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GFWC-WI Hosted Great Lakes Region Convention at Brookfield Conference Center



Diamonds in Dairyland

By Nancy Niedziela, GFWC GLR Conference Chair

The Great Lakes Region Conference 2022 met at the Brookfield Conference Center and Hilton Garden Inn in Brookfield, Wisconsin from September 29 to October 2. A spectacular time was had by all. The gathering began with an evening of Trivia in the Garden Room hosted by the Wisconsin Junior Clubs. There were sweet treats, salty treats, trick questions and most of all lots of fun and social time. Friday, 50 women boarded a bus for the Bikes, Brats and Beer tour of the Milwaukee area.

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Message from our GFWC-WI State President, Nancy Dickman

Since the last Clubwoman, life has been full of GFWC adventure!

It is a point of pride for your Executive Committee to systematically accomplish the objectives of the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan and budget. We will continue to be conscientious stewards to our GFWC-WI mission.

Our first objective was to conduct and evaluate an “all member” survey for the first time in eight years. Thank you to the more than two hundred members who participated in the survey this past summer. The responses echoed comments shared at meetings over the years. In addition to the scoring of questions, members provided a wealth of candid comments that will prove so valuable in shaping some needed changes to meet our member’s where they are.

We will continue to shape added content for the state workshops and conventions. The response to the workshop format at the Stevens Point meeting told us we made a great start!

October brought a delightful spotlight to GFWC-WI as we hosted guests from GFWC and GFWC Great Lakes Region. To say the least, Wisconsin was a spectacular host for the 2022 Great Lakes Region Conference! Emails and letters have been received from every state in the region, from GLR leadership and from GFWC headquarters. All have complimented GFWC-WI for our grace, poise, remarkable detail planning, our warmth and even elegance. As president, I cannot adequately express how proud I am of our members in helping to envision, plan, and execute such a memorable Conference. To quote one of our own members, “This conference was truly special.”

Tucked around and between the Fall Workshop and the Great Lakes Region Conference, the fall schedule was loaded with district meetings for Northern Lights in Colfax, Northwoods in Amherst Junction, Rolling Hills in Delafield, and Lakeshore in Wauwatosa. Not to worry about the other two districts; our Director of Junior Clubs spoke at the Southern Prairies District meeting in Kenosha and our First Vice President spoke at the Rivers and Lakes District meeting in Plymouth. In addition, it was a pleasure to be at member “meet and greet” events at Amherst Junction and Edgerton, speaking engagements at Shorewood Woman’s Club and Princeton Woman’s Club, and witnessing the Federation Ceremony for Lakeside Juniette Club in Kenosha in September.

Do stay tuned. There is no time to slow down as club and district meetings already appear on the calendar for the coming months through April. Plans for a brilliant Winter Workshop and Board of Directors meeting in Green Bay on February 10-11, 2023 are in full swing. The Convention in Eau Claire May 4-6, 2023 will include great speakers. Please try to join in these incredible learning opportunities.

Thank you for your dedication to GFWC-WI. We do amazing things for our communities. Your light is brilliant.



Nancy Dickman
GFWC - WI
President
2022—2024



Message from GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs, Suzanne Hooser

It has been a great adventure already as your Director of Junior clubs. It started with our first Executive meeting on Sunday May 15th in Sheboygan.

I was then off to New Orleans for International Convention. Where we let the good times roll while saying goodbye to the past administration and hello to the new. I think a good time was had by all, even if that Covid bug hit most of us.

Then it was time spent on organizing my first Junior Executive meeting which took place on July 17th in East Troy. I was getting my ducks in a row for the Executive board meeting on July 23rd in Milwaukee. Where we partook in taking a personality and strength test. It turns out I am a Perfectionist! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all the new executive board members and what is expected of us.

Washington DC was in August where we put on our sparkle and shine with full agendas of all the new and exciting things coming our way in GFWC.

I sent a letter to Governor Evers for proclamation of Advocates for Children's week that occurs the last week of October. I've prepared my presentations for fall workshop and Great Lakes Region Conferences. Sent emails to all the Junior club presidents introducing myself, along with asking them for their upcoming event schedules.

In between the travel and meetings, I have been busy working with Michelle Munoz and Kim Bruns to come up with a trivia game for Great lakes region conference and making special diamond badges for our helpers. The Great Lakes Region conference was a success.

I will be dropping in at some clubs events and fundraisers in the next month, along with setting up a meet and greet in Ripon for the possibility of a new club.

I am eager to keep this momentum rolling and I am looking forward to all the ways Wisconsin is going to shine!

Thank you.

What Stones have you Turned Today!



Suz Hooser

GFWC-WI

Director of Junior Clubs

2022-2024



Officer Report: GFWC - WI First Vice President



Linda Brown
GFWC - WI
First Vice President
2022—2024

AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR!

Here we are, getting ready for the Autumn holidays. The crisp air, delicious foods, and colorful scenery is here to enjoy with family and friends. Hoping that this finds you enjoying the season and happy memories.

Travels! Been On the Road!

Have the privilege to be invited to 2 District meetings this October, and looking forward to seeing all our members. Traveling to see them is going to be colorful with the trees changing, a beautiful ride,

Off to **River and Lakes** to install new District officers. My first visit with this district and to have time with them is so exciting to me. Looking forward to meeting new faces and to spend time with this wonderful district

Lakeshore is also on my list and I am always thrilled to visit with them and share a meal. A very special place in my heart for such a delightful group of women.

Fall Workshop-Stevens Point, what a great event, all this information that was shared for a wonderful weekend. Fun, Food and great weather for all to travel.

Kenosha Juniors sent a beautiful invite to attend the Kenosha Juniorette Club being installed as a club here in Wisconsin. Such an exciting evening to meet our future members and to know that this state will be in good hands. These young women are so adorable and full of energy and fun. Can't wait to see them in action here in our state.

GREAT LAKES REGION!

Such a wonderful event and Wisconsin should be very proud of working so hard. These 4 days were filled with fellowship, food, and fun.

Membership!

Getting all kinds of reports of success. Almost every club is having or already had a membership drive and the reports are outstanding. Looking forward to your numbers of your increases in members. Please remember to keep asking those friends-neighbors-church members to join in on the fun of GFWC-WI.

Do you need me to help or visit-Membership drives can be at any time and yes, I will help if you need me, just ask! Keep this going and we will build this GFWC-Wisconsin strong.



Officer Report: GFWC - WI Second Vice President

Thank you to the clubwomen who attended the Fall Workshop and participated in the two presentations I gave. The interaction and questions were very helpful to the group and to me as we prepare for reporting in early 2023. My hope is that all clubs will report in January.

Also at the Fall Workshop, the ad-hoc committee composed of Kathy Novack, Marianne Potter, and me, presented our ideas and recommendation to the EC and the Board of Directors for the hosting schedule for State Conventions. The motion to blend two districts and have a five-year rotation was accepted by the Board of Directors. Thank you!

It has been a pleasure to serve as your State Webmaster for the last 8+ years. I have learned so much about how to build a webpage and about this great organization!

This fall I have also been busy with Lakeshore District and the EC with helping to identify a location for the May 2024 State Convention.

As we enjoy the fall weather and move into the holiday season, I wish you and your families a wonderful season of hope and joy!



Erin Epping
GFWC - WI
Second Vice President
2022—2024

Club and GFWC-WI Chair Reporting

Thorough presentations on reporting were made at the Fall Workshop. The PowerPoint slides from these informative training sessions can be found at www.gfwc-wi.org at the GFWC-WI Reporting menu. When any of the blue links are selected, the underlying files will download to your computer. Be sure to check the Downloads folder if you are not certain the file has transferred. If you cannot open a PowerPoint file or need a different format, please email Erin Epping at: eeping728@gmail.com

The Club reporting documents are fillable Word forms. If a yellow banner message appears at the top of the document indicating the file is protected, select “enable editing” to work with the document, including scrolling. It is appreciated that each club prepare the Club Statistical Form and the Club Information Form at a minimum. However, the various chairs would love to read about your club projects—so please try to complete as many Individual Reporting Forms as apply to your club.

Instructions on how and when to send reports are included at the bottom of each form.

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Recording Secretary



Shelly Isely
GFWC - WI
Recording Secretary
2022—2024

Happy Fall Everyone!

It's been a busy season so far. I attended the Fall Workshop in Stevens Point, September 16 & 17 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Minutes were prepared for the Executive Committee meeting that was held on the 16th and for the Board meeting held over the two days.

I attended the 2022 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference meeting in Brookfield September 29 - October 2 held at the Brookfield Conference Center and Hilton Garden Inn. The committee did a fantastic job putting together a wonderful meeting for the Great Lakes Region attendees.

As chair of the Health Scholarship Committee, we will be updating the application on the GFWC-WI website and will be emailing all District Presidents in January with the guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs. The scholarship is available to high school students and adult students who are pursuing a career in a health field. Please get the word out to all who may be interested in applying!

At the club level, I sit on the Board of Directors for the GFWC Monroe Woman's Club as a Director for the next two years.

GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary

As Corresponding Secretary, I have been very busy with the beginning of the 2022-2024 administration. I received the information needed for the Wisconsin State Handbook from our President Nancy Dickman. I typed, printed, assembled, and delivered/mailed them to our Board of Directors and Club Presidents. While doing the State Handbook, I also managed the registrations for our Fall Workshop. Sigh of relief – when all was done!

You can find the State Handbook in our Members Only Section of the GFWC WI website. The State Handbook will be updated online as necessary. For those with printed copies the following updates can be found in the online Handbook:

Section 2 – pages 4, 5 and 7

Section 3 – pages 3, 7, and 15

Let me know if there are any other corrections or changes to your club, district, or personal information.



Tammy Welter
GFWC-WI
Corresponding
Secretary
2022-2024

From the desk of your GFWC - WI Treasurer

Greetings GFWC-WI Membership – I’m sending a friendly reminder for you to send your dues payments and rosters to me. I have already received several clubs’ dues and rosters and I am very grateful!!! I’ve enjoyed fielding the phone calls and emails with your questions. If anyone has any questions about anything treasurer related, please feel free to reach out to me. I am willing to answer any questions and help in any way possible. There is a lot of detail in being the treasurer and sometimes we wonder if we’re doing everything timely. Please don’t forget that at the end of the day, we are VOLUNTEERS.



Wishing you all a great Holiday Season –
Michelle Munoz – GFWC-WI Treasurer

Michelle Munoz
GFWC - WI
Treasurer
2022-2024

Dues reminder - \$22 per club member, checks payable to GFWC-WI

Mail checks to – Michelle Munoz
39129 N. Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083

Email ALL Rosters to – gfwcwi.treasurer@gmail.com

JUNIOR CLUBS ADDER:

Junior Club Membership - \$1 per club member, checks payable to GFWC-WI Juniors

Mail checks to – Tammy Welter
1960 Boulder Lane, Beloit 53511

Email rosters ilmomof3@gmail.com

Announcing Some Big Changes!

GFWC-WI is happy to announce that Vickie Richardson of GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman’s Club has graciously assumed the board position of the GFWC-WI Webmaster. The transition process began after the Fall Workshop. If you have any changes or requests, please communicate with the webmaster at the email gfwcwi.webmaster@gmail.com. Thank you Vickie!

GFWC-WI extends its heartfelt gratitude to Erin Epping for serving as GFWC-WI Webmaster since 2014. What a remarkable gift she has given to us! Thank you, Erin Epping!



Hear ye, hear ye! There is a new WI Clubwoman Editor. Sue Bednarek of GFWC Princeton Woman’s Club has said YES to tackling the board position of editor of our quarterly newsletter. Please contact her with your articles at the email gfwcwiclubwoman@gmail.com. Thank you, Sue!

GFWC-WI FALL WORKSHOP

Friday, September 16 & Saturday, September 17, 2022

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center – Stevens Point, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482



Katie Theisen, District Silviculturist on the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, presented the fascinating history of George Washington Memorial Forest at the Fall Workshop. Her remarks were recorded! The link to the presentation is:

<https://youtu.be/ov6JoE-hk2M>

Enjoy!



GFWC-WI Officers and Chairs conducted EIGHT information sessions, shared TEN GFWC initiatives from the Club Manual (below), and presented THREE Wisconsin initiatives at the Fall Workshop. It was a terrific learning opportunity for WI club-women.



Speaker Victoria “Tori” Schultz, president, director, and producer at The Playhouse Theater Group in Stevens Point, enthusiastically shared her motto, **“every child deserves a standing ovation!”**

Below, President Dickman and Director Hooser present her with a thank you gift and a cash donation from the Juniors fundraiser the previous night.





GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference

September 29—October 2, 2022

Brookfield Conference Center—

Hilton Garden Inn, Brookfield, WI



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Good food, good fellowship and interesting history filled the tour. Who wouldn't have a good time with beer for dessert?

Cocktail hour on Friday evening began with group pictures of each state's attendees and was followed by a sparkling array of dresses, diamonds, and sequins. After dinner, the entire room enjoyed entertainment by a Neil Diamond impersonator, and those GFWC arms and legs were exercised as dancing popped up all around the room.

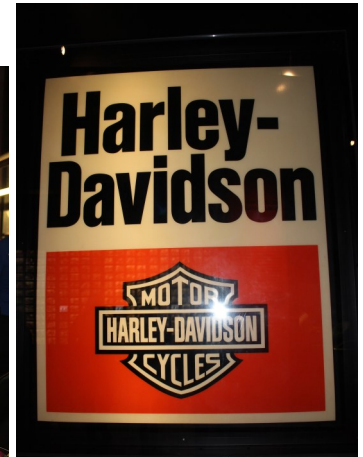
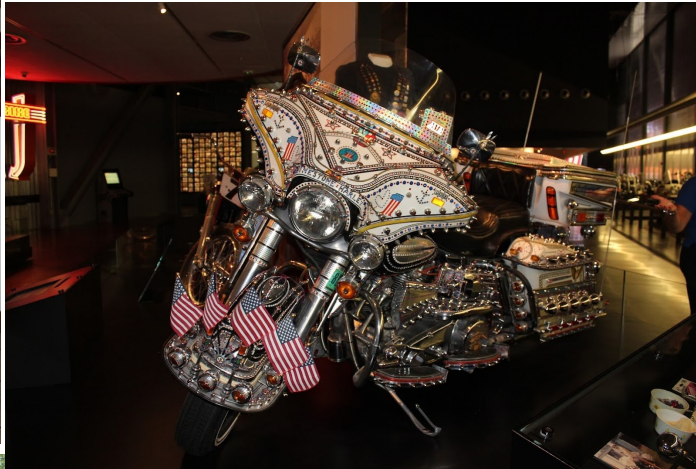
The business meeting on Saturday began with warm welcomes and many introductions. A speaker from Children's Wisconsin explained the importance of legislative initiatives in children's health. She took back a van filled with more than 700 items and \$45 cash of generous donations from the GLR sisters. Suellen Brazil, GFWC President-elect warmed the group with her luncheon remarks.

Ladies of the GFWC GLR spent their money in the vendor room, and many also found bargains at Divine Consign in a nearby ballroom. The group heard about fundraising, Friendsgiving, and from our future leaders as they reported on their LEADS 2022 experiences. Skits, bouncing beach balls, and sparkle tosses about the room were highlights of the meeting.

Denim and Diamonds was the theme for Saturday and candles reflecting GLR President Dana Jones' theme abounded. GFWC President Deb Strahanoski enlightened and entertained us with her kind words. There was fundraising and more "fun" raising with an ice breaker bingo game.

The Sunday business meeting featured a memorial service for our lost sisters, a humorous report from the Executive Committee, reports from the Great Eight, and an invitation to GLR in Indiana in 2023!

**A Candle loses none of its Light
by Lighting Another**



**2022 GLR Conference
Great Memories !**

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION *submitted by Michelle Munoz, Chair*



As we close out October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I wanted to leave you with some newer information perhaps not readily shared. As I was watching a news program, they highlighted a domestic violence awareness organization and tool. The organization is “Document the Abuse” and the tool is called “Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit”. Intrigued by this organization, I wanted to focus on what and why a use for this “Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit”. For further information, visit their website, I highly encourage you to read up on how they were started.

www.documenttheabuse.com

The following information was found at documenttheabuse.com

What Is An Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit?

Inspired by the Stacy Peterson case, the EAA was created to ensure that a victim's words about her fears and previous violence will not disappear if she does.

For the victim, it simply documents their history and experiences in a notarized document. If possible, it is always helpful to add any documentation, such as police/hospital reports, photos, letters, and emails, that help substantiate their experience and DNA samples. This type of Affidavit would eliminate the hearsay argument that was such a hurdle in the Kathleen Savio case. Additionally, making multiple copies will ensure that this information will find its way to law enforcement if anything should happen to the victim and they cannot testify on their own behalf.

The Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit (EAA) is the mastermind process of violence expert Susan Murphy Milano. The EAA combines video taping (of a victim's actual words attesting to the abuse) and creative witnessed and notarized legal documents that successfully satisfy the legal hurdles often faced in these cases. The unique packaging of testimony, documentation, perpetrator historical profiling, and pre-collected evidence delivered to established safe and legal persons, wrap this delicate issue up for successful prosecution.

Why prepare an Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit?

The EAA contains information that is critical to your security. Leaving an abuser is a severe issue, and it requires careful planning. Whether leaving is not an option for you at the moment, I strongly recommend you proceed with completing the Abuse Affidavit and video. The purpose of an EAA is to document your experiences in your own words and record the abuse. The Evidentiary Will and Abuse Affidavit document, signed by you and notarized by witnesses, is then placed in a secure location. Filling this EAA app out online is one way to keep it on a secure site.

If something happens to you, this information will be invaluable to the police, detectives, and the legal system, ensuring that the person responsible is arrested and ultimately charged in your case.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION *(continued)*

The advice to complete an EAA isn't intended to scare you but to protect you. Sometimes, a victim prepares to leave and unintentionally alerts the abuser. Your face is splashed across news, saying you have suddenly vanished, disappeared, or run away with another person. In many abuse cases, victims hide the information, even from the people they love. It makes it very difficult to arrest the abuser without any evidence.

Preparing an EAA is a victim's way to ensure that your experiences are being taken seriously. Again, if you feel in danger, it is essential NOT to disclose that you have seen a lawyer or have plans to leave. Use the following information if you fear for your safety or are in a bitter divorce or custody battle. Please err on the side of caution- this is your best defense weapon.

Statistics show that most victims murdered in recent years did not trust their instincts. Often leaving a letter or two for a loved one saying, "If something happens to me, it is because of my ex, boyfriend/ girlfriend, husband/wife, someone with whom I broke off a relationship, threatened to kill me." In a court of law, if you are seriously injured, in a coma, or tragically killed, that evidence is hearsay, not fact. The person responsible walks free because there is no documentation to prove what had been happening to you behind closed doors.

Domestic violence is an ongoing scenario and we as GFWC members can all be advocates to end domestic violence. Please see the information provided on our gfwc-wi.org website under Signature Program tab for the GFWC Signature Program Toolkit.



JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

submitted by Dorothy Protz, Chair



JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Katie Robey, Chairman, E: kdrobey@robeybaur.org



GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniette, and International Affiliate Clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. The definition of child advocacy is "support for children who are in a vulnerable position in society or in a vulnerable situation."

Choosing to advocate, sponsor projects within the Community Connection Initiative, focus on children's health and safety, working with special needs/foster care, and providing needed scholarships are many ways in which to provide a voice for children and to teach and encourage parents on ways to advocate for children at the grassroots level.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVE: REFRESH AND REVIVE



Community Connection Initiatives are designed to answer the need to build awareness and recognition of who GFWC volunteers are, what the organization accomplishes, and making GFWC recognizable in local communities. This branding effort assists in giving GFWC a more human side, which will help to build your recognition and grow your membership.

Juniors Special Program's Community Connection Initiative encourages clubs to work with a local shelter, youth center, social service office, or other emergency location to add a little "sparkle" to one or many of their rooms.

Club members can come together to clean, paint, and add new items to the room to bring warmth and caring into the surroundings. Invite potential members to join and work with local merchants on donating supplies for the refresh. Get the word out to your community on what you are doing and maybe one room can turn into many rooms that will assist with making the situation more manageable for the child.

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

(Confirmed as of date of printing)

Depending on club intent, projects/programs from these GFWC Affiliate Organizations could be reported here as well:



RESOURCE ORGAN

(Located in the Resources Area of the Club Manual.)

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — HARRIET TUBMAN

- Work with your city, county, or state to have the fourth week in October recognized as **Advocates for Children Week (October 23-29, 2022 and October 22-28, 2023)**.
- Advocate through your state legislature for bills that benefit children's physical and mental health.
- Advocate for law enforcement training on mental health awareness for children.
- Research and engage with advocacy groups in your area that support children's physical and/or mental health.
- Advocate for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other programs that provide children with mentors and/or offer activities to help them develop positive social skills.
- Pediatric Unit Playtime: Ask members to donate items such as coloring books, small jigsaw and cube puzzles, Play-Doh, and other small toys for hospitalized pediatric patients to enjoy during their stay in your local pediatric unit.
- Investigate grants, such as those available through the U.S. Department of Education, including the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants and the 21st Century Community Learning Center Funding.
- Create "worry rocks" with children who are attending school for the first time.
- Support under-funded schools and after-school enrichment programs by collecting and donating supplies for all types of art programs, including music and theater.
- Provide volunteer support to community youth organizations that promote arts, outdoor activities, and/or other enrichment programs including civic engagement.
- Advocate for law enforcement training on mental health awareness for children.
- Research advocacy groups in your area that support children's physical and/or mental health.
- Screen Time Awareness: In this age of digital media, children are being exposed to cell phones, tablets, and electronic screens as early as infancy. Educate the members of your club about the new guidelines for screen time use for young children.
- And many more provided in Club Manual.

(This list is a brief offering of project ideas. Please visit Club Manual for other grassroots projects and/or programs as well as those with Affiliate Organizations or Resources.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

ENVIRONMENT

submitted by Gloria Lansin, Chair



"THEY SAY"

The temperature of the earth is going up
The polar ice caps are melting
Florida will be under water or break away and become an island
Only 9% of plastic is recycled
It doesn't matter if you recycle
Who cares if corporations lie about recycling
(everyone lies anyway)

BOTTOM LINE IS WE SHOULD CARE

'I SAY'

We need to recycle everything we can
We should take a moment and teach our neighbors about the urgent need to recycle
Encourage your businesses to be leaders in protecting our environment
Take time to help the earth, so that future generations have a place to live without the fear
Of living in a toxic environment

IN THE END IT SHOULD BE I CARE

Remember RE-CYCLE, RE-FUSE, RE-USE, RE-PURPOSE TO REDUCE OUR WASTE

TREES FOR TOMORROW ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

submitted by Carolyn DeJongh, Co-chair

The Trees for Tomorrow Advisory Council meets twice a year, with in-person meetings and a virtual option. We have been discussing how to strengthen relationships with TFT Alumni, so they are empowered to serve as TFT ambassadors. We discussed what kinds of products, services or events might attract Alumni to participate. We will continue to work on this topic at our next meeting in January, 2023.

At our next meeting we will begin to develop project groups within the Council to work on topics to include School Program Recruitment, Alumni Relationships and others.

I am working to promote natural resources careers and forestry education opportunities for women, possibly to include the George Washington Memorial Forest. The Board meetings allow for discussion of this topic with US Forest Service personnel.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

ARTS AND CULTURE

MEMBER ART - ART LIVE! MANIKIN CONTEST

submitted by Vickie Richardson, Member Art and Photography Chair



I hope everyone is excited about the Arts LIVE! Manikin Contest. All the details and entry form can be found on the GFWC-WI website under the Community Service Programs page at the Information Sheet or Entry Form links. Please make sure to fill out the description section since this description will be used by our auctioneer at the May convention for the auctioning of your beautiful art pieces. If you need additional manikins I purchased mine thru BLICK Art Materials and they do offer great bulk rates. If you have any questions please let me know.



HELEN FARNSWORTH MEARS ART CONTEST

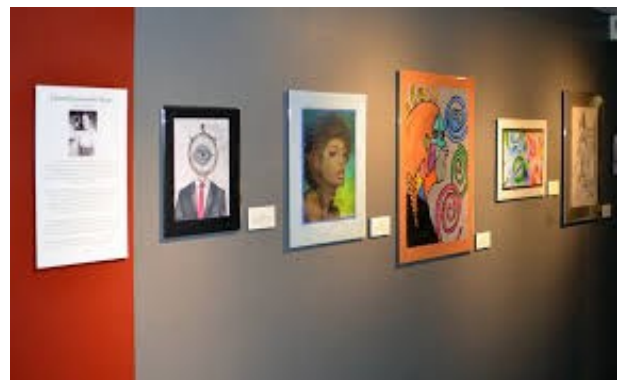
submitted by Shirley Brabender Mattox, Art Contest Chair

December 21, 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Helen Farnsworth Mears. I believe that we are celebrating the memory of one of Wisconsin's greatest sculptors because of the Federated Women's Clubs early support in 1893 and the GFWC-WI Memorial Art Contest, established 95 years ago in 1927, and which continues to be conducted at clubs throughout the entire state. With each contest, students and their artwork have been recognized in their schools, communities, and the media.

The 2023 Art Contest will include the category of Digital Art which was introduced in 2021 & 2022 during COVID. To simplify the listing of Digital artwork, there will be 5 areas: Fractal art, 2-D/3-D graphics, Digital collage, 2-D/3-D Digital painting, Digital photo manipulation. To raise the bar and encourage students' creativity, there will be an additional opportunity in this category - **Digital video/animation**. I hope that this will encourage teachers and students to stretch their artistic talents.

The Oshkosh Public Museum included an article about the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest in their Membership Newsletter, *The Muse*, to coincide with their special summer exhibit, "Helen Farnsworth Mears; A Genius of Wisconsin" and the exhibit of the GFWC-WI State winners of the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest. What an honor for those students whose artwork was displayed in the hallway leading to the exhibit area containing a large collection of Helen Mears' sculptures on loan from many Wisconsin museums.

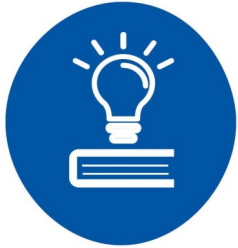
I am working on the possibility of a state announcement celebrating December 21, 2022, as "Helen Farnsworth Mears Day" in honor of the 150th anniversary of her birth. Your club can really celebrate and honor her memory by holding the Memorial Art Contest in your 7th and 8th grade classes. Check it out at gfwc-wi.org at Community Service Programs/Arts and Culture.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

submitted by Sue Sands, Chair



I am pleased to serve you as the GFWC-WI Education and Libraries Chair.

During the next two years, I will share information from headquarters, state clubs, and other sources with you about activities and ideas associated with education and libraries. For instance, your club could try one or more of the following:

- ◆ Tutoring or homework assistance for students
- ◆ Supporting holiday or weekend reading events and classes
- ◆ Hosting a book character parade or literary-themed poster contest
- ◆ Assisting with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- ◆ Presenting creative endeavors - book readings, film screening, or art displays
- ◆ Promoting classes in art or art history, creative writing, gardening
- ◆ Offering “Library Lunches” that examine local issues
- ◆ Encouraging signing up for library cards
- ◆ Forming book clubs for adults and children

These ideas are only the tip of the iceberg of how your club can be more active and participate in the GFWC Education and Libraries initiative. I would like to hear from your club about your projects and programs. Please share with me and I will share with the other clubs through newsletters that I will send to your District President so that she can forward them to Club Presidents.

Thank you for your participation in Education and Libraries. I look forward to hearing from you and reading your reports in January.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

HEALTH & WELLNESS

submitted by Joyce Schaefer, Chair



As fall has arrived, here are some tips to help keep you healthy:

Perhaps take a Vitamin D supplement- as most of our Vitamin D comes from the sun and as it gets colder we will most likely spend less time outdoors, a Vitamin D supplement can help boost your mood and immune system.

Flu shots are encouraged- hopefully this will help to keep you from having sniffing, aching and coughing interfering with your life.

Schedule those annual check-ups- it is a good time of the year to get that annual physical exam and those annual screenings done.

Boost your immune system- drink lots of water, eat nutritious foods and wash your hands often (carry some hand sanitizer with you). Increase your Vitamin C intake by eating items such as; oranges, kale, brussel sprouts, broccoli and grapefruit.

Moisturize your skin- cold temperatures can make your skin dry, use some good moisturizing lotions. Also, don't forget your lip balm for those dry lips.

Take some time for yourself- fall and winter are Earth's way of telling us to slow down. This is a good time of the year to journal or catch up on reading those good books on your shelves.

Buy some in-season foods- there are a lot of good, healthy, in-season foods to enjoy; beets, eggplant, kale, pumpkin, roasted squash and dark leafy greens.

Wear layers- it is important to protect your body from the dropping temperatures; make sure to have gloves, scarves, hats, warm coats and boots at the ready!

Get enough sleep- try to get at least 7 hours of sleep per night

Hopefully these reminders will help us all have a Healthy Fall Season!



Advancement Area: Communications & Public Relations

submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chair

This GFWC administration's goal is to get our communities to **KNOW** about GFWC and that our clubs are part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Some small steps you can personally take are to have the GFWC emblem added on all communication, this includes your email signature and adding GFWC to your social media posts. Remember to include the emblem on all club printed materials.

Guided by the GFWC Strategic plan, the GFWC Committees of Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, and Membership have organized a **NEW** national project encouraging **ALL** clubs to participate - called "**Friendsgiving.**" More details are included on the next page in this edition of the Club-woman and also on the member portal where after logging in:

Click on "My Digital Library" (the circle icon in the upper right corner)

Click on the "Resources" folder

Go to the letter "F" and find the "Friendsgiving National Event" it is a folder for everything you need to plan your own Friendsgiving event in your community. Let's make some new Friends!

Advancement Area: Fundraising

submitted by Loretta Caron, GFWC-WI Junior Fundraising Chair and Carolyn Mitchell, GFWC-WI Fundraising Chair

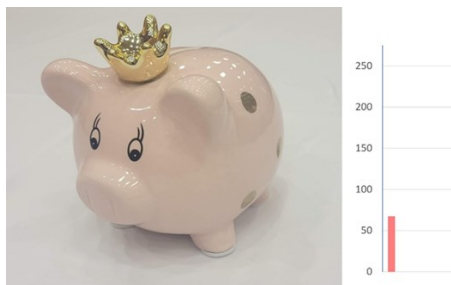
Introducing "Roxie"

Have you met Roxie yet? She made her debut at the Fall Workshop and has made an appearance at GFWC-Great Lakes Region Conference and the Southern Prairies District meeting.

Roxie is full of **SPAM** – Sparkle, Personality and Money (hopefully lots of \$\$). Her goal is to raise at least \$275 to fund sending a girl to school through Heifer International.

So far, we are at \$67.41.

Save your quarters and bring them to the next state meeting where Roxie will make an appearance and help Roxie and GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs, Suz Hooser, exceed their goal.



GFWC-WI Fundraising

Check out GFWC-WI 's marketplace for the GFWC wearables.

I will soon have more of these beautiful administration pins and will put them on the WI marketplace.

At upcoming state meetings, we will have all sorts of "fun"draising activites. Watch for split-the-pot opportunities, silent auction items and a cork pull/craft beer event. Your participation will help us host GFWC and other guests at our conventions. It promises to be a delicious, delightful time!



General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

National Event



Why GFWC Friendsgiving?

Friendsgiving is the blend of the words *Friends* and *Thanksgiving*, and it refers to a large meal shared with friends either near or on Thanksgiving. But why should we make this concept of a meal with friends just for Thanksgiving time?

The **GFWC National Event: GFWC Friendsgiving** will help build the GFWC brand in your community: gather and thank leaders, individuals, and businesses who have participated in some way in club projects by their donations of items, time, gift cards, and/or sponsorship; and enlighten potential members to the vast reach of club philanthropy and grassroots volunteer dedication.

Reach out to organizations that have benefited from your hands-on community service

and/or In-kind donations and invite them. Think of your local organization contacts your club works with, such as the humane society, domestic violence shelters, after-school programs, food kitchens and pantries, and the list goes on.

Who else to invite? Town/city leaders, local business owners, past club members, co-

workers, friends, members from other social groups you belong to, ladies who have attended club events or meetings but never joined, and even the micro-volunteers who assisted your

club over the past few years. Pretty much, *EVERYONE* your club members are in contact with could be invited.

The goal is to get together for fun and fellowship. It can be scheduled around any holiday, such as:

GFWC Friendsgiving – Ringing in the New Year with Friends (New Year's)

GFWC Friendsgiving – Show the Love (Valentine's Day)

GFWC Friendsgiving – Join us for a “Hoppy” Celebration (Easter)

GFWC Friendsgiving – It's A Federation Day Friendsgiving

GFWC Friendsgiving – Let the Summer Warm Your Heart (summer months)

The possibilities are endless. GFWC clubs are creative – we encourage you to create your own

GFWC Friendsgiving event.

All the facets needed to plan a successful event are located in the

GFWC Friendsgiving ~ Box of Gems

located in the F Resources Folder in the Member Portal

GFWC Friendsgiving ~ a wonderful opportunity to be *Thankful* for the community's support and to BRAG about the good GFWC grassroots volunteering your members participate in while gaining a few new members in the process!

Advancement Area: Leadership*submitted by: Deb Brossard, Chair*

The GFWC-WI Leadership Committee continues to work hard to find ways to offer leadership training at the state, district, and local club level. As I write this, 11 members across the state are preparing to participate in the virtual Mini LEADS 101 training on the evenings of October 26 and November 2. Personal contact was the key in the recruitment effort to encourage this many participants as our 'in-person' opportunity at the Fall Workshop needed to be canceled due to a low census. It seems that the pandemic did have a silver lining, bringing us into the 21st century regarding our technology use. Watch for more virtual leadership opportunities in the future!

I'd also like to remind you that it is time for each club to give thoughtful consideration to identifying a clubwoman to nominate as Wisconsin's 2023 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.

Finally, 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 expect to continue to use the same leadership reporting form as last year's which outlines the specific criteria that will be reported by this chair to encapsulate our Wisconsin 2022 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 2023

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 9, 2023) the day before the official opening of the GFWC International Convention (Saturday, June 10 to Monday, June 12, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky). LEADS is a full day of activities, and includes 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:
 - Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00.
 - Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).
 - 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.)*

CONTENT & PRESENTATIONS AT LEADS

LEADS may include the following:

- ❖ Overview of various leadership skills.
- ❖ Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance.
- ❖ Outline of GFWC policies, parliamentary procedure, and protocol.
- ❖ Discussion of tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing 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 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.*
 - *Agrees to pursue leadership positions at the District and State levels.*
 - *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 Region and the State and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes ___ No ___
- pursue leadership positions at the district and state levels? Yes ___ No ___

Please send your application prior to the DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION - January 31, 2023

Call or Text Suz 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 Suzanne (Suz) Hooser – 2023 GFWC-Wisconsin LEADS Nominee Selection Chairman
4307 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53144 suzhooser@yahoo.com

If emailing your application, please CC' Deb Brossard at deb.brossard@gmail.com

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GFWC JENNIE AWARD

submitted by Ruth Diedrich, Chair



The GFWC Jennie Award is the **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** given by the General Federation of Women's Clubs to honor one club member from each of the Eight Regions at the GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois June 29-July 2, 2024. It is the most prestigious award given to a GFWC member. Club members are nominated by their club to compete at state, regional, and national levels. Pat Mueller, of GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club, was honored as the Jennie winner from the GFWC Great Lakes Region at the GFWC Annual Convention earlier this year.

The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." She founded the Sorosis Club for Women in New York in 1868 and in 1889 the General Federation of Women's Clubs was born. The award highlights clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, representatives of their community, and as members of a family or extended family.

I would encourage clubs that submitted applicants in a previous year and your nominee was not selected, to please review and update the information and submit it again to me.

Judging Criteria, Award Rules, and the Nomination Form can be found at:

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/> -- Awards and Scholarships – GFWC Jennie Award. At the end of the Nomination Form it states to send the form to the State President. **PLEASE IGNORE THAT** (yes, our state president knows this!)

Send all nomination materials to RUTH DIEDRICH, 233 N. STATE ST, CHILTON, WI 53014 POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1, 2023. I prefer your nomination form and supporting materials be sent via the U.S. mail rather than email.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at rdiedrich4702@charter.net or call me at 920-849-4702.

It will take time to gather all the information needed regarding your nominee so start collecting the information now. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the great state of Wisconsin would again have the winner for the GFWC Great Lakes Region in 2024.



COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

submitted by Carol Wolfenden, Chair

This program is GFWC's longest-standing project. Originally called "Build a Better Community Contest," it recognizes clubs for effective and impactful community projects.

How can my club participate?

Identify a common need.

Make a plan.

Carry out your plan. (May partner with other community organizations.)

Report. (May include photos.)

What's the timeline?

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

Send report to State CIP chair by March 1, 2024.

What's the reward?

Top state club receives \$100 from GFWC.

Need more info? Check out the GFWC Club Manual or email Carol Wolfenden at: wolfenden@mwt.net

Thank you for making your corner of the world a better place!

HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

submitted by Shelly Isely, Chair

\$1,000.00 HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Scholarships are awarded each year by GFWC-WI to Wisconsin graduating high school students and adult students who are pursuing careers in the health field. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified in late April and will be invited to and honored at the awards banquet at the GFWC-WI State Convention in May, 2023.

All District Presidents will be sent an email in January 2023 with guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs, as well as an information document to be shared with schools. If you have questions, please contact your District President or the Committee chair, Shelly Isely (shellyisely@Yahoo.com).

The 2023 on-line application form will be active in January. Watch for that detailed email from your District leadership before sharing information with schools.

Ideally, we would love to see applications from EVERY district. Good luck to all the applicants!



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2022-2024

submitted by Sue Bessert, Chair

GFWC-WI State President Nancy Dickman has selected her special project in the Arts and her goal is to: Elevate creativity and the quality of life in each of our communities.

We've named it – *Arts LIVE!*

Arts LIVE is performing arts. Anything from youth choirs, youth symphonies, high school drama, marching bands, solo ensembles, band trips, community band, dance troupes, swing choir, summer theater camps, forensics, Odyssey of the Mind teams, Destination Imagination and more. If it has to do with non-professionals and artistic performances - it's *Arts LIVE!* Let's make it STRONG!

HERE'S HOW: Clubs that donate \$500 to support performing arts in their communities will receive \$100 back.

TIMELINE: Now until State Convention, May 2024.

WHERE: In our local club communities across the State of Wisconsin

WHY: The arts are a direct contributor to quality of life within a community.

HOW TO GET REIMBURSED: Complete the reimbursement form found on the website: www.gfwc-wi.org

LOOKING FOR IDEAS: See the website for a full list of them!

QUESTIONS: Reach out to clubwoman Sue Bessert, 715-889-2342.

AND THE SURVEY SAYS!

In support of the GFWC-WI Strategic Plan, an “all member” survey was conducted in August 2022, for the first time in eight years! The response was fantastic.

The #1 issue for members = COST, COST, COST!

The #2 issue for members = LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! There was a notable number of respondents wanting more centrally located meetings away from large urban areas.

The #3 issue for members = CONTENT, as in, please have interesting and informative speakers, more time to have clubs share best practices or round tables, and less time making us sit around listening/waiting (awards presentations and lectures/speeches vs interactive sessions were mentioned most often)



At more than 200 responses, the sample is statistically valid for our membership size. These results were a notable shift from the 2014 survey. In that survey, cost was #4, location or distance was #1, and meeting content moved from 13% to 23% of members listing it as VERY important in making someone want to attend a convention.

The EC understands we have our work to do! We are very pleased to say we started the migration to focusing on content with the Fall Workshop. The after meeting feedback was very positive. Attendees really appreciated the volume and value of the information shared in the multiple breakout sessions. To the extent we can continue this trend AND accomplish the “get the work done” part of our board sessions, we will keep working to make our time together interesting and mutually valuable.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and who provided feedback at the end of the Fall Workshop. We are working on this to make for a great use of member time and treasure.



Wisconsin's Own Library

Submitted by: Abby Lorenz, chairwoman

This is the lovely flier prepared by Ripon College to help promote the upcoming open house at Lane Library on the college campus. Funding for this event is through the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust in support of Wisconsin's Own Library.

All members are invited to this free and delightful afternoon! To have a sense of the expected attendance, please contact Sue Bednarek at 920-295-6509 or email her at sjbednarek@charter.net by November 5.

All the club presidents have a flier with the details if you would like more information. Feel free to ask Sue, too!

WISCONSIN'S OWN POET-IN-RESIDENCE

Ripon College presents
a poetry reading, featuring



Wisconsin's Own Poet-in-Residence Freesia McKee (she/her) writes about the influence of personal and collective histories on how we experience place. Freesia's writing practice includes poetry, hybrid-genre work, lyric essay, memoir, flash fiction, book reviews, and literary criticism. Her words have appeared in *Cream City Review*, *Return to the Gathering*, *Place of the Waters: Milwaukee Poets in 2017*, *The Ploughshares Blog*, *The Grabbed Anthology*, *South Florida Gay News*, *Ms. Magazine's* blog, and many other venues. Freesia grew up in Milwaukee and earned an MFA in poetry at Florida International University. She loves to write and teach because she loves to learn, especially when asking questions about power, tension, apathy, and care.

SATURDAY

Nov. 12, 2022

1 p.m.

North Reading Room,
Lane Library



Associate Professor of
English Megan Gannon
also will share readings
from her works.



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District Reports *pages 29-32*

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

Submitted by Deb Strecker, District President



Fall Greetings from Southern Prairies District (SPD) The 9 SPD clubs have a wonderful kickoff towards a successful year! Many of our members have been on the road, attending the GFWC WI Fall workshop in Stevens Point and the Great Lakes Region Conference in Brookfield. Each one of the SPD attendees sparkled and shined representing us and their home clubs, each making their presence known.



The GFWC WI SPD Clubs are very active, giving back to their communities. Here are a few examples of SPD Clubs living the volunteer spirit:

- * The Kenosha Woman's Club is hosting a veteran's appreciation luncheon and giving out their 27th **Quilt of Valor** on Nov. 2nd. They are also hosting a trivia night- "**Unmasking Domestic Violence**" on Nov. 16th, with a portion of the proceeds going to domestic violence awareness.
- * Pleasant Prairies' annual **Pinktober Auction** held on Oct. 19th, was a great success!
- * The Kenosha Juniors is holding a bunco night on Nov. 18. They also are cleaning and organizing at the local domestic women & children's shelter on Oct. 28th.



The Southern Prairies District held their Fall Workshop on Oct. 15th in Kenosha. Eight of the nine SPD clubs were represented. This year's theme was **Spooky and Sparkly!** And boy did they sparkle, though not too spooky... We held a raffle to help fund our SPD Scholarship and were grateful to fill two tables full of donated treasures. Thank you to all who donated! **GFWC WI Junior Director Suz Hooser** shared her mission of "**Turning Stones**" to make a difference in a child's life. Her passion to help children is inspirational!

We also had two special local women, who are making a difference in our community. The first special guest was Miss Kenosha 2022, Jenna Zeihen. Jenna brought her kind of sparkle to the meeting wearing her beautiful crown!

The second special guest was Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman. We were honored that she found time in her busy schedule, (developing Kenosha counties budget) to join us. She is the first elected female county executive in the state of Wisconsin. She previously was elected a representative. She shared her experiences as a single working mom, raising teenage boys. She took questions and there was much discussion about the increasing drug overdoses and the need to have and learn how to use NARCON to resuscitate overdose victims. Multiple clubs expressed interest in holding learning session on how to administer NARCON.

There is always much more to share, all the good work being done! We wish all of our wonderful GFWC WI sisters' a joyful holiday and we can't wait to see you in 2023!

In Federation and Friendship

Deb Strecker, GFWC WI SPD President



NORTHWOODS: Amherst Junction * Antigo Juniors * Lakeland Area * Oconto * Rhinelander * Stevens Point * Stevens Point Juniors
Submitted by Mary Meek, District President

In early October, clubwomen of the Northwoods District met in the home of Karen Ostrowski, president of the Amherst Junction Woman's Club as they graciously hosted our fall district meeting. It was a wonderful gathering, with a mixture of business and fellowship. Truly, this mighty group of four clubwomen are to be commended for an amazing job!!

Our time together was packed with information sharing and activity. An emphasis was placed on the topic of membership development and included a time for small group discussions on the successes and barriers to membership recruiting and retention. Additionally, the district chairmen provided updates on their GFWC advancement and program area initiatives.

The Northwoods District continues its focus toward developing initiatives that promote club interaction and relationship building within the district. I am excited about the sharing of information that occurs at these meetings. Overall, our clubs are busy hosting membership development events in addition to planning and fundraising for various program area projects. I can hardly wait to see the net impact for our clubs and the communities we serve. Clubwomen helping Clubwomen...the impact is both energizing and inspiring!

Be Creative, Be Passionate, Be Confident...We are GFWC!!



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

Yesterday Lakeshore had their fall meeting and we were privileged to have Nancy Dickman, Wisconsin state president, 1st VP Linda Brown, and 2VP Erin Epping along with Pat Mueller who won the Jennie June award at New Orleans this year and is a member of Lakeshore!

Our clubs were very busy this summer with picnics, antique appraisals, best bra contests, wine and cheese parties, wreath sales, candy sales, brat sales, dog toys and more. Our group is very active and I am so proud to be district President.

Our speaker for the day was Martha Kanas from Exploit No More who talked about human trafficking.

Milwaukee is one of the top cities for this awful crime. There are two streets that are known for picking up girls and they are North Avenue and Greenfield Avenue. Milwaukee is a direct link to Minneapolis, and the Dakotas where there is fracking going on and a lot of men. Exploit No More helps women get away and provides a safe home for them to stay for three months. It was very a interesting program.

Now that the cold weather is approaching, our regular meetings will return. We will see each other more and come up with new ideas to help our communities!



ROLLING HILLS: *Dodgeville * Hartford Juniors * Hillsboro * Muskego * Oconomowoc Juniors * Oconomowoc * Hartland * Pewaukee* Submitted by Kathy Novack, District President

Rolling Hills District held our 2022 Fall Meeting on October 22nd in Delafield, WI. The Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club hosted and selected the theme – “Plaid & Pearls.” Dodgeville President Brenda Dickler won for her “best ensemble.”

The President opened by thanking and sharing the names of RHD members who contribute their time and energies to serve in various capacities (including two members state officers) for GFWC-WI. She followed by reading the list of local clubs that received awards at the 2022 GFWC-WI Convention. Members shared their enthusiasm at the extent of our impact on state programs and projects, and appreciated the award recognition given to the efforts of local clubs.

We had two outside speakers. First, Katie Westerman, Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEC) shared “Pearls of Wisdom – Supporting Public Education.” Next, Pat Witkowski, Ice Age Trail Coordinator, Waukesha County spoke on “Walk the Walk” – in Plaid!

1st Vice President Carol Wolfenden coordinated and moderated our major topic – a panel on “Federation “How to’s.” *We covered:*

- ... Run a Meeting - Carol Wolfenden, Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club
- ... Write Reports - Nancy Niedziela, Woman’s Club of Pewaukee
- ... Be a Secretary - Ginny Lockman, Woman’s Club of Pewaukee
- ... Be a Treasurer - Nancy Niedziela

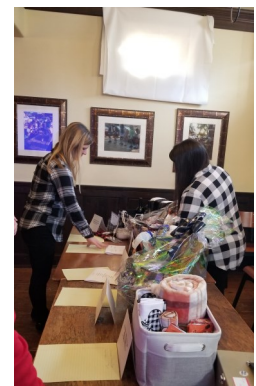
PLUS

- The Community Impact Program, Carol Wolfenden
- Helen Farnsworth Mears - Lynn Mickelson Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club
- Member Art - Hannah Mickelson Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club
- Writing Awards - Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl Woman’s Club of Pewaukee
- ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) - Missy Kimball Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club
- Arts LIVE! - Nancy Dickman – GFWC-WI President & Muskego Woman’s Club



**Kathy Novack GFWC – WI
Rolling Hills District President
Nancy Dickman
GFWC-WI President
2022-2024**

Great hostesses, great presenters, great meeting, great members - GREAT DISTRICT!



RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT: *Berlin Friends in Council * Brillion Woman's Club * Oshkosh Woman's Art Club * Plymouth Woman's Club * Princeton Woman's Club * Woman's Club of De Pere*

submitted by Sue Sands, District President

Rivers and Lakes District held their first meeting of the new administration on October 26th. The Plymouth Woman's Club hosted 23 club members from five *District* clubs.

Linda Brown, GFWC-WI First Vice President, installed the District officers - President Sue Sands (Woman's Club of De Pere), Vice President Sue Bednarek (Princeton Woman's Club), Secretary Rose Wick (Princeton Woman's Club), and Treasurer Ruth Diedrich



(Brillion Woman's Club). Thank you to Linda and the ladies who stepped forward to serve in a leadership position.

Membership and communication are two topics that the Rivers and Lakes District will focus on this year. The more we know and the more members we have to share information and ideas with - the better! The Rivers and Lakes District is excited to begin another year of service in our communities. It is exciting to be involved in our various volunteer projects and activities.

NORTHERN LIGHTS: *Amery Woman's Club* Ashland Monday Woman's Club * Bloomer Woman's Club * Colfax Woman's Club * Menomonie Woman's Club * Spooner Woman's Club*

Submitted by Shari Berg, District President



As the Winter Holidays are fast approaching the clubs in Northern Lights have been busy in fundraising and in resuming activities as community volunteers. The Fall Conference in Colfax had 32 attendees from 5 of our 6 clubs. GFWC-WI President Nancy Dickman encouraged us all to support amateur performing arts throughout her tenure. A local retired Home Ec. teacher entertained us with 'The History of the Apron' and shared some of her massive collection of aprons. We started our district plans for the next State Convention in Eau Claire on May 4-6, 2023. We will do our best to keep costs down so you can attend and enjoy your visit to Northwestern WI. on the last GFWC State Convention planned for this geographic area.

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NORTH WOODS DISTRICT

GFWC RHINELANDER WOMAN'S CLUB

October 24th was the last trash pick-up of the season, and altogether in 2022 we have picked up about 25 bags of trash and assorted tires, building materials, furniture, etc. We all make a difference in keeping our local environment clean and more beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



GFWC STEVENS POINT WOMAN'S CLUB



GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club donated 75 hats to the March of Dimes for their baby showers for military families.

On October 15, five members of the GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club cleaned our portion of the highway.

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT

CLUB CORNER

GFWC MONDAY CLUB OF ASHLAND

World Food Day was October 15, and GFWC Monday Club of Ashland collected on October 3rd non perishable food items and cash donations for the Brick Food Pantry of Ashland and surrounding area. The picture shows just a small portion of the donation.



Betty Ament, Elaine Peterson, and Mary Fall, not pictured Magge Ericson, of GFWC Monday Club cleaned the flower beds, and buttoned up for the winter. Thanks folks, remember Menard Park Plant Sale, May 2023.



GFWC Monday Club also on October 3rd took a trolley ride through Ashland learning about the many murals on the buildings. Ashland is known as Wisconsin's mural town. The members learned how the murals were created, how a mural subject was chosen, and the historical significance for Ashland.

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ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEWAUKEE

We Welcomed Our New Members

Our membership committee and the members of the Board of Directors organized a New Member Welcome Meeting for the members who joined our club within the last one and a half years on August 25th at the Steele Barn of The Pewaukee Area Historical Society. This has been a long-standing tradition in our Club until it was disrupted by Corona safety rules. This year again, new, and seasoned members met and learned about the club's mission, fundraising events, supported community organizations, and common activities like the one mentioned below. We enjoy each other's company and improve life in our community.



New Member Installation Ceremony

Ten of our new members were officially installed during our October meeting.



Great Lakes Region Conference

Our club was represented by 18 members at this meeting over the course of the long weekend. We want to extend a big Thank you to Nancy Niedziela for her tireless work as part of the organizing team of this successful and fun event.



"Razzle Dazzle" Is Back

Our Fall Fundraising Planning Committee is diligently working on preparations for our biggest fundraiser of the season. We will meet on November 9th at the Ingleside Hotel to celebrate fall and the upcoming holiday season. There will be cocktails, raffle, lunch live and silent auctions, and a fashion show, which will showcase our own "Club Models" in casual and elegant apparel.

ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

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Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club



Caroline Stekel received her 50-year recognition pin from Carol Wolfenden at the organization’s September meeting. A former club president, Caroline helped with major donation projects such as the city street sign replacement, swimming pool, library, tennis courts, and hospital. The Woman’s Civic Club of Hillsboro, one of the longest-standing service organizations in the city, has been in existence since 1931. Other 50-year honorees include Norma Myhre, Sylvia Schneider, Rachel Novy, Margaret Ann Roberts, Doris Picha, Jean Traeder, and Mary Sterba.

Brewmaster Dave Dietz conducted a brewery tour for Woman’s Civic Club members and guests at their October meeting at Hillsboro Brewing Company. Taylor Larson had started the tour upstairs in the Willow + Oak events room. Brewmaster Dave Dietz conducted a brewery tour



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ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF HARTLAND

As I am starting my second, non-consecutive, term as president I am excited. My personal goal this term, as it has been since I joined, is to increase membership. We have a Christmas Cookie Sale every year and it is our biggest fundraiser. So, I remind the membership that the more members we have the less cookies we each must bake!!! We had a Meet & Greet in September organized by our new Membership Chair, Paula Decker. The picture is Paula, on the left, welcoming new members at our first meeting.



**Renee Rasmussen,
President**



Because of Covid we, of course, had to cancel meetings. We missed the fellowship that our meetings provided and started getting together outside in the summer. We brought our lunches to picnics in the park. And we started what we called the "Lunch Bunch". We would meet at a restaurant that had outdoor seating. We enjoyed those so much that we have continued to meet socially during summer when we don't have regular meetings.

GFWC DODGEVILLE FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

The Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club held their September meeting at the Red Room Restaurant. Pictured right to left and front to back are Wanda McClutchin, Carol Thomas, Karen Zimmerman, President Bridget Dickler, Vice President Florence Wasley, Mary Curtis, and new members, Lynette Potter and Sharon Harper. Missing were Treasurer Colleen Polglaze, Secretary Pat Risch, Ginger Jones, Paula Lee Hall, and Cathryn Tredennick.



RIVERS AND LAKES DISTRICT

CLUB CORNER

GFWC PRINCETON WOMEN'S CLUB

Jenny Stelzner and JoDee Megeath represented the Princeton Women's Club at the Green Lake "Take Back the Night" event in support of the Christine Ann Center, recognizing October as domestic violence awareness month. Several speakers talked about various survivor stories and the array of services that are provided. A memorial candlelight service with the reading of names of those who's lives were lost to domestic violence lent a very sobering reality of the impact of domestic violence.



GFWC-WI State President Nancy Dickman was a guest at our monthly meeting. Nancy's presentation included a lot of very useful information about the club itself, including the 4 Fs (Firm, Fair, Forward-Thinking, Friendly), and strategies for working collegially as a club, among many important and pertinent ideas for a successful club.

Princeton Women's Club officers shared a photo with Nancy Dickman (from left to right - Terry Beck (Vice President), Rose Wick (President), Nancy Dickman (State President), Jenny Stelzner (Treasurer), and Renee Cybul (Secretary).

Members of the Princeton Women's Club visited Martha's Assisted Living facility in Princeton to make special bird feeders. Five residents worked hands-on with our attending members to spread peanut butter on toilet tissue tubes and then rolled them in bird seed. The residents seemed to enjoy this activity. It was great to see their smiles.

Everyone was excited to be able to hang all 68 of the mini feeders outside on two shepherd hooks. Members hope the residents will enjoy watching the birds using the feeders through the facility's picture window as the days grow colder.



From left to right: Sandy Booth, Terry Beck (Vice President), Renee Cybul (Secretary), Mary Fritsch-Hatfield, Rose Wick (President) and JoDee Megeath.

Members working with some of the residents of Martha's Assisted Living Facility to make bird feeders.



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GFWC BROWN DEER JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUMMER FOR BROWN DEER JUNIORS!

Our Members. In June the Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club combined their general meeting with a backyard appetizers and dessert social. It was the perfect time for a new group membership photo. Here are the wonderful women who make up our club.



Going to the Dogs! In July the Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club made drop-offs to three organizations that will surely make a lot of tails wag! Club members made 144 dog toys from old t-shirts. In addition to the toys, blankets from our rummage sale, new fleece blankets, and the warming socks that were made at the Junior Fall conference last October were donated to the Wisconsin Humane Society - Milwaukee Campus, MADACC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission) the Wisconsin Humane Society - Ozaukee Campus. All organizations were extremely thankful for this "woof"-while project!



LAKESHORE DISTRICT

WE MADE THE TOP 10! In August our club was thrilled to learn that we were honored by **GFWC International** to be among the Top 10 Fundraising projects for 2022 with our Ca\$h Calendar Raffle.



We are doing the fundraiser again in 2023! Visit our website at [2023 Calendar Raffle](#) to learn how you can be a part of this award winning project!



LAKESHORE DISTRICT

CLUB CORNER

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

In late July, our city's first National Night Out Celebration in three years was again held at the West Allis Farmer's Market. Coordinated by our Police Dept., food trucks were on hand as were police and fire-trucks for examination, and various health-related businesses and agencies. 100's of West Allis residents came with their children to eat, learn, and play. Nine club members helped clean the food area (wash tables, clearing & picking up any trash), or worked as supervisors of the bouncy houses and slides that were provided free of charge for unlimited turns by many energetic youngsters.

In August, a dozen members of the club met in the gazebo area of Village at Manor Park for a BYO (lunch) Picnic and gabfest. The weather was pleasant and the company sublime!

During the summer, the Domestic Violence Committee resumed providing healthy snacks after Covid restrictions on food were lifted. They reported: "Monthly, we provide items like fruit, veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, or maybe add something sweet for their meetings. A member of our group picks a month and provides the snack for that month. We realize that women may be coming directly from work &/or with children so we provide something healthy to snack on while the *Women Initiating Self-healing and Hope* (WISH) support group meets."

And, on Sept. 30th, to herald October is "Domestic Abuse Awareness Month", our West Allis City Hall's grounds, and the downtown district were, again, "painted purple" with dozens of ribbons. The ribbons were attached to trees, street signs, etc. by members of the Domestic Violence Committee and other volunteers. Many of these award-winning, Signature Project, Domestic Violence Awareness ribbons include labels which explain the ribbons' purpose.

Our October meeting was the first of our new year, and following our meeting and lunch, our Program was a time for members, new and old, to learn about what we are all about. -A 12-page overview of every one of our current committees and projects was provided, online two days before the meeting, and in packet-form for all attending the meeting. Half-sheets were provided for questions, to be placed in a box near the podium. - Some committee chairs talked about their project or committee.

The last page reads: We hope you'll save this packet of information and refer to it when you have a question. -If you don't see the info you need, feel free to ask. -Like our teachers always said (and it's true):

"There are no stupid questions." --This information is provided by the committee chairs with the hopes that our members will have a better understanding of the makeup/ workings of the GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis. --We hope that knowing more about all aspects of our club will inspire you to be comfortable and willing to be involved in our projects or committees as an active member of the club.

Thanks for your willingness to help us prove that:

"Volunteers are The Heart of the Community"



LAKESHORE DISTRICT**CLUB CORNER****GFWC SHOREWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB**

Trying something different!

We all are searching for fund raising ideas and Shorewood is no exception. Our first attempt at an Appraisal Fair meant over \$2,000 for the Scholarship Fund! Planning by the key leader, Donna Aschenbrenner, and her team gave us 17 very qualified appraisers ranging from art, jewelry, clocks, dolls, duck decoys and military memorabilia and more. As an added attraction: Bake Sale! which was a bit overwhelming in member response. A guide book was filled with advertising from many local businesses and organizations, many also gave gift cards for a raffle. The Village was filled with yard signs, the attendance on the Sunday afternoon was good. Do this again?

SOUTHERN PRAIRIES**GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF EAST TROY**

On Saturday, September 10, the GFWC-Woman's Club of East Troy was proud to serve a thank you brunch for our local fire fighters, police departments, and EMTs, in appreciation for all they do for our community. A delicious brunch was served and enjoyed.

At this brunch, we presented our first club Certificate of Service for the current school year, to a very deserving East Troy High School Senior, Jon Gulig, Jr. Our club Vice-President, Arlene Hill, and East Troy Fire Department Chief, Joseph DeGaro, presented him with his award, with East Troy High School Principal, Stacey Kuehn, in attendance.

To the right of Jon are his parents, Jon and Jenny Gulig, present for his award. Jon has been accepted into the East Troy Fire Department Cadet Program and is involved in service to this community. Well done, Jon.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIES

CLUB CORNER

GFWC-WI MONROE WOMAN'S CLUB

It has been such an honor to be the new President and represent the GFWC here in Monroe, Wisconsin. We enjoy volunteering while socializing and making it a fun experience for everyone to join us. This past July, we shared with the GFWC Blanchardville Club a fundraising event for the Canine Companions benefit at Bailey's Run Vineyard. The National Nonprofit provides training assistance dogs free of charge to children, adults, and veterans with disabilities. It was a wonderful opportunity to mingle both clubs' members and offer welcoming to new prospective members of either club. The best part was seeing the owner and trainer to the dogs that were in attendance. A worthwhile campaign to be repeated next July!

Our club members also volunteer during our Bi-Annual Cheese Days weekend in September. I know our members volunteer for other organizations and represent us, really well. The festival goes for 3 days, and it is mostly run by volunteers of the community. We have over 110 club members, and there is plenty to help at this full city event. Ticket selling, cheese curd frying, cheese sandwich making, drink booths workers, parade helpers, and cleanup crews are just to name a few positions needed to have thousands of people enjoy the venue.

We have a Beautification committee that plants flowers in the planters on our city square, then they water and tend to the pots to keep them looking wonderful all summer season long. These are all hand watered at least 3 times a week by a committee of gardening enthusiasts.

October is our biggest annual Social Gala. We invite all members, family, and friends to a wonderful time of socializing, dinner, music, and plenty of purse raffle fun. We have a goal to make enough money in the one evening to be able to give to programs that need funding in our community the rest of the year. One of these is the Public Library Renovation project. This event brings out new members as well, and President Patti and Secretary Rachel were interviewed on our local radio station to promote the event and invite new members!

We are getting volunteers together for a fun Wine Walk on November 3rd on our city square. Our members help the retail stores owners by lending a hand.



SOUTHERN PRAIRIES

CLUB CORNER

GFWC-WI BLANCHARDVILLE & MONROE WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC Blanchardville & Monroe Woman's Clubs Collaborate on a Fundraiser for Canine Companions

On July 28, 2022, the GFWC Blanchardville & Monroe Woman's Clubs collaborated to host an exciting fundraising event for Canine Companions at Bailey's Run Vineyard in New Glarus, WI. Canine Companion puppy trainer, Catherine Rupp, brought her puppy in training, Oshi, and spoke about Canine Companions. In addition, there was a service dog demonstration by U.S. Army Veteran, Kristen, and her Service Dog Niner III. Thirteen themed baskets were donated by both clubs and Catherine that were raffled off along with a 50/50 raffle, which raised \$420 for Canine Companions! It was a fun, educational event and a wonderful experience in collaboration of the clubs!



Pictured is Kristen and Niner III (front row left) and Catherine Rupp and Oshi (front row right), along with the GFWC Blanchardville and Monroe club members who attended.



SOUTHERN PRAIRIES**CLUB CORNER****GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF KENOSHA**

The members of the Woman's Club of Kenosha had a very busy summer. We're the only club in WI to own their own building & we've owned it for 100 years! To help with expenses, members are volunteering to clean and maintain it. Members have donated time & supplies to prepare our home for events & rentals. Our Sept. meeting was from the Chamber of Commerce and Oct. welcomed a WI author, Maggie Smith to inspire members and encourage community involvement. Nov. 5th is our Holiday Fair and Dec. 11 is a tea with "Mrs. Charles Dickens" (Jessica Michna). We also had "a night out" to the Rhode Theatre and are planning several more member outings.

Submitted by Kathy Rudy Herr, 70th President of the Woman's Club of Kenosha

GFWC BELoit JUNIORS WOMAN'S CLUB

Beloit Juniors in honor of Fire Prevention Month prepared fruit baskets for five local fire departments. Pictured in the photo is Tammy Welter, Beloit Junior President and Debbie Rykowski, Community Service Program Chair.



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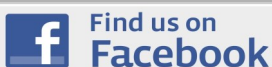
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