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**DON'T JUDGE ME.**

## *“Why didn't you just leave?”*

begin to understand until they, themselves have lived through it. Don't judge. It's not easy to “just leave.” A person may be afraid of what will happen if they decide to leave the relationship. Statistics are that a woman will leave seven times before she leaves for good. You may wonder why it takes so many attempts, but 70% of homicides in cases like this are when the victim tries to leave.



Some women may not leave because of fear. They may be afraid of what will happen if they decide to leave. Some women may not know what a healthy relationship looks like and may actually think that the abuse is normal. Some women may feel ashamed to admit that they have been abused.

They may feel they've done something wrong by becoming involved with an abusive partner. They may worry that their ...

That's the question I heard over and over. No one can even

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## Message from our 2018—2020 GFWC - WI President

Greetings GFWC-WI club members,

As I sit down to write my October 2019 message to you, I am amazed at how quickly the summer (and September) have whizzed by. It seemed no sooner than I returned from the GFWC International Convention in Austin, I was off to Washington, DC for a GFWC Board Meeting and on the heels of that, a trip that I've fondly referred to as my fall 2019 'Tour of Duty'. That journey included two club visits, one to the Woman's Club of Kenosha as my kindred spirit, Theodora Youmans, and the other to the Blanchardville Woman's Club as well as traveling to the Great Lakes Region Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan where I made an appearance as Bucky Badger....don't ask!

What was I thinking as I scheduled an all-day Executive Committee meeting/ site visit at our state convention venue the following weekend!? This meant double booking myself at both the Northern Lights District Convention and the EC meeting but thanks to Sue Bessert who agreed to represent me, she shared important information and GFWC highlights and I felt like I could be in two places at once. The life of a state president is never boring and grass is not growing under my feet! Thanks to all for your many kindnesses on my journeys and for all the courtesies extended to other state chairmen and officers when they visit. I'm sure I speak for all of them when I say I am enjoying every minute and am looking forward to a few more club and district visits in October and November.

This message also comes to you just days after I asked all GFWC Wisconsin clubwomen to participate in the first of two legislative "Brand Initiatives" issued by GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Brock. I apologize for the late 'Call to Action' but I do hope most of you were able to send a few emails and make a few phone calls on September 23 in support of S1787 and H.R. 2793 – the Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act. I will be in contact with all club presidents and board members to gather statistics on GFWC Wisconsin's participation rate in this effort. Please watch your email for that request as well as information on participating in the second of the two legislative "Brand Initiatives" – support of S1831 and H.R. 3265 – the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019. As I stated in my cover email to all club and district presidents and Board of Directors' members, these are opportunities for us to return to the 'Roots of our GFWC Advocacy with a focus on Legislation'...a theme near and dear to this State President's heart!

This issue of the award-winning Wisconsin Clubwoman is chock full of important information so please grab a cup of coffee and feast your eyes on all the exciting things happening at all levels of GFWC. And yes I said "Award Winning" as this publication was recognized at the Austin Convention as one among the best of the best! Congratulations to our editor, Sue Bessert, for going above and beyond and creating a state magazine that is highly regarded by our GFWC Wisconsin clubwomen as well as our GFWC sisters across the nation.

I could go on and on but rather than be redundant, I strongly urge you read every page in front of you. The GFWC Wisconsin website continues to change and add features to assist you, our members, in your volunteer efforts. Be sure to see our webmaster, Erin Epping's, article for specifics. Please pay close attention to information on the new GFWC member software platform, MemberSuite. Soon many features we found at our fingertips on the GFWC website will appear behind a members-only portal and you will need to know how to access these member benefits.



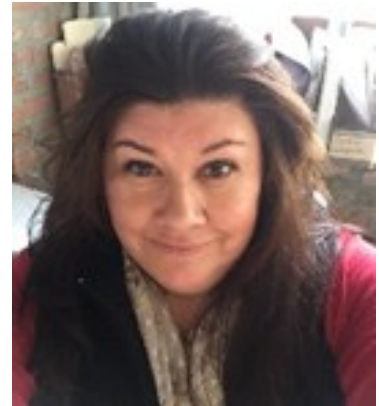
And let's not forget that the 100th Anniversary of Women Winning the Right to Vote on August 26, 2020, will be here before you know it. What will your club do to celebrate this momentous occasion? All this and more awaits you! Thanks for taking time out of your busy day to see all we have to offer in this issue of the Wisconsin Clubwoman magazine. I wish you a productive club year and hope to see all of you at the Junior Fall Conference on October 12 in Kenosha and at the 2020 State Convention at Ho-Chunking Gaming & Casino in the Wisconsin Dells, May 14-17. Both will be events you won't want to miss!



**Deb Brossard**  
GFWC - WI President

## Message from our 2018–2020 GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs

The Spring and Summer months have passed us by, today is the first day of Fall and I have been busy all summer long. I attended the GFWC Convention in Austin, TX. Junior Night was an exciting night for GFWC-WI, this is where as Director of Junior Clubs I received on behalf of all Junior Clubs three achievement certificates for our dedicated services to GFWC and communities. The first was “Outstanding Achievement” in “Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children” Participation. This award is for all the participation received from all clubs in Wisconsin. The second was an increase in Junior Membership and the final certificate awarded was the 2019 Millie Crom Award in which I was awarded for “Excellence in Junior State Leadership Platinum Level”. This award was quite the surprise to me and I am so honored to represent the Junior Clubs in Wisconsin and couldn’t have been awarded this without all your participation in events. So I Thank You All!!!



**Michelle Munoz**  
GFWC - WI  
Director of Junior Clubs

August quickly rolled in and we had our GFWC Board of Directors meeting in Washington DC. Here we were treated with a free day on arrival day so I went with Past Director Loretta Caron and current Director of Jr Clubs, Cherie Sieger to the DC Zoo, which was walking distance from our hotel. We had high hopes of seeing the pandas, but alas, they were put in for the day after their lunch. We got our steps in walking around and then back to the hotel. The evening brought meetings and dinners. On Saturday the entire board of directors were taken on various tours in DC. Our first stop was the Newseum, which is a News Museum, they have a piece of the Berlin Wall, a set from the Daily Show and a piece of rubble from one of the Twin Towers on 9/11. If you are a news junkie, this is a great place to visit, lots of interesting history from print media to social media. The next part of the day brought us to Arlington National Cemetery, where we watched our GFWC Leadership place the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Sunday was meetings and the Junior Delegation put together a card making event for Teens in Foster Care getting out and going to college as well as a pillow case decorating stations for all members to decorate and were given to a local Foster Care facility to distribute to kids in care to have something of their own.

September came right along and I attended the Great Lakes Region conference in Grand Rapids, MI. GFWC-WI came together and practiced our skits and cheer for our Friday and Saturday evening entertainment. More meetings and the Sunday morning speech on “Change”. Reviewing Junior Club Bylaws for possible changes or amendments. I am on the financial review committee for my local club and have been working on that task as well.

Finally making preparations for the upcoming Junior Fall Conference in Kenosha on Saturday October 12. Some curve balls have been thrown at me, but I’m sure to hit them out of the park. And am looking forward to a great turnout and there is still time to register.

Please remember we are still holding our Miles for Smiles Virtual Walk Fundraiser and everyone can join.

This Director of Junior Clubs has been busy but still having the time of my life with GFWC.

Thank you – Michelle Munoz

GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs



## Officer Report - GFWC - WI President Elect

By: Abby Lorenz



**Abby Lorenz**  
**GFWC – WI President Elect**

*"When the weather is hot, keep a cool mind. When the weather is cold, keep a warm heart." — Ajahn Brahm*

Autumn in Wisconsin is simply the best! The cool crisp air, the colorful fall leaves, and no more bugs! July was a busy month as I attended the GFWC International Convention in Austin, TX June 28-July 2, 2019. "All Y'all" would've loved it! We enjoyed the Great State of Texas Dinner, banquets, presentations, entertainment, awards, workshops, and my very first Incoming Leaders Training Seminar (ILTS) with GFWC President-Elect, Marian St. Clair.

I also made visits to clubs throughout our State to assist with membership concerns and share the benefits of GFWC. Then I attended the GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Grand Rapids, MI September 5-8, 2019 where five great states were represented: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. With over 15 in attendance from our State alone, the conference was governed by our own Paula

Schlice as GFWC Great Lakes Region President. We were graced with the presence of 3 International leaders including Deb Strahanoski (GFWC First Vice President), Marian St. Clair (GFWC President Elect) and Mary Ellen Brock (GFWC President). We enjoyed a bus tour to the Meijer Sculpture Gardens, presentations, banquets, reports on every subject imaginable, and performed commercial skits and a Wisconsin cheer which won the opportunity to perform at the International Convention next year! (yes, we will all practice again!) Needless to say, a good time was had by all!

In addition to the numerous emails, phone calls, and trips to Wisconsin clubs (including my own Woman's Club of Pewaukee meetings), in September I attended our Executive Committee Meeting in Baraboo and toured the Ho-Chunk Casino Conference Center where our next State Convention will be held. You'll love the atmosphere which features a life-size indoor waterfall and an American Bald Eagle in the sky!

Plans are already in place for my attendance at the Junior Fall Conference in Kenosha as well as a four-day "Lighting the Future" Orientation Meeting in Washington, DC in November. It will be my first time touring our GFWC Headquarters, and I am excited and ready to represent you all as your incoming GFWC-Wisconsin President.

Kudos to President Deb Brossard and Junior Director Michelle Munoz for all they have done to promote and lead GFWC-Wisconsin during their Administration.

I wish you all a beautiful Wisconsin autumn!

## Officer Report - GFWC - WI Second Vice President

By: Janice Curtiss

First of all I would like to say a sincere thank you to all of the GFWC Wisconsin members for your care and concern. It truly means the world to me to have all of you as my GFWC sisters!

I had a wonderful time of learning and connecting with our GFWC sisters from around the World in Austin, TX at the GFWC International Convention. I came home with numerous ideas from the workshops, lunch and learns, GFWC partners and speakers. GFWC - WI didn't win a ton of awards... maybe next year. But, what really matters is the commitment of our Clubs, dedication of all our Clubwomen, State Chairmen, Board of Directors and Executive Committee we volunteered, we made a difference in our communities that made an impact in the world. Thirty-seven Clubs reported, all the State Chairmen reported to GFWC and your numbers counted in the GRAND totals.

I participated in a conference call regarding "Red Flag" Clubs in GFWC-WI in an effort to help them continue membership in GFWC.

The Wisconsin's Own Library (WOL) Committee continues to work with Andrew Prellwitz, Chair of Lane Library as we move forward with the approved GFWC-WI Wisconsin's Own Library Collection Development Policy, we have purchased 240 poetry volumes to round out our collection of Wisconsin authors. The evaluation of our collection is complete and we look forward to reviewing that at our second strategic planning session at Ripon College, Lane Library in November with our consultant from MRA. Hopefully, the construction at Lane Library will be complete so we can tour the newly renovated areas. I have also introduced myself to the new administrator of the Gwendolyn M. Schultz trust at BMO Harris Bank and will be requesting another disbursement of funds. Thank you to my Co Chairman, Mary Kaye Ernest I appreciate all your help and passion for WOL.

Attending GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Grand Rapids, MI will be forever etched in my mind. As we performed the skit that never ends...More beer, more beer, more beer! I have never been so glad that we didn't win. We redeemed ourselves with our cheer performance "S-U-C-C-E-S-S" written by Nancy Niedziela which received second place. Great fun was had by all thank you GLR President, Paula Schlice.

September 13-14th I attended the E.C. meeting at Ho-Chunk in Baraboo which included a tour of the facility. There are so many exciting plans being made for the May Convention 2020, make sure to plan on attending!

I have been working on fillable reporting forms to hopefully make reporting easier. Please check out the reporting FAQ's article in this issue. We will continue the State Reporting Awards for Category I and II.

Hope to see you at GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference, October 12th in Kenosha. I am proud of each and every one of you.

It is my honor to serve as your GFWC-WI Second Vice President,

Janice

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Pictured here is Janice Curtiss, Second Vice President (in her GFWC purple) with clubwomen at GFWC International Convention. The group was visiting Magnolia, a popular, local retail store in Waco, TX.

### REPORTING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Club Report Deadline - **January 24, 2020**

State Chairmen: Will receive reports from me on or before - **February 19, 2020**

Reports due to GFWC Chairmen -  
**March 15, 2020**

State Winners in Category I and II due -  
**April 1, 2020**

## Officer Report continued - GFWC - WI Treasurer

By: Nancy Dickman



Nancy Dickman

GFWC - WI Treasurer

### The treasury update since the 2019 State Convention includes the following:

- Closed the Fiscal Year 2019, prepared the draft Financial Review Report and worked with the Financial Review Committee at the review on July 27 and addressed the review comments. The accounts were in good order!
  - The Financial Review Committee had some recommendations for consideration that were brought to the Executive Committee. The final financial statements were shared with the full Board of Directors via email.
  - Recorded the transactions of the organization and generated financial reports reconciled to the cash accounts and investment account for the September Executive Committee meeting.
  - Created a new chart of accounts that better matches accepting accounting practices. The budget and 2018-2020 financial statements were renumbered for the Executive Committee to review.
  - Created a new Expense Voucher form and it is available for all at [gfwc-wi.org/forms-calls](http://gfwc-wi.org/forms-calls).
  - Renewed key software licenses.
  - Arranged for a tax return review for the 2017 tax return and started preparing documents for the 2018 Form 990 EZ.
- Renewal of Class A and Class B raffle license.
  - Sent the Treasurer's Memo for dues and excel roster files to 48 clubs (both presidents and treasurers in most instances) via email.
  - Created a binder for and transitioned the Health Scholarship Chair position to a new Chair.

### Known Upcoming Work

Compilation of member rosters as they arrive from clubs – All clubs have been instructed to update the file as it was sent to ensure the state database of members and emails can be readily updated. Many hours have been put into creating a clean email list to ensure all members are properly notified when a new WI Clubwoman is available.

- Collection of dues and communication with HQ
- Preparation and filing of Form 990Ez and WI Form 5
- Help develop an on-line system that does not require a PayPal account for meeting reservations
- Arrange for an insurance review to ensure GFWC-WI is properly protected given its current size

### Other Activities

The Treasurer is an active participant in the following committees: Executive, Health Scholarship, Investment, Budget, Amendments and Policies, Communications & Public Relations and Wisconsin's Own Library.

All the Committees have had one or more conference calls or email exchanges since the State Convention. In addition, most committees have planned meeting dates between now and the Winter Workshop.

In Federation,

Nancy Dickman

## Officer Report - GFWC - WI Recording Secretary

By: Nancy Niedziela

Nancy attended Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors' meetings, General Session meetings, executed the minutes and submitted them for approval, attended the GFWC International Convention in Austin Texas, and the Great Lakes Region Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

She enjoyed being part of the cheer team from GFWC-WI and looks forward to Wisconsin's performance in Atlanta at the GFWC International Convention in June.

On the district level, she serves as the Rolling Hills District Treasurer and manages reservations for all meetings.

On the local level she assembles the Woman's Club of Pewaukee Yearbook, leads the book club and assists at all the fundraising and service events of the Pewaukee Club. She specializes in taking reservations for events and doing the name tags for both the district and her club. She recently finished the 2019-2020 Yearbook for the GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee and is working on the 2020 Convention Planning Committee for the Rolling Hills District.



L to R: Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Recording Secretary; Mary Ellen Brock, International President; Abby Lorenz, GFWC-WI 1st Vice President; and Kathy Novack, Rolling Hills District 2nd Vice President.

Nancy, Abby and Kathy are all members of the Woman's Club of Pewaukee.

## Officer Report - GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary

By: Sue Sands



Sue Sands

GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary

I would like to thank the GFWC-WI Executive Committee and the GFWC-WI Board of Directors for your support and votes of confidence at the May State Convention in Pleasant Prairie. I look forward to completing the 2018-2020 administration as GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary.

Tasks accomplished since May include writing thank you notes and composing a letter of recommendation for Loretta Caron for Great Lakes Region Treasurer. My "real" work will begin soon as we prepare for the Board of Directors and Winter Workshop in Waupaca in February and the State Convention/Annual Meeting at Ho Chunk Gaming in Baraboo in May.

## GFWC 7 GRAND INITIATIVES - HOW ARE WE DOING?

It was about a year ago that 2018-2020 International President Mary Ellen Brock challenged every club in the whole organization with getting behind seven (7) Grand Initiatives. It's a two year challenge and there's still time to achieve and over achieve the goals!

**Updates on how we're doing as an organization internationally and as a state:**

- 1)** 1,000 Projects - MLK Jr. Day on January 21, 2019 and January 20, 2020

**Last year (January 21, 2019) 790 projects were done; in Wisconsin 15 projects completed.**



- 2)** 1,000 Projects - Women in the Military

**To date 799 projects completed; in Wisconsin there were 22 projects.**



- 3)** 1,000 Members donate \$1,000 to the Million Dollar Club



**To date 99 members, have joined. This is a "stat" we do not collect in Wisconsin.**

- 4)** 2,500 Members join Legislative Action Center

**Since July 1, 2018 1,594 members have joined. This is a statistic also not collected by Wisconsin however, Deb Brossard is aware that approximately 20 members joined; the Blanchardville club added 4 alone!**



- 5)** 20,000 Trees planted by Federation Day/Arbor Day April 24, 2020

**To date 17,811 trees have been planted. Report was due April 1, so sorry to report no trees planted in Wisconsin by April 1, 2019. We are confident it will be different by April 2020!**

- 6)** 40,000 Pairs of Shoes donated - Soles4Souls or Nike Reuse-a-Shoe

**To date 36,763 pairs of shoes have been donated. Wisconsin donated 373.5 pairs of shoes! (every 1/2 pair counts!)**



- 7)** 55,000 Dr. Seuss books donated to local children's programs

**To date 50,716 Dr. Seuss books have been donated. Wisconsin donated 380 books.**



## GFWC 3 NEW BRAND INITIATIVES - IT'S TIME TO ACT!



GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

*Excerpts on this page were taken from GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Fall 2019 issue.*

This is our opportunity to pass important bills and reestablish GFWC as an organization that can get bills passed, like it did with the Pure Food and Drug Act. This is our opportunity to stand united, each and every one of us, for causes that matter to us. This is our opportunity to make a difference. **Seize this opportunity.**

### **1) 1,000 Calls or Emails by members to United States Legislators on Monday, September 23, 2019 in support of and urging passage of Miranda's Law.**



The Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act (Senate: 1787 and House 2793) will establish a bureau that will receive notification of any moving traffic violation incurred by a school bus driver and send such notification to the company that employs the driver, and also to the school district. This Bill will keep unsafe drivers off the road and away from children. Ten-year-old Miranda Vargas was killed when her school bus driver, later found to have a long history of license suspensions, made an illegal U-turn on a major highway, colliding with a dump truck.

### **2) 1,000 Calls or Emails by members to United States Legislators on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 in support of and urging passage of the 3D Gun Bill.**

The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019 (Senate 1831 and House 3265) would amend Chapter 44 of title 18 US Code and prohibit the distribution of 3D printer plans that can be used to program 3D printers and create firearms that are untraceable and potentially undetectable. The ability to print plastic guns using a 3D printer increases the risk that people prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law will obtain a firearm through 3D printing.

### **3) 1,000 Projects will be planned by clubs and states to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women winning the Right to Vote on August 26, 2020.**

**Join the Legislative Action Center and respond to the alerts. It's easy.**

**Visit [www.gfwc.org/legislative-action-center](http://www.gfwc.org/legislative-action-center) to get started.**

# A FEW "PICS" GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUSTIN, TX



*"With your hand in mine, we can accomplish great things and keep GFWC Grand. I am so proud to stand beside you."*

-GFWC International President  
Mary Ellen Brock



# AND FROM GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION MEETING SEPTEMBER 5-8



**Jennie June Nominees:**  
Julie Riemenschneider on the left with three ladies represent the four Jennie June nominees from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Michigan did not submit a nominee. Congratulations to Julie, our state nominee!



Participants of the GFWC-WI Cheer Contest pose at Great Lakes Region held in Grand Rapids, MI on September 7th - GFWC-WI will now go on to perform the cheer at GFWC International in Atlanta, Georgia. Will you join us?



L to R: GL Region treasurer Dana Jones, GFWC 1st Vice President Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock and GL Region president Paula Schlice



Ask Loretta Caron or Paula Schlice to explain...yes, those are panties Loretta is holding up!



Photos on these two pages thanks to Janice Curtiss, Paula Schlice, Nancy Niedziela and Julie Riemenschneider.



Great Lakes Region attendees at GFWC International Convention



## A NEW GFWC MEMBER BENEFIT *Taken from GFWC's Membership Quarterly Fall 2019*

# WELCOME TO THE MEMBER PORTAL

### It's called: MemberSuite

#### What is MemberSuite?

- It's GFWC's new members-only portal. It's administered by GFWC through a self-contained Association Management Software (AMS).
- This means only GFWC will see or use any information that you enter.
- The system puts your membership experience in one place. This means you can immediately access documents, shop in Marketplace, keep track of your donations, and more, all in one interactive place.

#### As a member - How to get started:

1. Visit the GFWC Member Portal at [gfwc.users.membersuite.com/home](http://gfwc.users.membersuite.com/home).
2. Click on the profile icon in the top right corner and select "Login."
3. Select "Forgot your password?"
4. Enter your email that receives News & Notes each week.
5. You'll receive a code in your email that you can enter to create a password.
6. Update your own member profile.

#### Tips for club president:

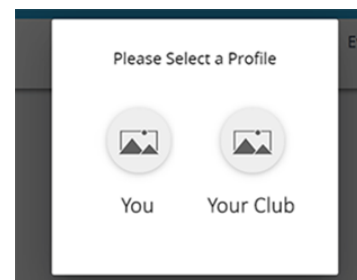
As a club president, there's already a MemberSuite account associated with your email address.

As Administrator you are the primary contact for your club, which puts you in charge of ensuring that your club information is accurate on MemberSuite. Add your club roster. Make easy and efficient changes to your roster in one convenient location.

If the president listed for your club profile isn't correct, you should call GFWC at 202-347-3168 or email [gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org).

When you log in to your MemberSuite account, it will give you the option to choose between a personal profile or your club's profile.

You can maintain both profiles with just one login. You can even go back and forth by clicking the profile icon in the top right corner to "Switch Profile" at any point.



**It's GFWC-WI's leaderships' understanding that in the future State Federations will be able to use MemberSuite to manage dues payments. At this time we realize this is a new rollout and we can expect to learn more about its advantages e.g. helping clubs stay organized, transitioning leadership, fostering member connection to the larger GFWC community and all around improving the GFWC membership experience!**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

### Public Issues

Report by: Diane Cychosz, GFWC-WI Public Issues Chairman

The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.

From the moment recruits swear an oath to military service, your support starts. At Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS), new recruits and their families discover the many services the USO offers.

You, the gracious donor, can make sure the USO is always by the side of our service members, providing programs that build relationships, delivering care packages and equipping mobile USO vehicles.

When troops are ordered to combat zones, you help provide a home away from home. Your support supplies care packages, entertainment, a chance to connect with family and more.

War takes a physical toll. You ensure the USO is there to offer comfort and support to the troops and their families if they are wounded, injured, ill or make the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

You help military families stay strong by keeping them connected through phone calls or the internet and providing military spouse networking, fitness programs and activities for kids.

When military service to the nation is complete, your support helps service members and their families successfully transition back to the civilian life they missed so much.

You can help strengthen service members through programs such as:

- USO Centers
- Operation Phone Home
- USO Care Packages
- USO2GO
- USO Entertainment tours
- USO Pathfinder
- Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program
- And More



The holiday season is fast approaching. Please consider a generous donation to the USO. This is the time of year that is the most difficult for our service members away from home.

*More Community Service Programs on next two pages.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS continued

### Education

Report by: Julie Riemenschneider, GFWC-WI Education Chairman

The deadline for my article approaches in two days. I usually don't wait until the last minute to write, but September has been a busy month. Travel to Grand Rapids, MI to be recognized for the Jenni Nominee from Wisconsin at the GFWC Great Lakes Regional Conference September 5-8 occupied the first part. Thank you! September 15-20, I stayed with three grandchildren in a suburb of the Twin Cities and chauffeured them to and from the Plymouth Middle School and Armstrong High School while their parents celebrated their twentieth anniversary in Italy. Each child wore a backpack and carried another satchel. Times have changed since their parents went to school with their trap notebooks and textbooks plus their musical instruments.



I remember carrying a notebook to school plus my clarinet. We did not use I-pads back then either.

I like to wait for the education report from Sharon Sheridan for news that might be helpful to you. This month Sharon passed along information she received from Florida's Director of Junior Clubs about discovering book titles that dealt with the United States Women's Suffrage movement. She suggested clubs could read the same book or different books and report on them. Another activity would be to make sure your school libraries have books on the Woman's Suffrage Movement. Young people may not realize the struggle it was to get equal rights for women in the 19th and 20th centuries.

I have a list of books on the subject. If you would like a copy, I would be glad to send them to you. They are all on Amazon. Here are four:

- "Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait: Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson, and the Fight for the Right to Vote." by Tina Cassidy 2019
- "Sojourner Truth; Women's Rights Activist and Abolitionist" by Catherine Bernard 2016
- "Why They Marched: Untold stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote" by Susan Ware 2019
- "Failure is Impossible: Susan B. Anthony in her own Words" by Lynn Sherr 1996

### Conservation

Report by: Karen Ostrowski, GFWC-WI Conservation Chairman

Club projects to continue to the end of this year:

- Trees for Tomorrow and (planting 20,000 trees Grand Initiative)
- Keep collecting shoes for Soles 4 Souls and Nike Grind (Reuse-a-Shoe program)
- Remember to report your statistics.



Fighting for our future on this planet! The federal government is trying to eliminate the progress of the last two decades by loosening restrictions on pollutants entering air, water and soil and by opening up national land (millions of acres) to mining, drilling and forestry. Once this happens it can't be restored. These protected lands are home to many species of fauna and flora that don't exist anywhere else. If a twelve year old (Greta Sundberg) from Sweden can travel around the world advocating to end global warming, we as clubwomen can certainly contact our legislators to take action both at the state and federal levels.

Remember there is no do over on this one!

## International Outreach

Report by: Loretta Caron, GFWC-WI International Outreach Chairman

This past month children in Wisconsin went back to school. Have you ever thought about education in other countries? From UNICEF - Education offers children a ladder out of poverty and a path to a promising future. But about 264 million children and adolescents around the world do not have the opportunity to enter or complete school. They are thwarted by poverty, discrimination, armed conflict, emergencies and the effects of climate change.



UNICEF believes that every child has the right to an education regardless of who they are, where they live or how much money their family has. In 155 countries around the world, UNICEF works to provide learning opportunities that begin in early childhood and prepare every child with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive.

Some things you can purchase at: <https://www.market.unicefusa.org/inspired-gifts/education/>

- \$18 = backpacks for 5 kids
- \$30 = 1000 pencils
- \$210 = School in a box
- \$225 = Art in a box
- \$284 = Math in a box



children first.

Also don't forget about another International Outreach Partner – Heifer International. For \$275 you can send a girl to school. Talk about empowering women!



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### It is that time with Shot@Life!

#### ACT : Race to Erase

Mark your calendars for the start of the six-week Fall activation *Race to Erase*, which begins on October 1 and runs through November 12. Help raise awareness for World Polio Day and World Pneumonia Day, and tell your Congressional offices that funding for global childhood vaccines is a priority.

#### GET A SHOT. GIVE A SHOT : September Launch

Get your flu shot this Fall! Walgreens and Shot@Life have teamed up since 2013 for Get a Shot. Give a Shot®, a campaign that has helped to provide more than 50 million lifesaving vaccines to children in developing countries. For every flu shot or other immunization administered at a Walgreens, including Duane Reade or Walgreens-owned Rite-Aid stores, Walgreens will help provide a vaccine to a child in need through the UN Foundation's Shot@Life campaign.

### New GFWC Community Service Program Titles effective July 1, 2020

1. Art & Culture
2. Environment
3. Education & Libraries
4. Health & Wellness
5. Civic Engagement & Outreach



## Membership: Mentoring New Members

Submitted by: Abby Lorenz, Membership Chairman



Do you remember how you felt when you first joined a new organization? It can feel lonely until you find someone who welcomes you with a smile and introduces themselves. When a new member joins your club, I recommend appointing a mentor, or seasoned club member, to either call or personally meet with the new member outside of club meetings to discuss the many aspects of GFWC and your club. For example, you could talk about club dues, expectations, procedures, programs, history, projects and answer any questions the new member may have. It is important to welcome your new member with a smile at club meetings and sit with her throughout the meeting. Get to know your new member by asking about her profession, hobbies, family and past experiences with nonprofit organizations. By doing so you can then suggest she join one of the committees to start getting involved with volunteer work. Keep in mind that, as a mentor, you become part advisor, teacher and counselor, all rolled into one.

Here are a few suggestions to focus your thinking as you prepare for your conversations:

- Be clear.** Listen with intention when finding out why the new member joined and what she wants to get out of the club. Offer to walk her through the many different opportunities available to her.
- Set a realistic goal.** Find out if the new club member is dedicated and willing to set aside a certain number of hours per month to volunteer in order to make a difference in her community.
- Create a timeline.** Determine how soon the new member can join a committee, and stick to it by getting the chairman involved by adding her to the email distribution list and inviting her to a meeting. Holding a person accountable can lead to success. Follow up every so often to ensure she is happy in her new role.

Bottom line, being a mentor is like making a new friend. It is a two-way relationship that requires time and patience. Each mentoring partnership is unique, and you may choose to get as involved as you wish. When the new member is off and running, you can be proud of your accomplishment and celebrate her successes along the way. A thoughtful thank you note, birthday e-card, and kindness goes a long way. Become a mentor and enjoy the journey!



## Club Reporting - FAQ

Submitted by: Janice Curtiss, GFWC-WI 2nd Vice President

Reporting is a wonderful way to document club activities and share that information with others. It is valuable for recognition and history and can be an easy activity if advance planning is done.

We want to know what your club does and we want to celebrate your successes with you! We are so grateful to the clubs who always report – your efforts are truly appreciated! If your club doesn't report, please consider picking an event your club really enjoys and report on that. If the narrative seems overwhelming, report your statistics. Start simple. Pick one project and tell us what you did. Your community work is valuable and we would love to hear about it!

**The reporting period includes club activities from  
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.**

**Deadline for submitting reports is 11:59pm on January 24, 2020.**

**Reports sent electronically as Word Documents are preferred.  
Email to: [janicemcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:janicemcurtiss@gmail.com) and [deb.brossard@gmail.com](mailto:deb.brossard@gmail.com)**

**Mailed Reports will be accepted.  
Mail to: Janice Curtiss, 320 Reed Street, Plymouth, WI 53073**

### **1. Who should submit reports?**

*EVERY club! Reports are an excellent way to keep history of your club for future club members. Reviewing the previous year's events gives members a better idea of how much they accomplished for the year. They are great member recruiting tools and can be used to show prospective members all the wonderful things you do for your community.*

### **2. Is the President of the club the only person who can write reports?**

*No! It's up to each club how to handle reporting but one suggestion is to make it a fun activity by having members get together to prepare the reports. Enjoy snacks and drinks!*

### **3. When are reports due?**

*Reports must be emailed or postmarked no later than January 24, 2020.*

### **4. To whom should the Clubs reports be emailed or sent?**

*Via Email to: Janice Curtiss at [janicemcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:janicemcurtiss@gmail.com) and Deb Brossard at [deb.brossard@gmail.com](mailto:deb.brossard@gmail.com)*

*Mailed Reports will be accepted, mail to: **Janice Curtiss 320 Reed Street, Plymouth, WI 53073***

*More on next two pages-*

## Club Reporting - FAQ continued

Submitted by: Janice Curtiss, GFWC-WI 2nd Vice President

### 5. How long should a report be?

*As long as it takes to paint a picture of your project in words. Be concise, without being repetitive for each GFWC Program. Include photos... Remember “A picture is worth a thousand words”.*

### 6. What information should be included in a report?

*Reports should include complete details outlining how many members participated, how many hours, how much was spent or donated, to whom it was donated—who, what, when, where and why. The reports can also include a narrative describing the project.*



### 7. What is a “narrative” in a report?

*A narrative is a descriptive paragraph all about the project. It’s a story about what was done. Some clubs only submit statistics while others will include a description of their project/s.*

### 8. What is the difference between a Community Service Program and a Community Service Project?

*The Community Service Program is the general designation of the six areas that clubwomen work within: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues. Within each of those Community Service Programs are two categories—Community Service Projects or Partnership Projects. For example, hosting a “Red Dress” dinner to raise awareness of the effects of heart disease in women is reported as a Community Service Project in the Home Life Community Service Program while work with Canine Companions for Independence is a Home Life Partnership Project.*

### 9. Should each GFWC Program be a separate document?

*Yes! You need to have a separate document for each program. You can have all like projects in the same document but, each program needs to be a separate document. Example: Your club reports on Arts, Conservation, Public Issues, Leadership, Membership, Fundraising & Development and ESO, for a total of 8 Program reports. Why? Because each program has a different State Chairman and your clubs reports will be sent on to the State Chairmen for review. If the Program reports are not in separate documents your clubs numbers will be counted in the total but will not be accepted for awards.*

### 10. Where do we get the information for the reports?

*Information is found in meeting minutes, newsletters, project wrap-ups, treasurer’s reports, and member activity reports. Chairmen of all club projects should turn in a report as part of the permanent record of the club. The project report should include complete details outlining how the project was implemented, hours worked on the project, monies raised or donated and any in-kind donations. Then it’s only a matter of “cut and paste” into your reports for GFWC.*

**11. Why should I submit Club reports electronically?**

*It saves time, money and is environmentally friendly. Just remember the reports must be submitted no later than 11:59p on January 24, 2020.*

**12. Where can I locate copies of the statistical form?**

*An electronic fillable version of the Statistical Form will be available on the State website at [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org), via email [janicemcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:janicemcurtiss@gmail.com) or by calling Janice at 920-838-2007.*

**13. Can my report include pictures?**

*Absolutely!! "A picture is worth a thousand words." To save space and stay within your 2 page maximum, wrap your text around the pictures, adding them as part of your narrative.*

**14. How do I determine the value of an in-kind donation?**

*If the item was brand new, the cost of that item is recorded as the value. If the item is used, do your best to value the item like a resale shop would. The dollar values are recorded as in-kind.*

**15. I have submitted reports in the past, but I'm sometimes confused about where to record a project. How do I know what Community Service Program to use?**

*This is always a dilemma because a project can usually fit in more than one Community Service Program. For example, doing crafts with children at a domestic violence center could be Arts or Domestic Violence. Use the information in the GFWC Club Manual <https://www.gfwc.org/news-publications/club-manual/> and place it in the Program your Club feels passionate about.*

**16. Can I report a project in more than one category?**

*No, you must select either one Special or Community Service Program or one Advancement area.*

*Note: The only exception to this is the Community Improvement Program (CIP) Award, these Projects can be reported in your yearly report as a Community Service Program as well as entered for the CIP Award. Remember: CIP Projects MUST be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2018- December 31, 2019. See specific instructions on the GFWC.org website in the 2018-2020 Club Manual, Awards, Contests and Grants tab or contact Tari Wallner; Community Improvement Program Award Chairman*

**17. Do I need to send reports directly to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC?**

*No, we are saving you postage and paper! Your reports are compiled at the state level and that info is sent to GFWC so you don't have to!*

**18. Are there any other changes this year?**

*Yes! I'm working on creating fillable forms for you to use. They will be available on the GFWC-WI website for you to use for your club reports.*

I look forward to all your reports! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns...I'm here to serve you.

## District Report - NORTHERN LIGHTS



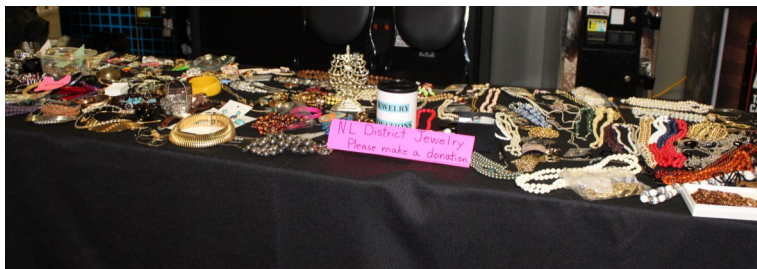
**Peggy Johnson**, District treasurer and member of the Colfax Woman's Club displays a 2020 suffrage calendar "tribute to Wisconsin agitators" and a lawn sign about the importance of getting out to vote each Election Day.

District President **Jean Rovney** looks on.



L to R: **Sue Bessert, Jean Rovney and Julie Riemenschneider**

**WONDERFUL FUNDRAISER:** An ongoing District fundraiser is jewelry sales. Members donate jewelry they don't wear anymore and members have the opportunity to buy "new" jewelry with a donation. Funds support monetary awards for student artists who participate in the District Helen Mears Art Competition.



## District Report - SOUTHERN PRAIRIES

By: Maureen Miller, President



L to R: Ellen Weber presents "Quilt of Valor" to Gail Gillmore at District Workshop.

### AN HONORARY GIFT

September 24th was Southern Prairies annual District Fall Workshop in the beautiful setting of Big Hill Camp in Beloit, Wisconsin.

We planned for this meeting in August at Ellen Weber's "Chicken Coop" ...these meetings are always energizing & motivating. Our planning meeting was very congenial with a "build-a-salad" luncheon after the business meeting and ended with a pleasant surprise!

As many of you may be aware, Ellen is very involved with providing gorgeous quilts to "Quilts of Valor". While sharing stories during the luncheon, Ellen became aware that one of our District members (& Past District President) was worthy of being a recipient of this honor. Gail Gillmore had served our country as a teacher on the Air Force Base near London, England teaching children of our servicemen.

So, Ellen presented Gail with her very own "Quilt of Valor". Needless to say, there were a few moist eyes in that room!!

Well done Gail & Ellen, you do us all proud.

*-More on Southern Prairies District Report on next page*



## District Report continued - SOUTHERN PRAIRIES

By: Maureen Miller, President

### Attendees at the Southern Prairies District fall meeting



Back to the meeting, we had the pleasure of having GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs, Michelle Munoz, as our Guest Speaker give us a message from GFWC-WI President Deb Brossard. Then Michelle gave us all the necessary information about GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's "Brand Initiatives". We also heard the outstanding statistics on the "7 Grand Initiatives" both the International & Wisconsin Club's statistics. Following, GFWC-WI Director-Elect (& Southern Prairies Junior Director) Tammy Welter gave us an overview of GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference. Apparently, there are videos on "YouTube" that will give us an insight as to how much fun we missed, if we weren't there! But...there will be an opportunity to see some of the high jinx in real time at the International Convention in Atlanta in June 2020!! We then were enlightened by GFWC-WI President's Special Project Chair Linda Kay Cook about the emphasis of this administration, the Suffragist Memorial. We were challenged to have an event honoring this important 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; we accept that challenge.

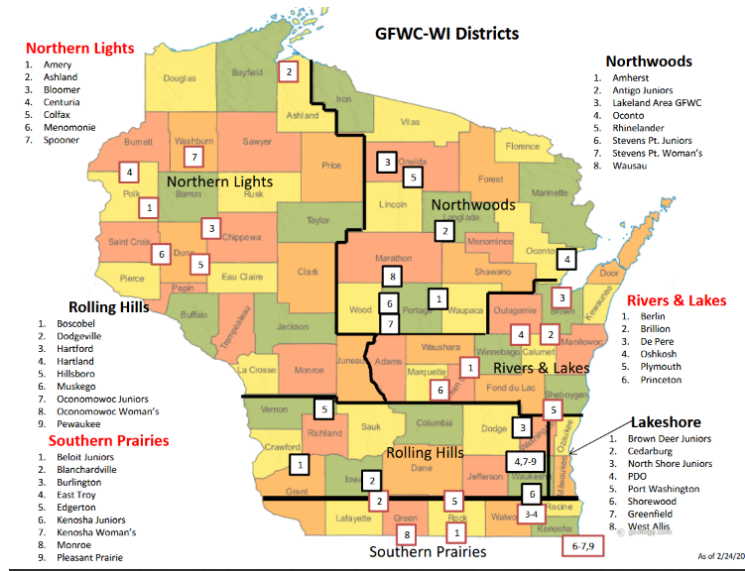
Normally, there is one "theme" during an administration, but this year we issued a challenge to clubs to "Twist & Shout". The twist is about trying something new for membership recruitment; the shout is about publicizing what clubs accomplish. District club presidents shared their efforts and future plans and we look forward to hearing their accomplishments at our spring convention.

We concluded the day by engaging in a "hands-on" project of making 6 lightweight fleece blankets to donate to "Operation Smile" in honor of Michelle's emphasis. It's also a way of honoring "Advocates for Juniors". Everyone gathered together and had a great time accomplishing this task. At the end of the day, there were many smiling faces returning to their communities!



East Troy club member **Donna Juras** shows a fleece blanket as part of the Operation Smile project.

**Do you know  
the GFWC-WI  
districts and  
clubs?**



## District Report - ROLLING HILLS

By: Nancy Dickman, President

The Rolling Hills District will have its Fall meeting on September 28 at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, WI. The Hartford Junior Woman’s Club will host 44 members from eight of the nine district clubs. In addition to a guest speaker from the Hartford Police Department and canine unit, the group will hear update messages from GFWC, participate in three of the Grand Initiatives and sign up for assignments related to hosting the 2020 State Convention at Ho Chunk.

Although most of the clubs take a meeting hiatus during the summer, almost all of the clubs have more than one community project drawing from their generosity during the summer months. Six of the clubs have major fundraising projects planned before the end of 2019 and the other three have other major programs on the docket. Stay tuned.

The Rolling Hills District convention planning committee is excited to share plans for the May 14-17, 2020 Annual State Convention. Please review the next two pages (22 and 23) and bring to your club and get them excited to attend!

### Members of the 2020 Annual State Convention planning committee:

**\*Nancy Dickman (District President is default chairman)**

**\*Missy Kimball**

**\*Sue Schwarten**

**\*Pat Soefker**

**\*Kathy Novack**

**\*Lora Platt-McPhillips**

**\*Nancy Niedziela**

**\*Mary Dietz**

**\*Barb Butler**

## Make Plans to Attend the GFWC-WI 2020 Annual Convention

The Rolling Hills District planning committee is excited to share plans for the May 14-17, 2020 Annual State Convention.

Recently, the planning committee took a trip to our site location, Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells Hotel & Convention Center, located in Baraboo, WI. The 56-acre facility provides ample space with a relaxed resort atmosphere. The event space is complete with convention area, retail, restaurants, elevators, escalators, premier hotel rooms and, of course, a casino for entertainment.



During our tour, we viewed all the amenities available for everyone attending the convention. In addition, the location offers free shuttle service to area sites, such as the International Crane Foundation, downtown Baraboo and the WI Dells. The Ho-Chunk sales team has been busy assisting us to make this event/stay memorable and fun for all. Their pledge is to guide your planning committee to a successful event, from beginning to adjournment, through their dedication to detail.

The list of features continues for you with complimentary coat check, valet parking, shuttle service, WI Dells Visitors Bureau Services, a business center, Wi-Fi, parking, wheelchair service, 24 hour onsite EMTs and security.

GFWC-WI has secured a block of updated rooms close to the convention center and convenient to the casino. The more adventurous members may want to select a spot in the Ho-Chunk luxury RV Park located on the property. See their website for details.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has been a part of Wisconsin history since the beginning. For over 360 years, this nation was labeled as the Winnebago. Today, the 4,900 members of the Ho-Chunk Sovereign Nation hold title to 2,000 acres of land, located in 14 counties throughout WI and, as always, wish to preserve the Ho-Chunk culture. Ho-Chunk means "People of the Big Voice."

The Ho-Chunk are actively pursuing their responsibilities within their communities, as well as becoming participating members in the surrounding communities. Most importantly, the Ho-Chunk invite everyone to join them in traditional Ho-Chunk friendship so that together we can build a promising future for all.

We look forward to renewing friendships, building new ones and setting our course for the GFWC-WI 2020 Convention, set for May 14-17, 2020 in Baraboo. Mark your calendar! Make plans to be part of this unique experience as we converge on the Ho-Chunk Gaming Hotel & Convention Center.

As the Ho-Chunk proudly say, "Good friends. Good fortune."

*Written by Barb Butler, Convention planning committee member*





# Save the Date !

**GFWC-WI Convention 2020**

**May 14 - 17, 2020**

**Ho Chunk Resort Casino Hotel and Convention Center – Wisconsin Dells  
Baraboo, Wisconsin**

- **Meet GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock**
- **Give a resounding THANKS to President Deb Brossard and Junior Director Michelle Munoz**
  - **Elect 2020-2022 GFWC-WI Officers**
    - **Grow as GFWC Sisters**

**Outstanding Convention Facilities**

**4 Restaurants, Spa, Fitness Center**

**Casino, Local Landmarks**

## New Club Year Reminders: CONDUCTING A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Excerpts from GFWC September Leadership Newsletter

When preparing to conduct the club's regular meeting, the president should create an agenda for herself and the secretary. If the president is new, inexperienced, or insecure, preparing a more detailed agenda is invaluable in conducting a successful meeting. It provides the support needed for the president to lead well, and members have a great sense of accomplishment from participating in a well-planned meeting. A simple meeting agenda should be prepared for the members and distributed at the opening of the meeting.

The following basic agenda provides a good starting point. Other items of business or reports may be included as necessary.

**Call to Order by the President.** At the appointed time, the president makes one rap of the gavel. President: "The meeting will come to order."

**Opening Ceremonies.** This could be a simple prayer or invocation prior to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Roll Call is optional, but if it is a club custom, the secretary should call the roll. The president declares whether a quorum is present or not.

**Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** President: "The secretary will read the minutes of the previous meeting." The secretary reads the minutes. President: "Are there corrections to the minutes?" (Pause) "They are approved as read (or as corrected)." Note: Do not ask for corrections or additions, as additions are corrections.

**Correspondence.** The secretary or corresponding secretary, if there is one, reads the correspondence. Action on matters of correspondence is generally considered in new business.

**Reports of Officers.** If officers have special assignments or tasks, they would generally report on those matters in the order as listed in the bylaws.

**Treasurer's Report.** President: "The treasurer will give the treasurer's report." (Treasurer reads report). President: "Are there any questions?" (Pause) "The treasurer's report to be placed on file."

**Recommendations of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.** The secretary reads the recommendations and action is usually taken either at this point or in new business. A second is not needed as the recommendations come from a group.

**Reports of Standing Committees.** The Chair calls upon them in the order in which they are listed in the club bylaws. No action is taken unless a recommendation is made.

**Reports of Special Committees.** The Chair calls upon them in the order in which they were appointed. These committees were appointed to do a specific job and are automatically dissolved when the work is finished and the final report is given.

**Unfinished Business.** The minutes of the previous meeting show if there is business postponed by a motion or left unfinished. The Chair never asks if there is unfinished business. She should know.

**New Business.** This is business that has not yet been discussed. It is introduced by correspondence, recommendation, the Chair, or any member. A motion should be made to bring the matter before the organization for discussion.

### **Announcements.**

**Program.** The president or program chairman may present the program. The president never "turns the meeting over" to anyone but rather announces the chairman who, in turn, presents the program. The president thanks the speaker.

**Adjournment.** President: "Is there any further business to come before this meeting?" (Pause) "If not, the meeting is adjourned." Adjournment may be made by a motion, which is not debatable.


## DUTIES OF THE CLUB PRESIDENT Excerpts from GFWC September Leadership Newsletter

1. Presides at all meetings and uses a written agenda to maintain focus.
2. Must have basic knowledge of parliamentary procedures and how to maintain order.
3. Arrives at the meeting location ahead of time to be sure everything is ready.
4. Calls meetings to order on time and identifies if a quorum is present.
5. Announces the business before the assembly in the order it is to be acted upon.
6. Recognizes members entitled to the floor.
  - When two people try to obtain the floor at the same time, preference is given to the one who has not previously spoken.
  - The president should alternate from those who oppose and those who are in favor of the motion.
7. Makes parliamentary decisions and rulings based on the rules and adopted parliamentary authority. Advice may be sought of the parliamentarian, but the decision is that of the president.
8. Does not use the personal pronoun but refers to herself as “The Chair” while presiding. Additionally, she does not refer to “my Board.”
9. Reports in third person, using “This officer” and “Your president” instead of the personal pronoun.
10. Votes as any other member in a ballot vote, may vote to break a tie in a voice vote, and cannot break a tie in a ballot vote.
11. Leaves the Chair to debate. She never debates from the Chair. She will not resume the Chair until after the vote is taken.
12. Should be firm, competent, tactful, and fair. Being neutral from the Chair on controversial matters will allow for thorough discussion on motions.
13. Does not “turn the meeting over” to anyone, but rather announces that the program, etc., will be presented by the person whom she names.
14. Performs all duties specified in the organization’s bylaws and/or standing rules.
15. Represents the organization at district, state, region, and national meetings.
16. Prepares a procedure book to share with her successor and leads other leaders to do the same.



## Website Update and Reminder


Submitted by: Erin Epping, GFWC-WI Webmaster



Home About Us Local Clubs Awards & Scholarships Committees Community Service Programs GFWC Reporting Juniors Special Programs Forms & Calls Leadership Wisconsin Clubwoman News Thank You's Upcoming Events Contact Us For Members Only

General Federation of Women's Clubs Wisconsin

GFWC-WI is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Collectively, over 1,600 members of GFWC-WI are Living the Volunteer Spirit. To learn how Wisconsin clubs are working on the GFWC International Seven Grand Initiatives, click here.



GFWC-WI leadership presenting the state donation at the International Convention held in Austin, Texas from June 28 - July 1, 2019. GFWC-WI was represented by 15 clubwomen at the convention. About 600 women from around the country participated in the event.

Special Programs Wisconsin Juniors Awards & Scholarships Wisconsin Clubwoman

The GFWC-WI website at url: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/> is the one-stop location for information about all things related to GFWC-WI.

Here are three useful ways to use the website:

1 - We have started to add the newsletters received from the GFWC International Chairwoman on the website especially on the Community Service Programs page.

2 - If you would like to request a State Officer to visit your district or club meeting, the request form is on the Forms & Calls page.

3 - Soon the registration information for the GFWC-WI 123rd State Convention will be posted in the Upcoming Events Page. We now offer online registration state events.

If any State Officers or Chairwoman who have interesting information that should be posted or any changes they would like to see for their specific area, feel free to email the request to [gfwcwi.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcwi.webmaster@gmail.com).

## Communications & Public Relations

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, GFWC CPR member

### Computer Application Tools (aka CAT)

Don't be a scaredy cat when trying to streamline club activities. With names like "genius", "uber", "pingg", and "zoom" you will soon be a computer application tool superhero.

Below is a list compiled from personal use, reports and asking other club members.

**Doodle.com/freepoll** - Do you hate sending out an email trying to figure out when everyone on a committee can meet and getting a zillion responses back why certain dates and times don't work? Try doodle - they will help find the best time for everyone to meet. You send available dates/times and responders enter their name and check off when they are available. You can see at a glance the best time to meet and better yet it is FREE.

**Google Voice** - Does your club post a member's phone number on the website, Facebook page or club brochure? Do you feel like that number is exposed to robocalls and unsolicited telemarketers? With a Google phone number, the administrator publishes the Google number as the club's phone number. The calls are then forwarded to the 'real' number. The club's social media administrator can pass the sign-in information to her successors when the time is over guaranteeing continuity for telephone contact.



-More on next page-

**Otter.ai** - Are you worried about being club secretary and not getting everything reported? Otter.ai might be your answer. It is a transcription software that works on our computer or phone. It can transcribe during real-time, identify speakers and so much more. Best part it is FREE with 600 minutes/month.

**Pingg.com** - Are you looking for a way to RSVP for club meetings or sell tickets to your upcoming fundraiser? Pingg.com is a great alternative. Depending how you would like to utilize this site, it can be free or cost \$10/event or \$30/year. It allows you to create a custom URL to attract donors to purchase tickets for your fundraiser.

**Signupgenius.com** - Gone are the paper sign-up sheets passed around meetings and missing members because they weren't there. Signupgenius.com allows you to create shifts for the upcoming bake sale or hostess duties for the whole year. Best part it sends reminders, lets you know when someone signs-up and it is FREE!

**Team App, GroupMe or Remind** - Looking for an easy way to send and receive instant messages with club members? These three are all free apps and there are a few more out there too.

**Techsoup.com** - Is your club a non-profit and you are looking to purchase a laptop for club use or even some accounting software like Quickbooks to simplify treasury duties? Techsoup.com is the website for you. Take a look and save some money.

**Trackitforward.com** - It is reporting time and you are trying to find out how many hours were spent on that volunteer event. Try using Trackitforward - simple way to keep track of volunteer hours. Free for up to 25 members.

**Uberconference.com** - Want a way to have a conference call? Try uberconference.com - it is FREE up to 10 participants with a maximum duration of 45 minutes. Another option is FreeConferenceCall.com.

**Zoom** - Does your club have a few snowbirds that feel left out missing meetings or someone that misses because they have a sick child? Try doing a live teleconference with your laptop. Zoom allows you to do a live webinar/teleconference via the Internet. The basic level is free, and you can host up to 100 people for 40 minutes.

The Communications & Public Relations Committee hopes you found a few ideas that you can bring to your club and are now a Super Cat User!!



## GFWC - WI Junior Women's Clubs Proposed By-law and Policy Changes

Report by: Tammy Welter, Junior Director-Elect

To be voted on at the Fall Workshop October 12, 2019

### ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The Officers of the organization shall be comprised of the Director of Junior Clubs (hereinafter also referred to as the Junior Director), the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs (hereinafter also referred to as the Junior Director -Elect), and the Junior Secretary/Treasurer.

#### Recommended changes:

Delete (hereinafter also referred to as the Junior Director)

Delete (hereinafter also referred to as the Junior Director-Elect)

Strike Secretary/Treasurer and replace with Secretary and Junior Treasurer.

If amendment is adopted, replace all Junior Directors references with Director of Junior Clubs and replace all Junior Director-Elect references with Director-Elect of Junior Clubs throughout the Bylaws.

**Rationale:** To be consistent throughout the bylaws and in compliance with GFWC. To show that Secretary and Treasurer are separate officer positions.

If amended would read:

**Section 1. The Officers of the organization shall be comprised of the Director of Junior Clubs, the Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, and the Junior Secretary and Junior Treasurer.**

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11. There shall be desk allotments payable as follows:

- a. \$ 20.00 for the Junior Director-Elect, payable only at the end of her first year.
- b. \$ 20.00 per year each for the Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer, Junior Membership,
- c. Junior Special Project, Junior Leadership, Junior Fundraising and the Junior Bylaws Chairmen. (The Bylaws Chairman's desk allotment shall be payable only if the committee is active during the year).
- d. If the Junior Secretary and Junior Treasurer position is held by the same person, she shall receive only one desk allowance of \$20.00.

#### Recommended changes:

Combine b and c. Re-letter d to c.

**Rationale:** C is a continuation of b, thereby needing d to be re-lettered to c.

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- c. **If the Junior Secretary and Junior Treasurer position is held by the same person, she shall receive only one desk allowance of \$20.00.**

## Trees for Tomorrow turned 75!

Submitted by: Ina Trummer, Chairman



Board President Don Nelson and Smokey The Bear. Then all of my family and others were invited to place a shovel of dirt onto the tree.

Members of the GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club were there and took part. The ceremony continued with a presentation from the mayor of the City of Eagle River. I was presented with a copy of the book I had authored and published on the 75 year history of Trees For Tomorrow. I spoke on our partnership and presented a check from your contributions for Trees For Tomorrow scholarship fund. Our Federation should feel proud.

On July 27th I attended a special birthday party celebrating Trees For Tomorrow's 75th anniversary. It was held at their campus in Eagle River. As I was recovering from knee surgery, my family drove me there. I was met by a staff member in a golf cart to drive me around to the activities.

A ceremony was held under a tent. The 75th Anniversary plaque that the club members so generously supported was presented to the Trees For Tomorrow Executive Director Robin Ginner.

A tree recognizing the center's 75 years was planted. I was given the honor of putting in the first shovel of dirt along with Trees



Back row L to R: Mary Meek, Connie Muckelberg, Cindy Zielinski, Robin Ginner (Trees For Tomorrow Executive Director); front: Mary Fortier, Ina Trummer and Sue Bessert

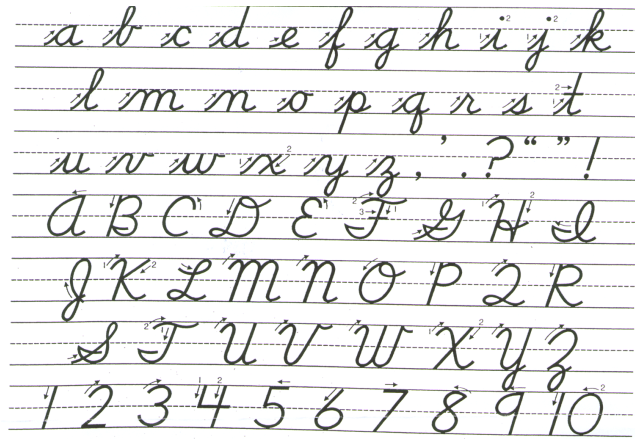


**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: CURSIVE WRITING**

Submitted by Nancy Honadel, Chairman

The road to a bill requiring schools to reintroduce cursive writing has been long and winding, but we appear to be making good progress with the help of Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee and Senator Luther Olsen, Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

Rep. Thiesfeldt is presenting the draft of his bill to committee soon and after their review it will be assigned a bill number. After we know the bill number that is when we should start writing letters and really putting on the pressure. The next phase would be the public hearing and it is our hope that MANY GFWC members are able to visit Madison to show our support. I will keep you posted on the bill.

**HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We have 308 petition signatures to date and wish to thank all the clubs as well as women outside of our organization. They will be presented to Rep. Thiesfeldt. But I would like to emphasize that a personal letter still carries the MOST weight and the legislators really pay attention to them.

If you need to know who represents you follow this link: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov> Then click on "Who are my legislators?" and insert your address. Maybe you have never written to a government official, but this is your chance to really make a difference.

Please send your letter to YOUR representative, including the bill number, with copies to:

Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt, 223N

Senator Luther Olsen 122S

Education Committee Chairman

Education Committee Chairman

P. O. Box 8953

P. O. Box 7882

Madison, WI 53708

Madison, WI 53707

It is our hope that a bill can still reach the assembly and senate during this session. Please call with questions or suggestions. Thank you to all you wonderful GFWC members.

Nancy Honadel

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## WRITING CONTESTS

Submitted by Nancy Niedziela, Chairman

All GFWC-WI Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a writing contest for students in their respective schools. Students in all grades are eligible to enter in two categories: short story and poetry.

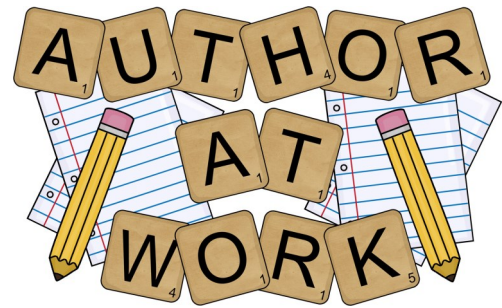
Member clubs should also encourage members to enter the member writing contest, which is in the same two categories.

Clubs may enter only one short story from each grade level and one poem from each grade level into the GFWC-WI writing contest, but members of GFWC-WI clubs may enter directly to the state contest, and there are no limits on numbers of entries per club.

All the details for entry in the contest can be found on the GFWC-WI website: Go to GFWC-WI.org, in the top heading click on Community Service Programs, scroll down to Arts, click on member short story and poetry contest or youth short story and poetry contest. Here you can choose a PDF or a Word version of the directions.

Winners will be announced at the 2020 Convention in Baraboo at the Ho Chunk Hotel, Convention Center and Casino.

Please encourage the creative writing arts in your local club this year. Entries for the next contest must be written in 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Writing Contest Chair at 262-367-6512 or RNIEDZIELA@WI.RR.COM.



## EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

Submitted by Nancy Schrap, GFWC-WI Chairman

**What is ESO?** Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society that provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement.

ESO materials are available online at [www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron](http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron). It will include an updated 2018-2020 Reading List with 23 subject categories to choose from, ESO Pledge Application and book reporting forms. Fill out the ESO Pledge Application and send it to me – and then start reading and reporting. It's not a "book report" but your thoughts and impression of the story itself, the author's style of writing, the flow of the book, etc.

It was so good to hear from so many of you – sending in your book reports from your summer reading. There were several advancements in the ESO levels. Hours are also being reported. Keep reading and sending in your reports.

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ESO Chairman Wisconsin



## GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Submitted by Kay Salewske, Chairman

### From cover story, "Why Didn't You Just Leave?"

...friends and family will judge her. Some women may feel sorry for their abuser and feel that they can help them or change them. And many women, like me, were also financially abused where the abusive partner makes their victim financially dependent on them. Without money, access to resources or even a place to go, it can seem impossible for them to leave. This creates a strong feeling of helplessness. I have experienced all of this. I was isolated from my family and knew the trouble I would face if I tried to have any friends. I was completely isolated and alone.



Even though I am out of this abusive relationship, I still struggle. I'd like to say that this is all over, but it will always be a part of me, but each day I am getting better. I hate to think of myself as a victim. It didn't end when I walked away. In a small town, I have weak moments when it is hard to keep my head up and face my community.

When he loses control of you, he will try to control everyone that knows you. The most heartbreaking aspect of abuse is that after escaping the most torturous, malicious and damaging abuse, all you want to do is recover, pick up the pieces of your life and move forward.

An abuser fears two things: 1. Losing Control and 2. Being exposed.

You need to overcome your fear and TELL everyone; a friend, your cleric, your doctor, the hospital, the police, a relative, 911, an abuse hot line; and keep telling till you get the help. Often when a woman does report or speak of domestic violence, her words are discredited or dismissed. I have often wondered: Did they see my truth and remain quiet or did they just see what they what wanted to see. If they only knew what I endured.

Domestic Violence is a serious issue that many deal with and keep hidden.

We need to LISTEN with our ears and our hearts. If we don't listen to survivors, they won't report and abuse will never end.

-Thoughts from anonymous survivor of domestic violence

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Submitted by Tari-Jo Wallner, Chairman

Hello Ladies,

A reminder that we are in the home stretch of completing your Community Improvement Project.

Clubs have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to complete their work. You can then compile all your information and photos and prepare your report. Please remember that if you are the winner, your scrap books and report will not be returned to you, so please make copies for your archives. I am required to send all the information to headquarters for future judging.

**Your reports are due to me no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.** I look forward to reading about all the hard work your clubs have been doing in your communities.

My address is: Tari-Jo Wallner      5306 Carol's Lane      Stevens Point, WI 54481

## WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Submitted by Linda Brown, Chairman

Each year a club member is honored at our GFWC-WI State Convention, which will be held at Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel-Wisconsin Dells May 2020, with this special award for her dedication to her club and the Federation.

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

The official entry form, found on the GFWC-WI.org website, lists the percentages of how the candidates are judged. Although the judging is done primarily on club activities, personal information and other activities are also encouraged. Past recipients of this award are listed on the website. There are no entries at this time, so, who is missing that is most deserving?

Deadline is March 31, 2020

For questions, please contact Linda Brown, Chairman at 262/268-8296 or [tbrown903@wi.rr.com](mailto:tbrown903@wi.rr.com).

## CLUB CORNER

GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee



*L to R: Sherry Foyer, Lori Seeboth, Nancy Ackley, Ella Dzioba (past president), Abby Lorenz, Kathy Novack and Pewaukee Chamber President Dick Strassburger.*

*Also present at the Gala but not pictured were Pat Gallagher, Barb Butler and Nancy Niedziela.*

The **GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee** has been named the Non-Profit of the Year by the Pewaukee Chamber of Commerce. This award is given for the Non-Profit that best demonstrates evidence of passion and servitude of the cause in addition to showing excellence in bringing visibility to the mission of the non-profit.

On September 20, 2019, GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee President **Kathy Novack** and **Abby Lorenz**, current GFWC-WI 1st Vice President and GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee member, accepted the award at the Ingleside Hotel.

This is the second time that the GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee has received this prestigious award. The ladies of the GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Pewaukee also won this award in 2012. Congratulations!

## CLUB CORNER

**Sister Clubs: GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club and Lakeland Area General Federation of Woman's Club**



PHOTO ABOVE - TREE PLANTING: **GFWC-WI President Deb Brossard** honoring GFWC sister **Kristin Kanzelberger**, first club president of Lakeland Area General Federation of Woman's Club.

PHOTO RIGHT - Members of Kristin's family, friends and clubwomen participate in special ceremony with a reminder that it's not about the number of years on this earth, it's about how we live those years.

On a beautiful August 3rd morning some of our club members joined club members from our sister group, Lakeland Area Women's Club GFWC, to plant a memorial tree and to remember **Kristin Kanzelberger**, first president of that group. Also attending were Kristin's family, her pastor and Northwoods District President **Betty Lou Janney**. **Mary Meek** and **Deb Brossard** coordinated a wonderful ceremony which included salutations from a loon flying overhead. The selected sugar maple tree will stand in a prominent place on the Trees for Tomorrow campus in Eagle River for decades. Cheryl Todea, Operations Manager at Trees for Tomorrow presented the family with a certificate and reminded everyone gathered that a scholarship in Kristin's name was created from funds donated by both clubs and the Northwoods District.

Submitted by,  
Cindy Goll, President  
GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club



### Cedarburg Woman's Club

**Contributing to the GFWC 7 Grand Initiatives with Dr. Seuss books and donating purses for women in local shelters before State Convention last spring. Thank you!**



**CLUB CORNER**

**Stevens Point Woman's Club**



L to R: **Diane Cychosz, Tari Wallner, Linda Siskoff, Bev Butcher, Linda Rollins and Eileen Hessel**

On Saturday September 21st, members of the **Stevens Point Woman's Club** spent the day scooping taco meat for their annual "Walking Taco" sale. For the last decade members have used the annual Stevens Point "Art in the Park" event to fundraise for their club. Art in the Park is a gathering of artists and crafts people who have their work for sale or are demonstrating their craftsmanship. They come together to share their abilities with the community. Club members contribute money and supplies for "Walking Tacos". Many other club members volunteer to work the booth during the one day event. "Walking Tacos" consist of a bag of corn chips slightly crushed with taco meat and assorted toppings added. This years' event had a long line of people waiting to order a delicious "walking taco".

The Conservation department of the **GFWC-Stevens Point Woman's Club** recently led a Saturday morning clean-up of their section of Highway HH west of Stevens Point. It is always a challenge because there is a boat landing in the section.



Eight women made for light work!

L to R: **Linda Siskoff, Eileen Hessel, Pat Hilpert, Ann Eggleston, Tari Wallner, Beth Slezak and Linda Rollins**



**Spooner Woman's Club and its challenge to all clubs in the nation**

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Bring your own container when you eat out.  
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For sale at Northwind Book and Fiber  
and at the Woman's Club book sale on Jack Pine Savage Days.

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*Editor's Note:  
Please be aware the email address for Karie was incorrect in the July 1 issue of GFWC-WI Clubwoman.  
Karie's correct email is noted below.  
Thank you.*



Any club that wants to make bags and totes are welcome to email Karie and she will gladly share what the club has learned about production and product sources.

Karie Masters, President  
Spooner Woman's Club  
[karie.masters@gmail.com](mailto:karie.masters@gmail.com)

## CLUB CORNER

Woman's Club of Kenosha



Summer of 2019 found the **GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha** un-Bee-lievably busy. We have truly been busy bees. In May and June, we celebrated our students, we awarded four very accomplished young women with scholarships and recognized our Helen Mears winners and GFWC WI Kindness Counts essay winner. It is heartwarming to see the excitement from the students and the pride in the parents and teachers' eyes.



We have been active in our community too. Our Club has manned a table on 3 Saturdays at our Harbor Market. We handed out WC-K membership information and we did get recruit new members and many future contacts. We also took the opportunity to encourage our pollinators, saving the bees, please! We handed out Save the Bees pins and "Bit of Honey" candies.

We took the opportunity to promote our upcoming fundraisers. We are hosting a **Masquerade Mystery Dinner with a Side of Murder** on October 18<sup>th</sup>, a **Fall Vender Craft and Bake Sale** one November 2<sup>nd</sup> and a **Christmas Tea with program "A Victorian Christmas at Balmoral Castle"** portrayed by Jessica Michna on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The WC-K has made recognizing and honoring the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment -women getting the right to vote, a priority. We held a celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup> of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wisconsin, being the first to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919. We also had a celebration countdown picnic on August 26<sup>th</sup>, for the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification. We showed a history lesson video about the suffragette movement. The public was invited to both events. We recruited two new members from later event. The WC-K has on display in hall poster size copies of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the Wisconsin's Ratification document.



Suffragette *Theodora Youmans*, aka **GFWC WI State President Deb Brossard** made an impressive appearance at our September meeting. She stopped on her way to Great Lakes Region Conference. It was a great way to jump-start our year! We were happy to contribute to her President's Project of the Suffragette Monument -the Turning Point.

The first meeting for our evening ladies was a Meet and Greet event at a local restaurant. It was an opportunity to reacquainted and to recruit new members with their own kickoff event, held before the Packer /Bear game. We signed up two new members that night. Growing and retaining our membership continues to be a perennial goal. We are updating our social media and pro-actively marketing the GFWC WC-K brand by joining our other organizations and collaborating with other non-profit women's groups.

In conclusion remember to:

BEE Silly, BEE Honest, and BEE Kind...~Ralph Waldo Emerson

**In Federation,**

**Deb Strecker, President, GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha**



**CLUB CORNER**

**GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club**



Beautifying Wisconsin's roadways - is a new project of our club in 2019. Two collections were held so far and another one is scheduled for October 10th.

Photo on left: We are proud to have our name visibly displayed on the highway.

Photo on right: Breaks included! Here clubwoman **Pat Miller** sits a spell! She deserves it!



Photo on left L to R: **Lynda Lukowski** and **Liz Austin** make final preparations for a community bake sale fundraiser. The event is called Harvest Hoedown and clubwomen bake and sell goodies - 100% of the proceeds go to the two charities: local homeless shelter and food pantry.



**Honorary Members**

At the first club meeting of the year on September 10th the **GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club** honored two of its long-time members, **Lois Sabatke** and **Iris Plamann** each with a GFWC 30-year pin, certificate and the special title of Honorary Member. Lois and Iris have a special friendship and they attend all club meetings together.

Congratulations, Lois and Iris!

**Colfax Woman's Club**



Members of the **Colfax Woman's Club** pose after a most successful Northern Lights District meeting on September 14th. Their club hosted the fall meeting.

The Club is led by President **Claudia Kressin**. Clubwomen came decked wearing "sweet" teal t-shirts with the club name!

Great job, ladies!

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## GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

### OCTOBER

- 1 **GFWC-WI Clubwoman** Fall issue published
- 5 **Northwoods District Fall Meeting**, Minocqua, Wisconsin
- 12 **Junior Fall Conference and Mini LEADS**, Kenosha, Wisconsin
- 23 **Contact your legislators** to support/urge passage of 3D Gun Bill

### NOVEMBER

- 2 **Rivers & Lakes District Fall Meeting**, Ripon College Lane Library, Ripon
- 20 **GFWC-WI Clubwoman** Winter issue deadline for articles/photos

### DECEMBER

- 31 Deadline for donations/pledges to Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

### JANUARY

- 20 **Martin Luther King Jr Day** - club service projects - Grand Initiative #1
- 24 **2019 club reports due** to Janice Curtiss, GFWC-WI Second Vice President

### FEBRUARY

- 21-22 **GFWC-WI Winter Board Meeting**, Ramada, Waupaca, Wisconsin
- 25 **GFWC-WI Clubwoman** Spring issue deadline for articles/photos

### MAY

- 14-17 **GFWC-WI State Convention**, Ho Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, Wisconsin hosted by Rolling Hills District

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