### Rolling Hills District

10. Barbara Pontow, Harford Jr Woman's Club
11. Patricia Soefker, GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club

#### Northwoods District

12. Dee Jacobs, GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club
13. Kathy Pierce, GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club
14. Rosemary Cameron, GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club
15. Marlena Condiff, GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club
16. Christy Schneider, GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

Some even attended who were part of a previous Mini LEADS:

**Julie Saether, Cindy Goll, Nancy Kuczumski, Deb Strecker, Nancy Dickman, Loretta Caron and Nancy Niedziela.**

Presenters included: **Abby Lorenz, Tammy Welter, Kia Bracke, Suz Hooser, Michelle Munoz, Deb Brossard, Mary Meek and Sue Bessert.**

*Special shout out and thanks to **Deb Brossard** for handling the Zoom and audio visuals for each presentation during the morning seminar.*

## Writing Contests

Submitted by: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Chairman

*Show us your Writing talent!*

GFWC members and K-12 students can submit a short story or a poem, which have been created in 2020, and win appreciation and in some clubs even extra incentives (i.e. gift cards).

For detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org), look for the “Community Services Program” area and under “Arts and Culture”.

Note: There is a waiver that needs to be completed and submitted for each submission.

The **deadline for submission** of all entries is **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Your completed and formatted work must arrive at that date either in the Contest chair’s snail mail or email boxes.

**For inquiries, contact the GFWC-WI Writing Contests Chairman:**

**Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl email address: alexandralerch@hotmail.com**

Send your entries to W275N2337 Oak Ct, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

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

## Health Scholarships

Submitted by: Mary Dietz, Chairman



Scholarships are awarded each year by GFWC-WI to Wisconsin graduating high school students and adult students who are pursuing careers in the health field. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified in late April and will be invited to and honored at the awards banquet at the GFWC-WI State Convention in May, 2021.

All District Presidents will be sent an email in January 2021 with guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs, as well as an information document to be shared with schools. If you have questions, please contact your District President or the Committee chair, Mary Dietz (marydietz05@yahoo.com).

The 2021 on-line application form will be active in January. Watch for that detailed email from your District leadership before sharing information with schools.

It would be terrific to see applications from every district. Good luck to all the applicants!



# 2020 Junior of the Year Award Submission Form

<b>Club Name</b>	
<b>Club District</b>	
<b>Honoree's Name &amp; email (will not be shared)</b>	
<b>Name &amp; email of Person Submitting</b>	

		Points
<b>Club Work:</b>		
<b>1. Number of years as a member</b>	<i>5+ years (10 points); Under 5 years (5 points)</i>	
<b>2. Club President</b>	<i>Past or Present (10 points)</i>	
<b>3. Club Executive Board</b>	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>4. Jr. Special Project/CIP Chairman</b>	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>5. Fundraising Chairman</b>	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>6. Committee Chairman</b>	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>7. District/State Board Position(s)</b>	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>Other GFWC Work:</b>		
<b>8. Attendance at any district, state, region or international meeting /</b>	<i>(5 points/meeting - max of 30 points)</i>	
<b>Total Points</b>	<i>(maximum of 75 points)</i>	

<b>Comments:</b> (Please limit to 250 words or less)	
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Please send completed form by **March 1, 2021** to: **Suzanne Hooser 4307 Washington Rd Kenosha WI 53144**  
or email: [suzhooser@yahoo.com](mailto:suzhooser@yahoo.com)

## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club



The ladies of the **Hartford Junior Woman's Club** received a surprise package from Mrs. Claus' Christmas Delivery Service in December---assuming they made the "nice" list!!! In keeping with 2020, there were "virtual" & "in-person" items included.

With the red sled, they could "zoom" down a steep hill on a snowy day (sled ornaments by Sue Lisko). Then, sitting in front of the fireplace in a comfortable chair, they could enjoy a cup of hot chocolate stirred with a peppermint spoon.

All the ladies made the "nice" list, enjoyed the surprise and appreciated the 'keep in touch" effort.

Happy New Year from **GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha,**

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. It is our fervent wish to be able to see you very soon. We miss our GFWC WI sisters.

The WC-K has been actively "living the volunteer spirit" in November and December. Our mission is promoting acts of kindness and showing our community gratitude. We honored a female veteran with a *Quilt of Valor*, recognized 2 community members for their volunteerism, and we wrote thank you notes to our essential workers, nurses, teachers, postal workers and first responders. We also held a virtual auction via Facebook and collected twin sheets for *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, a nonprofit that provides beds for children who do not have a bed to sleep on.

We showed our gratitude to the 3 law enforcement agencies in Kenosha with a "Back the Blue" Christmas luncheon. All three leaders represented their departments. We presented them certificates of recognition and a small gift for the chiefs and sheriff.

Our gratitude didn't stop there, the WC-K members put together 400 "Back the Blue" - Joy & Gratitude bags, filled with a personalized GFWC WC-K thank-you pen with a light, some candy and a gratitude card. They were delivered to each of the 3 department heads to hand to out to their officers.



**GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha**

With a grateful and joyful heart,  
Deb Strecker, President GFWC WC-K  
*Living the Volunteer Spirit since 1891*



## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club

#### Share the Warmth at the Holidays

The members of the **Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club** traditionally end our year with a holiday banquet where we enjoy good food, socializing and an opportunity drawing. It is a fun event that puts everyone in the holiday spirit.

In early fall, due to the pandemic, it became clear that we would not be able to hold our banquet. One member asked the group whether they would be willing to donate funds they would have spent at the banquet to a project benefiting the homeless through the group Street Angels, Inc. Enthusiastic, positive responses were received from all and the "Street Angels Kindness Bag" project was started. Members were excited to have a way to share the warmth of the holidays with others.



Our Street Angels Kindness Bag project was a huge success thanks to our members' generous donations! With cash donations totaling \$605.62 and donations of many hats, scarves, socks, and gloves, the project had a great start! Members donated their time and talents to make additional fleece hats and scarves, some with leftovers from previous service projects, to ensure each bag got an item to keep the recipient warm during the upcoming winter months. We were able to put together 120 bags that were delivered the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving to those in need around the greater Milwaukee area, including a stop in the Brown Deer area.

Each Kindness Bag included a "warm" item (hat, scarf, gloves, or socks), hand warmers, hand sanitizer, tissues, several snack items (cookies, candy, granola bars, water flavoring, fruit snacks etc.) and, most importantly, a note of kindness from the Club.

#### Virginia Highlands Holiday Helpers

Our "Thinking of You" Cards Project at Virginia Highlands Nursing Home was a big hit! This success led to the Virginia Highlands Holiday Helpers effort. Members wrote 152 Christmas/ holiday cards so that each resident will receive one during the holiday season.

This year, the residents will not have their traditional holiday party with homemade Christmas cookies due to the pandemic. To help make things a little brighter, our members collected funds to purchase store-made Christmas fruitcakes, Stollen and eggnog to serve as a treat in December. We were also able to provide holiday plates and napkins and some Christmas craft projects. It was a tough holiday season for the residents of Virginia Highlands and other care facilities, and we know that little acts of kindness such as these are so appreciated.



## CLUB CORNER

While the **GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club** is continuing to operate virtually, our club is still managing to meet, raise funds for charity and be a positive force in our community. Two recent fundraisers led to a \$175 contribution to the USO for their 'Call Home' program for the military and \$825 to Heifer International.

The first project was a sale of tee shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags featuring artwork by a club member. This photo shows a few club members sporting their purchases. The artwork is permanently installed on a signal box in the village, shown with the ladies.

Heifer International was the recipient of the funds raised via our annual coffee sale (and personal contributions). To take advantage of a Heifer donor's matching grant for online contributions, the club opened a Paypal account to maximize their gift. The outcome of the partially doubled contributions is shown.

### GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club



4 SUPPORTERS    31% OF GOAL    \$1,531 / \$5,000    [DONATE NOW](#)



**GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club  
Living Gift Market**



December found the club joining with the Shorewood High School Orchestra Boosters in food drives for 2 area food pantries. Over 200 jars of peanut butter (and other foods) were contributed in person and online contributions to a second pantry netted an astounding 683 pounds (>\$2,000) of food. The Shorewood community was SO generous!

The Shorewood High School Chamber Orchestra once again entertained members at our December (Zoom) meeting – quite a feat of modern technology!



## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Princeton Woman's Club



In November the **GFWC Princeton Woman's Club** held its annual Pie Sale the day before Thanksgiving. Tracy Ebert, our Vice President led this event and it was very successful! Members baked pies of all kinds, along with other baked yum-mies. This year the sale was held at the Princeton Chamber of Commerce due to inclement weather where members and shoppers wore masks and social distanced, making it a safe event. This year our goal was to raise money for benches for the City Park. We are well on our way.



Pictured are members **Jenny Stelzner** (Treasurer) and **Renee Cybul** (Secretary) make boxes for our pie sale goodies.



One of the beautiful pine cone trees



L to R: President **Sue Geraldi**, **Marie Wilkins**, Secretary **Renee Cybul**, **Mary Fritsch**, and Vice President **Tracy Ebert**

In December, to celebrate the holidays and winter, members made pine cone tabletop trees for our friends at Martha's Residence Home. Despite many glue gun mishaps (OUCH) the 10 trees turned out beautifully. Member Cherie Anderson donated pine cones from her private collection for members to make these special keepsakes.

Looking forward in the months ahead, our club will be doing another fundraiser. We are going to create a member cookbook that will include their own favorite recipes, family favorites, vintage recipes collected over time. Right now, we are in the process of collecting recipes from members and look forward to compiling them and getting the cookbook ready for printing in the months ahead.

Submitted by GFWC Princeton Women's Club Secretary, Renee Cybul (renees104@comcast.net)

All clubs are invited to submit short news, notes and photographs of what projects and activities your clubwomen are doing. It's great to include names of members in photos. Any questions, please email **Sue Bessert**, [bbessert@centurytel.net](mailto:bbessert@centurytel.net).

## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club



#### COVID can't stop Christmas generosity!

Individual members of the **Woman's Civic Club of Hillsboro** donated hundreds of dollars of gifts plus \$55 cash for veterans at the Tomah Veterans' Administration. Members also gave \$228 to Hillsboro's Good Samaritan food pantry.

This year's extra charity contribution (\$170) went to Prevent Child Abuse America, an organization Charity Navigator rates as "4 Stars"—their highest rating. It was also chosen by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Thanks to Jim and Nancy Miller, who delivered the VA gifts, and to Doris Picha and Karen Stanek, who collected early contributions and cash.

Pictured L to R: **Diana Marshall, Wendy Manser, Jean Traeder, and Carol Wolfenden.** Photo taken by **Marty Magalsky.**

#### \$5,000 pledge to local hospital fulfilled

The brand new Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital in Hillsboro received the final installment of the \$5,000 pledge made by the **Woman's Civic Club.** The effort was part of the Club's two-year Community Improvement Project (CIP), renamed by the current administration as the "Community Impact Program."

Members gathered to deliver the \$1,000 check are **Jean Traeder, Marty Magalsky, Diana Marshall, Nicolette Nauman, Doris Picha, Carol Wolfenden, and Wendy Manser.**



### GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club



#### Virtual learners get a win!

We discovered that more than 250 elementary students (virtual learners) do not receive art class instruction in our district. They likely couldn't make a special holiday craft for a gift for mom or dad.

So with community collaborations among our local United Way, Nicolet National Bank, Rhinelander Kiwanis and cultural center Art-Start art supplies for holiday craft kits were purchased. Close to 15 members of the **GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club** assembled (in their own homes) all of the supplies into kits that were distributed during scheduled meal pick up. Some kits were also at a downtown shop. Rudolph (pictured) was an example of one of the crafts.

## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis

December is such an exciting month for children and can be disappointing for needy or sick children. So the club decided to hold a Drive Thru Donation Drop-Off to benefit children. Three charities benefiting children were selected: **Hope Closet** (clients needing food or clothing services by referral from our local school district), **Operation Smile** (for children undergoing cleft palette surgery) and **Heifer International** (which supplies farm animals for families).

This event was held outdoors at a local church parking lot on Friday, December 11 from 11 am to noon. The 22 member participants were masked and distanced and those driving through remained in their cars. Seven masked volunteer club members removed donated items without contact.

- **Toys/Gifts for Hope Closet client children** - In December each family served by Hope Closet is able to pick out a larger toy/gift item and a smaller item for each child in the family (toddlers to teens) and gift wrapping. Because the number of families receiving assistance increased this year, the need was much greater than previous years. Especially appreciated were gifts for older children (sports balls, games, nail accessories, lotions). Club members generously stepped up to meet the need by donating 150 toys/gifts (value \$3,000) and \$76 for those children. Later in the month pickup of gifts by families was arranged outdoors in the church parking lot with individuals masked and socially distanced.
- **Operation Smile** - Patterns and directions for sewing gowns for children undergoing surgery were available at the drive thru. All patterns were distributed to members willing to sew. A donation of 3 yards of fabric (value \$21) for the gowns was made and 1 completed gown has been received. More will be completed over the next few months.
- **Heifer International** - Heifer provides animals for families to alleviate hunger of children around the world. In fall a GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis website was created by Heifer International so members could donate online, phone in or mail in. To encourage members who were not comfortable doing online or phone giving, members could bring their donation to the Drive Thru. Members could drop their donations into a container from their cars without contact. Donations of \$221 from 10 members were received for 1 flock of ducks and 10 clutches of chicks for families to raise. This was a peep and quacking great effort!



Six of our member volunteers take a break for a photo at the Cruisin' for Kids Drive Thru Donation Drop Off on December 11th.

L to R: Carol Ziehler, Lynne Loosen, Jody Rymaszewski, Sue Sanders, Ruth Wardinski, and Jan Pisarek with the toys & gifts.

**Woman's Club of West Allis** Cruisin' for Kids Drive thru Donation Drop-Off made for a happier holiday season for children and families AND put smiles on members' faces too.

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## Dates to Remember:

### JANUARY 2021

- 14** Early bird registration deadline - **Winter Workshop**, Sheraton Brookfield
- 24** Late registration - **Winter Workshop**, Sheraton Brookfield
- 31** **Club Reports** need to be emailed or postmarked on or before
- 31** **LEADS applications due**

### FEBRUARY

- 5** **National Wear Red Day**
- 5** **Deadline for hotel group rate**, Sheraton Brookfield
- 12** **Deadline to receive refunds, Winter Workshop**
- 12** **Writing Contest entries due**
- 19-20** **GFWC-WI Winter Workshop & Meetings**, Sheraton, Brookfield, Wisconsin
- 23** **Southern Prairies District Board meeting**

### MARCH

- 1** **Junior of the Year (JOY) Award deadline**
- 2** **Deadline for submissions** - "GFWC-WI Clubwoman", spring issue

### APRIL

- 22** **Rivers and Lakes District spring meeting**
- 24** **GFWC Federation Day**

### MAY

- 13-15** **GFWC-WI State Convention**, Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo, Rothschild, Wisconsin, hosted by Northwoods District

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