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Wisconsin Clubwomen display their Super Hero poses at Jr Fall Conference!



"Invincible" - expanding our body confidence — make ourselves bigger —and comfort with self were some of the concepts shared by speaker B. A. Lamb at Junior Fall Conference October 23rd in Brown Deer, Wisconsin.

Thank you, Michelle Munoz for these candid. More photographs on pages 8 and 9.

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Message from our GFWC-WI State President, Abby Lorenz



Abby Lorenz
GFWC - WI President

Alas! The beauty of fall in Wisconsin! It's a good time to pause, reflect and be grateful for all the positive things that have happened this year. I truly feel blessed to have served as your State President and be surrounded by sisters who are passionate and dedicated to help those in need. So many of you have invested countless volunteer hours to bring joy to others. You are absolutely living the Volunteer Spirit!

Over the past few months, I attended the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, Great Lakes Region Conference in Illinois, and the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference in Brown Deer where we were blessed with poetry readings by Wisconsin's Own Library *Poet in Residence* at Ripon College, Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka. I was reminded of the joy of poetry and how important it is to have a creative outlet.

“The leaves are changing; I feel poetry in the air.” Laura Jaworski

You are cordially invited to attend our Wisconsin's Own Library Open House on Saturday, November 13, from 1-3pm at Lane Library in Ripon College. Enjoy refreshments, poetry readings, live music and more! Bring your friends. All are welcome!

For those in the midst of seeking leadership at the district or club level, I encourage you to be a mentor and invite members to take on leadership roles, providing guidance and support when needed. While it can be a daunting task, a personal phone call with positive affirmations such as, “I think you'd be a great President!” may be just what they need to hear to take that leap of faith to fill that role.

Know that I am so proud of each clubwoman, each leader, each volunteer in our beautiful State of Wisconsin. You are all shining stars and I appreciate your amazing work. Remember to be good to yourself by keeping a balanced MIND-BODY-SPIRIT. Your mental health, physical health and spirituality is what makes your light shine!

Keep shining bright!

In Federation,

Abby



Message from GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs, Tammy Welter

It has been a busy past few months! In August was GFWC Convention in Atlanta. It was great to be able to see so many clubwomen from all over the country. It was the first time the State Directors were able to see each other in person since we were installed. Wisconsin Juniors won an Award for Increase in membership. Several clubs received the Stick Your Neck Out Award – Oconomowoc Juniors, Kenosha Juniors, Rhinelander Woman's Club and Bloomer Woman's Club. Hope to see more clubs win this award next year!

2021 Junior Fall Conference was a busy day. Attendees heard from Wisconsin's Own Library's Poet in Residence, Canine Companions and B.A. Lamb talked about our Superpower Pose. Money was raised for NAMI and March of Dimes. The wine pull was successful. Our hands on project was pet warmers made with new children's socks and filled with jasmine rice. Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped to put the day together.

With the holidays ahead, I know you will all be thinking about those less fortunate and will work towards making their holidays a little brighter. I look forward to seeing many of you at Winter Workshop in February. May you and your families have a lovely and safe holiday season.

In Junior Federation,

Tammy



Tammy Welter
GFWC - WI
Director of Junior Clubs

2020—2022



63rd GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference — October 23, 2021 in Brown Deer, Wisconsin

Director of Junior Clubs, **Tammy Welter** (center) with speakers (l to r) **Ashley** and **Catherine** along with their canines Phineas and Penne.

Seated at the table (l to r) are **Kristina Higbee**, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs; **Suz Hooser**, GFWC-WI Junior Director-elect and **Lisa Miller**, GFWC-WI Junior Clubs Secretary.

More photographs from the conference on pages 8 and 9.



Officer Report: GFWC - WI First Vice President/President-elect

By: Nancy Dickman

The article theme in the July 2021 Wisconsin Clubwoman was “Making A Connection.” What a delight to say every month since then has provided marvelous opportunities to do just that.

August brought a road trip to the International Convention in Atlanta with more than 600 clubwomen from around the world. The speakers were simply FANTASTIC! The awards were INSPIRING! The entertainment had us ON OUR FEET!

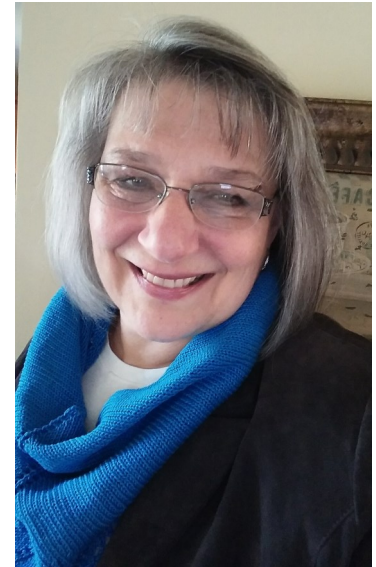
September brought multiple speaking engagements at district meetings and clubs. At each meeting, there was example after example of how “we are at one.” Clubs and districts are rising from the isolation of the pandemic with energy to do well-thought projects for communities hungry for our special brand of service, friendship, and generosity. Our cities and towns are anxious to attend our fundraisers and to hear about our efforts. In every club, there seems to be new members ready to engage. Congratulations to all clubs that took the time to care for yourselves for a bit so you could be healthy and ready to serve this year.

October offered another road trip, this time to Illinois for the Great Lakes Region Conference. Once again, the stops were open for terrific speakers, workshops, and GFWC committee sessions. There was even a refreshingly funny fundraising night – who knew? The session ended with the GFWC-WI inviting the clubwomen of our region to visit us for the GLR 2022 to be held in Brookfield, WI.

October brought formative meetings for TWO youth clubs! You will be kept posted as plans for these new clubs gel. The month was capped with the heart-touching speakers at the Fall Junior Conference and the last of the district meeting speaking engagements.

Committee participation is an important leadership and “connection” opportunity for the First Vice President/ President-elect. There were monthly Executive Committee meetings, a Membership Committee meeting, and a Wisconsin’s Own Library Committee meeting. The Strategic Planning, Investment, and Budget Committees will meet in the next few weeks to set the plans for the next couple of years.

It is a privilege to serve as your GFWC-WI First Vice President/President-elect. Thank you for your warm support.



Nancy Dickman
GFWC - WI
First Vice President/President-elect

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Officer Report: GFWC - WI Second Vice President

By: Linda Brown

Well, It's That Time Again! Get Ready-Get Set-REPORT!

Hello GFWC-WI sisters. I am certainly surprised on how this year has passed so quickly. I hope that you all had fun doing your club projects and events. Now it's time to plan your reports for the 2022 due date.

Please take a moment to check out the GFWC-WI website, for all your forms that are required and posted there for your convenience. All forms have been updated and reviewed, ready for our clubs to report.

The due date is January 31, 2022.

Basically, the requirements and forms are the same as last year, so I am sure you will have no problems or questions. You all did a great job! My goal this year is to get all reports sent electronically-No Snail Mail! So, if you are having problems getting the computer to work, please call a club member, your district president or this reporting team for assistance.

Looking forward to read all your reports and to see how Wisconsin clubs have flourished. Always so proud!

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Linda Brown
GFWC - WI
Second Vice President

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Recording Secretary

By: Sue Sands



Sue Sands
GFWC - WI
Recording Secretary

Fall greetings to all of you. I hope that this beautiful time of year finds you taking some time to relax and enjoy the crisp fall days and stunning fall color. It won't be long and everything will be covered in white!!

I don't have much to report to you about the duties of being the recording secretary. I continue to prepare minutes for all GFWC-WI meetings. The members of the Executive Committee make this an interesting and easy task. They follow our agenda closely and share some wonderful ideas and observations with everyone.

I had the privilege of representing Wisconsin at the International Convention in Atlanta at the end of August. This was the first International Convention I attended and what a great experience it was! If you have not been a part of this event, please consider it for June in New Orleans. You will be proud of our State and our members.

In early October, I went to Lisle, Illinois for the Great Lakes Region Conference. Once again, I was pleased to represent our state. We will be hosting this event in 2022 in Milwaukee. It, too, is a great opportunity to showcase Wisconsin and our wonderful clubs.

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Treasurer

By: Michelle Munoz

-DUE\$ REMINDER-

THE 2021-2022 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 GFWC-WI



Michelle Munoz
GFWC - WI Treasurer



BY NOVEMBER 15 MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO: GFWC WI.

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: In addition, send \$1.00 per member for GFWC-WI Junior membership to the GFWC-WI Junior Treasurer (Michelle Munoz) by November 15.

Junior Club payments make checks payable to: **GFWC-WI Juniors**

SEND TO: Michelle Munoz

GFWC-WI State Treasurer

39129 N. Aberdeen Lane

Beach Park, IL 60083

Email: gfwcwi.treasurer@gmail.com

**REMEMBER:
Dues are Due
November
15th**

- ◆ Please remember to submit your Club Roster – electronic copies PREFERRED for ease with database management.
- ◆ Club Treasurers: Please don't forget to also send your District dues to each respective District Treasurer with your club rosters.
- ◆ Please feel free to contact me with any questions – 847-910-8698.

Thank You!

Michelle



Heads Up 1, 2, 3 – what we're watching!

1

Open House reminder: All are welcome to attend the Open House for Wisconsin's Own Library, showcasing our unique collection of books and poetry by Wisconsin authors and illustrators. Saturday, November 13, 2021, 1-3pm at the Lane Library located at Ripon College, 300 W. Seward Street, Ripon, WI. There's still time to reserve your attendance; contact Sue Bednarek, sjbednarek@charter.net or 920-295-6509.

2

Heads up for GFWC-WI future leaders!

The Nominating Committees for clubs, districts and GFWC-WI have been busy recruiting the next group of leaders. A collective THANK YOU for this work.

There will be a meeting of all candidates for GFWC-WI elected offices and incoming District Presidents at the Winter Workshop in Waupaca. Please plan to attend the February 18-19, 2022 meeting.

In addition, the newly elected GFWC-WI officers and the Board of Directors will meet Sunday, May 15 to start the new administration work. Please be aware the Board membership includes all appointed chairpersons and all committee members. (This is sometimes "news" to newer board members.)

If any member has an interest to learn more about various appointments, do take a moment to email any officer with your questions or an expression of interest – we love those "YES" messages! Suz Hooser and Nancy Dickman will be considering appointments for the next administration very soon and truly wish to appoint members in areas that foster their interests.

******Watch the GFWC-WI website homepage
for cursive writing updates! ******

Three

Most of you know that the Assembly passed AB435 (for the second time) on September 28, 2021 by votes of 59 in favor to 39 against.

The Senate education committee recommended SB431 on September 24 2021, Ayes 4 Noes 3. We are currently waiting for the Senate to send it to the floor for the vote. They have had some floor sessions, but this Bill was not addressed. I spoke to Senator Darling's aide on October 20th and he is still optimistic that they will present it in one of the next floor sessions prior to November 11th. He did not think we needed to make any phone calls just yet, but if that becomes necessary, he will inform me. Updates will be posted on the GFWC-WI website.

Therefore, we continue to wait and hope and pray for a positive outcome.

Living the GFWC-WI Volunteer Spirit,

Nancy Honadel GFWC-WI Cursive Writing Co-chairman

63rd Junior Fall Conference in pictures



L to R: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Christine Nevinski, Nancy Niedziela, Abby Lorenz and Carolyn Mitchell hand sewing the pet warmers.

Thank you: Brown Deer Juniors, host club; North Shore Juniors and Brown Deer Juniors, centerpieces; Larry's Market, caterer



Upper: Erin Epping and lower photograph: Janine Haar



October 23 Guest Speakers and GFWC Reports:

Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka, Wisconsin's Own Library Poet in Residence

Catherine Rupp, Canine Companions for Independence and **Ashley**, recipient

B. A. Lamb, "Unleashing Your Super Power"

Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Linda Brown, GFWC-WI 2nd Vice President

Hands on project: Pet warmers (kids' cotton socks filled with jasmine rice) to be donated to local animal shelter.





Head table L to R: **Tammy Welter**, **Kristina Higbee**, **Suz Hooser**, **Lisa Miller** and **Michelle Munoz**

Photo above: **Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka**, Wisconsin's Own Library Poet in Residence, Ripon College

Congratulation to GFWC - Wisconsin Mini LEADS 102 graduates!



Back row L to R: **Pat Stemper**, Oconomowoc Woman's Club; **Carolyn Mitchell**, Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club; **Deb Strecker**, Woman's Club of Kenosha; **Lora McPhillips** - Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club; **Missy Kimball**, Mini LEADS presenter and Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club; **Tammy Welter**, GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs and Beloit Junior Woman's Club; **Sue Bessert**, Mini LEADS presenter and Rhinelander Woman's Club; **Michelle Munoz**, Mini LEADS presenter and GFWC-WI and Junior Clubs Treasurer.

Front row L to R: **Deb Brossard**, GFWC-WI Immediate Past President; **Christine Nevinski**, Woman's Club of Pewaukee; **Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi**, Woman's Club of Pewaukee; **Nancy Dickman**, GFWC-WI First Vice President/President-elect; **Sharon Phelps**, Oconomowoc Woman's Club; **Susanne Auer**, Oconomowoc Woman's Club; **Diane Stoiber**, Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club; **Dorothy Protz**, Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club; **Janine Haar**, Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club; **Kristina Higbee**, Mini LEADS presenter and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs.

GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

Report by: Sue Bessert & Suz Hooser, GFWC-WI Special Program Co-Chairmen



New project for this fall and winter Would your club pitch in?

Here's the plan - Make a contact to your local public library and ask two things:

1. Permission for display of bookmarks from Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin to start April 2022, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Sample bookmark shown here.
2. Confirm Public Library's mailing address and main contact for delivery of the bookmarks.

By February 28, 2022, email Sue Bessert the okay by your public library and the mailing address and contact information for delivery of the bookmarks.

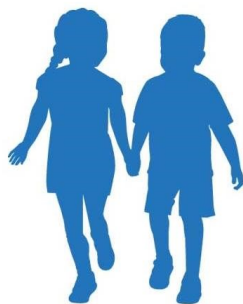
The bookmarks will be shipped by PCA Wisconsin later in March for display in our libraries by April.

Some of you may wish to reach out beyond your local community and contact other public libraries in neighboring communities within your district. Awesome! Go for it. Let's cover the State, if we can!

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Sue Bessert

bbessert@centurytel.net

715-889-2342



You can make a difference in the lives of a child.

WAYS TO CONNECT WITH A CHILD

- Tell your child you love him or her
- Talk about what you are thankful for
- Make a healthy snack together
- Go to the park or playground
- Give lots of hugs
- Bake or decorate cookies
- Play music while doing chores
- Read a book together
- Volunteer as a family
- Talk about a TV show

For more information:
Preventchildabusewi.org
1-800-CHILDREN
920-969-7925

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GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

Due March 15, 2022

GIRAFFE AWARD APPLICATION FORM

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.

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Report by: Kay Salewske, GFWC-WI Special Program Chairman



The goal of the **GFWC Signature Program** is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

GFWC aims to be a powerful voice for those who have no voice.

Taken from GFWC club manual

Attention Ladies !!

It's fall.

It's starting to get darker earlier.

- ◆ Make sure you fill up your gas tank before sunset.
- ◆ Always keep an extra phone charger with you.
- ◆ No visits to ATMS after dark.
- ◆ Park in well-lit areas.
- ◆ Only unlock your doors, if you are immediately getting out of your car.
- ◆ Pay close attention at all times to your surroundings.
- ◆ STAY SAFE.
- ◆ Heads up ++++ phones down!

Come join the Rivers and Lakes District as they host
the **125th GFWC-WI Convention** at the
Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan
May 12 to 15, 2022.



Lakeview rooms, suites, villas available. Waterpark. Beacon Restaurant.
Starbucks at the Shoreline Café. On the Rocks Bar. SPA. Shopping at the Boutique.
Many fine shops and restaurants nearby in downtown Sheboygan.

Area attractions: Bookworm Gardens, John Michael Koehler Arts Center, Sheboygan
County Historical Museum, Lottie Cooper Shipwreck, May Environmental Park,
Indian Mounds Park and much more!

725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chairman



The Civic Engagement & Outreach Challenge Project is to support and aid women veterans. GFWC Clubs can connect with women veterans to support health needs, reduce isolation and depression, and provide comfort and encouragement with the assistance of Women Veterans Program Manager at your VA Medical Center.

Some specific ideas provided by WVP Manager:

- ◆ Donate comfort and useful items such as soothing lotions and bath gels, beauty products, cozy socks and slippers, adult inspirational coloring books and colored pencils (a great favorite!), games and playing cards, and/or gift cards to salons, coffee shops, and retail and grocery stores.
- ◆ Supply beverages and snacks for the waiting area of the Veteran Women's Health Clinic, with a small group of members hosting to provide camaraderie and new contacts.
- ◆ Collect new and slightly used jewelry and hold a club social for polishing and packaging the jewelry in decorated boxes or bags for distribution at the Veteran Women's Health Clinic.
- ◆ Work with the Veterans Administration Medical Center to hold a games afternoon or painting social. Make new friends and have fun!
- ◆ Coordinate with the WVP Manager to help women veterans celebrate special moments in their lives with gifts and thoughtful cards for new babies, family birthdays and other meaningful occasions.

The Civic Engagement & Outreach Challenge Project is to support and aid women veterans.



Education and Libraries

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman



I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka, the poet in residence at Wisconsin's Own Library at Ripon College at the GFWC-WI Juniors' Fall Conference on October 23rd. He read several of his poems.

Remember: November 13th is the open house at the Ripon Library.

Tina Reese's monthly newsletters as the international chairman of education and libraries, are chock full of information regarding education. I forward her newsletters to the district presidents to send to the club presidents. You can also read her newsletter in the GFWC Clubwoman online. The book club selection for October was THE GUERSNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY by Shaffer and Barrows. I have not read it yet, but I plan to. Tina lists several STEM activities that can be done with students although our school is not allowing outside help yet. Tina also called attention to bully prevention month and national disability awareness. There is a 24-page disability awareness packet available online. I found Tina's selection for the club creativity project honorable mention from an Ohio Juniors WC interesting: They created 25 days of holiday readings when Santa had to be quarantined. This was done by Zoom with a drawing for prizes done each evening.

Keep learning!

Environment

Submitted by: Karen Ostrowski, Chairman



Fall has finally arrived and many of you (and I) are looking forward to the holiday season. If you are getting a new wreath or other live plant remember to you can compost green matter and recycle metal/plastic pieces. Plants such as amaryllis can be replanted outdoors in spring and poinsettias can be cut back and put outside when its warm enough; remember to water them thoroughly. Live trees can be donated to local conservation clubs for fish nests.

Replacing your lights with new LED'S, consider donating good lights to a school or other organizations. Lights not in good condition, look for a store that recycles them. Next - all those wrappings and trimmings—re-use any paper/bags or recycle .Foil paper is not recyclable but is the best for re-using. Re-use bows and ribbons or eliminate them altogether. Packaging can usually be recycled, you may have to separate plastic from paper and don't put the ties in recycling as they clog the sorting belts. Also keep caps on water and other bottles. Holiday cards can be used for table name cards and package labels or donate them to organizations that repurpose them.

As we are coming to the end of the reporting year I would like to remind all clubs to donate to Trees For Tomorrow and report it under Environment.

Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marianne Potter, Chair-



As the holidays approach, many people react with mixed feelings. Some people enjoy every moment of togetherness and preparation; some people find this to be a stressful time. The perfect holiday with smiling faces, “Hallmark” decorations, and gourmet food may be the goal, but it is rarely reality. Remember to practice gratitude and take time to relax during these hectic times.

Many clubs feel that they only need to report “the big projects” or the ones that donate the most money or goods. Every project is important.

Here are some simple projects that members can do.

- ◆ Do you reward your club members for taking care of themselves? One club had a raffle in October and the only “payment” was if they were up to date with their yearly mammogram or had one scheduled.
- ◆ <https://greatergood.com/clicktogive/ggc/home> is the link for Greater Good. Multiple times a day, members can click for free to help donate to programs supporting nutrition, autism, diabetes, and breast cancer.
- ◆ Would members like to become a pen pal with a resident in a retirement community or assisted living facility? Many residents would be thrilled to receive a card or mail.
- ◆ <https://shotatlife.org/> is the link to Shot@Life. This site has multiple involvement ideas.
- ◆ Members can set a personal “fitness” goal. For example, one member’s goal may be to walk around the block three days a week for a month; another’s goal may be to take a weekly exercise class; or another’s goal may be to run a local 5K. Set a timeline and create a celebration for those who reach their goals.
- ◆ If members are willing to share, keep track of personal donations to GFWC Partners and include these in your club reports.

Jack LaLanne said, “Your body is your most priceless possession. Take care of it.” Remember to take care of yourself.



Advancement Area: Membership

Submitted by: Nancy Dickman, Chairman

There's some exciting Membership news!

The Membership Committee met in September via Zoom. We have some great news to share!

Three clubs in the Southern Prairie District are working to form Youth Service Clubs (formerly known as Juniorette Clubs). ANY club can host a youth club. It is a spectacular way to develop a relationship with a middle school or high school in your community. These students get first-hand knowledge on the value of volunteerism, earn service hours needed for graduation and bring tremendous energy to joint service projects with their host clubs.

Many clubs are reporting the addition of members. This is great news. Go ahead and brag a bit. Send in the 2020-2022 Recruitment Campaign Form. Every District President has the form. The club's name will be included in the "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine!

The committee recommends referring to the February 2021 WI Clubwoman for all the ideas generated at the 2020 Fall Workshop on the "How to Help Members Stay Connected" roundtable. Many of those ideas will apply to our way of doing business long after the pandemic is in our rear-view mirrors.

Each club is encouraged to have SOME SORT of member recruitment and recognition event, large or small each year to continue to bring into each club innovative ideas relevant to their communities.

We wish to acknowledge that the GFWC Centuria Woman's Club in the Northern Lights District has disbanded. We say thank you for a century of service. The committee will work with the district to discuss possible new club formation events as spring draws closer.

The Membership Committee is here to help with recruitment or recognition events wherever you would like us. Send an email to nancy-dickman@outlook.com for more information.

We send warmest wishes to all of you this holiday season!



*Becoming a GFWC member means joining a local GFWC club,
where nearly 80,000 members are actively engaged in
volunteer community service in clubs across the globe.*

Invite a friend to join today!

Advancement Area: Leadership

Submitted by: Mary Meek, Chairman

Your leadership committee appreciates the ongoing support given to our education and development initiatives and we extend a heartfelt “congratulations” to the participants who attended the October 23rd Mini LEADS 102 session held at the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference!

Planning is underway for our next Mini LEADS session to be held at Winter Workshop in February. Watch for the details and registration information for the session which will be included with the Call to Winter Workshop in January.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you of two important leadership initiatives for Wisconsin clubs and clubwomen!

First, it is time for each club to give thoughtful consideration to identifying a clubwoman to nominate as Wisconsin’s 2022 LEADS candidate. It is indeed an honor to be considered so I encourage all clubs to submit an applicant. The informational document and application are included in this issue on the next three pages and is posted in the leadership section of the GFWC-WI website.

Also, this is the time of year when we begin to organize and focus our efforts on year-end report writing. While preparing for your club’s report on Leadership, consider that 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. We launched a new leadership reporting form last year which outlines the specific criteria that will be reported by this chair to encapsulate our Wisconsin 2021 endeavors. I ask that you please be mindful of the criteria as you report on your club’s leadership activities and remember, we are counting on you.

We want 100% participation for leadership reporting!!



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GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

Information for GFWC State Federations – Customized for GFWC-WI 2022

The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually (Friday, June 24, 2022) the day before the official opening of the GFWC International Convention (Saturday, June 25 – Monday, June 27, 2022 in New Orleans, LA). LEADS is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch. Participants become LEADS graduates at the conclusion of the day-long program.

Some important details are as follows:

- ◆ One attendee each year from each State Federation is eligible to participate in LEADS.
- ◆ GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:
 - Round-trip travel to and from the GFWC Convention city, up to \$250
 - Lodging allowance of one-half of room charge for two nights at official Convention hotel
 - Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
- ◆ Checks will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.
- ◆ State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of attendee's expenses (i.e. additional lodging, meals, or Convention registration). *GFWC-WI supports our candidate by underwriting up to \$1,000 of eligible expenses.*
- ◆ LEADS attendees are expected to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.
- ◆ The LEADS participant is responsible for making her own travel and lodging arrangements.

(Note for GFWC-WI: In prior years a LEADS welcome reception occurs on Thursday evening and a LEADS breakfast occurs on Saturday morning. Watch for details regarding these events in the convention program and plan your travel accordingly.)

- More on next two pages-

CONTENT & PRESENTATIONS AT LEADS

LEADS may include the following:

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

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING IN LEADS

It is highly recommended that each state candidate for LEADS:

- ◆ Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.
- ◆ Exhibits a commitment to Federation.
- ◆ Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- ◆ Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- ◆ Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in Federation.
- ◆ Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- ◆ Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level. This criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply.
- ◆ Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.
- ◆ Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state.
- ◆ *Agrees to the following additional criteria established for GFWC-WI:*
 - * *Agrees to serve and actively participate on the GFWC-WI Leadership Committee and contribute to the GFWC-WI Mini LEADS Presentation Team.*
 - * *Beginning in 2020, preference in the selection of the GFWC-WI LEADS candidate will be given to GFWC-WI Mini LEADS graduates.*

GFWC-WI LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

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SUBMIT TO GFWC-WI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Club: _____ District: _____

Above information will be concealed during the judging process.

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

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held*:

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

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

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

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

Are you willing to:

- ✓ defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or GFWC-WI? Yes ___ No ___
- ✓ return to the State and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes ___ No ___

Please send your application prior to the DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION - January 31, 2022.

Call or text Michelle to let her know of the application submission. Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to:

*GFWC-WI Leadership Committee
 c/o Michelle Munoz – 2022 GFWC-Wisconsin LEADS Nominee Selection Chairman
 39129 N. Aberdeen Lane
 Beach Park, IL 60083
 chellemunoz@hotmail.com*

If emailing your application please cc Mary Meek: rlmeek3@gmail.com

Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest 2021—2022

Submitted by: Shirley Brabender Mattox, Chairman

Although 2021 was a difficult year to conduct an art contest when schools were closed and students didn't have art supplies, many clubs were resourceful and participated. This year GFWC clubs can anticipate the enthusiastic participation of many students in schools across the state, as well as homeschool students.

The art contest will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1927) in 2022. We are featuring a special series of 150th Anniversary Art Contest certificates and a small biography that can be printed on the back of the certificate, introducing students to the artist for whom this contest was named. These are on the GFWC-WI website. Also, the two-page "Helen Farnsworth Mears Biography" has been edited and updated with another photo. I am grateful to Katrina Achilli, Oshkosh Public Museum, for these additions.

Last year students, art teachers and club art contest chairmen were provided an opportunity to participate in a new Digital Art Category. Many art contest chairmen, including the state chairman, may be unfamiliar with technical language and uncomfortable with a new system. This year we are hoping that it will be easier by beginning with the art teacher in school who is teaching digital art and uses technical terminology. Each piece of digital artwork needs a unique filename. There is still a need for a paper entry for digital artwork, like all paintings and sculptures. Please check out "Rules Addendum for Digital Art" and share with your art teachers.


All rules and guidelines, forms, and certificates can be found at www.gfwc-wi.org, Community Service Programs, Mears Art Contest.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. Together we will continue this historic memorial state art contest for students, unique to GFWC-WI, which supports student artists and art in our schools.

Shirley Brabender Mattox
shirleybrabendermattox@gmail.com



Helen Farnsworth Mears



Helen at age 20

Helen Farnsworth Mears was born in Oshkosh on December 21, 1872 to John Hall Mears and Elizabeth Farnsworth Mears. Helen and her two older sisters attended Oshkosh schools and the Oshkosh Normal School, but found the chief spur of creative skills within their home. Her mother and sister Mary both published books, and eldest sister Louise had a short career as a book illustrator. Helen showed a single-minded drive toward sculpture as her mode of expression. As a girl, she exhibited a head of Apollo at the county fair and made clay portraits of her neighbors.

At the age of twenty, her clay sketch of a woman and winged eagle, entitled "Genius of Wisconsin" was commissioned for the World's Columbia Exposition of 1893. The completed nine foot marble piece now stands in the Wisconsin State Capitol. Helen went on to study in New York with Augustus Saint-Gaudens and abroad in France and Italy. In 1899, she resumed work in New York, where she completed a number of commissions in bronze and marble.

Helen Mears died in February 1916 in New York City. Her death, untimely and without diagnosed illness, was soon translated into "death by starvation." Overwork and exhaustion may well have been contributing factors. The family's financial state might be attested by the fact that her grave in Oshkosh Riverside Cemetery remained unmarked until 1957, when a group from the Campus School provided a gravestone. In 1927, the GFWC-WI Woman's Club honored Helen Mears' memory by inaugurating the annual art competition for school children.



Helen working on the "Fountain of Life"

Members Coloring Contest

Submitted by: Vickie Richardson, Member Art & Photography Contest Chairman

Members Coloring Contest is new for 2022 Convention only.

It is time to pull out the crayons, colored pencils, paints, and markers! Let's get creative and raise money for our GFWC-WI President Abby Lorenz's emphasis project: Mental Health Awareness.

This year, as a special project, we will be conducting a coloring contest with our Members' Photography Contest and Members Arts & Crafts Contest.

All you need to do is go to the GFWC-WI website, click on "Community Service Programs" link in the blue stripe across the top of your screen then scroll down to the "Arts & Culture" section where you will find the heading "Members Contests".

In that section you will find "Member Photography Contest" (or you can click on that link to get there faster). There you will find the rules and the three pictures you can choose from to color.

The picture on the right is one of the three to choose from.

Also, if you missed the winners of last year's contest you will also find the 2021 GFWC-WI Members Arts & Crafts & Photography Contest Winners under the Members Contest section.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's masterpieces!

Vickie R.



GFWC-WI Writing Contests 2020—2022

Submitted by: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl
Contests Chairman

The GFWC Writing Contests seek out the talent of K-12 students and of GFWC members in our communities. Young and adult authors are invited to submit their works in two categories: Short story and Poetry.

Find detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging by visiting 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.

Entries for the upcoming Contests must have been written during 2021. **The deadline for submission is February 13th, 2022.** Please, make sure that the works are formatted in the appropriate format and arrive at that date either in the Contest chairman’s snail mail or email boxes.

For inquiries contact the GFWC-WI Writing Contests Chairman:

Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl

alerchgfwc@gmail.com

262-303-4420

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

Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO

Submitted by: Nancy Schrap, Chairman



I hope you all have been reading and filling in the various categories to progress to the Century Level! Reporting time will be upon us soon. It would be a great help, if you turned in your book reports monthly until the end of the year, so there is not such a big rush in January.

Any questions about joining ESO, please contact me or see gfwc-wi.org for more information.

Nancy Schrap, ESO Chairman, Nancywischrap@aol.com

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District Reports

*LAKESHORE: Brown Deer Juniors * North Shore Juniors * Past District Officers * Port Washington * Shorewood * Greenfield * West Allis* Submitted by Erin Epping, District President

Greetings from GFWC-WI Lakeshore District. We just held our Fall Meeting on October 25th with 31 clubwomen in attendance. We had wonderful reports by our leadership team and club presidents.

It was nice to hear that many clubs held a summer event to encourage membership and I counted at least 20 new members in our district. We also heard from Nancy Honadel about the status of the cursive writing bill in Madison. We were hoping it would have been voted in the Senate on the 25th but alas it has been delayed. We hope it will pass in the very near future.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Susan Schoenmarklin of the Southeast Wisconsin NAMI chapter. She shared information about

the organization and her personal journey. Very moving!

Finally, I thank all the Lakeshore clubwomen who donated to our special project in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month and Advocates for Children week. The clubwomen collected items for “My Stuff” bags for the Christ Child Society of Milwaukee.

My F-150 truck was overflowing with items as the pictures show. All the items were delivered on Tuesday, Oct 26 and the women at the society were overjoyed!



Erin Epping
GFWC – WI District President
Lakeshore
2020-2022



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

Submitted by Mary Meek, District President

It feels wonderful to report that the Northwoods District and its member clubs are off to a great start with initiating plans for the new program year. In August, we gathered to celebrate at a picnic graciously and beautifully hosted by the GFWC Oconto Woman’s Club. The event was in lieu of our fall meeting and included time for collaboration and fellowship in addition to a business meeting and lunch.

The district launched two initiatives designed to aid and support its member clubs.



Mary Meek
GFWC – WI District President
Northwoods
2020-2022



Reporting “Workshoppers” back row L to R: **Melodye Koles, Janice Jorgensen, Deb Brossard, Karen Ostrowski, Michelle Black**; front row L to R: **Betty Cross and Sue Bessert**. Missing in photo: **Cindy Goll and Vicky Carbonare**.

The first is a membership building grant program to assist our clubs financially and provide the “woman power” desired to enhance their membership building activities.

The second initiative, a report writing workshop was hosted by the GFWC Antigo Junior Woman’s Club on October 2nd. The workshop provided an opportunity for clubs to learn more about the reporting process and through this interactive time together, clubs shared tips and techniques for successful report submission.

These initiatives promote club interaction within the district which for this president is both energizing and heartwarming...clubwomen helping clubwomen! Let’s remember to live the Collect...We are GFWC!!



The GFWC Oconto Woman’s Club hosted the District picnic (indoors) on August 21st. It was a wonderful gathering.

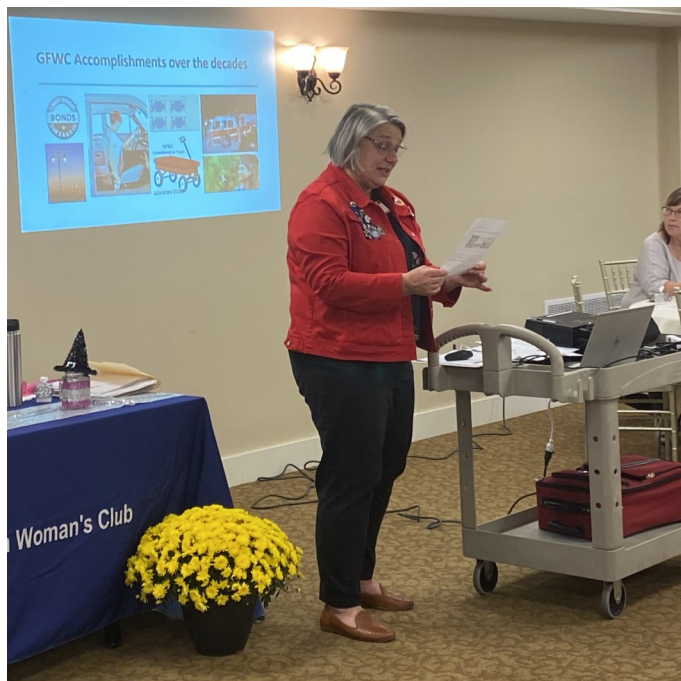
*The host team poses with District President from L to R: **Sharon Fulton, Marcia Brazeau, Anita Evers, Nancy Dunbar, Janine Hornblad, Polly Exferd (club president) Jean Davidson and Mary Meek.***

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

Submitted by Julie Saether, District President

Happy Fall! Lots of exciting things have been happening in the District! The Burlington Woman's Club increased its membership by three times going from a membership of four to twelve!!

We held our Fall Workshop, "Smile, Sparkle, Shine", on September 28 at Veterans Terrace in Burlington, Wisconsin with 26 members present from seven of the nine District clubs. We had a good time learning about each other through sharing about a time in our life when we "shined" or did something that made us feel proud.



Julie Saether
GFWC – WI District President
Southern Prairies
2020-2022



We heard an excellent presentation by President-elect, Nancy Dickman, entitled "The WOW of GFWC" that talked about its structure and touched on some of the highlights of what GFWC has done since its inception. Clubs shared what they are planning to do this year and what they did last year. We ended with a raffle drawing of the jewelry and other sparkly items people brought to raise money for our District's health scholarship.

Another exciting thing is there are two Juniorette clubs that have started in October and another one in the works! The Woman's Club of Kenosha is sponsoring a Juniorette Club for high school girls and the Kenosha Juniors Woman's Club started a Juniorette Club for middle schoolers. In addition, the Beloit Juniors Woman's Club is working to get a Juniorette Club started in Beloit!

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

Submitted by Julie Riemenschneider, District President



Julie Riemenschneider
GFWC – WI District President
Northern Lights
2020-2022

The Northern Lights District fall conference was hosted by the Spooner Women’s Club on September 18th.

There were about 23 attending from the six clubs.



Abby Lorenz, GFWC-WI President was our guest from GFWC-WI. She gave an inspiring talk about mind, body and spirit.

There was an environmental presentation by a local woman. A stringed instrument band made up of local women and one man gave delightful entertainment and invited the audience to sing along.



RIVERS & LAKES: *Berlin Friends * Brillion * Oshkosh Arts Club * Plymouth * Princeton*
** De Pere*

Submitted by Sue Sands, District President



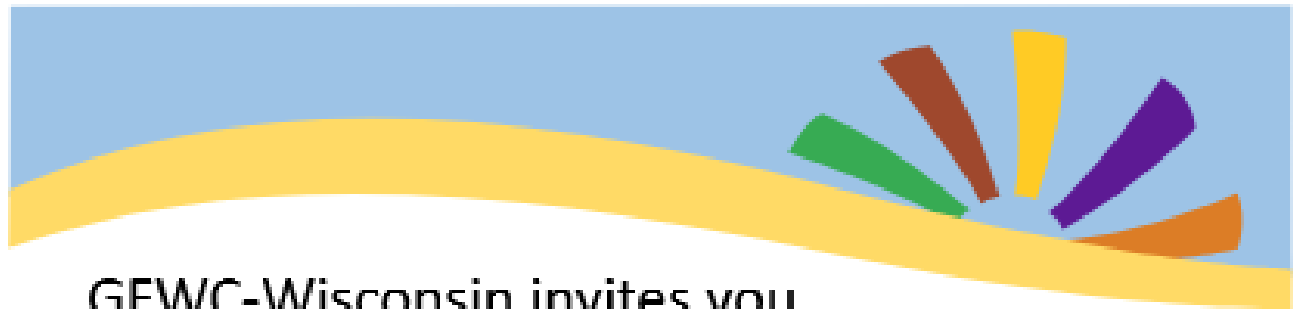
Sue Sands
GFWC – WI District
President
Rivers & Lakes
2020-2022

The Rivers & Lakes District met on October 25th with the Oshkosh Women's Art Club hosting our meeting in Oshkosh. The ladies from Oshkosh did a wonderful job planning an enjoyable meeting. We had presentations by Mary Lord Janness, Executive Director of NAMI-Oshkosh. Mary did a great job sharing stories and facts about NAMI and its purpose with the group.

Nancy Dickman, GFWC-WI President-Elect, spoke to us about the WOW of GFWC. This is a presentation that is very interesting and will make you very proud to be a GFWC member. The title of the presentation is very appropriate. Thank you to Nancy for sharing her expertise and power point with Rivers & Lakes club members.

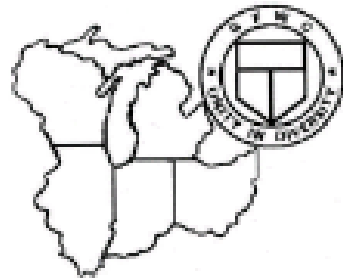
The main focus of our meeting was planning for the State Convention at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. Check out the flyer in this edition of the Clubwoman for details. We promise to have a State Convention equal to those in the past. Please mark your calendars - May 12-15, 2022. Looking forward to seeing you there!





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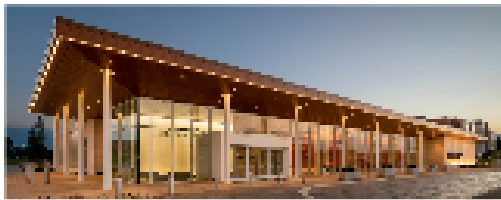


Diamonds in Dairyland

GFWC GLR Conference 2022

Brookfield Conference Center -- Hilton Garden Inn, Brookfield, Wisconsin

* September 29 to October 2, 2022



- Thursday -- Special Trivia Night
- Friday -- Select Tour, Board Meeting and Wisconsin State Night
- Saturday -- Business Meeting and Gala Banquet
- Sunday -- Business Brunch Meeting



Diamonds of Milwaukee/Brookfield Area

- Brookfield Square Mall with over 100 shops and restaurants just steps away.
- Divine Consign - Wisconsin's largest Consignment event for Women -- on premises!
- Harley Davidson Museum
- World famous Calatrava Designed Art Museum
- Pabst Mansion-Architectural Landmark
- Outstanding Milwaukee County Zoo
- Breweries, Breweries, Breweries



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And Bring Your Bling



Hilton Garden Inn Room Block

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Thursday, 9/29/2022, Friday, 9/30/2022 and Saturday, 10/1/2022

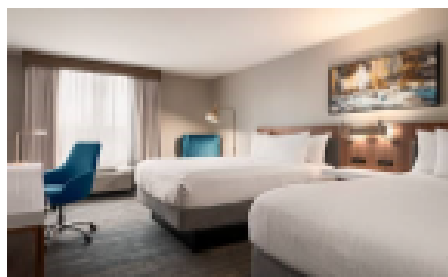
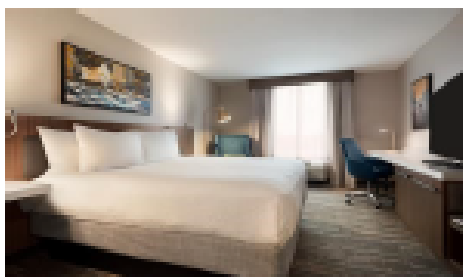
\$129 for a single or double occupancy per night. Choice of King or Two Queens.

Lot Parking and Wi-Fi are complimentary.

The room block will be available for reservations as of October 11, 2021. Call the hotel directly at the number above and ask for the GFWC Great Lakes Room Block. The block will be held until August 29, 2022 on a first serve basis.



Non-Smoking Rooms, Digital Key, On-Site Restaurant, Indoor Pool, Fitness Center, Business Center, no pets, microwave and Keurig Brewing System in each room. A hot, made to order breakfast buffet will be available each day in the hotel restaurant from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.



A very limited number of accessible rooms with roll in showers and also hearing assisted rooms are available. In order to reserve these rooms at the block rate, you must contact Jennifer Houdyshell, Director of Sales, directly. Her number is 262-330-6129; jennifer.houdyshell@hilton.com. Do not call the front desk.

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CLUB CORNER

GFWC Oconto Woman's Club

A "Note of Thanks" from GFWC Oconto Woman's Club - We were honored to host the GFWC WI Northwoods District Picnic held on Saturday August 21. We had a great time celebrating together with fun, fellowship and business at an indoor picnic, as weather did not allow us to be outdoors. We are very grateful for the 20 district clubwomen who attended and so graciously participated in our raffle that we held that day. I am so happy to report that a total \$330 was raised in support of our scholarship fund. Thank you so much for your generosity. We appreciate you. Pictured here is our first in person meeting since March 2020.



Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club



Photo left: At our September meeting our WILS representatives share their Wisconsin Leadership Seminar experiences. Hillsboro High School students **Jenna Kline** (left) and **Mackenzie Krajco** (right) show appreciation of our club funding of their WILS tuition. They exuded enthusiasm & confidence.

Photo right: **Lori Stanek**, club member and owner of Hillsboro Floral demonstrated how to make a fall arrangement with botanicals from your own backyard. She shared tips to making a beautiful bouquet and concluded by noting the importance of kindness which we recite in our club's Collect. The displayed arrangement was given to one of the members at the conclusion of the meeting.



GFWC-WI De Pere Woman's Club

The **Woman's Club of De Pere** is off and running for the 2021-2022 year. It was great to get back to meetings, seeing the members and sharing what happened over the summer months.

Those attending our October meeting listened to Anna Wiseman from Eye Heart World. Anna shared facts and information regarding human trafficking in our local area. Her presentation impressed the members, making them aware of the trafficking issues in Northeastern Wisconsin. Many of us had little idea about the extent of trafficking and the effects it has on the victims.

Our Club took on a new project this year. We participated in the Bras of the Bay event sponsored by Plastic Surgery & Skin Specialists by Bay Care Clinic. Each of the 27 groups that entered the event decorated a bra supporting breast reconstruction awareness. These were displayed at a social at a local brewery. The public could also visit a website to vote on their favorite decorated bra. Our club members thought this was an event worthy of supporting and opportunity to make our club more visible and well-known in the area.

CLUB CORNER

Our new club year started with an in person and zoom meeting in September with 42 members and 4 guests (2 of whom joined the club).

In October our focus was Domestic Violence Awareness Month with some new members participating. Eight members tied purple ribbons on trees and poles on W Greenfield Ave after our October 1 meeting. At the Oct 3 Classic Car Show a 50—50 raffle was held to benefit the City of West Allis Domestic Violence Support Group (WISH). Also we had a booth at the event to sell our “gently used” purses and jewelry to fund our ways and means. Ten members staffed the booths and both booths were very successful.

At the October meeting members were encouraged to take home and fill personal items or gift cards into a gently used purse for a woman client of the Hope Closet (supports West Allis/West Milwaukee School District needy families). These filled purses will be returned at the November meeting to be given at holiday time.

At our October meeting we created 40 luminaries for the VMP senior living facility’s outdoor Harvest & Luminary Festival which included food donations, music and games.

November will include an evening wine & cheese event to involve those members who may not be able to attend daytime meetings and provide an opportunity to invite guests who may be interested in joining the club.

We are off to another successful year supporting our community.

GFWC Woman’s Club of West Allis



Jeanna Barney, Diane May and Judi Mueller work at West Allis Woman’s Club jewelry and purse sale



“Wanna” buy? **Sue Sanders and Jan Pisarek** sell 50-50 raffle tickets to benefit support for domestic violence victims.



Photo on far left: **Tammy and Tamara** with the luminaries created by members.

Photo on left: Woman’s Club members display the created luminaries at the Harvest & Luminary Festival.

GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman’s Club

GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman’s Club submitted a collage of their activities this fall:

- ◆ *Upper left photo:* Guest speakers and athletes from Kenosha Special Olympics
- ◆ *Upper right photo:* We collected items for local Giving Circle.
- ◆ *Lower photo:* We will be participating in Advocates for Children’s Week - Members donated candy to give out during the annual Trunk or Treat event in Kenosha Halloween weekend 2021!



CLUB CORNER

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club



Our summer cork recycling project was officially completed at the end of September. Our final total collected was 7,030 Corks! That's over 75 lbs. of corks!! We will be shipping several packages of wine corks to Cork Club & Widget Co who will donate to forest and ocean conservation for each natural wine cork received and recycle the synthetic corks.



Little Free Library White Schoolhouse for GFWC Advocates for Children Week — Courtesy of our club, the Village Park now has a Little Free Library! It was designed to be a replica of the Little White Schoolhouse located in the park and was built by a member and her husband, along with assistance from club members. It has been registered on the national registry of Little Free Libraries and members will be donating and maintaining the books. A formal grand opening and dedication ceremony was held on October 22nd.



Summer Social - In August we held a Summer Social at our local Village Park. Twenty women, both members and guests, enjoyed conversation, snacks and drinks on a warm summer evening. As a result of this event, we gained six new members!



Fall Rummage Sale - In September we were able to resume our Fall Rummage Sale which was very successful. We were glad to be back and our shoppers (some who are regulars) were glad to see us! Items were donated by members and individuals from the community. Proceeds benefit the Brown Deer Schools and community organizations.

GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

The club year is off to a great start!

Two projects featured here include the club's sponsorship of Harvest Hoedown, a community fall event raising funds for the local food pantry. 40 clubwomen participated with the bake sale and other day of activities. Our club was a major financial sponsor of the event.

In October members donated items of most need for the local domestic violence shelter, Lily's House. We are promoting on our Facebook page an end to domestic violence and made a financial contribution to Lily's House.



CLUB CORNER

GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Kenosha

Happy Fall Y'all from the Woman's Club of Kenosha,

The Woman's Club of Kenosha (WCK), despite the pandemic, has kept very busy; from celebrating our 130th anniversary, to holding a Denim & Diamond fundraiser for GFWC's Signature Project-Domestic Violence Awareness, specifically teenagers to multiple membership recruitment events. The WCK has two membership meetings each month, a daytime luncheon, and an evening meeting. Members can attend either one or both.

We are very excited to announce some great news, the WCK has instituted a Juniorette Club for high school girls. They have had one meeting and their enthusiastic response after the meeting was "can we meet every week"? Their first project was painting pumpkins purple for domestic violence awareness month. We discussed domestic violence among their peer group, teenagers. The sparkly pumpkins were delivered to Kenosha's Woman and Children's Horizon our local domestic abuse shelter. See pictures.

We have continued to participate in suffrage events. We marched along with other community women leaders on August 26th at Kenosha County's "year and rain delayed" celebration of women getting the right to vote-the 19th Amendment. We hosted a public event presented by our favorite local historic performer Jessica Michna. Jessica presented a program on the graphic and violent fight for women's vote called "Women Who Dared." And members attended an event where the suffragist Alice Paul was reenacted by historian and professor Leslie Goddard.

On October 30th, the WCK is hosting our Inaugural Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest with entry fees going to Canine Companions for Independence. November 6th our Craft & Bake Sale is back with a bang - after missing last year. In December we are hosting a Christmas Tea and Open House, plus a few other festive events that has TBA.

We look forward to seeing our Wisconsin sisters in 2022. We hope that you and you loved ones have a joyous and gratitude filled holiday!

With Friendship & A Grateful Heart

Deb Strecker, WCK President



We recognized and honored our WCK members for their years of service.
 From L-R **Dottie McMillan 20 years, Maureen Miller 40 Years, Carol Schweinfurth 45 years, Kathy Carr 30 years, Gail Gilmore 30 years, and Carol Johnston 50 years.**
Not pictured Mary Peterson & Karen Koch, Betsy Brown & Barb Camponeschi 60 -years



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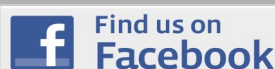
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GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 Wisconsin's Own Library Open House, Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin
- 15 GFWC-WI all club dues are DUE!
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 8 GFWC Holiday Open House, 1734 N Street, NW Washington D. C.

JANUARY 2022

- 6 Deadline for submissions - "GFWC-WI Clubwoman" winter issue
- Registration deadline - **Winter Workshop & Mini LEADS**, Waupaca, Wisconsin
- 31 Club Reports need to be emailed or postmarked on or before
- 31 Club GFWC LEADS candidate application and support materials due

FEBRUARY

- 13 GFWC-WI Writing Contest entry deadline
- 18-20 GFWC-WI Winter Workshop, Ramada by Wyndham, Waupaca, Wisconsin
- 20 GFWC-WI Mini LEADS, Ramada by Wyndham, Waupaca, Wisconsin
- 24 Deadline for submissions - "GFWC-WI Clubwoman" spring issue
- 28 Complete calls to public libraries for **Advocates for Children**

APRIL

- Registration deadline - State Convention & Mini LEADS
- 24 GFWC Federation Day

MAY

- 12-15 GFWC-WI State Convention, Blue Harbor, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, hosted by Rivers and Lakes District

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