



**General Federation of
Women's Club -
Wisconsin**

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Mental Health Awareness - What does this mean to you as a Wisconsin Clubwoman?



President Abby Lorenz selected Mental Health Awareness as her President's Emphasis for the 2020-2022 administration. *What does this mean to you as a Wisconsin Clubwoman? How can you help make it successful?*

- You and other members of your club can purchase her pin which reminds us that Mental Health is part of our mind, body and spirit. Check out the GFWC-WI website to see how to get one of these blue butterfly pins.
- You can also support the STRONG Challenge through the YMCA. Your local YMCA may have a similar program for your area.
- Contact your local ADRC, NAMI or social service agency/department in your city, town or village. They may have a list of speakers that could make a presentation to your club.
- Do a random act of kindness for a person working with mental health issues and patients.

These are just some ideas. Remember to report your activities and events regarding the President's Emphasis. There is more information on how to do this on the GFWC-WI website under reporting.

Prepared by Sue Sands

Message from our 2020-2022 GFWC - WI President



Abby Lorenz
GFWC – WI President

Happy Fall, Wisconsin Clubwomen!

Now more than ever it is important to take care of ourselves through a balanced Mind-Body-Spirit.

Since my last report in the Wisconsin Clubwoman, I am proud to say we held a well-attended successful Fall Workshop in Pewaukee, both in person and virtually with Mini LEADS.

Recently I have begun to plan our Winter Workshop in Brookfield, attended a virtual Great Lakes Region (GLR) Conference, presented at the Northwoods District Meeting on Mental Health Awareness, recorded a State President's speech for GLR, attended GFWC State President's meetings, launched a newsletter entitled Federation News, and hosted monthly "Meet & Sip" Zoom calls with our Board of Directors and Club Presidents.

It has been wonderful to stay connected! I am a firm believer in our innate need to belong. In order for our members to feel like they belong, we need to keep them engaged by staying connected.

One way to stay connected during the pandemic is to host your own Zoom meetings. Here is a great video on how to launch your own Zoom account. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQoE>

Learning Zoom is a process, and I have faith that you can do it! Watch for my next Federation News for other ideas on how to stay connected.

Until then, be good to yourself, indulge once in a while, express gratitude and strive for peace and harmony in daily living. You deserve it!

In Federation friendship,

Abby Lorenz

GFWC-WI State President



SAVE THE DATE:

February 19-20, 2021 GFWC-WI Winter Workshop

Sheraton Brookfield, 375 Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin

February 21, 2021 GFWC-WI Mini LEADS Session—also, Sheraton Brookfield, Wisconsin

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



Tammy Welter
GFWC - WI
Director of Junior Clubs

Hope you are all staying safe and healthy! Glad we were able to have our Fall Workshop!

It was great to see everyone who was able to attend. As we were all masked it took a little longer to recognize some of our GFWC WI sisters. Much information was shared as the new Community Service Program areas were introduced.

Our Great Lakes Region Meeting was held on Big Marker, October 24. We heard from each of the CSP chairmen and they shared some great information and ideas for projects.

Thank you to those who participated in our St. Jude's Virtual Walk in September. I am hoping many of our Junior Clubs – "Stuck Their Necks Out" during Advocates for Children Week – October 25-31. Remember to fill out your Giraffe Award form!

Remember to promote your events and activities in your local newspaper and on Facebook. I am sending our "Junior Notes" every four to six weeks and would love to include info from your clubs.

Share your fundraising and project ideas while surviving social distancing. If you would like to subscribe to the "Junior Notes" let me know and I will add you to my list.

I know you will continue to support your communities. With the holidays coming up, I know your help will be greatly appreciated.

May you have a safe holiday season and hope to see you in February!!

In Junior Federation,

Tammy



Officer Reports -

GFWC-WI First Vice President

Report by Nancy Dickman



Nancy Dickman
GFWC - WI
First Vice President
2020-2022

The First Vice President takes an active leadership role in the following functions:

- Executive Committee
- Dean of District Presidents
- Membership Committee (chairman)
- Investment Committee
- Budget Committee (chairman)
- Amendments and Policies Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee (chairman)
- Wisconsin's Own Library Committee

Since the August election, five areas have had one or more conference or video calls, email exchanges or meetings.

Here is a quick list of the work so far:

- Participated in the GFWC Membership Committee Zoom meeting and four webinars on Leadership – Building Your Toolkit, Junior's Special Program, Hats off to Membership Retention and Recruitment, GFWC Signature Program.
- Continued as Treasurer through August 20, closed the fiscal year records, oversaw the financial records review for fiscal 2020, filed the Form 990EZ for 2019-20.
- Transition the Treasurer work to the current officer.
- Participated in two transition Executive Committee meetings and the Zoom installation ceremony for the virtual 2020 State Convention.
- Sent emails to District Presidents to prepare for the Fall District Presidents' meeting. Prepared an agenda for the meeting and arranged to have a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting.
- Sent planning emails to Membership Committee members to prepare for the Fall Membership Committee meeting. Invited the District Presidents to join the Membership meeting. Prepared an agenda for the meeting and arranged to have a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting to include members not able to be in Pewaukee.
- Attended the Rolling Hills District virtual meeting, Northwoods District meeting (via Zoom) and Lakeshore District meeting in person.
- Participated in the Amendments and Policies Committee meeting.
- Attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference (virtual format).

It is a privilege to serve as GFWC-WI First Vice President during this time of renewed focus toward meeting our 21st century challenges!

Nancy Dickman

Officer Reports -

GFWC-WI Second Vice President

Report by Linda Brown

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

Well, it's almost that time again, end of year REPORTING. This requirement is an important step for our clubs 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, is what I am hoping for. Every club is important and their hours and reports are needed for Wisconsin to succeed.

GFWC-WI Website has been updated with the 2020 forms so that Wisconsin clubs are ready to go. Please check out the website to find everything needed to prepare your great reports. The instructions are also on the website and little has changed from the past other than the deadline and the GFWC-WI report recipients. So check it out and **REPORT**. We all have done this before and I am sure you all got this down to a science.

Thank you to Erin Epping for all her help and support getting the website ready for your review. A lot of time -phone calls - texts and she did a great job.

Great Team work!

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

Projects-Fundraisers and Meetings are at a slow pace this year but I am looking forward to reading all the reports and seeing what you all been up to.

Please stay safe and healthy-don't let COVID win.

In Federation,

Linda Brown



Linda Brown

GFWC – WI
Second Vice President

2020 - 2022



GENERAL FEDERATION
of **WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Officer Reports continued

Report by Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary

Greetings GFWC-WI Sisters,

As Corresponding Secretary, I have been busy with many things since our last Clubwoman. I had the privilege of assisting President Abby Lorenz in the typing, collating, assembling and delivery of your state directory handbooks. I hope that you are using them constantly to reference your GFWC-WI work. I also managed the registrations for the GFWC-WI Fall Workshop. It was exciting to see so many of you in person. I only wish I had not been so busy that I could have visited longer with more of you.

In the absence of Nancy Kuczmariski, our Recording Secretary, I also took minutes at the Executive Committee Meeting, the Board of Directors' Meeting, and the General Session. The BOD and General Session minutes are now approved, and Erin Epping has posted them on our GFWC-WI website in the member only section for all to read. I wanted to have them available since so many members were unable to attend in person because of our pandemic. Now all those who were not able to attend can see the work accomplished and the reports given. Please take the time to read them.

I have also transitioned from the treasurer of the Rolling Hills District to the Secretary. At the October meeting of my local club, GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, I gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history and structure of the GFWC and the history of our local club. This past weekend I attended the virtual meeting of our Great Lakes Region along with about 20 other women from GFWC Wisconsin.

I wish you all the best in this strange and yet wonderful world. Fall here in Lake Country was full of gorgeous color, and the sunrises and sunsets have been spectacular. We may not be able to get together as often as we wish in person, but all the new technology that we have learned to use has been keeping us closer than ever in an entirely different way. I hope to see all of you at the Winter Workshop in Brookfield. I will be waiting anxiously for your reservations.

In Federation,

Nancy



Nancy Niedziela

GFWC – WI
Corresponding Secretary
2020-2022

For the record: GFWC-WI Electronic Election Results

Submitted by Barbara Pontow, Chairman of the Nomination/Election Committee

TO: GFWC-WI Clubwomen

Forty-eight members of the GFWC-WI Board of Directors voted in the Electronic Election for officers for the 2020-2022 GFWC-WI administration. Bylaws require a quorum of 30 for the election to be considered valid. The election was done electronically and completed in the time period specified in the voting instructions. The ballot, including the voting instructions, was sent to eligible voters on Friday, August 14, 2020. All ballots needed to be completed and returned by 5:00PM, Wednesday, August 19, 2020 to the nominating/elections chairman as specified in the voting instructions.

GFWC-WI Officers for the 2020-2022 Administration:

President, Abby Lorenz

First Vice-President, Nancy Dickman

Second Vice-President, Linda Brown

Treasurer, Michelle Munoz

Recording Secretary, Nancy Kuczmariski

Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Niedziela

Director of Junior Clubs, Tammy Welter

Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, Suzanne Hooser

Officer Reports continued —

Report by Michelle Munoz, GFWC-WI Treasurer

DUES REMINDER**THE 2020-2021 CLUB YEAR DUES ARE \$22.00 PER MEMBER:**

- \$ 15.00 will be sent to GFWC headquarters by the GFWC-WI Treasurer
- \$ 7.00 will go towards Administrative Expenses of the GFWC-WI

MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC-WI or REMIT via PayPal to GFWC-WI by NOVEMBER 1

The full amount must be paid for EVERY member on the club roster. If the club has special members due to longevity or special circumstance, dues concessions need to be handled within the club. If amounts are not remitted for those special members (for example, honorary or associate members), those members cannot be included in the list of members sent to GFWC International until the full dues are received for them by the GFWC-WI Treasurer.

JUNIOR CLUBS: Send the GFWC-WI dues, rosters, and district payments as instructed elsewhere in this memo. In addition, send \$1.00 per member for GFWC-WI Junior membership to the GFWC-WI Junior Treasurer **by November 1**. Junior Club payments make checks payable to: **GFWC-WI Juniors**.

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Please remember to submit your Club's Rosters – electronic copies preferred

For complete dues information, please see the handout posted on our website: www.gfwc-wi.org



Michelle Munoz

**GFWC - WI
Treasurer
2020-2022**

Nomination Committee - Looking Ahead

Submitted by Barbara Pontow, Chairman of the Nomination/Election Committee

The years **2022-2024** seem so far away, but time has a way of passing quickly. With that thought in mind, the nominating committee members will be "looking for" willing Clubwomen" to "step up" and serve on the Executive Committee for the next administration. Will you consider being one of those "willing Clubwomen"???



Do some "looking around". Take a look in your mirror. Do you see a potential GFWC-WI officer looking back at you? Take a look at your club members. Do you see a future state officer? Then encourage her to consider an office. Then go on to your district members and do the same. Sometimes all it takes is a little "nudge" to make someone to say, "Yes. I will"-----or your reflection in the mirror.

Not sure of what to do or want to learn more??

Check the Bylaws for officer qualifications and responsibilities. Read Clubwoman articles submitted by our current officers. "Chat" with current and former officers to learn more about an office. Then take the next step and contact a member of the nominating committee: Kim Bruns, Mary Kaye Ernest, Kristine Huss, Pat Soefker or Barbara Pontow.

GFWC-Wisconsin Fall Workshop in Pewaukee, Wisconsin



L to R: **Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi** and **Joy Allen**, both club-women of Pewaukee Woman's Club



Kristine Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs



Michelle Munoz



GFWC-WI President **Abby Lorenz** at the podium



Ina Trummer delivered her Trees for Tomorrow 75th anniversary booklets.



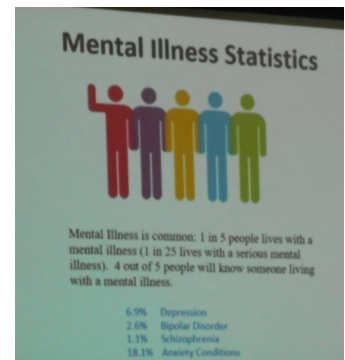
Joy Allen rocking out!



Abby—our Karaoke finale



Keynote speaker **Mary Kay Battaglia** of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)



L to R: **Michelle Munoz, Tammy Welter and Suz Hooser**



October 2 & 3, 2020

Special thank you to:
Julie Riemenschneider
and **Kathleen Novack**
for submitting these
photographs.

Thank you from our immediate past president

Submitted by Deb Brossard



Dear Members of the GFWC-WI Board of Directors and Club Members,

It is with extreme gratitude that I wish to thank you for the generous monetary gift you gave me in recognition of my service as the 2018-2020 GFWC Wisconsin State President.

I was delighted to be able to use the funds to have a customized Wisconsin Past State President's Pin/Pendant made using a jeweler's mold that was created in 1996.

Apparently, it was tradition that all Past State Presidents had the opportunity to have a pin made from the same customized design but when the leadership discovered

that specific design had been discontinued, they used another Past State President's pin to create the mold I used and have now passed along to Abby Lorenz.

I am humbled to be counted among our state organization's legacy as the 59th GFWC Wisconsin State President and will wear this pin/pendant with pride.

Thank you again for your generosity and for sharing your time, talents, and treasure with me over the last two plus years.

In Federation Friendship,

Deb Brossard

GFWC Great Lakes Region—We made history!

The first remote GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference was held on Saturday, October 24th via the Big-Marker platform. Many Wisconsin clubwomen participated in the virtual conference.

Here are the GFWC Great Lakes Region Officers:

Patricia Heitman, Great Lakes Region President - Pat has been a member of GFWC for 45 years. She is a Charter member (and still a member) of the GFWC Manhattan Woman's Club, Manhattan, Illinois.

Dana Jones, Great Lakes Region Vice-President - Dana has been a member of GFWC for 38 years. Her local club is GFWC Hearts and Hands Club, Indiana.

Rose Logston, Great Lakes Region Secretary - Rose is a 45-year member of the GFWC Belpre Woman's Club located in Belpre, Ohio.

Loretta Caron, Great Lakes Region Treasurer - Loretta has been a GFWC Member for 16 Years. Her local club is the GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club, Wisconsin.

Martha Bein, Great Lakes Region Parliamentarian - Martha has been a GFWC Clubwoman for 44 years. Her local club is GFWC Woman's Club of Aurora, Illinois.

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

Congratulations, 16 new Mini LEADS graduates!



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

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 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.*

Welcome to the Northwoods spring 2021!



Granite Peak Ski Area



Rib Mountain State Park



Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

GFWC-Wisconsin 124th Annual State Convention

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 amazing 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:

- 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.
- Visit & shop a Ginseng Farm – Wausau is the Ginseng Capital of the World! www.hsuginseng.com
- Walking tours of Wausau's historic district and/or Wausau River District
- Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
- Monk Botanical Gardens

Send a quick email message or text with your first choice of tours: bbessert@centurytel.net or 715-889-2342.

GFWC-WI Northwoods District –

Clubs in Amherst Junction, Antigo, Lakeland Area, Oconto, Rhinelander and Stevens Point

From around the State - District Presidents' Reports

***NORTHWOODS:** Amherst * Antigo Juniors * Lakeland Area * Oconto * Rhineland * Stevens Point Juniors * Stevens Point*

As president for the Northwoods District, my emphasis for this administration is Living the Collect. So many of us are challenged by our current situation and although our Collect for Clubwomen was written by Mary Stewart in 1904, there is no better time than now to embrace the essence and strive to live by these all important words.



Adhering to both State and Oneida County Health Department health and safety guidelines, the Northwoods District hosted by the GFWC Rhineland Woman's Club held a socially distanced and masked, hybrid meeting on October 10th with 18 members and 3 guests attending in person or via Zoom. The very full agenda included the installation of officers, reports from 6 of our 7 clubs, and reports from program

areas including Conservation, Helen Mears, Child Advocacy, Domestic Violence, Leadership, Jennie June and a Membership report from GFWC-WI 1st VP Nancy Dickman. We had an informative presentation from Nate Schumacher (GFWC WILS liaison) and Deb Brossard, GFWC-WI immediate past state president acknowledged the GFWC and GFWC-WI awards received by Northwoods District clubs for projects outlined in their 2019 reporting. Following an inspirational presentation from our honored guest, GFWC WI president, Abby Lorenz about mental health awareness, the importance of mind, body and spirit and staying connected, we had a time of remembrance to honor those clubwomen who have passed from us since we were last together.

Thank you, GFWC Rhineland Woman's Club for graciously hosting our meeting. The beautiful fall day, warm welcome, lovely decorations and delicious meal made for a very enjoyable meeting venue for conducting district business. We only varied from the social distancing for a few minutes to get a screenshot of everyone wearing the lovely face masks that Mary Fortier made for all who attended in person.

As the hosting district, plans are underway for the 2021 GFWC Wisconsin Annual Convention. We are excited to invite you to our beautiful Northwoods and look forward to welcoming many GFWC Wisconsin Clubwomen to Rothschild on May 13-15, 2021.



Mary Meek
GFWC – WI District President
Northwoods

2020-2022



Sue Sands
GFWC – WI District President
Rivers and Lakes
2020-2022

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

Rivers and Lakes District has not held a meeting this year. However, we are planning one for November 11th hosted by the Woman's Club of De Pere. Our guest speaker is Cate Zeuske who will present a program on Woman's Suffrage.

Look for more information about our District in future issues of the "Wisconsin Clubwoman".

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

Rolling Hills District had its first virtual district meeting via Zoom. As everyone joined in for the meeting they were asked to put their name and club name under their picture. It was really nice to be able to put names and faces together. We had 3 members in attendance that were new to a district meeting.

Plans are already being made for our Spring District Meeting that we hope will be an in person meeting depending on the pandemic. I have been in contact with club officers to check on how they are handling meetings. Some clubs have held outside meetings and some have done combined virtual and in person meetings and some are holding in person meetings at locations where they can spread out to comply with social distance rules. It is very important to stay in contact with all club members to keep them connected to their club. Call trees are a good way to stay connected.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions you may have. Please stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing everyone at a meeting soon.

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

The **Lakeshore District** has been busy! We had 20 brave women attend a real, live luncheon on Monday, Oct 26. We enjoyed each other's company, got to know each other better, and learned a few things! The focus for the meeting was Membership; how we can "Plant, Sustain, and Grow" our clubs based on my theme for this year.



Plant Grow Sustain

Each of the club presidents in attendance shared the work of each of their clubs. Their activities were varied and all the clubs were definitely thinking outside the box. Five of our clubs were recognized for their years of service in their communities ranging from 55 years to two clubs serving for 120 years.

I am proud to lead this great group of women from Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties.



Erin Epping
GFWC – WI District President
Lakeshore
2020-2022

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

The **Southern Prairies District** Board held its first meeting on Oct. 27 which was exciting because we haven't met since March! Everyone wore masks and were socially distanced in person and we had a Zoom link for those unable to attend. We decided on committee chairmen, selected dates for meetings, workshops, and conventions and other business.

Many of the clubs have had board meetings and some have had club meetings, which were held outside when possible or inside with a hybrid Zoom meeting so those who didn't feel comfortable meeting in person could participate. Clubs are doing a great job learning and becoming comfortable with technology!

There is a great variety of new things happening in the Clubs! Beloit Jr's is assisting with baskets for homebound individuals through the Meals on Wheels program and sending birthday and get-well cards. Pleasant Prairie is making Christmas stockings, filling them with needed items and baking cookies to be given on Christmas Day to the residents of a local care facility. They have adopted a cop to give gift cards and write thank you notes. Monroe did an outdoor ice cream social, induction ceremony and presented two Quilts of Valor. They also held a 7-day online auction along with a Facebook Live auction the final evening of the auction which was very successful! They have made adaptations to do their annual Christmas stocking by having a local business pack the food boxes, a drive through pick up of the boxes and giving families coupons to use for apparel items (diapers, socks, etc). WC of Kenosha is planning an online auction for late November, awarding a Quilt of Valor and in December honoring the first responders. Kenosha Jr's is trying new fundraising ideas like selling Thanksgiving pies baked by a bakery and doing a Kringle fundraiser at Christmas. East Troy had a well-attended September club meeting at a picnic shelter and is working to decide how and if they should have their annual craft fair fundraiser.



Julie Saether

**GFWC – WI District President
Southern Prairies**

2020-2022



**Julie Riemenschneider
GFWC – WI District President
Northern Lights**

2020-2022

NORTHERN LIGHTS: *Amery * Ashland * Bloomer * Centuria * Colfax * Menomonie * Spooner*

The **Northern Lights District** did not meet for spring convention this year because of COVID 19. We did elect officers by email or regular mail.

As president I have been in touch with all seven clubs. I brought back the inserts for the 2020-2022 binders from the fall conference in Pewaukee and met the club presidents at Spooner and Colfax to give them out and to visit a bit. We don't plan to meet this fall either.

We had sad news recently when Peggy Johnson of Centuria WC passed away. Peggy was our long-time treasurer and president of her club. Thanks to Mary Fortier for calling me about Peggy's death. I attended the visitation.

Some of the clubs have met and some have not. Things like Red Cross Blood Drives have been carried on. Amery met outside in September and October but will not meet in November. Spooner has organized a calling tree to call homebound friends once a day.

GFWC Program Areas:

Environment

Submitted by: Karen Ostrowski, Chairman



At our Northwoods fall workshop homemade masks were handed out to attendees and the elastic was replaced with recycled nylons and they were super comfy.

Other uses for nylons: separate and hang onions from your garden and use them to tie plants to stakes for support; they give support without harming tender stems.

International Environment Chairperson Karen Martinek has instructions on how

to use plastic grocery bags for knitting or crocheting. If you haven't made the switch to LED lights yet, think about replacing them. The prices have come down and some utility companies monthly give them out. They are more energy efficient than fluorescent bulbs and are easier on your eyes (no flickering).

If we all use our resources wisely we can cut down on carbon emissions and slow down global warming. Some common sense tips: Turn off lights, computers and televisions when not in use. Watch your heating and cooling avoiding extremes. Open blinds on sunny days in the winter and keep closed in summer and close at night to prevent heat loss or gain. When cooking or baking, use your oven wisely and make several things at the same time and freeze extras.

Remember to get plenty of sunshine this winter to prevent SAD Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Education and Libraries

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman

I enjoyed the GFWC WI Fall Conference at Pewaukee. It was good to see everyone amid the masking and social distancing. I found the reports from the various chairmen to be informative and enlightening.

Education and Libraries are vast topics. GFWC Education Chairman Tina Daniel sends her monthly newsletters by email. I forward them to the district presidents who forward them to their clubs. She has some good ideas.



The GFWC News & Notes also helps to raise awareness. Heading toward winter will find many of us looking for reading material. A book suggestion in GFWC Marketplace is [A Private Family Matter: A Memoir](#) by Victor Rivas Rivers about domestic abuse and awareness.

Go to the GFWC Club Manual under Member Portal to find resolutions that GFWC is considering for action. We need to let our members know what our greater organization is doing when it comes to laws. I am hearing complaints from clubs who are in danger of de-federating because they think too much of their annual dues are going to headquarters. It takes money to make our voices heard at higher levels of government.

Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marianne Potter, Chairman



We are facing a “new” normal this holiday season that includes Governor Evers’ mask mandate, repeatedly washing hands and social distancing.

Each individual needs to evaluate how to personally stop the spread of this disease. The most difficult aspect will be to isolate during family holiday celebrations, especially if you or a family member is sick.

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has a weekly bulletin that provides resources and ideas to prevent diseases and promote health. Each month different important health issues that impact Americans are promoted.

November

- American Diabetes Month
- COPD Awareness month.
- November 18-24 Antibiotic Awareness Week and the impact of antibiotic-resistance

December

- World AIDS Day December 1
- National Influenza Vaccination Week, December 1-7

January

- The National Eye Institute sponsors Glaucoma Awareness month each January.
- The National Cervical Cancer Coalition promotes education about cervical cancer and HPV vaccination as well as the importance of screening.

The health.gov website provides a plethora of resources to share with members. Awareness is a key component of prevention.

New Year’s Resolutions are an annual tradition. Day to day demands of life can impact the accomplishment of these resolutions. Short-term health and nutrition SMART goals can be more effective. SMART goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-Based. A SMART goal of “I will walk one mile before dinner 3 days per week for the month of January” is more attainable than “I will exercise more.”

Please contact mariannepotter@charter.net if you would like to share ideas and projects on a regular basis. Be safe!

“Who you are comes before what you do. Leadership is being before doing.” — JOHN MAXWELL

Signature Program Chairman: Domestic and Sexual Violence - Awareness & Prevention

Submitted by: Kay Saleweske, Chairman

Focus Topic: Intimate Partner Violence by Darlene Adams

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Most of us are blessed to consider our home a safe-haven, a place we enjoy being after a hard day of work or volunteering. It emotionally connects us to love feelings with family, friends and even our pets.



However, for some of us, home is nothing like this. The minute we think about going home, our stomach gets in knots, our anxiety builds as the clock is ticking closer to knock-off time. If already home, we have this fear surfacing as our intimate partner gets closer to walking in that door. This is a scenario of someone living with intimate partner violence.

What is Intimate Partner Violence

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the term intimate partner violence “describes physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy.”

To make matters worse, we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and many are still working from the house, or worse, laid off. It is possible that stress, anxiety and fear of the unknown is escalating in the home. Take that same setting, adding someone that needs to be in control or has anger issues and you have the perfect storm for violence.

What GFWC Members Can Do

Now more than ever, we have to be advocates in our communities. Let’s “Break the Silence” of abusive relationship secrets. Here are two new projects your club can do to bring awareness:

- Download the purple GFWC Signature Program Facebook frame and add any of the following hashtags: #BreaktheSilence, #StopDomesticViolence, #IamGFWC.
- Come up with a creative GFWC video to “Break the Silence on Domestic Violence” and upload on social media, again using hashtags.

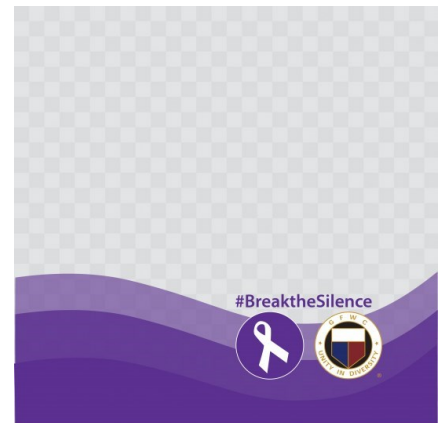
Check out these GFWC legislative issues on the GFWC website:

[STOP Online Child Sexual Exploitation](#)

Urge the Senate to pass the EARN IT Act, S. 3398, which revises the legal framework governing the prevention of online sexual exploitation of children by removing liability protections for tech companies related to child sexual abuse materials.

[End Campus Sexual Assault](#)

Victims of sexual assault require specialized medical treatment and counseling services. Campus sexual assault survivors suffer high rates of PTSD, depression, and drug or alcohol abuse which can hamper both the ability to succeed in school and future employment. Educational equity for women and girls requires fair, responsive, fully developed campus sexual assault policies, knowledgeable administrators, and ultimately, an end to sexual violence on college campuses.

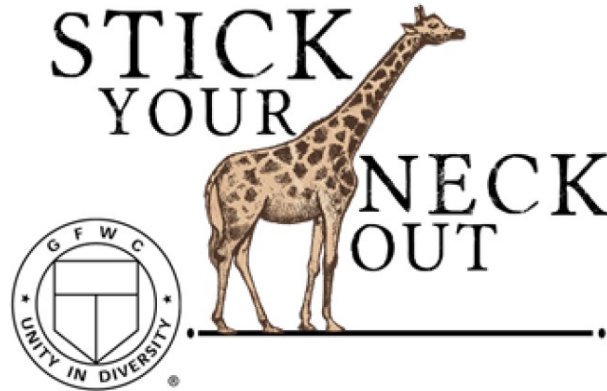


Advocates for Children

Submitted by: Sue Bessert, Chairman



Remember: All clubs (not just Junior clubs) can compete in this award.



The Giraffe Award will be presented at the Junior Business Session of the GFWC Annual Convention in 2021 and 2022 to honor all State Federations that participate in the Challenge Project. An award certificate will be provided to each club that undertakes a project directly benefiting children during the fourth week of October.

STATE FEDERATION:

CLUB NAME:

CLUB CONTACT & PHONE NUMBER:

NARRATIVE: Please provide a short description of 50 words or less to describe your club's activity for GFWC Advocates for Children Week, plus one or two photos.

Mail or email form and photos to Juniors' Special Program Chairman Carrie Zimmerman, 605 White Oaks Farm Road, Tamasee, SC, 29686, or czim22@gmail.com. For GFWC's use of photos, please include the Creative Arts Waiver Form found in the Awards, Contest, and Grants section of the GFWC Club Manual.

Leadership

Submitted by: Mary Meek, Chairman

Congratulations to the sixteen GFWC-WI Clubwomen who are graduates of the October 4th virtual Mini LEADS 101 session! Please take time to view the photograph, page 11 with the list of participants which also includes repeat attendees and members of the leadership presentation team.

Now is the time to be mindful of two important opportunities for clubs and clubwomen:



It is time for each club to give thoughtful consideration to identify a member to nominate as our Wisconsin LEADS candidate for 2021. It is indeed an honor to be considered so I encourage all clubs to submit an applicant.

The GFWC-WI Leadership Committee would like to strongly encourage EVERY club to submit an aspiring leader as a nominee. Applications will be reviewed by the Leadership Committee and the candidate that will represent GFWC Wisconsin in Toronto on Friday, June 25, 2021 will be chosen from that pool. All applicants and the chosen candidate will be notified well in advance of the Toronto Convention so that travel plans can be made.

GFWC LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)

Keep in mind that GFWC LEADS is designed to prepare an incoming leader for higher aspirations at the club, district and state level. If you are chosen as the GFWC Wisconsin candidate for the 2021 GFWC LEADS program and complete the training, you will be asked to serve on the GFWC Wisconsin Leadership Committee along with 14 other active past LEADS graduates. It is indeed an honor to be counted among this group of talented and dedicated members who have worked together these past two years to move our leadership initiatives forward!

The GFWC Wisconsin LEADS candidate will not only receive some monetary support from GFWC in the form of transportation and lodging reimbursement but she will also receive a stipend of \$750 from GFWC Wisconsin to use for expenses. She will be expected to cover any remaining expenses.

One judging criteria is that the nominee has attended a Mini LEADS session at the state level, however this is only criteria and should not dissuade interested and enthusiastic members to apply.

We know there are many deserving, aspiring leaders holding membership in each club in this state. Please encourage your club to nominate one of them and let them have the opportunity to receive some exemplary leadership training at the international level!

We look forward to receiving many applications! The Wisconsin LEADS nomination application is available on the GFWC-Wisconsin website: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/leadership>.

The deadline is January 31, 2021.

Michelle Munoz, chellemunoz@hotmail.com

Mary Meek, rlmeek3@gmail.com

Leadership continued

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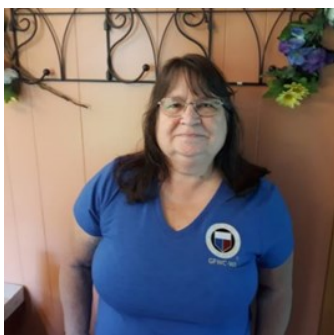
Also, this is the time of year when we begin to organize and focus our efforts on year end report writing. You may have already heard talk on this subject however, I want to share some thoughts for consideration while preparing for your club's report on Leadership.

Less than 50% of WI clubs submitted a leadership report for 2019 which was quite surprising to me since everything we do requires leadership...club meetings, board meetings, bylaws review, mentoring/training and education (GFWC-WI Mini LEADS participation/GFWC LEADS applicant), attending District and State meetings, holding positions of leadership within the various levels of GFWC, organizing events and activities, collaboration with other community organizations and serving in positions of volunteer leadership within the community.

A new leadership reporting form has been created which outlines the specific criteria that will be reported by this chairman to encapsulate our Wisconsin 2020 endeavors. I encourage you to report on your club leadership endeavors.

Come on, Wisconsin clubs, give me 100% participation for leadership reporting!!

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GFWC - WI Advancement Area - Membership

Submitted by: Nancy Dickman, Chairman

Membership is at a crisis in every district in some way.

Priority ONE is **RETENTION of members.**

Our job as club members has changed! We are a community service organization. For now, our top priority community is the wellbeing of our sisters. When we are strong and healthy and ready, we can once again be that fierce presence in our cities and towns. We need to focus on helping members feel connected to GFWC.

We completely get the WHAT, the WHO, even the WHERE. The HOW is hard. HOW we care for each other in club and in our communities must change. Our mindset is shifting, but it is very difficult on us, the roll your sleeves up group. We struggle with HOW to do things differently – we are not tone deaf – we just do not have all the answers yet.

Start with virtual or hybrid meetings rather than strictly in-person meetings. More ideas from the Fall Workshop roundtable will be shared with presidents to go beyond that first step.

The Membership Committee and district volunteers are forming a club workshop squad to directly help clubs with steps to enhance member retention as well as new member recruitment. We understand that while retention is the first goal, there must be some member recruitment efforts to keep us vibrant.

Goals for the term:

- ⇒ Form three Juniorette clubs (high school aged members) utilizing access to WILS to identify possible members from the students sponsored by many clubs in the state.
- ⇒ Hold some sort of member drive in 50% of the clubs, utilize the GFWC Membership Grant funding and the budget available GFWC-WI for Membership and Federation Extension.

GFWC bonds can survive a pandemic – it proved that 100 years ago. We are first helping each other, our membership sisterhood, as community service project #1.

Is your club looking for more information on how to Zoom?

Check out this link for a tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQoE>

GFWC - WI Amendments & Policies Committee

Submitted by: Ruth Diedrich, Chairman

The current GFWC-WI Bylaws and General Policies can be found on the GFWC-WI website.

I encourage you to take the time to read these documents. The Bylaws and the General Policies dictate the way our group functions. A committee is appointed by the Executive Committee to review the documents and present for consideration to the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the membership any amendments that will keep the bylaws and policies current with the practice of our organization. Proposed amendments may also be recommended by the Executive Committee, a district, or a club.



While so many of our clubs are at a standstill with outside activities and projects because of the COVID epidemic, this may be a good time to appoint a committee to look at your club's bylaws to see, if there are amendments needed to bring your bylaws current. The committee can do a lot of work using email, Zoom, or any other way of communicating that your committee can develop to update your bylaws.

It is a good practice, to review these very important documents at least once during a two year administration.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

Submitted by Nancy Schrap, GFWC-WI Chairman

ESO - What is ESO? Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. It provides a structured reading program that is educational and hopefully stimulates a desire for self-improvement and life-long learning. The suggested reading list has been updated for 2020-22 and is on our website. The categories were updated but not included: Philosophy, Religion & Inspirational; Science and Nature; and Sports, Recreation & Humor.



Wisconsin expanded its listing to include: Wisconsin authors; current events, politics and government and fiction genre: historical.

How do I join? What to do to get started? Go to the state website and complete the ESO Pledge Application and send it to me. Start reading and complete four book reports in four different categories. Send your reports to me – just a line or two or three on what you thought of the book! If you are already a member, please send me your reports to complete your next level.

Reading Goals

- **Pledge:** has obtained an enrollment application and has started to fulfill the reading requirements.
- **Member:** has completed four books from four different categories, for a total of 16 books.
- **Star Level:** member has completed four books from ten different categories, for a total of 40 books.
- **Torch Level:** member has completed four books from 16 different categories, for a total of 64 books
- **Century Award:** member has completed 100 books.

Have a wonderful fall of reading. If you have any questions, please just ask. Nancy Schrap, ESO Chairman - nancywischrap@aol.com or mail to 7024 West Wells Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

Writing Contests

Submitted by: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Chairman

The GFWC Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and community youth to freely express themselves and draw upon their experiences through writing. These submissions illustrate the talent of GFWC members and of K-12 students in our communities.

There are two categories for each group: Short story and Poetry.

Find detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging visit 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

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

Entries for the upcoming Contest must have been written in 2020. The deadline for submission of all entries is February 12th, 2021. The completed and formatted works must arrive at that date either in the Contest chairman’s snail mail or email boxes.

For inquiries contact the GFWC-WI Writing Contests Chair, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, at alexandrallerch@hotmail.com or call 262-303-4420. Send your entries to W275N2337 Oak Ct, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

Good luck!



Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award

Submitted by: Deb Strecker, Chairman



Hello GFWC WI Sisters, I am excited to be the **GFWC WI Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award Chair**. We all know amazing women in each of our communities. This is your opportunity to recognize one of yours with this distinct honor. Nominations are due to me by April 1st 2021 - (No joke). The nomination forms and criteria explained are the GFWC WI website. It is my express hope that my email and mailbox are flooded with worthy candidates.

I challenge each Club to find that outstanding community leader. She does not have to be a GFWC member, but we all know that our members are amazing women and would qualify for this honor! You have approximately five months to work on this. Do not wait, start looking now and enjoy the journey!

In Federation and Friendship & Always BEE Kind

Deb Strecker

GFWC WI 20/22 Theodora Youmans Award Chair

Dlstrecker@gmail.com or 262-924-5092

Community Impact Program Award

Submitted by: Carol Wolfenden, Chairman

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD (formerly known as “Community Improvement Program Award”)

Introduced in 1949 as the “Build a Better Community Contest,” this program has had two names changes, but the goal has remained the same: *to encourage and to recognize the positive impact a club can have on a specific community need.*

How could your club participate?

- Identify a community need.
- Consider one to three “doable” projects (short term & long term) that address that need. Can any partners help?
- Carry out your plan over two years.
- Report. Cover letter, info, photos, publicity=10 pages maximum.

March 1, 2022 is the due date for club entries. Entries must be sent via mail, postmarked no later than this date, to the Community Impact Program Award Chair. A three-judge panel of non-GFWC members will score the entries. The Award entry of the first place state winners (\$50 prize) and the name of the second place winners (\$35 prize) advance to GFWC to compete with other states’ entries.

The name has been changed and the reporting has been streamlined to make it easier for all clubs to participate!

Now, **what does your community need?**

CLUB CORNER



GFWC Past District Officers

Past District Officers:

Back row L to R:

Ina Trummer, Nancy Schrap, Linda Taylor, Mary Kaye Ernst, Nancy Honadel and Joyce O'Donnell

Front row L to R:

Mary Pike, Fran Cook and Dorothea Lannin

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club



Pictured from left: **Lieutenant Cummings, Chief MacFarlan, Barbara Pontow, and Carol Tautges**

On Aug. 25, Chief Scott MacFarlan and Lieutenant Michael Cummings accepted a generous donation, on behalf of the Hartford Police Department, to purchase a new automated external defibrillator (AED). **GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club** President Barbara Pontow, and Recording Secretary Carol Tautges, presented the department with a \$500 donation which will help toward the police department's goal of purchasing a final replacement AED.



L to R: **Nancy Truse and Josie Longworth (new members) and Past President Nancy O'Rourke**

On Aug. 26, the **GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club** "Rolled Out the Red Carpet" when they hosted their 35th Installation Banquet. Two new members were installed by Past President Nancy O'Rourke, and the new officers for 2020-2022 were inducted. The evening was Oscar themed, and was a great tribute to new and past installations by walking down memory lane and celebrating 35 years as a chapter of GFWC. In attendance were two of the founding members, who are still active members



Officers Installation L to R: President **Barbara Pontow**; Vice President, **Karen Davis**; Treasurer, **Nancy Truse**; Recording Secretary, **Carol Tautges**; Corresponding Secretary, **Pat Moore**



The **GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha** has met through Zoom and a hybrid of Zoom and in person. We are learning new technology, who said that you cannot teach an old dog new tricks...The WC-K is being doubly challenged by the pandemic and racial unrest in our beloved community. 2020 has been a difficult year, but we are still optimistic and will continue to soldier on. We will stand together and

be Kenosha Strong. Thank you to Lorretta Caron for installing the 2020-2021 officers with a unique gemstone rainbow ceremony. Her exquisite witches' hat and costume added some extra panache to the ceremony.

The WC-K will be holding a virtual fundraiser online auction in late November. Our focus is on acts of kindness in our community. We are presenting a QAV quilt to female veteran at our November meeting. Thank you to Ellen Weber and her Chicken Coop Quilters. In December we will be honoring our first responders with a Backing the Blue Christmas program.

BEE Kind! BEE Safe! & BEE Strong!

Deb Strecker, President

GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha Est. 1891

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club

Each year **Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club** holds its annual April Spring and September Fall Rummage Sales. Donations to the rummage are received from club members, their families, friends and community residents. Proceeds from the sales are given back to the community to benefit Brown Deer Schools and other Community Programs.

Due to restrictions on gathering and to keep everyone safe, both 2020 rummages were cancelled. As many of us did, club members had been busy spring and fall cleaning their homes and accumulating rummage sale items. The question then became: What do we do with all these things?

Never fear! An alternative idea was suggested and Rummage Sale: 2020 Edition was born. Why not donate directly to the organizations which provide clothing, household items, etc. to those in need? Various organizations were contacted to find out their specific needs. Club members then offered their homes as a designated drop-off location for one of the organizations. The member then collected the items and, on behalf of the club, personally delivered them.

The response to the donations and the gratitude expressed by the organizations was overwhelming!

Organizations Helped Were:

- Bottomless Closet – Group helping women enter back into the workforce
- Habitat for Humanity
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission
- Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge -Mobile outreach organization helping the homeless
- Pathfinders – Group helping runaways, homeless youth and young single parents
- Soles for Jesus – Group which collects shoes and sends to Africa
- Items not accepted by any organization were donated to Goodwill



GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club



Photo L: Club members debuted on YouTube with a suffragist skit, "Failure is Impossible" by Rosemary H. Klower.

Photo R: October 26th delivery of 150 art kits for kids to County Social Services — part of Children's Advocacy Week.



CLUB CORNER

Women's Equality Day Celebration
August 26, 2020 1pm

Exactly 100 years from the day the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, our club celebrated women's suffrage. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, with the size of gatherings limited and indoor spaces not ideal for group meetings, a number of our members gathered at a village park. Under a huge tree providing shade on one of the hottest days of August, members spread out, sitting on the chairs they brought with them and sipped cold water.

A violinist played folk tunes and the accompaniment to a song written by a member entitled 'Vote, Vote, Vote' while members sang the words.

Then a group of 4 ladies read the 11-page speech entitled "We Can Do It", written and distributed by the National Women's History Project. The members wore mostly white, large hats reminiscent of the early 1900s and sashes of Gold, White and Purple emblazoned with the words "Votes for Women". The presentation ended with a short acknowledgement about the issues we face today regarding the social justice movement.



Recitation of the Speech

Equality Day Proclamation



I had a little husband
No bigger than my thumb;
Though I was college graduate
My husband, he was dumb.
I earned the money we lived on
And ran the house beside,
But when it came to voting
I must humbly step aside.



Sing a song of sixpence,
A government of quacks—
Four and twenty women
Paying in their tax.
When the money's counted
Their's is good as any.
Why is not a ballot
Fair as is a penny?



These rhymes were read before we sang "Vote, Vote, Vote".

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Princeton Woman's Club



Despite the pandemic the **Princeton Woman's Club** has kept busy. In June some of the ladies got together and planted flowers in our City Park before the start of the Flea Market season.



In August we met for the first time since March and installed the new 2020-2022 officers.



We could not forget our friends at Martha's Assistant living home. Members baked a whole bunch of homemade goodies and drop them off at the home. Each resident also received a beautifully made card with a picture of sunflowers, created by **Renee Cybul**.



At our September meet we dedicated the bike rack at the City Park. **Jenny Stelzer** spearhead this project when she discovered that there was no bike rack at the city park.

We are growing strong and are not letting the pandemic slow us down.



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.

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club



The **Woman's Civic Club of Hillsboro** met in a park for its September meeting. Installation of Officers, usually a May event, was the first order of business. Here are the officers:

Seated: **Wendy Manser**—Treasurer, **Karen Stanek**—2nd Vice-President, **Carol Wolfenden**—Co-President.
Standing: **Marty Magalsky**—Recording Secretary, **Diana Marshall**—Co-President, **Jean Traeder**—1st Vice-President.
Not pictured: **Mary Sterba**—Corresponding Secretary.

Members received the new program book, which featured our motto:
Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Photo courtesy of the Hillsboro Sentry-Enterprise

The **Woman's Civic Club of Hillsboro** conducted its first "Drive-By" Pie Sale in early September. Rather than selling pie slices, whole pies were sold for the fundraiser. Pictured here are **Carol Wolfenden**, handing off a pie order to **Margaret Ann Roberts**, who has been a club member for over 50 years. She is accompanied by Vicky, her companion. There were so many early sales that the event didn't last long. And there were no costs, only profits!

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis

Remembers & Celebrates

On September 11 the **Woman's Club of West Allis** met outdoors (masked and socially distanced) to remember victims of 9-11 and Covid-19 and to celebrate the club's 120th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of Votes for Women. City of West Allis **Mayor Dan Devine** presented the club with a Proclamation highlighting the Club's contributions to the community, including founding of the first library. A PowerPoint program on the "Wonderful Women of West Allis" was presented by the President of the West Allis Historical Society **Devan Gracyalny**, tracing women's role in the community from the pioneer days until modern times.



L TO R PHOTOS: City of West Allis Mayor Dan Devine presenting the Proclamation to **Carol Ziehler**, President of the Club; the City Proclamation; and the overview of the meeting.

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Woman's Club of Hartland



In the July "Clubwoman" we shared that the club was collecting purses and toiletries for WOVIN (Women Veterans Initiative), an organization at the VA Hospital to help homeless female veterans).

Pictured above are: **Renee Rasmussen, Kathy Loftis, Arline Bloom, Donna LeVeille and Barb Christiansen** filling the purses with the toiletry bags. Also shown are two of the bags full of wonderful gifts for the ladies and the 100 purses ready to be delivered. We are so grateful to our community for the donations of so many items to put in the bags.



2020-2021 Club Officers: Barb Christiansen, Donna LeVeille, Arline Bloom, Kathy Loftis and Robyn Allen.

Our first meeting in September was with about half of our members in attendance. We properly welcomed our newest member **Mugsy Hinrichs**. Mugsy came as a guest to our February meeting and joined on the spot! In June she accepted the Publicity Chairperson's position!

The Chairladies of the Standing Committees and Community Service Programs received the MIND BODY SPIRIT President's pin.

Mr. Tim Culhane, of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, was our guest speaker in October. SHP builds and provides beds for homeless children. Last June they were recipients of a \$500 donation from our Club.

Also in October we collected donations of cash and food for the Hartland Food Pantry. We donated candy to the annual Chamber Treat or Treat event.

In November we will hear Helen Hertnecky, from the Oconomowoc Club, speak of her many trips and experiences with Operation Smile. And we will collect ladies coats for FAMILY PROMISE.

This year our Club will focus on retention and staying connected to our members. We are reaching out to those members who are unable to attend the general meeting by providing meeting minutes with a note that they are being thought of.

We began three new programs to include those members that are not at the monthly meetings:

1. Unofficially joined Epsilon Sigma Omicron
2. Started recycling
3. And providing material for Operation Smile blankets.

These are projects that all of our members can participate in.

Our fundraising will be limited this year. But December 5th we will be distributing boxes of prepackaged homemade cookies. We started taking orders in early November and once again we are getting great support from our community.

We have signed up for the payback program at Amazon Smile and our local Piggly Wiggly. Also, we are collecting aluminum and metal to turn in for cash.

Correction: This editor was made aware of an error in the summer issue. Tammy Welter's club is Beloit Juniors. The current 2020-2022 State Handbook has been corrected.

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Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER

- 1** Club dues are DUE!
- 3** Election Day - Vote
- 11** Veteran's Day
- 26** Thanksgiving Day

JANUARY 2021

- 5** **Deadline for submissions** - "GFWC-WI Clubwoman", Winter Issue
Registration deadline - **Winter Workshop & Mini LEADS**, Sheraton Brookfield
- 31** **Club Reports** need to be emailed or postmarked on or before

FEBRUARY

- 19-20** **GFWC-WI Winter Board Meeting**, Sheraton, Brookfield, Wisconsin
- 21** **GFWC-WI Mini LEADS**, Sheraton, Brookfield, Wisconsin

MARCH

- 2** **Deadline for submissions** - "GFWC-WI Clubwoman", Spring Issue

APRIL

- Registration deadline - **State Convention & Mini LEADS**, Rothschild, Wisconsin
- 24** **GFWC Federation Day**

MAY

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

Our Mission

GFWC-Wisconsin is a statewide volunteer community service organization that promotes individual growth and provides education and training to enrich the quality of life worldwide.

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