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GFWC-WI 124th Annual Convention May 13-15 Northwoods District welcomes you!

The Northwoods District is excited for you to be a part of your GFWC State Convention set for **May 13-15, 2021.**

The 124th convention location is “smack dab” in the middle of the state, Rothschild, near Wausau at the Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center. Featured speaker is Mary Beth Williams, GFWC International Treasurer.

Mark your calendar! Pack your mask! Be ready for renewing friendships and meeting new people. Let's learn new club ideas! Celebrate our wonderful organization and renew our commitment to making our world a better place.

If you've never been to convention before, what's stopping you?



Mary Beth Williams
GFWC Treasurer

All are invited!

The Call begins on page 8-

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Thoughts from your GFWC-WI State President, Abby Lorenz



Abby Lorenz
GFWC - WI President



There is an inherent opportunity of newness in the spring: budding trees, sprouting flowers, and lakes about to open. You could look at it as an external cue that we can all pick up on and use for our own personal health and well-being.

Try something new in your day such as going for a daily walk or drinking more water throughout your day. GFWC women are strong, and although success doesn't come instantly, simply take one step at a time and create the change you desire. Allow yourself time to build up stamina, and be good to yourself along the way. Positive mental health is key!

I look forward to seeing you at our State Convention in Wausau in May (see attached Call). We have some wonderful things planned for you, including some humor to remind us all that life is supposed to be fun! When properly balanced, your mind-body-spirit will be in perfect harmony just as intended.

Please know that I appreciate each of your gifts and talents given to your local clubs, and I so enjoyed reading your reports about the many projects you did in 2020, despite the pandemic.

Hang in there – there's always a bright light at the end of the tunnel!

GFWC-WI President's Special Project

Submitted by Sue Sands, GFWC-WI Chairman

The President's Special Project reports are so interesting and informative. Our clubs have certainly done a great job with President Abby Lorenz's special interest. Congratulations to all members and clubs on a job well done!

Some of the projects included activities with topics ranging from brain power and insights to caregiver bags for those caring for loved ones with dementia. Other projects dealt with stress and anxiety due to Covid-19 and the pandemic. Organizations tapped for speakers and presentations were NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center), Rogers Behavioral Health Foundation, Eisenhower Project, Dunn County Health Department and UW-Stout Center for Health & Wellness.

Continue the wonderful projects and activities. They will give each of us a focus for maintaining our own mental health and personal wellness.

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

It was great to see some of your faces at the Winter Workshop last month. Hoping to see more of you at the GFWC WI Convention in May.

I have been reading your reports and preparing my report to GFWC for the Junior Clubs. I am glad to see that COVID has not stopped Juniors from doing what they can in their communities. Keep up the great work!

In the past couple of months, I have virtually attended a couple of Executive Board meetings and some great webinars hosted by GFWC and their partner organizations. Started the planning for Convention and Junior Fall Workshop. I continue to put out a "Junior Notes" email every month or so and host a Junior Zoom meeting to keep in touch with clubs. If you would like to be included in the updates or meetings, please let me know.

For Convention, we are asking clubs to bring a "purple" themed basket for our Junior Raffle. There will be a Kindness Rock Project Friday evening.

We have a Flower Power fundraiser for WI Juniors happening right now. Please check it out - <http://gfwcwijuniors.fpfundraising.com> and start planning your spring garden while helping raise funds.

Let's enjoy the warmer weather. Stay safe, Stay healthy. See you in May!



Tammy Welter
GFWC - WI
Director of Junior Clubs

State-wide Special Project (NEW)

Submitted by Tammy Welter and Suz Hooser

WHAT: Capes for kids project

MISSION: To bring light, hope and dignity back into the lives of women and children.

This project is the brainchild of a Michigan woman who brings this vision into shelters to help women and children escape domestic violence, sex trafficking and homelessness. The Capes for kids goes to the children in these shelters because she wants children to know that they have it within themselves to be their own superhero. Children are transformed with a humble piece of material around their shoulders and tap into the power of imagination.

OUR GOAL: Make & collect 1411 capes. That is how many members strong GFWC Wisconsin is!

WHEN: Start sewing! Would love to collect handmade capes at convention in May.

We are asking each club for participation. It's a great pandemic project as things can be completed while practicing social distancing. Get creative! Share ideas! Do as a group or individually. Meet in smaller groups, have a fabric team, a cutting team and a sewing team, have some fun while also getting some club interaction. If you're as frustrated as I with being cooped up and not being able to volunteer and help our communities this project will bring that feeling of being a part of something and making a difference back!

Please use the **pattern on pages 46-48** of this Clubwoman and also on the website, gfwc-wi.org

You can also go to **enchantedmakeovers.org** for more details and the pattern.

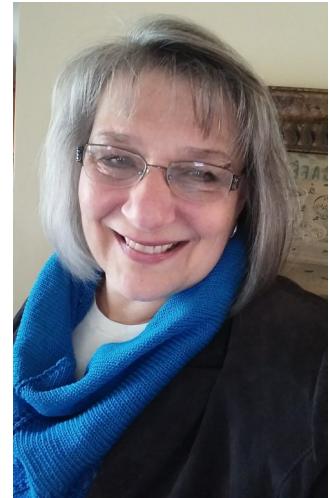


Officer Report: GFWC - WI First Vice President

By: Nancy Dickman

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

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



Nancy Dickman
GFWC - WI
First Vice President



Since the Fall 2020 Workshop, the majority of time has been dedicated toward understanding the tremendous resources available to all members at the GFWC headquarters website, considering ways to bring those resources to Wisconsin in systematic doses and continually finding ways to use technology to make involvement in GFWC easier, safer and more inclusive.

Ideas flow from so many directions. One thing is certain – this multi-generation organization continues to look for ways to stay relevant to its members and its communities. These past twelve months have tested how GFWC interacts with members on a nearly daily basis.

We are making changes! We are learning so much!

Here is a quick list of activities completed since the Fall 2020 Workshop to ensure the transformation path continues:

- Participated in a GFWC Membership Committee Zoom meeting and emails to stay current on the resources being made available through GFWC.
- Participated in monthly Zoom EC meetings and several Sip & Visit via Zoom visits to stay connected to fellow officers and members.
- Multiple Wisconsin's Own Library meetings via Zoom to discuss program support in multiple areas approved at the Workshop.
- Extensive preparation for the District President (hybrid format), Membership Committee (hybrid format), Strategic Planning Committee (hybrid format), and Amendments and Policy Committee meetings at the 2021 Winter Workshop. Please see further information at the Membership article.

It is a privilege to serve as GFWC-WI First Vice President during this thrilling time of modernization for our organization!

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Second Vice President

By: Linda Brown

Let's Get Ready-Let's Get Set-Let's Go-Reporting Almost Done!

Thank you.... Taking this time to express how grateful I am for all the great reports received from our GFWC-WI members. Club Presidents, who prepared them and sent totals to me for judging, thank you! This state requirement went smoothly and made my job so much easier. All your time and effort is appreciated.

Chairman.... All the reports are in your hands for judging and to be sent off to GFWC International by March 15. This judging responsibility is an important step in the reporting process. I thank you for your time and effort to show that Wisconsin is a state of great women and volunteers. The amount of hours and monies raised is overwhelming and we all should be so proud.

Winners... I am so hopeful that I can see all of you this next May at our annual state convention in Wausau, Wisconsin. It will be a happy day when we can see each other in person and to announce the winners of this year's reporting.

Again, thank you is just not enough to express my pride in all members. One thing for sure, Covid did not win in Wisconsin, GFWC-WI did!



Linda Brown
GFWC - WI
Second Vice President

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Recording Secretary

By: Sue Sands

Greetings to all Sisters—

When President Abby Lorenz contacted me and invited me to assume the duties of recording secretary (pending approval of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors) in January, I did not hesitate to accept. Working with and serving all of the general and Junior membership is great! I look forward to your continued support during the remainder of this administration.

Since assuming my responsibilities, I prepared minutes for the January 7, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, the February 4, 2021, Executive Committee meeting and the February 19, 2021, Executive Committee meeting. I am now working on the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on February 20, 2021. Please contact me with any questions about meeting minutes, actions or motions.

The 124th State Convention is fast approaching. See you in Rothschild in May!



Sue Sands
GFWC - WI
Recording Secretary

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Treasurer

By: Michelle Munoz

Greetings GFWC-WI Members

I hope this correspondence finds you all in a good place and starting to see more sunshine.

As your GFWC-WI State Treasurer, I have some updates to share with you. Since we last met in October 2020, I have been collecting dues and rosters from all clubs and updating our rosters to send to GFWC. I have attended multiple Zoom meetings for our EC as well as Wisconsin's Own Library Committee, the Investment Committee and Junior Meet and Greets. Many things have been accomplished during these meetings which are more than likely being reported in another section of this edition of "The Clubwoman".

While attending meetings are so much fun; writing checks and making deposits gets me out of the house, there are various other things that go along with being the treasurer. I have updated our Sales Tax exemption contact information with the State, I've filed our Corporation Annual report with the WI Department of Financial Institutions and sent out the checks to our scholarship recipient's schools. Finally, a most important task is submitting our dues to GFWC Headquarter, which entails tallying and tie-ing out member counts for all clubs. Please remember, as you obtain more new members, you will need to submit to me the dues for those members, as well as their contact information so we can update our State records and GFWC.

I wish you all a wonderful start to Spring and look forward to seeing you at our May Convention.

In Federation Friendship - Michelle

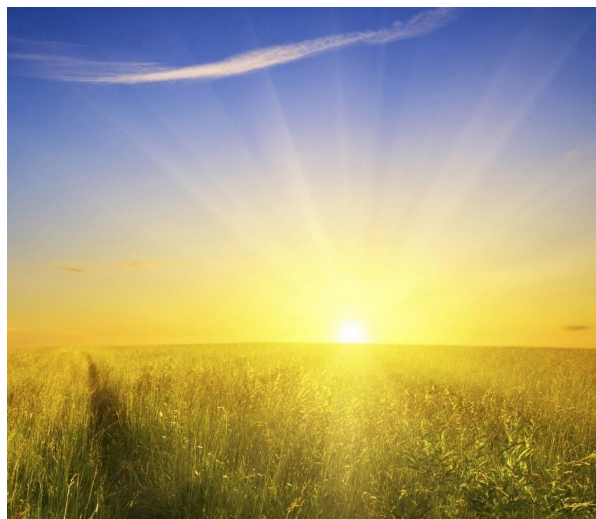
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Michelle Munoz
GFWC - WI Treasurer



Officer Report - GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary

By: Nancy Niedziela

Greetings sisters,

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of you at our winter workshop and look forward to seeing many more of you at our May convention in the Wausau area. Wisconsin's COVID 19 numbers are dropping quickly and the numbers of those getting vaccinated are multiplying every day. The wonders of modern science never cease to amaze me. I am old enough to remember the polio pandemic summers of my childhood. Drs. Salk and Sabin helped to nearly eliminate that tragedy, and now we look to big name drug companies to also bring this one under control. Who even would have recognized Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna one year ago? Now, among those of us over 65 those terms are in every casual conversation.

When you begin sending in your reservations for the Spring Convention to me, I would like you all to consider using our online reservation system. For the winter meeting reservations were lost in the mail, reservations took up to four weeks to arrive, and in general, the USPS made it more difficult for me to record the reservations and keep track of all the details. When you use the online registration, you immediately get a receipt via email, Erin Epping, the webmaster, gets your registration and our GFWC-WI Treasurer, Michelle Munoz, also is notified. This is all automatic. Erin then forwards all the registrations to me. Everything is printed out and there is no struggle with reading addresses or emails. In addition, three people have a record of your registration and registrations cannot be lost.

I have been busy with correspondence and, in addition, I am also the new resolutions chairman to replace a resignation. I catapulted into the chairmanship as a first-year committee member. My entire committee is new, and we are all learning on the job. This has kept me remarkably busy in addition to my duties as corresponding secretary.

One of the good things to have come out of this pandemic is that the Executive Committee has been able to meet more regularly through the magic of Zoom. I believe that this new technology which most of us had never heard of one year ago, has made us a stronger body and better able to serve the members of the GFWC-WI.

In Federation,

Nancy Niedziela



Nancy Niedziela
GFWC - WI
Corresponding Secretary

HOTEL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are blocked for GFWC-WI at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Wausau/Rothschild.

Note that the Holiday Inn is connected to the Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center (our meeting location).

Holiday Inn & Suites Hotel Information: 715-355-1111

1000 Imperial Avenue, Wausau / Rothschild, WI 54474

Group Rates, Your Choice of 2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed

- \$99.00 plus taxes per night for 2 Standard Queen Beds or
- \$109.00 plus taxes per night for 1 Standard King Bed

All rooms have WiFi, mini refrigerator, coffee pot, and microwave. There is a swimming pool (hours are 8am-11pm) and free access with a pass from front desk to Planet Fitness across the parking lot in the mall.

Ask for the “GFWC Wisconsin room block” to receive the negotiated rate.

The group code is GFW.

Book your room by April 15, 2021 as room availability and our block rate is not guaranteed after that.



Please note: Health/safety guidelines will be followed.

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HOTEL LOCATION

Holiday Inn & Suites

1000 Imperial Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474

715-355-1111



MEETING LOCATION

Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center

10101 Market Street, Rothschild, WI 54474



CALL to GFWC-WI State Convention

Thursday, May 13, to Saturday, May 15, 2021
Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center

10101 Market Street, Rothschild, WI 54474 (Located in Cedar Creek Mall)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (Required to reach you) Email _____

Name of Club _____ GFWC-WI Officer _____ GFWC-WI Junior Board Member

_____ District President _____ Member

District _____ GFWC-WI Club President _____ Guest

_____ GFWC-WI Board Member

Registration/Online Registration Postmarked/completed on or before April 17, 2021 \$30 _____

Early Bird Discount of \$5.00 Postmarked/completed on or before April 1, 2021

CASH refunded on site – Do not deduct this from your registration total.

Virtual Registration Completed Online Only by May 10, 2021 \$30 _____

Late Registration Postmarked after April 17, 2021 \$45 _____

Mail in Late Registration Deadline April 28, 2021

Online Late Registration Deadline May 5, 2021

I will take the Andrew Warren Historic District walking tour Thurs., May 13, 2-4pm \$0 0

Sign me up to see the billion-year-old Rib Mountain State Park Thurs., May 13, 2-4pm \$10 _____

Thursday Plated Dinner

Sirloin Beef Tips served with noodles, green beans with roasted red pepper, ice water, coffee station, dinner rolls, butter and tossed salad, with your choice of dressing. Tray of assorted cookies (chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, sugar) \$30 _____

Friday Breakfast

Assorted pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, hard boiled eggs, coffee and tea \$12 _____

Friday Lunch Deli Buffet

Assorted breads, assorted meats, assorted cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and assorted condiments served with pasta salad, tossed salad and chips and dip. Gluten free buns will be available. Served with water and unsweetened iced tea. Rice Krispy Treats for dessert. \$18 _____

Friday Plated Dinner

Lemon pepper baked fish, baked potatoes with a side of butter and sour cream, California blend vegetables, ice water, coffee station, dinner rolls, butter and tossed salad with your choice of dressing. Includes Chocolate Lovers Cake for dessert. \$34 _____

Saturday Breakfast

Assorted pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, hard boiled eggs, coffee and tea \$12 _____

Saturday Taco Bar Buffet

Includes hard- and soft-shell tacos, ground beef, chicken and re-fried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos, black olives, shredded cheese, sour cream, taco sauce, tortilla chips and salsa. Served with water and lemonade. Assorted bars (lemon bars, magic bars, apple cobbler bars, fudge brownies) for dessert. \$17 _____

Registration and Food Choices Total \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Nancy Niedziela will call to discuss menu options for special food allergies.

Make Checks Payable to GFWC-WI. Please also consider online registration which does not require using USPS.

Mail to Nancy Niedziela, Corresponding Secretary, N30 W29273 Hillcrest Drive, Pewaukee WI 53072.

Online registrations and payments are being accepted at gfwc-wi.org starting on March 15, 2021. The date of your credit card or PayPal payment will be considered the postmark and must adhere to the same deadlines for discounts or penalties.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 6, 2021. GFWC-WI will be charged \$100 for every change made after May 6.

For Office Use Only

PDS _____ Date: _____ CK\$ _____ NPS _____ BAL\$ _____

Sneek Peek of State Convention:



**Rib Mountain State Park
Thursday, May 13, 2-4pm**

[More details on GFWC-WI.org website](http://www.gfwc-wi.org)

For the nature lover, Wisconsin’s third highest point awaits you! Spectacular views and nature trails bring nature at her best. 1,500+ acre park - elevation 1,924 feet - overlooks—easy and moderate hiking trails

Special Convention day pass \$10—register on Call

TOURS



**Andrew Warren Historic District
Thursday, May 13, 2-4pm**

Take a free 10 block tour of historic homes in the Andrew Warren Historic District. Your own pace - receive tour brochure - diversions may include bookstore, yarn, candy shop, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum & more!

FEATURED SPEAKERS

GFWC AFFILIATES

All affiliates have been invited!
A few of the “early birds”:



Mary Beth Williams, GFWC
Treasurer from Colorado Springs, CO shown here on left with her daughter who is also a GFWC member!



Be humored by Victoria Houston
American author of the Loon Lake Series (murder mysteries) set in the Northwoods!

SHOP ON SITE



CEDAR CREEK TRAIL

Easy-on from hotel



GFWC-WI
State Federation
Mini LEADS U

We're All in this Together!

GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101
(Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)



A Hybrid (live & virtual) Event at the GFWC-WI 2021 State Convention
~ Central WI Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild, WI ~

Every GFWC Wisconsin Club is encouraged to sponsor at least one member to attend the upcoming GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 seminar. Consider clubwomen who have assumed new leadership roles, as well as, members who are potential leaders for your club as both may appreciate the opportunity for leadership education and development. Topics addressed in the seminar include leading effective meetings, parliamentary procedure, conflict resolution, public speaking, GFWC history, and more.

We are offering two sessions from which to make your selection. Both options provide an opportunity for onsite and virtual participation.

Session Options:

Thursday, May 13th, 2021 (1-4pm) **OR**

Friday & Saturday, May 14th-15th (4-5:30pm each day)

This is a wonderful opportunity for all Clubwomen to learn more about GFWC at the club, district and state level by providing participants meaningful information for positive leadership development. Select the 3 hour session on Thursday or split the seminar into two 1/1/2 hour sessions on Friday and Saturday from 4-5:30pm each day.

Please note: Health/safety guidelines will be followed for onsite attendance.

Please complete this registration form for each participant, include the \$10 registration fee and remit to:

Mary Meek - GFWC-WI Leadership Chairman
5659 Silent Drive, Rhinelander, WI 54501

Registration: Due by April 30th

Thursday, 5/13, 1-4pm **CIRCLE ONE:** In Person or Virtual

Friday & Saturday 5/14-15, 4-5:30pm **CIRCLE ONE:** In Person or Virtual

There is a minimum of 10 participants per session. **Are you flexible to switch sessions if your preferred session is cancelled?**

CIRCLE ONE: Yes / No

Member's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Contact Number _____

Club Name _____ District _____

Have you attended: District Mtgs _____ State Mtgs _____ International Mtgs _____

List your current Club, District and State involvement including activities and chairmanships:

If you have specific questions that you would like to have addressed at your GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 session, please email Mary Meek at rlmeek3@gmail.com

_____ Applicant's Signature

Why you need to join me at Convention

Submitted by Sue Bessert, Northwoods District Hostess

Please join me at the 124th GFWC-WI State Convention in Rothschild in May!

TOP 10

1. The tours of **Rib Mountain State Park** and **Historic Andrew Warren District** will not only be FUN, it's a great way to add to your list of Wisconsin community visits!
2. Get some walking in – there's even a covered bridge close distance to hotel! Selfies anyone?
3. The meals are better than making your own – no dishes, either!
4. Feel united in the opening ceremony by **Wausau American Legion Post 10!**
5. Northwoods author **Victoria Houston** will bring some smiles and a few laughs!
6. Opportunity to meet **GFWC Treasurer Mary Beth Williams** all the way from Colorado!
7. Celebrate the 2020 **service work** of our sister clubwomen!
8. Honor our special award recipients!
9. Get yourself some personal development at **Mini LEADS U!**
10. Come together as sisters – go home as friends!

BONUS REASON: Fully participate in the organization that has given each of us so much!

GFWC-WI 124th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION **TENTATIVE AGENDA – subject to change**

Thursday, May 13 – Lunch on your own; Casual Attire.

- 12:00 pm: Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting – Suite 1
Registration opens for Convention Attendees – Located at entrance to Grand Ballroom
- 1:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting – Suite 4
- 1:00 pm: Mini LEADS 101 (1:00- 4:00 pm, Registration and \$10 fee required – see Call) – Salon A3
- 2:00 pm: Meet in the lobby of the Holiday Inn for your choice of outings:
Tour 10-block Andrew Warren Historic District, downtown Wausau – self guided, walk at own pace. No admission fees. Free parking.
Wisconsin's third highest point, Rib Mountain State Park – overlooks, easy and moderate trails.
- 4:00 pm: District Presidents' Meeting – Suite 4
- 4:00 pm: Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest and Member Art Registration Opens - Salon A5
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour – All are welcome – Grand Ballroom
- 6:30 pm: Pre-Board of Directors' Meeting Dinner – Grand Ballroom
All Convention attendees are welcome at the Pre-Board of Directors' Meeting Dinner (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call).
- 7:30 pm: GFWC-WI Board of Directors' Meeting – State Ballroom B2
- 8:00 pm: Registration for Helen Mears & Member Art Closes

Friday, May 14 – Business Casual Attire

- 7:30 am: Breakfast (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call) – State Ballroom
 Junior Board Meeting – Suite 4
 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – Suite 1
 Registration of Helen Mears and Member Art – Salon A5
- 8:00 am: Registration Opens for Convention Attendees – Located at entrance to Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 am: Shop Vendors & Visit GFWC Affiliates – Salon A1 and A2
- 9:00 am: Call to Order: General Business Session & Awards Part 1 – Grand Ballroom
 Amendments & Policies
- 12:00 pm: Lunch – State Ballroom (Visit Vendors following lunch)
- 1:00 pm: Art Judging begins
- 1:30 pm: General Business Session resumes & Awards Part 2 –Grand Ballroom
- 2:00 pm: **Speaker: Victoria Houston “Three Major Life Mistakes that Forced Me to Write Fishing Mysteries”**
- 3:00 pm: Leadership Presentation – Leading During a Pandemic
- 4:00 pm: Admire Student & Member Art, Shop Vendors & Visit GFWC Affiliates
- 4:00 pm: Membership Committee Meeting – Salon A4
- 4:00 pm: Mini LEADS 101 (Check in at 3:45, Concludes at 5:30 pm) – Salon A3
- 5:00 pm: Past State Presidents’ Meeting/Social – Grand Ballroom
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour – Grand Ballroom
- 6:30 pm: Dinner – Cocktail Attire – Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 pm: Awards: LEADS, Woman of Achievement, Theodora Youmans
- 8:30 pm: Junior Special Program Activity: Kindness Rock Project – State Ballroom
- 9:30 pm: Recessed until 9:00 am on Saturday

Saturday, May 15 – Please note scheduled Group Breakfast meetings; Business Casual Attire.

- 7:30 am: Breakfast - State Ballroom
- 7:30 am: Past District Presidents’ Breakfast Meeting (user pay) - Holiday Inn Restaurant
- 8:00 am: LEADS Graduates Breakfast – State Ballroom
- 8:00 am: Admire Student & Member Art, Shop Vendors & Visit GFWC Affiliates
- 9:00 am: Reconvene - General Session – Grand Ballroom
 Resolutions
 Awards Part 3
 Helen Farnsworth Mears and Member Art Winners
 Art pieces may NOT be picked up until 3:30 PM
- 12:00 pm: Lunch hosted by the Juniors - Grand Ballroom
 Health Scholarship Winners
 “Junior of the Year” (JOY) nominees recognized; winner announced
 Milestone Anniversary Celebration
 Junior Special Program Awards
Key Note Speaker – Mary Beth Williams – GFWC International Treasurer
- 3:30 pm: ADJOURNMENT: Pick up Helen Mears and Member Arts pieces – Salon A5
- 4:00 pm: WI Mini LEADS 101* (Concludes at 5:30 pm) – Salon A3

Proposed Amendments to GFWC-WI Bylaws in 2021

Submitted by: Ruth Diedrich, Chairman; Nancy Dickman, Suz Hooser, Julie Saether, Sue Schwarten, Linda Brown and Paula Schlice, Parliamentary Advisor

Please print a copy of the proposed amendments and bring to the May 2021 State Convention where they will be voted upon.

The following are proposed changes to be presented for consideration at the 2021 GFWC-WI Annual State Convention. Proposed additions are noted in **[bold text and surrounded by brackets]** Proposed deletions are noted in bold, ~~strikethrough text~~.

1. CURRENT BYLAW

Article V – Membership

Section 1 – Any club or organization wishing to join the GFWC-WI must apply through the State Membership Chairman, submitting at the same time a copy of its Constitution and Bylaws. Similar clubs of men and women are eligible upon the same conditions as a woman’s club. When the Constitution and Bylaws are approved and annual dues paid to the State Treasurer, it becomes the duty of each club or organization to report to GFWC-WI as may be required by these Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment: In the first sentence strike ~~Constitution and~~. In the third sentence strike ~~Constitution and~~. Insert after approved **[by the State Membership Chairman in consultation with the State Parliamentarian or the Parliamentary Advisor]**

Proposed Amendment - Insert new Section 3

[A minimum of five members shall be required to charter a new GFWC-WI club.]

If amended, will read:

Article V - Membership

Section 1 – Any club or organization wishing to join the GFWC-WI must apply through the State Membership Chairman, submitting at the same time a copy of its Bylaws. Similar clubs of men and women are eligible upon the same conditions as a woman’s club. When the Bylaws are approved by the State Membership Chairman in consultation with the State Parliamentarian or the Parliamentary Advisor and annual dues paid to the State Treasurer, it becomes the duty of each club or organization to report to GFWC-WI as may be required by these Bylaws.

Section 2 – It is required that GFWC be included in the name of all clubs applying for membership in GFWC-WI.

Section 3 - A minimum of five members shall be required to charter a new GFWC-WI club.

Rationale: A Constitution is no longer written by newly formed clubs; states who approves the club Bylaws on the state level; states the minimum number of members needed to charter a new club.

2. CURRENT BYLAW

Article XII - Duties of Officers

Section 6 – Upon taking office, the Treasurer shall be bonded by GFWC-WI in the amount approved by the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies collected and disbursed. Upon receipt of a voucher, all expenses shall be paid promptly.

A full report shall be submitted at every meeting of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and at any other time when requested by the President or any three members of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall notify the Corresponding Secretary of the number of credential cards to be given to delegates based on the dues paid by that club for that year. She shall send the Corresponding Secretary the roll of all clubs which have paid their annual dues in time to entitle them to be represented at the Annual State Convention.

By July 15 in the even-numbered years, she shall deliver to her successor all money, vouchers, books and papers of the GFWC-WI in her custody. At the first Board of Directors' meeting of the new Administration, a three person committee shall be appointed by the GFWC-WI President to review the books at the end of each fiscal year. This committee shall complete its task by August 15 and submit the financial review report to the GFWC-WI Executive Committee for approval. The final approved report shall be distributed to the Board of Directors by September 1, annually, and a copy read into the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting and on file with the recording secretary's and treasurer's books.

Proposed Amendment: Move Paragraph 2 to become Paragraph 1.

Rationale: List duties of the office first.

Proposed Amendment: In Paragraph 3 insert **[financial]** after full and move this paragraph to become Paragraph 2

Rationale: Specifies the contents of her report.

Proposed Amendment: Current Paragraph 4 becomes Paragraph 3 and current Paragraph 1 becomes Paragraph 4

Proposed Amendment: In the first sentence of current Paragraph 5 strike **By July 15;** strike **she** and replace with **[the treasurer];** strike **deliver** and replace with **[transition];** before successor insert **[duly elected];** strike **and** insert a comma after papers and insert **[software program/s, and any other treasurer materials].** Insert after custody **[according to the timetable denoted in the Finance Policies]** This sentence will become Paragraph 6.

Rationale: Provides a longer timeframe for the treasurer to transition all treasurer materials to the new treasurer.

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Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws continued -

Proposed Amendment: In the last sentence of current Paragraph 5 insert at the start of the sentence **[Upon approval]** strike **approved**; strike **by September 1, annually**; insert **[next]** before the second Board of Directors; insert **[placed]** before on file.

Rationale: The Executive Committee does not always meet by September 1. Adding the word "next" specifies which BOD meeting this is done at and where the report is filed.

If amended, will read:

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In the even-numbered years, the treasurer shall transition to her duly elected successor all money, vouchers, books, papers, software program/s, and any other treasurer materials of the GFWC-WI in her custody according to the timetable denoted in the Finance Policies.

3. CURRENT BYLAW

Article XI – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 2 – At the beginning of the fiscal year in the odd numbered year, the First Vice President shall automatically become the President-elect of GFWC-WI and shall assume the duties of the President at the close of the next annual convention.

Proposed Amendment: Insert **[state]** before convention; insert **[or the start of the fiscal year, whichever comes first.]** at the end of the sentence.

If amended, will read:**Article XI – Nomination and Election of Officers**

Section 2 – At the beginning of the fiscal year in the odd numbered year, the First Vice President shall automatically become the President-elect of GFWC-WI and shall assume the duties of the President at the close of the next annual state convention or the start of the fiscal year, whichever comes first.

Rationale: To clarify when the President-elect assumes her duties as President.

4. CURRENT BYLAW**Article XVII - Committees**

Section 9 – The Amendments and Policies Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee, the First Vice President, the Director-elect of Junior Clubs, and the GFWC-WI Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. The Amendments and Policies Committee shall review the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Policies at least once in each administration. This Committee shall present for consideration amendments necessary to keep the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Policies consistent with current practice, and as recommended by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Amendments may also be recommended by District Conventions and by federated clubs. Bylaw amendments shall be voted on by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and if approved, will be voted on by the general membership at the Annual State Convention. Policy changes shall be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Proposed Amendment: End the 3rd sentence after practice. Strike ~~and as recommended~~. Replace with **[The Committee shall consider amendments suggested]**; strike ~~and~~ after Committee, strike ~~Amendments may also be recommended by~~ In the fifth sentence strike ~~voted on~~ and replace with **[reviewed]**; insert after approved **[for printing in the WI Clubwoman]** Sentence 6 will become a new paragraph. Strike ~~voted on by~~ and replace with **[presented to the Executive Committee and forwarded to]**; after Directors insert **[for their vote.]** Insert new sentence **[A majority of the Board of Directors who are present shall approve the proposed policy changes.]**

If amended, will read:**Article XVII - Committees**

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Policy changes shall be presented to the Executive Committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for their vote. A majority of the Board of Directors who are present shall approve the proposed Policy changes.

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Rationale: Update wording to conform with current GFWC-WI practice.

5. CURRENT BYLAW

Article XIV – Endowment Fund

Section 1 – There shall be an Endowment Fund of which the income only shall be expended.

Section 2 – The Board of Directors may delegate to the Investments Committee all the power of the Board of Directors in reference to the Endowment Fund and to all other funds available for investment when said Board is not in session.

Proposed Amendment: Rescind entire article.

Rationale: Article is outdated. Renumber remaining articles as appropriate.

6. CURRENT BYLAW

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Corporation, the District Presidents, the District Junior Directors, Program Chairmen and Standing Committees, the Editor of the official publication of the GFWC-WI, the Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs of the GFWC-WI and the Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. The number of voting members shall not be more than one hundred nor less than thirty.

Proposed Amendment: In the last sentence strike ~~thirty~~ and replace with **[twenty]**

If amended, will read:

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Corporation, the District Presidents, the District Junior Directors, Program Chairmen and Standing Committees, the Editor of the official publication of the GFWC-WI, the Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs of the GFWC-WI and the Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. The number of voting members shall not be more than one hundred nor less than twenty.

Rationale: Representative of our current membership level.

The Committee has decided to not present Article IV - Meetings - New Section 5 - Emergencies at this time.

Suggested Resolution Changes

Submitted by: Kathy Reffue, GFWC - WI Resolutions Committee Chairman 2018-2020
and Nancy Niedziela, GFWC - WI Resolutions Committee Chairman 2020-2022

The following resolutions amendments were approved to be published in the March 2021 Wisconsin Clubwoman by the 2020-2021 Executive Committee and the 2020-2021 Board of Directors at the February 19-20, 2021 Winter Workshop. These Resolution Amendments will be voted on at the May 2021 GFWC-WI State Convention.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed the following Resolutions for 2019-2020

Arts and Culture -- None

Environment -- #'s 3, 7, 8, 9

Education and Libraries -- #3

Health and Wellness -- #6

Civic Engagement and Outreach -- #'s 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 18, 22, 30, 33, 34

The Resolutions for 2019-2020 proposed to be amended are

Environment -- #'s 3, 7, 8, 9

Education and Libraries-- #3

Health and Wellness -- #6

Civic Engagement and Outreach -- #'s 4, 13, 18

(Wording to be eliminated is ~~struck through~~ and new wording is in **red**.)

Environment

3. **ENERGY RESOURCES**
1976, Reaffirmed 1980, Amended 1983, Reaffirmed 1987, 1991, Reviewed 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS the world is consuming its natural energy resources far faster than they can be replenished; and

WHEREAS the consumption is increasing at a rate proportionately higher than our current supply and predicted future supplies can provide; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-Wisconsin shall encourage **the** use of alternate sources of energy wherever and whenever practical and/or possible; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-Wisconsin shall support concentrated efforts in ~~energy usage~~ and natural energy research.

Rationale: To clarify and to emphasize natural energy research.

7. **WATER POLLUTION**
1969, Reaffirmed 1977, 1981, Amended 1983, Reaffirmed 1987, 1991, Reviewed 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, amended 2016

WHEREAS Wisconsin's most important natural resource is WATER, and we must protect it; and

WHEREAS the health and welfare of future generations of this nation will depend directly upon the availability of an extensive supply of clean fresh water; and

WHEREAS the people of the nation have the right to the enjoyment of clean and unpolluted lakes, rivers, and streams, both for aesthetic and recreational enjoyment; and

WHEREAS there are many practices in our society at present, whether committed in ignorance or knowingly, by private individuals or corporate bodies, which threaten our waterways with escalating pollution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI strongly opposes ~~any and all~~ activities which tend to degrade the quality of the waters of this nation, whether by using processes which increase sedimentation, or poisons and pollutes the waters, **that poison and pollute the waters or by increasing sedimentation which undermines** their natural life-sustaining character; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI supports a strong Clean Water Act at the national level and works for state and local legislation that will improve **and sustain** water quality.

Rationale: To be more specific and to the point.

8. **WETLAND PRESERVATION**

1970, Reaffirmed 1983, 1987, 1991, Reviewed 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS wetlands are a part of a chain of biological processes and events related to all living things and provide habitats for a wide variety of wildlife; and

WHEREAS wetlands serve to control flood waters, to maintain stream flow, to contain and trap sediments and wastes from upland runoff; and **even though they are places of natural beauty and educational opportunities; and**

WHEREAS wetlands in the State of Wisconsin have decreased in size to one-fourth that of 1850; ~~even though they are places of natural beauty and educational opportunities;~~ therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the members of the GFWC-WI support legislation which may be written in compliance with preservation of wetlands, a valuable natural resource.

Rationale: To clean up the language.

9. **INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES OF PLANT LIFE**

1996, Reviewed 2000, Amended 2004, reviewed 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS there are many species of plant and animal life which are beneficial to humans and animals, **but** there are many which have invaded and altered terrestrial and aquatic areas threatening the existence of native environment and **are** a major cause of loss of biological diversity; and

WHEREAS there are serious aquatic invasive plants which create dense growths and once established **ed** are almost impossible to control; and

WHEREAS there is a very toxic subtropical blue-green algal species which once established will seriously impact the waters for many animals, ~~including~~ **as well as** humans; and

WHEREAS there are serious land invasive plants which create dense growths and once established ~~are~~ almost impossible to control; and

~~**WHEREAS** there are serious aquatic invasive animals which impact native environments; and~~

WHEREAS there are serious **aquatic and** land invasive animals which impact native environments; and

WHEREAS these taxa – without competitors and natural enemies such as parasites, pathogens and predators – are spreading rapidly into the state **and are** transmitted by humans, winds, boats, flood water, wildlife; and

WHEREAS ships from other parts of the world **are** emptying ballast water thus actually inoculating aliens into the Great Lakes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to work with local and state land and water management groups ~~and~~ **to** educate ~~young and old~~ **everyone** in efforts to control and eradicate these and other alien plant and animal life which threatens native ~~environ~~ **environments.**

Rationale: To clarify.

Education and Libraries

3. **SCHOOL TRUANCY**
1998, Amended 2000, Reviewed 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS habitual truancy by school children has become a matter of grave concern as it interferes with the education processes so vital to their becoming productive adults; and

~~**WHEREAS** enabling truancy by providing excuses for absence,~~ parents/guardians of these habitually truant children **may** have little regard for damage inflicted on these children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI supports all reasonable actions by the Legislature, **community** and school systems to curb habitual truancy ~~and to inform~~ **by informing** parents/guardians of ~~the~~ **its** long-term effects. ~~of their enabling the truancy.~~

Rationale: To be more specific and to the point.

Health and Wellness

6. **JUVENILE SMOKING**
1963, Reaffirmed 1971, 1977, 1983, 1987, 1991, Reviewed 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, Amended 2016

WHEREAS we deem it important to discourage young people from smoking because of the known medical evidence of its long-range, serious effects on health; ~~therefore~~ **and**

~~**RESOLVED** WHEREAS~~ with the introduction of E cigarettes (known as vaping) that are flavor made to entice children to smoke, **and the increasing severity of health issues from the effects of E cigarettes; therefore, be it** ~~should be included in anti-smoking education as they also contain carcinogens.~~

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI supports including E cigarette information in anti-smoking education as they **E cigarettes** also contain carcinogens.

Rationale: To strengthen the impact of the resolution.

Civic Engagement and Outreach

4. **DRUNK DRIVING**
1999, Amended 2000, Reviewed 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS the use of alcohol by drivers on highways, particularly excessive use by problem drinkers, is the single most important safety issue today; and

WHEREAS alcohol involvement by drivers and pedestrians is responsible for more **one of the leading causes of** deaths **and injuries** on the highway **roadways** than any other factor; and

~~**WHEREAS** young people can be put at risk when driven home from baby-sitting jobs if the employer is intoxicated; and~~

WHEREAS Wisconsin drunk driving laws are too lenient and so do not **seemingly** deter repeat offenders as our prosecutors and judges seem unwilling to impose the maximum sentences for repeat offenders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to help establish more programs which would provide “ride home” funding for baby-sitters; **like the “designated driver” and the “ride home” programs;** and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI continues working **with the legislature** to strengthen and **to** increase the penalties for drunk driving; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI support the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Alcohol Safety Countermeasures Program by cooperating with their national educational program.

Rationale: To expand more options for advocacy.

13. **INMATES’ USE OF TAXPAYER MONIES**
1996, Reviewed 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS prisons and jails throughout the state and nation are meant to be places of incarceration and, hopefully, rehabilitation of perpetrators of crimes, but are not meant to be sites of wastes of taxpayers’ monies; and

WHEREAS frivolous lawsuits by inmates over supposed wrongs cost thousands of dollars, and untold hours of court time which is sorely needed for justified cases; and

WHEREAS health care for inmates in many instances is more available and better than that which the average law-abiding citizens is able to afford; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to be aware of **the need for rehabilitation and health care of inmates to lessen the** ~~these injustices and waste of taxpayer monies in the prison and jail systems. and to respond in their local communities when such matters are made known.~~

Rationale: To strengthen the intent of the resolution.

18. **RESPECT FOR THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**
1994, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2000, Reviewed 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

WHEREAS the American flag is a rallying point for Americans and stands for patriotism and love of country; and

WHEREAS for generations Americans have dedicated and given their lives to preserve the freedoms represented by the flag; and

WHEREAS the flag of the United States of America is meant to be displayed every day and especially on national holidays; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to learn and practice proper flag etiquette; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to endorse the flying of our flag in a correct and respectful manner in their communities every day. ~~and further~~

~~**RESOLVED** that the GFWC-WI objects strongly to the improper burning of and to any manner of desecration of the American Flag~~

Rationale: Due to court decision, this last resolved is no longer relevant.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed the following Resolutions for 2020-2021

Arts and Culture -- None

Environment -- None

Education and Libraries -- #4

Health and Wellness -- #1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12

Civic Engagement and Outreach -- #'s 7, 9, 10, 21, 26, 31, 32

The Resolutions for 2020-2021 proposed to be amended are

Health and Wellness -- #1, 4, 9, 10, 12

Civic Engagement and Outreach -- #'s 31, 32

(Wording to be eliminated is ~~struck through~~ and new wording is in red.)

Health and Wellness

1. **ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF ALL NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS 1972, Reaffirmed 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, Reviewed 1997, 2001, 2005, 2013 Amended 2009, Reviewed 2013, 2017**

WHEREAS advertising is known to have a profound effect on the living habits; and

WHEREAS some advertising of non-prescription medications drugs tends to glorify “pills” as the panacea for everything; and

WHEREAS the excess consumption of ~~patent~~ **over the counter** medicines is of grave national concern; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI works to stop the glorification of non-prescription medications and to promote legislation that carefully controls the advertising of same.

Rationale: To make the title conform to the resolved and to update language.

4. **COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) 1995, Reviewed 1999, 2013 Amended 2003, Reviewed 2009, 2013, 2017**

WHEREAS many local communities are not fully in compliance with the Americans **with** Disabilities **Act** and leave their disabled citizens in need of accessibility to facilities used by able-bodied persons; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its members to work in their communities for compliance with the Americans **With** Disabilities Act.

Rationale: To have correct name for ADA.

9. **PURE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) 1955, Amended 1972, Reaffirmed 1976, 1980, 1985, 1989, Reviewed 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017**

WHEREAS the General Federation of Women’s Clubs was instrumental in helping establish the ~~Pure~~ Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS continued vigilance and action are necessary by the Food and Drug Administration to protect the American public from hazardous foods and drugs and other dangerous products; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI endorses the strengthening of the ~~Pure~~ Food and Drug Administration to adequately safeguard the health and welfare of the consumer.

Rationale: To use the correct name.

10. **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES 1967, Reaffirmed 1971, 1977, 1981, 1985 Amended 1989, Reviewed 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005 ,2009, 2013, 2017**

WHEREAS the increase of sexually transmitted diseases in both rural and urban Wisconsin has become a serious public health menace; ~~and~~ **therefore, be it**

~~WHEREAS~~ Too many cases reported in Wisconsin today are in the advanced stage; therefore

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges all member clubs to cooperate with local public health officials, school boards, parent groups, and religious organizations to form educational programs to alert both youth and adults to the seriousness of sexually transmitted diseases.

Rationale: We have no data to support this supposition.

12. **TOXIC HOUSEHOLD SUBSTANCES**
1977, Reaffirmed 1981, 1985, 1989, Reviewed 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2013 Amended 2009, reviewed 20133, 2017

WHEREAS many young people become seriously ill or die due to eating or drinking toxic substances; and

WHEREAS these same young children are not able to read labels of warning on containers of toxic household substances; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-Wisconsin urges the Wisconsin Legislature to introduce and enact legislation which would require companies which produce and distribute these harmful household substances to display a pictorial symbol on all their **appropriate warning** labeling; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI support poison control education. and use of the Mr. Yuk stickers, and further

RESOLVED that these symbols be large and easily recognized by the non-reader.

Rationale: To update language to reflect today's labeling. To change symbols to language to reflect what is currently being done.

Civic Engagement and Outreach

31. **REFUELING SAFETY**
2005, REVIEWED 2009, 2013, 2017

~~WHEREAS~~, Many drivers create hazards for themselves at the time of refueling their automobiles by re-entering the car while the pumps are running, thus possibly causing electric shock and sparks, and

~~WHEREAS~~, Sudden flash fires can be ignited by such action, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-WI urges its members to become educated about the dangers of the possibility of sparks caused by touching the metal of the door; and reentering the vehicle

Rationale: Resolution accomplished by appropriate signage at all self-serve gasoline pumps in the state of Wisconsin.

If elimination of resolution #31 is approved, #32 will become #31.

32. **MONITORING SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSONS**
2005 Reviewed 2009, 2013, 2017

~~WHEREAS~~ the State of Wisconsin is a leader in the nation on the release of sexually violent persons, and

WHEREAS there is a high rate of recidivism among sexually violent persons, and

WHEREAS, the current national sex offender registry program is minimally sufficient, and

WHEREAS the best protection against sexually violent persons is the education of children and caregivers regarding the behaviors used to attract potential victims; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI urge the adoption of laws which support the aggressive prosecution, stringent pre-trial supervision, strict sentences, and intensive post-incarceration supervision of those who commit sexually violent offenses, and

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI oppose the placement of individuals committed under Chapter 980 of the Wisconsin State statutes into residential areas or anywhere near where children regularly congregate, including but not limited to parks, schools, and sports parks, and

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI assist and support local law enforcement and school districts in implementing protective behaviors curricula that have already been mandated state-wide, and

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI support the adoption of federal legislation that provides for an updated, comprehensive national sex offender registry program that allows for uniform information across all 50 states, and

RESOLVED that GFWC-WI promote and support community education programs aimed at providing information to both children and adults about how to identify behaviors used by sex offenders to attract victims and to teach protective behavior strategies.

Rationale: We have no data to support this Whereas.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chairman

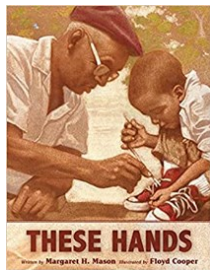
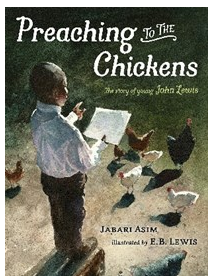


WHAT CAN A CITIZEN DO?

*A citizen can pick up litter
A citizen can pull a weed
A citizen can help that critter
A citizen can plant a seed*

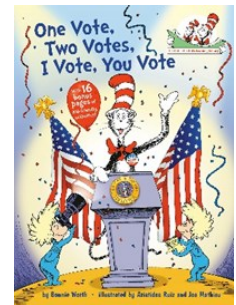
*A citizen can aid a neighbor
A citizen can join a cause
A citizen can write a letter
A citizen can help change laws . . .*

Excerpt from children's book by Dave Eggers



Here are some book ideas for you to donate to your local library, school or Boys & Girls Club:

- “Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis” by Jabari Asim
- “Rosa Parks” by Eloise Greenfield
- “Martin’s Big Words” by Doreen Rappaport
- “These Hands” by Margaret Maron
- “One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote” by Bonnie Worth



Education and Libraries

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman



I attended a Zoom meeting for Education and Libraries with Chairman Tina Daniels on January 10th. It was interesting to meet other education chairwomen. Tina showed a short video of a science experiment that could be done at school. She gave reference to on-line sites of STEM activities. Tina suggested partnering with local colleges or high schools to present a STEM awareness program for girls.

She also suggested introducing a girl to engineering. The corona virus pandemic has terminated volunteer hours at local schools. It has been one year since I last volunteered in a Montessori Class. I forward Tina’s monthly letters to the district presidents and encourage them to forward to the clubs in their district. She also posts them under education on the community service projects.

I received 32 projects to sort by club size. I have read them a couple of times and will soon decide on the winning entries.

Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marianne Potter, Chairman



Two weeks from now Daylight Savings will return. While we can debate the relevance of switching the clocks, I personally feel this signals warmer weather and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Did you see the exciting news that 2021 Walk Wisconsin will be a virtual event? Participants may sign up for a quarter, half, or full marathon which will be completed between Saturday, May 29 - Saturday, June 5. The website gives important information to train for the event, a special “at work” toolkit, and a link to training and wellness articles. This allows GFWC-WI clubwomen to participate and log their hours!

Have you visited the GFWC Membership Portal recently? There are upcoming events from Health and Wellness partners. Log onto the portal to sign-up for the following webinars:

March 10 - UN Foundation Shot@Life Campaign

March 17 - Heifer International Ending Poverty and Hunger While Caring

March 24 - March of Dimes

March 31 - UNICEF

These webinars are free of charge to members. Whether your club is currently supporting these partners or members simply want additional information, one or all of these webinars may be of interest.

Thank you to all the clubs that sent in reports. The information is currently being compiled to be forwarded to GFWC. I am looking forward to sharing this information with you soon. Stay safe!

March Observances

- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness
- National Kidney Month
- National Nutrition Month
- March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS continued

Arts & Culture Submitted by: Vickie Richardson, Member Arts & Crafts Contest & Photography Contest Chairman



Can you believe that it is time again for the Member Arts & Crafts Contest and Member Photography Contest at the GFWC –Wisconsin Convention!

It was with great enthusiasm and excitement that I accepted the chairman position for these contests just a few weeks ago. I am excited to be chairing these contests because I grew up surrounded by art. My mother was a prominent artist and she developed and encouraged my love for painting and sculpture and as you know art can clear your mind, relax your body and rejuvenate your spirit.

Due to the convention being cancelled last year it has been decided for this year’s contest, and this year only, that artists can submit any entry that was produced between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

I encourage everyone to enter this year’s contest and I can’t wait to see what ignites your artistic passion. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have - Vickie Richardson, Vickie@fastmail.net



Use this official GFWC Creative Arts Waiver for all Photography entries. Waiver can also be found on the GFWC –WI website.

CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled _____, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women’s Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding at the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Full Name (Print)		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Email		
Phone		

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

Date

Members Arts & Crafts Contest 2020-2022

The contest is open to any dues paying member of the GFWC - Wisconsin, who is an amateur (making less than \$500.00 annually from their art/craft work) and makes items for a hobby.

The entry shall be the work of the club woman and completed in the current contest year. Kits are allowed.

Each member is allowed to enter one (1) item or set* in each category, with a total of three (3) category entries. (* set examples include: necklace, Earrings, bracelet; Sweater, booties, hat; 12 greeting cards/one for each month); they should coordinate in some way)

Club women may enter at any level - local, district or state. Local and District set their own deadlines. (Contact your local club or district for their deadlines).

A GFWC - WI Arts entry form must be attached to the back of your work. Information and forms can be found on the state website under the Arts Department.

You are responsible for making arrangements for entering and picking up your pieces after they have been released. Entries will be on exhibit during the State Convention. Check in, viewing and release information will be posted at the convention. Early release of art may be requested in writing and is allowed by permission of the Members Arts Chairwoman only.

CATEGORIES

Appliqué	Jewelry	*Quilting - Machine
Basket Weaving	Knitting - Hand	Scrapbooking
Candlewick/Crewel/Hardanger	Knitting - Machine	Sewing - Hand
Card making	*Member Art-Painting & Drawing	Sewing - Machine
*Ceramics	*Miscellaneous	Stained Glass
Crochet/Tatting	*Natural Art	Glass Infusion/ Slumping
Cross Stitch, Counted	*Paper, Graphics or Computer	Stamping
Embroidery/Needlepoint	*Paint On	Toys & Dolls
Fad Art	Plastic Canvas	Wall Hangings
Felting	Porcelain Dolls	Weaving
Home Décor	*Quilting - Hand	
*Holiday Decoration		

Members Arts & Crafts Contest 2020-2022

Additional Clarification

Ceramics - this is the complete process from raw clay or slip to the final firing. Ceramic includes either clay thrown on a wheel or slip poured into a mold. If you are only painting bisque fired clay that would go under Paint On.

Holiday Decoration - Can be of any holiday

Member Art - painting and drawing entries must be no larger than 22" X 28" which includes mats. Materials other than canvas or boards must be matted. All work must be original. Subject matter is the choice of the artist. Media is the choice of the artist. Pastels and Charcoal work must be sprayed with a fixative. Mixed media is also allowed. Artwork may not be framed; judges like to look closely at technique, brush stroke etc. which can be difficult to view when covered in glass.

Miscellaneous - any craft that does not fall in a category.

Natural Items - must be at least 75% items found in nature

Paper, Graphics or Computer - can be quilling, calligraphy, cutting or computer generated

Paint On - painting on fabric, metal, wood, ceramic, glass, china, etc. Any medium, any technique

Quilting - quilting will be judged on pieced work only

Judging Guidelines

Judging breakdown for all categories will be as follows:

Creativity/Originality 30%

Design Principles 20%

Finished Appearance 20%

Workmanship 30%

If you have any questions not addressed please reach out to Vickie Richardson either by cell phone call or text, 262-412-6481, or email vickie@fastmail.net

Members Arts & Crafts and Photography -
**Due to the convention being cancelled last year
it has been decided for this year's contest, and this year only,
that artists can submit any entry that was produced
between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020.**

**GFWC - WISCONSIN
Members Arts & Crafts Contest
2020-2022 Entry Form
Type or Print ONLY**

Disclosure

Club Name: _____

Participant's Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

District: _____

Category: _____

Medium: _____

Title: _____

Misc: _____

GFWC - Wisconsin reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken during the Members Arts and Crafts Contest at our state convention, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. GFWC - Wisconsin may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by GFWC - Wisconsin including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

To ensure the privacy of individuals, children, and/or art work, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent, legal guardian or artist.

A person attending the GFWC - Wisconsin Members Arts and Crafts Contest and the Members Photography Contest who do not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known to Vickie Richardson, Chairwoman for the Members Arts & Crafts Contest and Member Photography Contest at 3614 98th Place, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158, in writing of his/her intentions and include a photograph. GFWC - WISCONSIN will use the photo for identification purposes only and will hold it in confidence.

By participating in a GFWC - Wisconsin event or by failing to notify GFWC - Wisconsin, in writing, your desire to not have your photograph used by GFWC - Wisconsin, you are agreeing to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify GFWC - Wisconsin from any and all claims involving the use of your picture or likeness or art work.

Any person or organization not affiliated with GFWC - Wisconsin may not use, copy, alter or modify GFWC - Wisconsin photographs, graphics, videography or other, similar reproductions or recordings without the advance written permission of an authorized designee from GFWC - Wisconsin.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

GFWC - Wisconsin

By signing below I have read and understand the above statement

Signature, Print Name _____

Date _____

**ONE FORM PER ENTRY
Attach this form to the backside of entry with an
Arrow indicating top of the work**

**GFWC - WISCONSIN
Members Photography Contest
2020-2022 Entry Form
Type or Print ONLY**

Packing Entries for Judging, "Tips" & Contest Rules

Club Name: _____

Participant's Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

District: _____

Category:
 World in Pictures
 Our World Close Up Natural Wonders
 Reflections
 GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit

Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent info about the photograph (Required for every entry):

The Members Photography Contest is open to all dues paying members of an active GFWC-WI club or Member at Large and who is an amateur (making less than \$500.00 annually from their photography).

Entry forms should be securely attached to the back of your photo. Make copies as needed. Additional information and forms can be found on the GFWC-WI website under the Arts.

ALL Photographs MUST have a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver.

1st place State winners will be submitted by the state chairman to be eligible for national judging. Make sure to make extra copies of your photography entries as photographs will NOT be returned from national judging.

Photos must be taken during the contest year.

Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.

Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.

Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print. Digital submissions alone will not be considered.

All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. NO mats, frames, or hangers!

Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.

Judges will look at the overall creativity of subject and quality of the photograph.

You are responsible for making arrangements for entering and picking up your pieces after they have been released. Entries will be on exhibit during the State Convention. Check in, viewing and release information will be posted at the convention and in the WI - Clubwoman. Early release allowed only by permission of the Member Photography Chair.

**ONE FORM PER ENTRY
Attach this form to the backside of entry with an
Arrow indicating top of the photograph**

Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest 2021 Submitted by Shirley Brabender Mattox, Chairman

Mrs. John F. Conant's vision in 1927 for a GFWC-WI student art contest in memory of Wisconsin's great(est) sculptor continues in 2021. Only GFWC-WI clubs have the right and privilege to support 7th and 8th grade students' artwork through this contest. Some clubs exhibit the artwork in a public space or in a digital exhibit, some use media, Facebook, or club website for publicity, some have an awards reception, others encourage mayors and legislators to choose student artwork for their office. All winners receive a ribbon, certificate and possibly prizes. These activities proudly carry the GFWC-WI sponsorship.

NEW—Digital Art

This is the 94th year since the contest began and, added to 2D- Painting and Drawing and 3D- Sculpture, there will be a new, 3rd category, Digital Art. Many schools have conducted classes in a virtual setting, made difficult by lack of materials. However, ingenious teachers explored teaching Digital Art with their students. With the support of President Abby Lorenz and the Executive Committee the Mears Art Contest is adding Digital Art.

Each club may include Digital Art as a 3rd category. The Art Contest chairman will coordinate with the art teachers for Digital Art submission:

- Students submit/email artwork in jpg format.
- Teacher uses code to identify artwork with District, Club, and Title.
- Teacher emails digital artwork files to Club Contest Chairman.
- The Digital Art can be viewed and judged on a laptop screen.
- To track the Digital Art, there is a file-naming convention for each piece of art on gfwc-wi.org in "Addendum to Mears Art Contest/Digital Art".

I am grateful for the time and expertise of GFWC-WI Webmaster, Erin Epping, for developing a system for submitting digital art for the District and State judging. This is a step to expand the possibilities for students studying art. It also presents possibilities and challenges for clubs.

I look forward to seeing the winning student artwork, lots of artwork, created during this historic time, from clubs all over Wisconsin.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact Art Contest Chairman, Shirley Brabender Mattox, shirleybrabendermattox@gmail.com



Helen Farnsworth Mears | 1872 - 1916

Wisconsin Historical Society

ADVANCEMENT AREA: MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by: Nancy Dickman, Chairman

Taking steps forward, that's Membership!

The membership Committee had a terrific session at the Winter Workshop. We have some great updates for you, starting with...

GFWC-WI is pleased to Announce...Districts can apply to GFWC-WI for \$50 toward the purchase of an unlimited Zoom subscription! It is recommended the districts then share the subscription with clubs within the district to facilitate member engagement and a "new way to meet".

Every district has expressed interest and this should be in full swing by April! And, in the spirit of leading by example, the committee held a hybrid meeting with in-person masked attendees socially distanced and several Zoom members .

The committee also wanted to share the results of the "How to Help Members Stay Connected" roundtable from the Fall 2020 workshop:

- Use technology to stay close to members –
- Deploy a Call Tree to contact every member at least once per month;
- Use Zoom or some video calling system to create hybrid or remote meetings every month or until members choose to resume only in-person option;
- Offer Zoom training for clubs;
- State, state committees and district meetings have already begun the use of Zoom.
- Have meetings at LARGE venues to allow social distancing (we have already adopted this for state meetings);
- Other connection ideas include –
- Have small sub-groups within the club meet to keep members connected, either in-person or virtual. Ideas include book clubs(s), crafting, bunco/cards, pack-a-lunch visits (including those wine and cheese fests!);
- Have an outdoor social event this summer, hiking, ice cream social day, quilts of valor gifting;
- Have someone from the state membership task force visit the club and help plan a current member event (for example, an all member movie night);
- Have a new member orientation that includes club officers and assigning a mentor to help newer members value the fellowship and comradery of membership;
- FINALLY – do a BIG statewide project to help members have a common service purpose. We are already brainstorming ideas for this terrific suggestion that got instant support at the workshop.

We didn't stop there. We created the beginnings of that membership task force with three volunteers from the districts and the committee chair. The task force will help create informative presentations, plan events based on the specific needs of the clubs, demonstrate where to find seemingly endless resources available only to members through GFWC and GFWC-WI, help identify where future clubs can be formed and plan/run events to raise interest.

As we've said before, we are a community service organization. For now, our "top priority" community is our GFWC sisters. When we are strong and healthy and ready, we can once again be that fierce presence in our cities and towns. For this year, we will focus on helping current members feel connected to our GFWC sisterhood.

The mindset on HOW we care for each other in club and in our communities is slowly but surely changing. We understand that while retention is the first goal, there must be some member recruitment efforts during the term to keep us vibrant. We have faith we will get to that point. The Membership committee sends its warmest wishes to all of you!

ADVANCEMENT AREA: LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY

Submitted by Linda Taylor, Chairman

CURSIVE WRITING UPDATE

First of all I want to thank you for all the letter writing and phone calls made on behalf of the cursive writing bill.

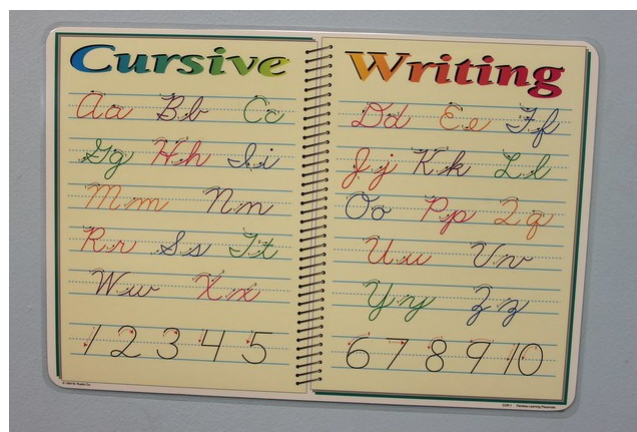
Here is an update of what is happening with it. Most of you know that we began this journey at our State Convention in May of 2018 when we passed the resolution to reinstate cursive writing education in the public schools. It has been quite a long winding road since.

Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt's Bill AB459 was passed by the Assembly January 22, 2020. The Senate Bill, SB414 drafted by Senator Luther Olsen (now retired) never made it out of Committee in 2020.

On January 4, 2021 the Legislature began its new session. When a new legislative session begins all bills from the previous session, if not enacted into law are essentially void. So our bills will have to be reintroduced as new bills for this legislative session. I believe Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt intends to do that. Nancy Honadel is in touch with his office and they are basically waiting for a Senate bill to be introduced.

We still need a Senator to introduce SB414 and Nancy is working with Senator Stephen Naas of District 11. As soon as we get some further direction as to how we can help, I will be alerting you.

Of course with the pandemic and other priorities, our request is probably on the back burner, but that will not stop us from continuing our pursuit.



ADVANCEMENT AREA: LEADERSHIPSubmitted by **Deb Brossard, Member**

The GFWC-WI Leadership Committee is happy to announce that there will be two separate opportunities for you to participate in Mini LEADS 101 before or during the 2021 State Convention being held at the Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center in Rothschild, May 13-15.

Both opportunities will be 'hybrid' meaning that we will offer them in-person to those on site and via ZOOM for those who wish to participate virtually.

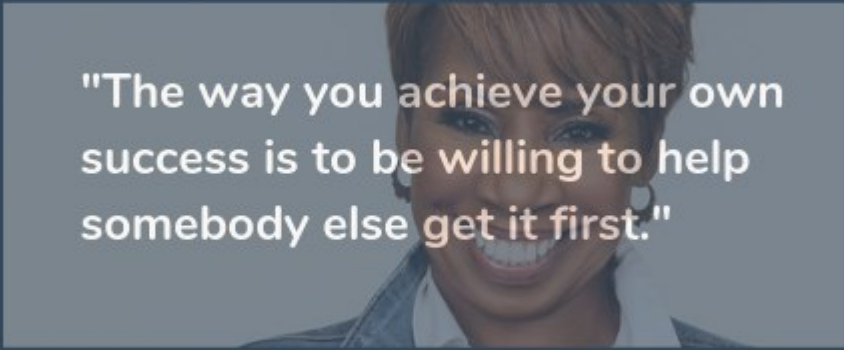
See the separate Mini LEADS 101 registration form included in this issue of the Wisconsin Club-woman magazine for details. Please know that we require a minimum of 10 participants per opportunity and you will be asked if you can be flexible and attend the other session should your preferred time and date need to be cancelled.

Helping you to improve your leadership skills is the mission of the GFWC-WI Leadership Committee. We look forward to offering you both 'live' via ZOOM and recorded leadership workshops from time to time, beginning with "Leading Your Club During the Pandemic" tips & hints also scheduled during the 2021 State Convention.

We anticipate offering some ZOOM tutorials as needed as well as helping you to access the GFWC Member Portal if you are still experiencing difficulty with that.

A GFWC-WI Leadership Task Force has been formed and we are in the process of reviewing our Mini LEADS programming, LEADS Candidate Selection Process, and the Leadership Committee make up and structure, just to name a few. If you have any suggestions for changes, please contact Mary Meek, Deb Brossard, Melisa Schimidt-Zettle, or Sue Bednarek.

Remember that your GFWC-WI Leadership Committee stands ready and willing to help you in any way we can. See pages 9 & 10 of the GFWC-WI State Directory (Tab 2) for a list of contact information of the members.

A portrait of Iyanla Vanzant, a Black woman with short hair, smiling. The portrait is partially obscured by a semi-transparent grey box containing text.

"The way you achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first."

Iyanla Vanzant

ADVANCEMENT AREA: COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Submitted by Missy Kimball, Chairman

NEWSLETTER CONTEST (new)

Newsletters are one of the most effective and efficient methods of informing GFWC members about current, ongoing, and new initiatives.

This GFWC-WI Newsletter Contest encourages Wisconsin clubs to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events, and issues that affect GFWC members and communities. This type of publication need not be elaborate or lengthy. Substance is more important than style. A newsletter should be information and generate enthusiasm, all while contributing to public relations outreach, membership recruitment and retention, and program development.

Judging criteria:

- Entries will be judged on the following elements:
- Content quality, including timeliness, clarity, and member impact
- Presentation and design
- Adherence to rules

Contest rules:

1. Only one newsletter issue per club may be submitted.
2. The newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the contest year (January-December)
3. The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC.
4. Your entry must include a cover letter containing the following
 - Club president name and contact information
 - Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
 - An essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's approach to utilizing the newsletter.
5. Newsletters and cover letters may be printed and mailed or sent electronically to:

Missy Kimball
1050 Shady Lane
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
missywithtwins@yahoo.com

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked/emailed by April 15.

Awards: A first, second, and third place certificate will be awarded annually at the State Convention.

WEBSITE CONTEST (new)

Websites for clubs are a wonderful tool to share information in a quick, timely manner.

The GFWC-WI Website Contest aims to challenge Wisconsin clubs to employ their websites as membership tools with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information. A website that is updated regularly presents the information to your members and potential members in a timely manner. This is a great source to spread the word of the Federation on the web.

Contest rules:

1. Only one website per club may be submitted.
2. The website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org and www.gfwc-wi.org.
3. The website must include contact information for at least one member, defined as email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address.
4. The website may continue to be updated after the contest deadline date.
5. Your submission entry must include:
 - Club name
 - Website address
 - Club president name and contact information
 - Name and contact information of individual submitting the entry
 - An essay of no more than 250 words describing the club's approach to utilizing the website.
6. Website and cover letters must be sent electronically with subject line Website Contest Entry to:

Missy Kimball

missywithtwins@yahoo.com

Deadline: Entries must be emailed by 11:59 pm on April 15.

Awards: A first, second, and third place certificate will be awarded annually at the State Convention.



Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award

Submitted by Deb Strecker, Chairman



REMINDER

Theodora Youmans' Citizenship Award nomination is due on April 1st, 2021. The form is on the GFWC WI web page.

I believe each club knows an outstanding and well deserving woman that should be nominated. Time is running out to get the 3 community recommendations.

Any questions, please contact Chairman Deb Strecker at dlstrecker@gmail.com.

I look forward to reading your nominations.



Community Impact Program Award

Submitted by Carol Wolfenden, Chairman

(formerly known as "Community Improvement Program Award")

In spite of COVID, many clubs are making valiant efforts to help their communities.

Is there a specific need in your community? Have you done/Are you doing up to three short-term projects that address that need? Then you are eligible for the Community Impact Program Award!

The scope of the program is Jan.1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021.

Reporting is much easier now. Instead of a full scrapbook, a maximum of ten pages is submitted: (cover form plus three additional pages—info, photo, publicity--for each project).

Monetary prizes are awarded to the top two state winners and the #1 winner advances to GFWC.

For more information, contact Carol Wolfenden, GFWC-WI chairman at 608/489-2209.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Submitted by Ina Trummer, Chairman

The Woman of Achievement Award is a special award and I consider a very prestigious award.

It is a lifetime achievement award to honor a Wisconsin Clubwoman who has made an outstanding contribution to the GFWC Wisconsin federation of Women's Clubs. This woman should have received recognition for her work in any of the GFWC program areas. This covers a lot:

- Arts
- Communications and Public Relations
- Conservation
- Education
- Home Life
- Membership
- International Outreach
- Legislation and Public Policy
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- President's and Junior Director's Special Projects
- Several other Wisconsin federation projects

Since 1987 when the award was first given, there have been 22 recipients awarded. So look within your clubs. There must be some deserving person who has done outstanding work. Use the form below and send your nomination to me by the deadline of no later than April 15, 2021.

Include:

- 3 letters of endorsement
- Chronological summary sheet of your nominee's involvement in the General Federation of Women's Clubs detailing local, district, state and international levels.
- A brief summary about her personal life and family may be submitted.

Materials cannot exceed three (3) pages.

Only one nominee from any one club can be submitted. Previous non-winners may be submitted the following year. The woman selected will be honored at the GFWC-WI Convention in 2021. If your candidate is chosen as the recipient and if it is possible, please do not let her know she is to be recognized – the surprise element adds so much to the presentation! Please be sure to make a dinner reservation for her.

Email the materials to Ina Trummer, inatsmusic@att.net or mail: 807 Fieldcrest Ct, Watertown, WI

ENTRY INFORMATION
Woman of Achievement Award
Deadline April 15th

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ NAME OF SPONSORING CLUB _____

CLUB PRESIDENT NAME & ADDRESS _____

CLUB PRESIDENT'S PHONE _____

CLUB PRESIDENT'S EMAIL _____

GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

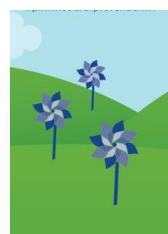
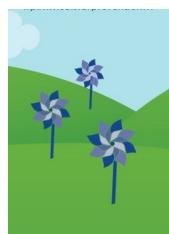
Report by: Sue Bessert, GFWC-WI Special Program Chairman

Virtual activity ideas for 2021 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month—April

This April's campaigns and activities are going to look different, due to COVID and the need to social distance with others. However, we can still share the message of supporting kids and families to help all children in Wisconsin grow up in safe, stable and nurturing environments. Below are ideas to help you plan your campaign and activities, while following guidelines that will keep you and others safe during this challenging time.

Show your support

- Participate in **Wear Blue Day** - April 1 and post pictures on social media
- Plant a pinwheel garden – while social distancing
- Promote having a pinwheel garden/display at family home, business, school, etc. –pinwheels can be purchased, homemade or coloring sheet.
- Garden/display can be in a yard, on a desk, in a window (location so people will not touch pinwheels).
- Use window paint to create pinwheels for all to see – goggle “window paint recipe” to make your own.
- Advocacy
- Share information about Children’s CAN Network <https://childrenswi.org/ways-to-help/advocacy/childrens-advocacy-network>.
- Advocate in local healthcare systems to promote the Period of PURPLE Crying or other Abusive Head Trauma Prevention initiatives
- Create a virtual display to show how many children your program serves (i.e. number of children with library cards) to share on social media, place in your windows or yard
- Have a supply drive (diapers, toys, books, clothing) or fund raiser for a local organization that supports children and families.



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

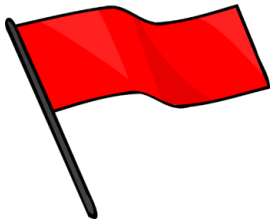


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GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

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

Recognize the **Red Flags** of Modern Slavery



- Has strange tattoos on body, especially the neck
- Does not have appropriate clothing for the weather
- Has suicidal behaviors
- Has other self-harming behaviors
- Manifests fear of social interactions
- Has signs of physical abuse or injuries
- Has a much older boyfriend
- Has a sudden increase of expensive “stuff”



Call the Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

Or Dial 911 for a local connection

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

Submitted by Nancy Schrap, GFWC-WI Chairman



What is ESO?

Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society that provides club-women with a structured reading program. Another great year of reporting.

Category I clubs reported 617 books, almost a 50% increase from the previous year. There were four new ESO Pledge Level applicants. Twelve of you went up in rank!

Category II clubs reported 320 books, also about a 50% increase. There were three new Pledge Level candidates and six of you achieved higher levels. Congratulations to all of you.

I have been receiving many books reports; perhaps we will record over 1000 books this year!

Materials are available if you wish to join. Go to www.gfwc-wi.org, Community Service Programs, Education, Epsilon Sigma Omicron. Fill out the ESO Pledge Application and start reading.

Nancy Schrap - nancywischrap@aol.com
ESO Chairman Wisconsin

GFWC-WI partner, Wisconsin Leadership Seminars

Report by: Nathan Schumacher, WILS representative



Wisconsin Leadership Seminars 2021 nomination emails and forms were sent to the schools the week of February 22nd!

Nathan Schumacher
Board of Directors-Women's Club Lead
Wisconsin Leadership Seminars
Cell: 262-352-6116
Email: womensclubs@wils.us
Website: <https://wils.us/>

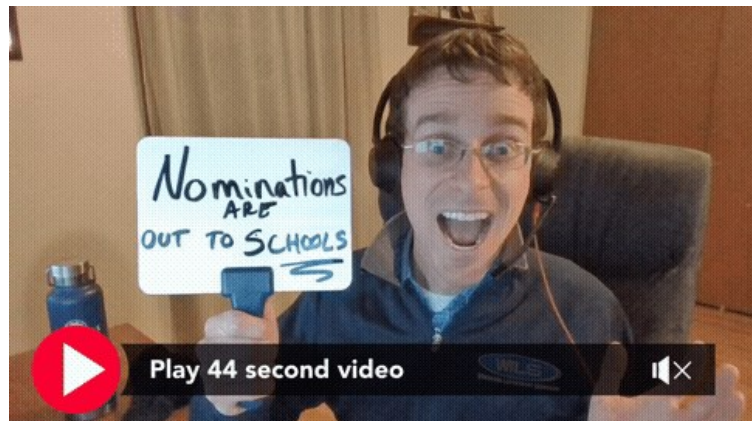
Wisconsin Leadership Seminars (WILS) 2021 will be hosted in a **VIRTUAL FORMAT**.

WILS Dates: May 21st & May 22nd (optional evening of May 20th)

WILS Location: Anywhere with a good connection.

As our 2020 seminar was postponed due to COVID, student leaders who were nominated in 2020 are invited to attend our 2021 virtual seminar.

Clubs that donated a full \$200 sponsorship in 2020 will cover the sponsorship of BOTH the 2020 and 2021 student leaders!



Shareable Video Link- <http://m.bixel1.net/dfgsdz>

GFWC - WI Technology Committee

Report by: Erin Epping, Chairman

At the State Board meeting in February, a Technology Committee was formed.

The members include Sue Bednarek, Deb Brossard, Abby Lorenz, Michelle Munoz, Sharon Phelps, and myself as chairwoman.

The committee is meeting for the first time on March 2, so results aren't available in time for this issue of the Clubwoman. Areas we will be discussing include how we can help the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the districts, individual clubs and clubwomen with technology.

Please watch for news from this committee in upcoming emails and future articles.

Erin Epping Eepping728@gmail.com

GFWC-WI Nominating Committee

Report by: Barb Pontow, Chairman



A fork in the road-----how to decide???-----where will it lead???

You have a choice when you reach a "fork in the road"—
a decision to make---which path to take.

Look carefully.

Do you see the letters "**G F W C**" scattered along one of the paths

And, in the distance, a table with a chair reserved just for you??

That's the path to choose.

Pick up that fork and head for the table!!

The nominating committee is seeking qualified candidates willing to serve on the 2022-2024 GFWC WI Executive Committee. Contact any member of the nominating committee with your "path of preference".

Thank you,

Barbara Pontow

State-wide Special Project (NEW) - Pattern for Superhero Cape from page 2



thelongthread.com

Superhero Cape

Difficulty Level: ☒☒☒ (out of 5)

Time Commitment☺: approximately 2 hours??

Don't sew? No problem! Just take this pattern, use felt or fleece for fabric, skip the lining, glue/stitch Velcro for the neck closure and then have fun decorating the back of your cape. It's that easy!

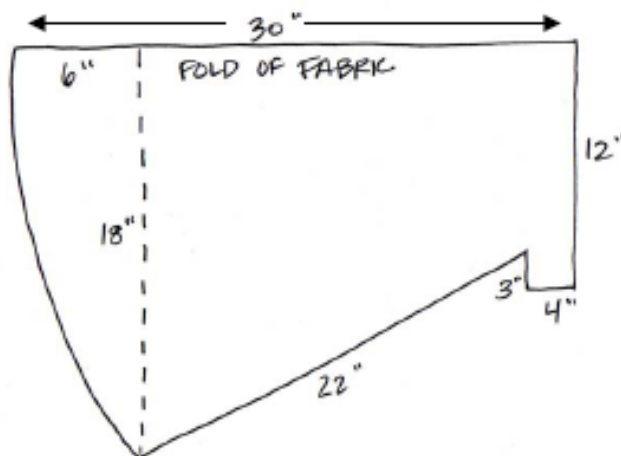
This lined and appliquéd cape can be used for your little princess, superhero, magician or sorcerer. I have included basic instructions below and another attachment with appliqué patterns for the back of the cape. Fits sizes 2-6, but can be modified to fit other sizes. If you plan to make this more than once, I recommend making a muslin pattern.

Supplies:

- 1 yard of solid-colored fabric for the outside of the cape
- 1 yard of contrasting fabric for lining and appliqué
- Scissors (straight scissors and pinking shears preferable)
- Thread
- Velcro (2 inches of sew-on type)
- Fabric marking pen or chalk
- Straight Pins
- Fusible webbing (optional, recommended for beginners)

Step 1: CUT FABRIC

- a) Begin by cutting your solid colored fabric on the fold to the following specifications (do not cut folded edge). The 6" and 18" measurements will allow you to create the curve of the cape. You will not need to make any cuts of these measurements.



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b) Then lay the cut fabric on top of the contrasting fabric and cut it to the same dimensions.

Step 2: CUT AND SEW APPLIQUÉ

Note: If you are using fusible webbing, follow instructions on the package. I recommend this for beginning sewers or if you have never tried appliqué.

a) Choose the appliqué pattern you'd like to use from those provided or come up with your own design. Cut out a paper template and pin it to the contrasting fabric or trace around the edges with fabric marker. Carefully cut appliqué shape.

b) On the solid-colored main fabric, fold the fabric in half to find the center and measure down 12" from the top edge (slightly more if you are using the lightning bolt design). Mark this point with your fabric marker.

c) Pin appliqué fabric and make sure it is level and centered.

d) Use a zigzag stitch with a narrow width and short stitch length. Be sure to center the needle over the edge of the fabric and work slowly.

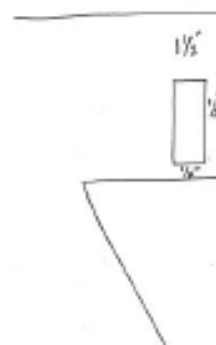
◆ **BEGINNER'S TIP:** *When you are sewing around something with corners, be sure to stop the machine at each corner leaving the needle in place. Turn your fabric with the needle down, making sure that the next line is centered.*

Step 3: SEW THE FASTENER

a) Turn on the iron before this step to prepare for Step 4.

b) Cut a 2" strip of Velcro. Laying cape fabric with right side of fabric towards you, pin one side of the Velcro to the RIGHT collar edge of the cape (see illustration below). Then do the same with the contrasting fabric and pin the other side of the Velcro to the RIGHT collar edge of the contrasting fabric. You will want to position the top of the Velcro about 1 1/4" from the top edge of the fabric and 1/4" from the bottom.

c) Use a standard zigzag stitch on your machine to attach the Velcro.



Step 4: PRESS COLLAR

a) Using the appropriate setting on your iron, fold and press your main fabric 1" from the top fabric edge in towards the wrong side of the fabric. Iron out all the wrinkles now, being sure to iron appliqué from reverse side.

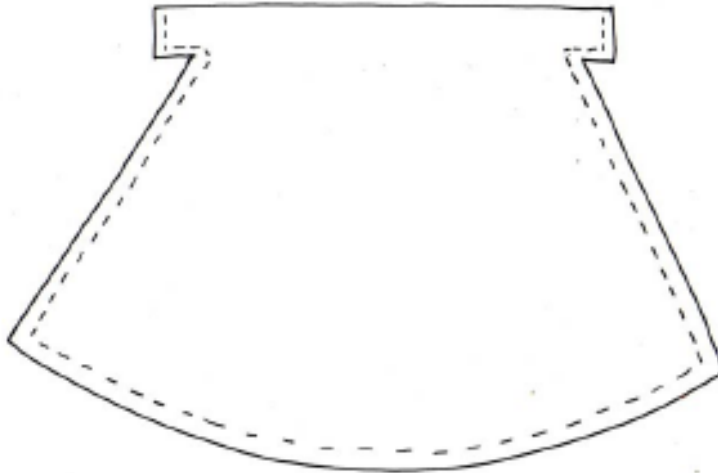
b) Do the same on the contrasting fabric (this will be your last edge to sew, so ironing in advance is helpful).

Step 5: SEW RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER

a) With the right sides of the fabric facing one another, pin the two pieces together, being sure to line up edges.

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b) Sew along collar edge just outside of Velcro, then slowly move through turn on the collar making a sharp curve. As you work your way down the body of the cape, leave a larger seam allowance to be sure that you catch both fabrics.



Step 6: TRIM EDGES

Trim any excess fabric from edges (preferably with pinking shears).

◆ **BEGINNER'S TIP:** *Cut closely around collar curves (leaving at least 1/4" and make small notches in order to make the collar lay flat without the bulk and pull of the excess fabric.*

Step 7: SEW TOP OF CAPE

- a) Turn cape right side out and push out the bottom corners.
- b) Pin top edges of cape together before you start to sew.
- c) Make sure that your bobbin thread is the same color as the main thread you are using. A contrasting thread might work well here.
- d) Use a wide zigzag or other decorative stitch to sew the remaining edge.

Congratulations! You're finished.

Jennie June Award

Submitted by Tari-Jo Wallner, Award Chairman

Hello GFWC -WI Members,

It is that time of year to be thinking about awards. One of the most prestigious awards to be given is the Jennie June. This is the only national award given by GFWC to recognize a club-woman's excellence. A club nominates a member to compete at the state, regional, and national level. The deadline for this award will be here before we know it. All nominations must be submitted by June 1, 2021. The award is not presented until spring of 2022.

For many clubs, this past year has been difficult to participate in our communities in ways we are accustomed to. This should not hold you back from nominating a club member. This award is a lifetime of excellence award and not limited to recent club/community participation. You may find this is the perfect year to have enough time to collect and organize the information to make your nomination.

You can find all the information by going to this link:

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships>

One of the main questions that have been asked is about the number of pages allowed. No more than twenty-five pages of supported material is allowed. These are a single sided page. Your nomination form is not included in the twenty-five pages. Good Luck with your nominations.

Tari-Jo Wallner

Jennie June Award Chairman



Jane Cunningham Croly (December 19, 1829 – December 23, 1901) was an American author and journalist, better known by her pseudonym, Jennie June. She was a pioneer author and editor of women's columns in leading newspapers and magazines in New York. She founded the Sorosis club for women in New York in 1868 and in 1889 expanded it nationwide to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Source: Wikipedia

GFWC-WI District Presidents' Reports Submitted by Nancy Dickman, Dean of District Presidents

Hello GFWC-Wisconsin! The six District Presidents had a terrific meeting during the February 2021 Winter Workshop. The group discussed the challenges their respective clubs are facing as the world reshapes itself during this pandemic. It is heartening to see that, across the board, districts and clubs are working hard to stay connected with the continuing members and the communities they serve.

Every district plans to have a spring meeting – whether it is strictly virtual, a hybrid format or in-person. Districts and clubs are encouraged to invite a state representative to speak at a meeting. The request for a speaker form is at www.gfwc-wi.org in the Reminders, Forms and Calls menu. There is a small fee – but remember the fee is for the meeting, not the person. The club or district can invite one or five officers and it would be the same low fee!

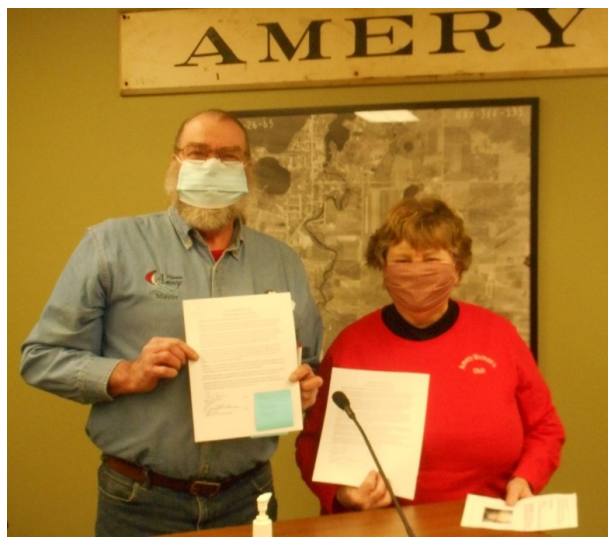
District presidents also received the GFWC-WI District Host Guidelines for planning and hosting a state convention. The EC took great pains to think through some of the head scratching issues districts face when hosting the convention and captured many of the answers in one comprehensive document! It is a great resource. A copy of the document is available in the Members Only section of the GFWC-WI website.

In this time of social distancing and semi-isolation, tremendous on-line resources have been created for districts and clubs. The presidents got a quick tutorial logging onto the headquarters website Members Only page to be introduced to the hundreds of reference materials there. In addition, all presidents were invited guests for the Membership Committee meeting.

Rest assured. Your district leaders are adapting with the times! And they are dedicated to helping all of our clubs stay engaged with our marvelous members.

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

Submitted by Julie Riemenschneider, District President



L to R: Mayor Paul Isakson and President Nell Anderson with the signed proclamation.

Northern Lights District plans its annual convention on May 1st. Amery WC is the host. We will look into offering the meeting virtually as well. The district last met in September 2019 at Colfax. I have kept in touch with the club presidents by E-mail and by phone. None of the clubs has met since last fall. Northern Lights is comprised of Amery, Ashland, Bloomer, Centuria, Colfax, and Spooner Womens' Clubs.

Amery WC is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Recently the mayor of Amery signed a proclamation declaring February 7th as Amery Woman's Club Day in Amery.

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. I am so proud to lead our women from Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties because of the wonderful reporting each Club completed in January. Here are some of the statistics for our district:

Members – 283 (22% of the State’s overall membership)

Clubs reporting projects – 6 of our 7 clubs

Projects – 286 (26% of the State’s total projects. Only Northwoods had more!)

Volunteer Hours – 11,969 (21% of the State’s total)

\$ donated - \$41,379

In-kind \$ donated - \$22,539

I know that 2020 was a challenging year, but I think our clubs did a fabulous job! Congratulations to all clubs in the State! We are in the midst of planning our District Spring Convention. We will have the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest as well as a member Art Contest. We will be announcing our Scholarship recipients.

Hope to see many of you at the State Convention in May!



Erin Epping
GFWC – WI District President
Lakeshore

2020-2022

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

Submitted by Sue Sands, District President

The six clubs in the rivers and Lakes District will gather for the first meeting of the year in Brillion in April. Our District Art Chairperson, Shirley Mattox, will conduct the Helen Mears Art Contest for participating schools. We are looking forward to viewing the wonderful art work of Rivers and Lakes area 7th and 8th grade students.

As President, I have contacted all club Presidents by e-mail or phone. Our meeting in April will be an opportunity for planning for the 2020-2022 administration. Each club has worked on and submitted an updated roster with their dues. We will be hosting the State Convention in Sheboygan in May 2022 – lots of opportunities for cooperation and working together. Consider this your first invitation to this event!



Sue Sands
GFWC – WI District President
Rivers and Lakes

2020-2022

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

Submitted by Sue Schwarten, District President



Sue Schwarten
GFWC – WI District President
Rolling Hills

2020-2022

How can it already be March? Where did the past year go? I know as we get older times seems to move much faster but it is hard to believe we are coming to the end of our fiscal year.

Many things have changed this past year. More virtual or hybrid meetings took place. I think virtual/hybrid meetings will continue in the future. It gives everyone the opportunity to attend meetings. For some women this is a perfect solution. Driving a distance to attend a meeting is not always possible or when one is a little under the weather. I hope everyone is using this tool to keep your clubs active. If you are not, please reach out to get help learning how to use Zoom.

Looking forward to seeing what this year will be like. I hope we will continue to find ways to make things happen. Membership and Fundraising need to grow.

Has anyone else’s gardening skill improved during this quarantine time like mine have? I’ve planted myself in my recliner the beginning of March 2020 and I’ve grown significantly since! Just asking!

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

Submitted by Julie Saether, District President

Hats Off to the Southern Prairies District Clubs who did a great job volunteering in their communities in 2020 with a Grand Total of 167 projects and 9,768 hours! It is wonderful that clubs figured out new ways and ideas to do projects!

The Southern Prairies District Board met February 23 via Zoom and planned the District Spring Convention which will be April 27 in Blanchardville at Blanchard Hall. The Convention will be in person AND via Zoom for those who aren’t able to come in person.

The focus is on Mental Health. The theme is “Celebrating Suffragists Moving Forward”. GFWC-WI President Abby Lorenz and Director of Junior Clubs Tammy Welter will be our speakers. There will be member art and photography displays along with Helen Mears student artwork.



Julie Saether
GFWC – WI District President
Southern Prairies

2020-2022

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

Submitted by Mary Meek, District President

Over recent weeks, it has been a pleasure connecting with the club presidents of the Northwoods District to learn of their efforts to stay connected, focus on membership retention and conduct business.

Two of our clubs have been meeting virtually via Zoom which has allowed them to effectively conduct club business throughout this past year. Four of our clubs have not had a membership meeting since February/March 2020 so their efforts have been focused on staying connected via monthly newsletters, sending cards, emails and making phone calls to check on members. For one club, these efforts plus a monthly meeting of their EC has provided a workable method for conducting business to fulfill their community service objectives. This club and others report that they are hopeful to resume their in-person membership meeting in September.

To support our clubs, the Northwoods District EC approved the purchase of a Zoom account for use by district clubs to conduct hybrid and virtual meetings. Plans are underway to assist our clubs by hosting and providing Zoom tutorials in an effort to encourage virtual participation at club meetings beginning this month. To lead the way, a District Board of Directors virtual meeting is scheduled for March 6 and our May 1st Spring District Meeting will also be virtual.

It is important to take this opportunity to applaud our clubs for their reporting efforts. Even under extenuating circumstances we continue to make a tremendous impact. The Northwoods District had five clubs report a total of 228 projects; 12,249.5 volunteer hours; \$92,538 cash donations and \$17,515 in-kind donations. What an AWESOME job!

In closing, as president of the hosting district for the 2021 GFWC Wisconsin Annual Convention, I look forward to welcoming many GFWC Wisconsin Clubwomen, either in person or via Zoom, to Rothschild on May 13-15, 2021 so please continue to be safe and stay well!!!



Mary Meek
GFWC – WI District President
Northwoods

2020-2022



CLUB CORNER

GFWC Amery Woman's Club

100TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the **Amery Woman's Club** was begun on February 7, 1921,

WHEREAS, the **Amery Woman's Club** joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), a 130-year organization made up of women from all walks of life who have a common goal of making the world a better place by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service,

WHEREAS, the **Amery Woman's Club** as part of the GFWC has played a role in many national efforts including powerful advocacy for child labor laws, promotion of nationwide outreach that led to passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, helped in creating the National Park Service, credited with establishing 75% of US public libraries, and completed work that led to the passage of both Violence Against Women Act and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act,

WHEREAS, throughout the past 100 years, hundreds of women have given their time, talent and resources to improve the lives of others through American Red Cross Blood Drives, the annual Amery Arts and Crafts Fair which funds our scholarship programs, semi-annual cookie sales which fund programs for the Amery Public Library, the Dr. Seuss read a thon which enhances learning for primary school students,

WHEREAS, the **Amery Woman's Club** was instrumental in starting the recycling program for the City of Amery in the 1970s and continues to promote recycling and Earth Day through programs they developed and participated in at Amery and Clear Lake Schools,

WHEREAS, it would be a tremendous honor for the **Amery Woman's Club** to be able to mark its 100th Anniversary with recognition from the Mayor of the City of Amery, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the **Amery Woman's Club** requests your support and recognition of this milestone anniversary with a proclamation and declaration that February 7, 2021 will be known to all as **Amery Woman's Club Day**, here in Amery, Wisconsin.



L to R: City of Amery Mayor, **Paul Isakson** and **Lynell Anderson**, President of Amery Woman's Club



Signed by City of Amery Mayor, Paul Isakson and
Lynell Anderson, President of Amery Woman's Club

Amery Woman's Club Board L to R: **Kathy Majka**, Treasurer; **Gloria Lansin**; **Nell Anderson**, President; **Joyce Schaefer**; **Cheryl Bowman**; **Julie Riemenschneider**, Vice President; missing **Colleen Adams**, Secretary.

A full featured article about the club's work in the community was printed in the Amery Free Press on Feb 12, 2021.

CLUB CORNER

GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Kenosha

Your sisters from the **GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha** (WC-K) hope this newsletter finds you well and getting ready to move on post pandemic. It has been a challenge, but we are strong and creative women that learn from our experiences. We stand on the shoulders of our past sisterhood! We are creating our own history.

The WC-K has kept moving forward living the volunteer spirit. We have made showing appreciation and gratitude our mission. We continue to meet in person and with ZOOM. Even though attendance and membership has been reduced, there is still good news! The ladies who are participating, are putting in extra effort to support our Club and our community.

So far, this year, we have made no sew fleece blankets to be donated to veterans. We met for our 3rd Annual Galentine Brunch and we hosted our local firefighters and emergency responders. The Chief of EMS did a presentation on women and heart

attacks. He stressed the difference in heart attack symptoms, and women, we need to learn the symptoms and take them seriously.

We have started collecting wine corks, synthetic and natural to be recycled. We are also collecting much needed children's clothes to support a local cardiologist's mission who has a clinic in India. Our book club is participating in NEA's Big Read. We are reading "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren.



Lastly, as we move forward towards a great future, the club will be celebrating our 130th anniversary on April 29th. We have been part of GFWC since 1891. You are invited to attend our elegant ladies' tea anniversary celebration on May 1st. More information will be forthcoming.

WC-K Living the Volunteer Spirit since 1891,

Deb Strecker, President

CLUB CORNER

GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club



Members delivering Valentine's Day cheer!
L to R: **Sue Bednarek, Sue Gerald, Renee Cybul, Mary Fritsch, Marie Wilkins and Tracy Ebert**

Winter has certainly presented itself here in the Princeton area. Our club members didn't let a little cold or snow stand in the way of doing some fun things for our friends at Martha's Residence Home in Princeton.

In February some club members participated in a make 'n take class at the Princeton Library and made "stained glass" window art using colored construction paper and cellophane. Members made "stained glass" animals, hearts and other objects to be hung in the residents' windows. When the sun shines into their rooms they will have something pleasant to look at and be reminded of their friends with the **Princeton Woman's Club** and the joy we may bring into their lives during this difficult time dealing with COVID.

In addition, some members went to Martha's Residence Home on Wednesday, Feb. 10 to deliver the stained glass artwork, along with special Valentine's cards, cookies, cupcakes, and candy. The club members hope this brought some happiness to our friends at Martha's.

We are excited that we may be getting closer to actually seeing our friends, perhaps when the weather gets a bit warmer. In the meanwhile, we hope we are making a difference in their lives.

GFWC Dodgeville Woman's Club

I would like to give an update on the **Dodgeville Woman's Club**. I am the current president of the club.

With the onset of the pandemic in March, we were forced to cancel our annual flower sale in May. We were able to award a \$500.00 scholarship to Kora Shaw, a 2020 Dodgeville High School senior who is attending the University of Miami for nursing. Each year the Dodgeville Woman's Club awards a scholarship to a graduating senior entering the health professions.

We had a very successful Culver's Fund Raiser in November. We raised over \$700.00.

Our Breakfast With Santa and Mrs. Claus was cancelled in December due to the safer at home mandate.

We are looking forward to being featured in the Dodgeville Chronicle spot light section on our upcoming anniversary of being a club for one hundred years.

We are currently working on the Helen Mears art contest.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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CLUB CORNER

GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club



Nine **GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club** members gathered to learn iris paper folding. It was very fun! The name comes from a hole in the center of the design like a camera lens iris or your own eye iris. Straight strips of paper are folded and then taped into a spiral like design by following a numbered template.

Clubmember, Sue Tessendorf (in photo on right) was a great instructor. She used to teach kindergarten! She supplied all the paper products to make the cards ...even a sticker for the back side! We brought small scissors for cutting out the basic shape, and then the rest was finding your own best technique of getting scotch tape from its roll, to one's fingers, to the paper strips without getting too sticky.

The group discussed doing this as a club project to thank essential workers in the community such as the health department workers and volunteers, police, sheriff and fire departments, teachers, hospital and clinic workers, etc.

We don't need a card for every individual but perhaps something to put in the staff work room or meeting area. Whatever that decision will be, we will need many more cards!

Next folding date is March 19th!



CLUB CORNER

Warming hearts & spreading love

By Linda Taylor, Jan Pisarek and Sue Sanders

Some members of the **Woman's Club of West Allis** got together and continued making handmade cards for people in our community. Sixty valentines were made for Veterans at the VA Center in West Milwaukee. Each card was individually made and was well received.

The group found a resident of Village of Manor Park, senior living center, who had his Valentines from his childhood. Remember the Valentine boxes? He let us take some of those and we had them copied at Office Depot with our discount card which saved a lot. We then cut them out, put a label on them, put them in plastic bags, put candy in them and tied with a bow. They looked so pretty. We did 250 for the residents of the Village of Manor Park.

Additionally the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee delivered Valentines and Target gift cards to the West Allis Police Department to be forwarded to the members of the victim support group WISH (Women Initiate Self-Healing and Hope). The DVA&P committee has also helped create journals for the members of WISH to use in their group sessions virtually since they have not been able to do in person sessions.

Since September the club has made and delivered over 1,000 cards to people in the community.

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis

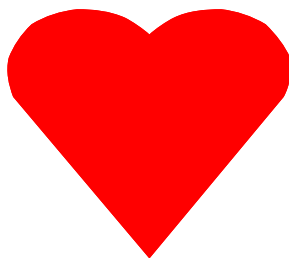
Valentines for Veterans



Members making cards



Valentines for WISH (Women Initiate Self-Healing and Hope) group



CLUB CORNER

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club

Shine a light and light up the darkness

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club and Convergence Resource Center teamed up to "Shine a Light" on Human Trafficking. Light the Darkness, a national event sponsored by the Samaritan Women - Institute for Shelter Care, raises awareness about domestic human trafficking and the lack of resources available for survivors. Twelve members of both organizations, including one supportive spouse/photographer, braved the wind chill and met on the corner of 51st and Brown Deer Road with lights and signs to draw attention to Human Trafficking on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11, 2021.



At 7 pm, we waved lights and signs for 11 minutes. We were well received by the traffic as many cars and trucks sounded their horn in support.



For more information on Convergence, visit their website at <https://www.convergenceresource.org>.

Valentines for Virginia Highlands residents Because our Thinking of You and Holiday Card projects at Virginia Highlands Nursing Home have been so appreciated by the residents, we continued this act of kindness for Valentine’s Day. Members prepared Valentine cards and candy was donated so that each resident received a Valentine card and chocolates at their holiday party.

Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club



Residents and staff at Milestone Senior Living were treated to Valentine’s Day cookies and cards from the **Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club** on Friday, February 12. The Club has maintained this holiday tradition for decades.



L to R: **Jean Traeder, Doris Picha, Marty Magalsky, and Margaret Ann Roberts.** Doris’s daughter, **Mara Jo Picha Johnson,** made the decorated cookies. Jean, Doris, and Margaret Ann are each 50+ year members of the Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club.

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GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

Follow the deadlines on the Call on page 9 to register for State Convention.

MARCH

- 1 Junior of the Year Award (JOY) entries due
- 15 Reports due to GFWC by GFWC-WI Board of Directors (program area)

APRIL

- 1 Theodora Youmans Award entries due to Deb Strecker
- 1 Health Scholarship applications due - application on website
- 15 Woman of Achievement Award entries due to Ina Trummer
- 15 Book hotel for GFWC-WI State Convention - deadline
- 15 Club website and newsletter awards entries due to Missy Kimball
- 24 GFWC Federation Day and Arbor Day
- 30 Mini LEADS registration deadline to Mary Meek

MAY

- 13 Mini LEADS 101 at State Convention, Rothschild (option #1)
- 13-15 GFWC-WI State Convention, Central Wisconsin Expo & Convention Center, Rothschild, Wisconsin hosted by Northwoods District
- 14-15 Mini LEADS 101 at State Convention, Rothschild (option #2)

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- 27-30 GFWC International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

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