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## A special invitation

You are cordially invited to

### WISCONSIN'S OWN LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 13, 2021

1pm - 3pm

Ripon College Lane Library, 300 W. Seward St., Ripon

Showcasing this wonderful collection of Wisconsin authors and illustrators

#### Schedule

1 - 1:30 Musical entertainment & browsing

1:30 - 2:15 Readings by Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka, Ripon College's 1st Poet-in-Residence and Margaret (Peggy) Rozga, Wisconsin Poet Laureate 2019-2020

2:15 - 3 Refreshments, conversations, heading home

The event is free.

Based on your club's attendees (members & guests), your club will receive travel reimbursement.

RSVP is required by October 27.

Contact Sue Bednarek: [sjbednarek@charter.net](mailto:sjbednarek@charter.net) 920-295-6509

More information (parking, etc.) to follow

- more details on page 11

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## Thoughts from your GFWC-WI State President, Abby Lorenz



Abby Lorenz  
GFWC - WI President



Happy Summer!

With the beautiful weather I have been reflecting on setting goals. Staying focused and living with intention is imperative for success! What are your goals with your Club? Perhaps you are considering a fundraiser or membership drive. The opportunities are endless for GFWC Clubwomen! Find your passion, set your mind to it, and it will all come together as intended.

I am off to Atlanta to the GFWC International Convention in a few weeks to represent our great State of Wisconsin – and have been asked to lead us in singing the National Anthem! I am honored to be your State President and look forward to seeing you all at our GFWC-WI Junior Conference on Saturday, October 23 in Brown Deer. Remember that this Fall Conference is open to all clubwomen – not just junior clubwomen! We are all ONE!

Thank you for your dedication to GFWC. We are all united with the common goal of living the volunteer spirit. Please know that you are appreciated for your service, and your acts of kindness do indeed make a difference in your hometowns. Keep a balanced MIND-BODY-SPIRIT, express gratitude, and smile every day!

**GENERAL FEDERATION**  
*of* **WOMEN'S CLUBS**



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

It was so nice to be able to have convention in person this year! There were hugs all around. Thank you to all the clubs that participated in the "Capes for Kids" project. There were so many cute capes. I hope many clubs will continue making and sharing their capes. The "Kindness Rock" painting project we held on Friday night of convention went well. I hope you spread those rocks around your community and others are finding and enjoying those "inspirational" words. I love the hands-on projects we do!

Normally I would be telling you about GFWC Convention but since that was postponed until later this month, you will have to wait for that update until the next Junior Notes or the next newsletter. Looking forward to all the fun in Atlanta.

The Junior Fall Conference committee has been busy working on putting things together for a fun and informative meeting. We have presentations from Canine Companions and Wisconsin's Own Library's Poet in Residence scheduled. We have a hands-on project making "Pet Warmers" on the agenda. So, mark your calendars for October 23rd in Brown Deer. Come Friday for a Tour of the Brown Deer Library and afterward Erin Epping has graciously offered her home for some social time. You can find the registration info in this newsletter on pages 8 and 9 and online.

Hope to see you in the Fall!

In Junior Federation

Tammy

### **Items to bring to Fall Conference:**

Jasmine Rice, kid/youth/teen socks  
(for pet warmers)

Wine (for wine pull raffle)

A friend or two!



**Tammy Welter**  
GFWC - WI  
Director of Junior Clubs



*Awe! This is an example of the pet warmers we will be making at Fall Conference. They are used after surgery for newborn animals when mom is not available to keep them warm. We are planning to donate them to Wisconsin Humane Society. If we have a large amount we will divide them up for different locations.*

## Officer Report: GFWC - WI First Vice President

By: Nancy Dickman

Since the 2021 Winter Workshop, there has been a whirl of activity to prepare for the State Convention, monthly Executive Committee meetings, meetings for Membership Committee, Strategic Planning, Investment Committee, Wisconsin's Own Library Committee, Amendments and Policies Committee and a District Presidents meeting. And a new group was added in June – Planning Committee for 2022 GLR to be held right here in Wisconsin.

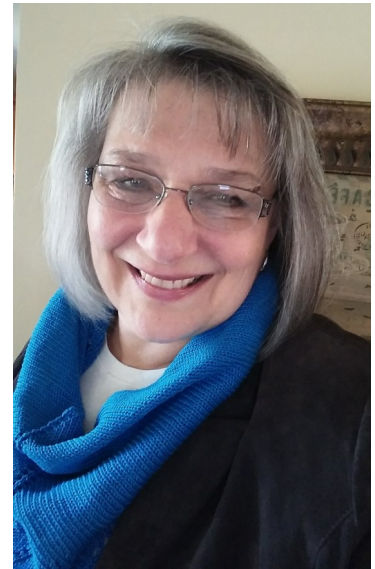
The inspiration for all these meetings, ideas and efforts is in “Making A Connection”! Each time we have a club meeting, or work together on a community service project or attend a state convention – we seek connection to our common purpose. When I hear the many service ideas from district and club meetings, I fully appreciate the strength of our connection.

With the beginning of July, Suz Hooser and I now shift to planning for the 2022-2024 administration. Some contacts have been made regarding interest in various board positions. If any member has an interest to learn more about the board, do take a moment to email any officer with your questions or an expression of interest – we love those “YES” messages! And we truly wish to place board members in areas that foster their interests.

It is a privilege to service as GFWC-WI First Vice President/ President Elect during this thrilling time for GFWC-WI.

### *Making that connection Nancy Dickman is referring to -*

The kindness rock sharing project at GFWC-WI Convention 2021 is a great example—connecting between each other and out to the community (to whomever finds the rock...and keeps sharing and connecting)!



Nancy Dickman  
GFWC - WI  
First Vice President



Above: President **Abby Lorenz** challenges us to stretch! **Julie Saether** looks on.

Left Photo L to R: **Mary Meek, Vickie Richardson, Heather Sturtevant, Kim Bruns, Loretta Caron and Lisa Miller**



## Officer Report: GFWC - WI Second Vice President

By: Linda Brown

Well, here we are half way finished with summer. I am hoping that you are having fun with your family and friends and making up missed time from our Covid summer last year. It is so important to see and be with everyone and I am certainly making up for lost time too. Family visits, neighborhood picnics, Brewers games and a Class Reunion have been on our schedule, with so much happiness and lasting memories.

Been Busy-I am on the planning committee for Great Lakes Regional which Wisconsin is hosting Fall of 2022. Hotel sites to visit and planning tours is my focus for now and certainly keeping me busy. I already know that we all are going to have a great time and this event will be here before you know it.

WOL -Zoom meetings and telephone meetings to attend. Loads of work that has been accomplished and I am learning tons of new procedures and making new friends along the way, so fulfilling!

It is basket raffle time for Port Washington Woman's Club so I am shopping away for my donation/basket. Always a successful fundraiser and glad to participate. Lakeshore District is also doing a fundraiser, so I am off shopping for children's clothes which is a happy time. Another successful event.

Atlanta International Convention-got my tickets and ready to be with all these wonderful women. This convention gives me an opportunity to grow and to share my ideas with our GFWC clubwomen. Keeping my fingers and toes crossed that we bring home an award or two. With all the hard work and dedication that Wisconsin has shown in the last reporting year, I know we should be very proud of ourselves and in my mind, we are already winners.

Reminder-Keep track of all your monies and times spent on these summer projects. I am hearing about all sorts of fun things clubs are doing and planning. Reporting will be fun to read and to review all your hard work. And always, I am so proud to be your Second Vice President.



**Linda Brown**  
GFWC - WI  
Second Vice President

## Officer Report: GFWC - WI Recording Secretary

By: Sue Sands

Although this time of year is a little slower than some for the Recording Secretary, I have been kept busy. The Executive Committee continues to meet monthly via ZOOM so I have prepared minutes for our meetings on March 18, April 20, June 1, and July 13. These have been approved by committee and placed on file.

May 13-15 was our 124th State Convention at Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center in Rothschild. I prepared the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting the afternoon of May 13th and the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting that evening. The biggest responsibility of the weekend was preparing the minutes for the General Session meetings on May 14-15. The minutes from these meetings have also been approved and placed on file. Thank you to the Northwoods District for a great convention!!

I look forward to our meetings, workshops and conventions scheduled for the second year of President Abby Lorenz's administration.



**Sue Sands**  
GFWC - WI  
Recording Secretary

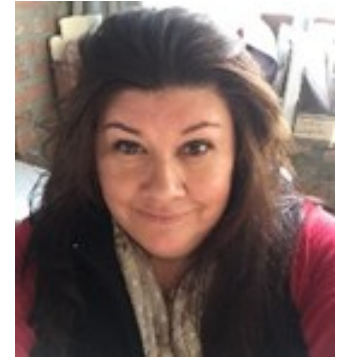
## Officer Report: GFWC - WI Treasurer

By: Michelle Munoz

Hello Wisconsin!!!

It was so great to see everyone who attended the 2021 State Convention in Rothschild, WI. I now have my first year of being Treasurer under my belt and let me tell you, it's a lot of work and detail.

We started the year off with Zoom meetings and graduated to in-person meetings and what a treat to see all those ladies attend. As the Treasurer, it is our membership that keeps us going financially and I want to thank you all for being members of the wonderful sisterhood we are GFWC-WI.



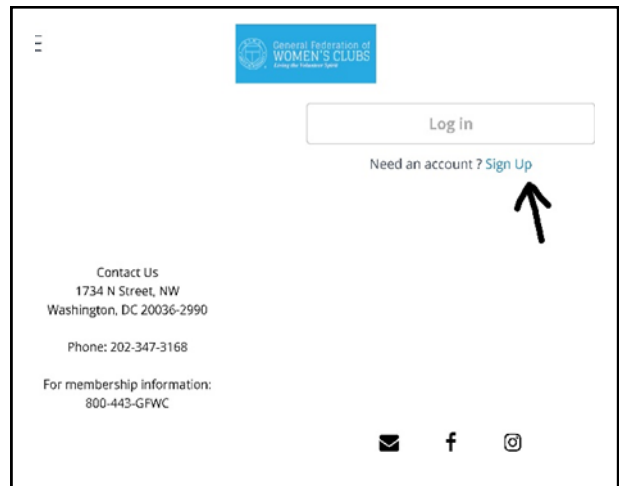
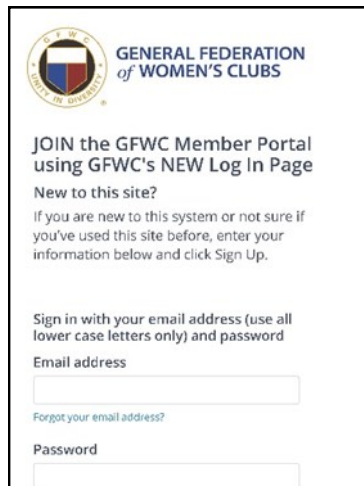
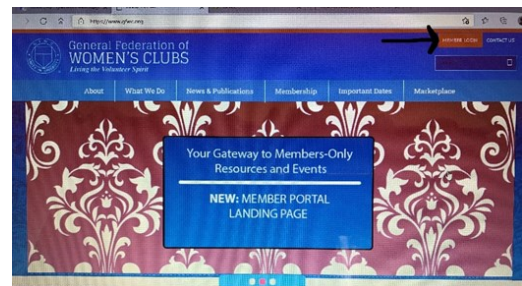
**Michelle Munoz**  
GFWC - WI Treasurer

In February 2021, my first big task is to submit our club dues to our headquarters of GFWC. I am proud to announce that we submitted our membership rosters for 1,411 members. Clubs are sending in their new member dues and information. Please remember to send member's name, address, best phone and Email address when sending dues. We use this information for our files and submit them to GFWC HQ for your members to have access to the GFWC Member Portal and participate in all things GFWC.

I encourage all members to log onto the **Member Portal** and/or sign up. You can login in at GFWC.org top right of your screen under Member Login. Don't have an account yet, simply click on "Sign Up", the GFWC HQ team are always available to help with your sign up. Need local help with signing up, contact me via email.

Happy Summer!!!

gfwcwi.treasurer@gmail.com



## Officer Report - GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary

By: Nancy Niedziela

It has been a busy year for me, the corresponding secretary. I worked with President Abby Lorenz on revisions to the Call to the Spring Convention and with choosing food and beverages for the lunches and dinner. I corresponded with Sue Bessert and with Erin Epping on the details of the registration process and the posting of the online registration on the GFWC-WI website. In conjunction with the Convention and Registration, I created tickets for each meal and event, as well as cards for early bird registrations and Northwoods District registrations. In addition to name badges, I created Credential cards for the May 13, Board of Directors' meeting. I created a separate personalized credential card for the General Session. I obtained from the treasurer the correct count of members in each club to dispense the credential cards for voting according to the directions in the bylaws of the GFWC-WI. I created an Excel spreadsheet with all the appropriate columns to record the incoming reservations. I created packets for each convention attendee which held their badge holders, name tags, food tickets and the convention program. I transferred all monies mailed to me for registrations to Michelle Munoz, GFWC-WI Treasurer. When convention was over, I wrote and mailed the letters to the people responsible, informing them of the endorsement of the GFWC-WI of the candidacies for office for Kristina Higbee and Loretta Caron. I corresponded multiple times with GFWC Headquarters to get the correct format and sizing for the ads that GFWC WI has placed in the International Program.

In my corresponding secretary's position on the Communications and Public Relations Committee, I worked with the team to initiate the new State Newsletter and State Website Awards.

In my role on the reporting committee as the editor of the 2021 Awards Booklet, I worked closely with Linda Brown, Suz Hooser and the committee chairs to get the necessary information into the booklet so that members could have a record of awards, and a reference tool for the next round of reporting. I did all the word processing, picture placement, table of content, and much more. I had the booklet edited and reviewed and was responsible for getting it printed and delivered to convention. After convention, I mailed these booklets to the members of the Board of Directors and the Club Presidents who were unable to attend or did not have someone able to pick one up for them.

I plan on attending the Great Lakes Region meeting in Illinois, the Junior Meeting in Brown Deer, and the International Convention in Atlanta. I am still the secretary of the Rolling Hills District and an active member of my local club: The Woman's Club of Pewaukee.

I thoroughly enjoy serving as your GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary. Thank you for allowing me to serve.



**Nancy Niedziela**  
**GFWC - WI**  
**Corresponding Secretary**



**Official Call to the 63rd  
GFWC-WI JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 23, 2021**

**LOIS AND TOM DOLAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
4355 W Bradley Rd  
Milwaukee, WI 53223**

Registration Form\* – Please copy this form for each attendee and send registrations to:

**Michelle Munoz, GFWC-WI Juniors, Treasurer  
39129 North Aberdeen Lane, Beach Park, IL 60083**

Checks Payable to **GFWC-WI JUNIORS** or Register online at [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check highest office currently held: \_\_\_\_\_ GFWC-WI Officer \_\_\_\_\_ GFWC-WI Board Member  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ JR Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ District President \_\_\_\_\_ Club President

Conference Registration\* \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (on or before October 9)

Late Registration \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (after October 9)

**No refunds after October 16, 2021**

Saturday Lunch (included in registration)

Meal choices: Sandwich or Salad includes sides and dessert – Pick one (sandwich OR salad); circle choice.

**Sandwich Choice:**

Ham with American Cheese

Turkey with Swiss

**Salad Choice:**

Cesar Salad

Cesar Salad with Chicken

Please list any Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

PD \$    Date    CK#



## **GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference**

### **Tentative Agenda**

#### **Friday - October 22, 2021**

Arrive – Holiday Inn Express, Brown Deer/Milwaukee

6:30pm - 7:30 pm – Tour of Brown Deer Library

7:45pm – Social at Erin Epping's home, 9267 N Fairy Chasm Lane, Brown Deer

#### **Saturday – October 23, 2021**

8:30 am - Registration

9:00 am - Call to order

10:15am - Speaker- TBD

10:50am - Break

11:00am – Speaker - Canine Companions

11:45am - Lunch

12:45pm - Reconvene

12:50pm – Speaker – Wisconsin's Own Library – Poet in Residence

1:50pm - Wrap-Up, Prizes and Announcements

2:00 pm - Adjournment

Please see separate registration form for Mini-LEADS on next page.

2:15pm - Mini-LEADS Registration 2:30pm- 4:30pm: Mini-LEADS 102

#### **Hotel Information:**

Holiday Inn Express – 4443 W Schroeder Dr, Brown Deer/Milwaukee 53223

Phone: 414-355-1300 Please call the number: to make your reservation.

Room Rates: \$99 King or \$109 Double Queen Rooms. Reservation must be complete before Sept 22, 2021. Room Reference: GFWC-WI Juniors

Rooms are available Friday and Saturday October 22 & 23, 2021, if needed.

\*(includes the mandated registration fee for JFC as designated in the GFWC-WI Junior bylaws/policies)



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## GFWC-Wisconsin Mini LEADS 102

(Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)

### A New Experience - Mini LEADS 102

**Saturday, October 23th, 2019 (2:30-4:30pm)**

**Following the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference, Brown Deer**

Lois and Tom Dolan Community Center 4355 W Bradley Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53223

Your Leadership Committee has received multiple requests to offer additional 100 level courses so we have expanded our GFWC-WI Mini LEADS University offering to include a 102 session with presentations on Attracting and Retaining New Members and The Art of Delegation. In addition, an offering on Working with the Media.

All Clubwomen are invited and every GFWC Wisconsin Club is encouraged to sponsor members to attend this Mini LEADS 102 session. The seminar will be held in Brown Deer following the adjournment of the GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference.

Please complete this registration form for each participant, include the \$10 registration fee payable to GFWC-WI and mail to:

**Missy Kimball - GFWC-WI Junior Leadership Chairman**

**1050 Shady Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066**

Registration: Due by October 9

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

List all Club, District and State participation including all activities and chairmanships:

\_\_\_\_\_

List specific questions that you would like to see addressed at this GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 102 sessions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended: District Meetings \_\_\_\_ State Meetings \_\_\_\_ Region Meetings \_\_\_\_ International Meetings \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

Club or District President's Signature

**Wisconsin’s Own Library (WOL) Open House poetry readers on November 13th**



**Margaret (Peggy) Rozga**

Wisconsin Poet Laureate, 2019-2020  
 Author of “Holding My Selves Together: New & Selected Poems”



**Dr. Steve Bellin-Oka**

His first book of poems, “Instructions for Seeing a Ghost” won the 2019 Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry



**WOL in a nutshell:**

Submitted by Deb Brossard

**1948** - The idea for the collection of books written by Wisconsin authors was the brainchild of Mary Rennebohm, wife of our 32nd Governor. Originally dubbed ‘Wisconsin’s Own Authors’, initially housed at the Executive Mansion, Madison.

**1950** - outgrew space - Mrs. Rennebohm persuaded the Wisconsin Federation of Women’s Clubs to be a sponsor and it has been a state project for our organization ever since.

The collection moved several times due to space constraints. From the Executive Mansion the collection went to the 2nd floor of the Humanities Room at UW-Madison’s Memorial Library.

**1967** - The collection was moved to the State Historical Society.

**1980** - Next it moved to the Resource Center Library of Information and Science at UW-Milwaukee. Concerned that this room had no controlled humidity, the collection was deemed at risk.

**1986** - Wisconsin’s Own Library, as is now known expanded to include works produced by Wisconsin illustrators and found its next home in the Colonel Robert H. Morse Library, Beloit College.

**2007** - Our State President, Kay Salewske took an active role in securing the Lane Library on the beautiful Ripon College campus as the next, current, and hopefully final home of our prized collection which contained over 5,000 volumes. The Wisconsin’s Own Library changed from a reference collection to a circulating collection except for several rare volumes which do not go out for loan and are being carefully preserved to retain their value.

Wisconsin’s Own Library has become a collection of hard and soft covered books, written, edited, illustrated, or compiled by a Wisconsin person, either born here or one who established residency here in the State at some time in his or her life.

**2017 - present** - GFWC-WI became the recipient of generous disbursements from the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust. These funds have allowed us to follow her wishes to provide support to, and preserve the works of, worthy Wisconsin writers, provide biographical and other historical information about the writers, and make this information public, and to finally fulfill Mrs. Mary Rennebohm’s similar desire.

**Most recent** - GFWC Wisconsin has focused on poetry created by Wisconsin writers. With funds provided by the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Trust, GFWC-Wisconsin is sponsoring a poet-in-residence at Ripon College.

We look forward to continuing our successful and symbiotic relationship with Lane Library at Ripon College, and toward building stronger partnerships with the Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission and the Woodland Pattern Book Center.



REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE 9/16/21  
GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE  
October 7<sup>TH</sup>–10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

*Double Tree by Hilton Lisle Naperville  
3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532 (Marked as Navistar Dr)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Home  
Phone: \_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Officer/Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/District/State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
*A late fee of \$25 added if postmarked after 9/16*

Thursday – Aloha Social 5-6:30 pm \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday – Tour of Naper Settlement 10:00 am \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Outdoor history museum, Includes a program on the  
Women’s Club Movement and Lunch (47 max)*

Friday – Illinois State Night \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday – Lunch \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday – Banquet \$42.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday – Breakfast Buffet \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mini Mart Space - State Fundraising \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate any dietary restrictions:* \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: GFWC Illinois  
Send Registration To: Renee Super, 180 E Chestnut St, Coal City, IL 60416

Registration must be postmarked by September 16, 2021



**SAVE THE DATE****2021 Great Lakes Region Conference****“Patterns of GFWC”****October 7-10, 2021**

DoubleTree by Hilton

3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532

“Patterns of GFWC” will be the theme for our GFWC

Great Lakes Region Conference that will be held from Friday, October 8th through Sunday morning October 10, 2021, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lisle, IL. Reservation for the hotel will be \$111 per night plus applicable taxes.

There will be an “Aloha Luau” social on Thursday evening, October 7th. GFWC Illinois will greet us over dinner and entertainment will be provided.



On Friday, October 8th, there will be a tour to the Morton Arboretum in the morning to see their “Human + Nature” exhibit. A preview of the tour can be seen if you go to the Morton Arboretum website.

Friday afternoon will be the Board of Directors meeting plus several workshops. Yes, we will be bringing back workshops. Friday evening will be State Night. Let’s see GFWC Illinois shine!

On Saturday, the 2021 Fall Conference will officially open. The day will be filled with reports, workshops, and remarks from our very special guests – GFWC International President Marian St. Clair and GFWC President-Elect Deb Strahanoski.

Sunday morning will be the time where our State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs will bring us their reports.

There will also be opportunities from our Fundraising Team of Phyllis Skubic and Jeanette T. Wells for split-the-pots and a new project called “Quarter Auction” that promises to be fast-past and fun.

The registration form and hotel information are on previous page and will be shared on our website. We are looking forward to spending time with all our members and we hope you’ll plan to make the short trip to Lisle, Illinois to join in the fun!

# 124<sup>th</sup> State Convention was held in Central Wisconsin May 13-15, 2021

Photo highlights on next 6 pages



Historic tour of downtown Wausau \* President **Abby Lorenz** is interviewed by WAOW TV 9 \* **Yolanda Larson** and **Connie VanderBrug** - wonderful vendors \* Participants of the downtown tour \* Member Art requires a great group of volunteer helpers: **Cindy Goll, Marlena Condiff, Sandy Siewert, Vickie Richardson** and **Marlea Steiner** \* Lots of fun (and a great recipe for our mental health) making the moves to “A Tooty Ta, A Tooty Ta, A Tooty Ta Ta” led by Deb Brossard. **Paula Schlice, Nancy Niedziela** and **Abby Lorenz** get into it!







Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin information table  
 \* Wisconsin author **Victoria Houston** keeps things light telling stories about being married to a man who was nine years younger than herself  
 \* First year adding digital art to the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest  
 \* **Sue Bessert** announcing Advocates for Children Awards  
 \* **Nancy Dunbar** and **Polly Exferd** of Oconto Club pose with their created centerpieces using books no longer in our Wisconsin's Own Library collection  
 \* Canine Companions for Independence  
 \* More Tooty Ta, Tooty Ta, Tooty Ta Ta by **Nancy Dickman** and **Mary Beth Williams**!







Woman of Achievement is awarded to **Deb Brossard**, past state president; **Ina Trummer** makes announcement as **Abby Lorenz** reached out to congratulate Deb! \* Deb received a big hug from her mother, **Jan Flood**. \* GFWC WI LEADS recipient is **Heather Sturtevant** of Rhinelander—Heather is pictured with **Mary Meek**, Leadership chairman, **Abby Lorenz** and **Mary Beth Williams**. \* WI Juniors created many beautiful raffle baskets as a fundraiser \* Jazz trio entertains during the Friday social.







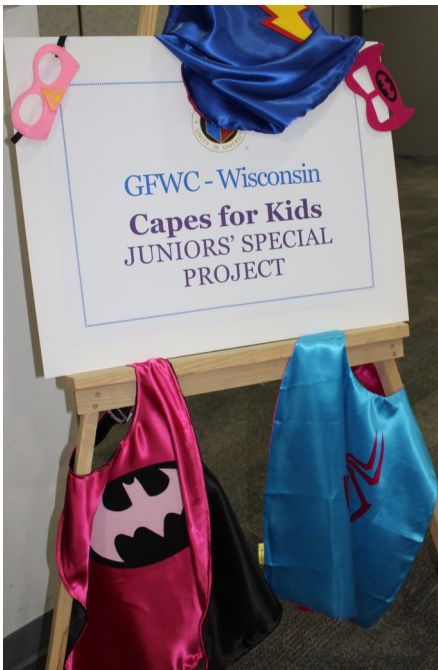
Kindness rocks are painted with special uplifting messages. Members took some home to be shared in locations for future discovery and thoughtful moments by the finder \* **Julie Saether** and **Abby Lorenz** enjoy messaging the rocks \* Also **Michelle Black**, **Tammy Welter** and **Deb Strecker** enjoy the camaraderie the project brings too.

“Gifts of Kindness” was the theme for the GFWC Wisconsin 124th State Convention.

An Awards booklet was printed and distributed too.



Another project at Convention was the Capes For Kids Juniors’ Special Project. Clubwomen around the state were challenged to sew capes and bring them to convention for donation to local family shelters. **Linda Brown**, **Gloria Teifke** and **Barb Pontow** exhibit created capes. \* Showing off capes during the parade of capes is **Loretta Caron** and **Kim Bruns**.





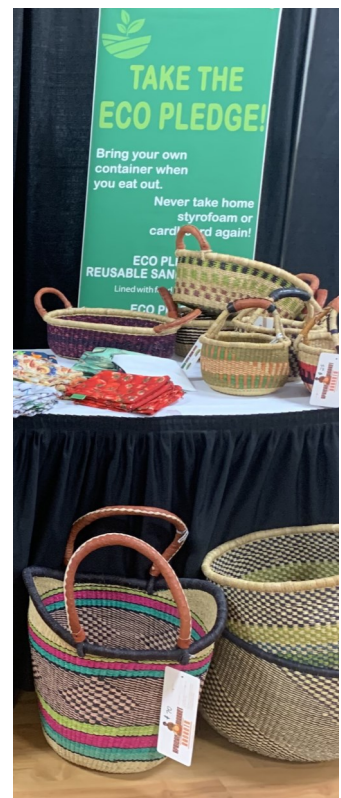
President **Abby Lorenz** leads processional \* **Mary Kaye Ernest**, Fundraising & Development Chairman lifts the sunny yellow-themed raffle basket \* State Presidents are featured during Saturday lunch hosted by Junior clubs \* Convention meeting and social space \* Home-made Wisconsin shaped sugar cookies in Sue Bessert's kitchen before adorning Friday dinner tables \* Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest chairman **Shirley Brabender Mattox** stands proud among the student art.







**Michelle Black** has in her hand one of the 100 water bottles specially prepared for convention attendees by her club, Lakeland Area General Federation of Women's Clubs. \* "Let's taco about kindness" team **Michelle Munoz, Missy Kimball, Tammy Welter, Suz Hooser and Lisa Miller**. \* Junior of the Year presentation - 2020 winner is **Suz Hooser**, third on right. \* Spooner Club vending table says "take the eco pledge"! \* **Vickie Richardson** led the Member Art and GFWC Photography Contest. \* Wausau American Legion Post 10 gentlemen pose for a photo after the Presentation of Colors. Thank you for your service!



## GFWC-WI Writing Contest Award Winners

Submitted by: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl  
Contest Chair

It was impressive to see that our authors continued to practice and offer their literary talents and submitted their works despite the conditions that changed our lives in the last year.

Award certificates were given out during the GFWC-WI State Convention in the Youth Short Story and Poetry category as well as in the Membership Poetry category:

### 1st place in Short story – Youth authors

Category 2 (grades 3, 4, and 5): Alexander Gaggl, Pewaukee, WI; “Hiking on the Goldegg”

Category 3 (grades 6, 7, and 8): Brooke Sisel, Rhinelander, WI: “el viaje de cinco hermanas (The Journey of Five Sisters)”

### 1st place in Poetry - Youth:

Category 2 (grades 3, 4, and 5): Grayson Simmermaker, Rhinelander, WI; “A Tale of Bravery”

Category 3 (grades 6, 7, and 8): Ellyse Younker, Rhinelander, WI; “Ice Fishing”

### 2nd place for Youth Short Story, Category 2:

Sonja Bureta, Rhinelander, WI; “Stargazer the Fearless”

### 1st place in Poetry - Membership:

Annabelle Weishan, West Allis, WI; “Christmas Snowflakes”

Congratulations to all award winners and a big thank you to the Woman’s Clubs for holding Writing Contests in their communities.

Mark Your Calendars: The **deadline for submission** of all entries for the next cycle is **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Your completed and formatted work must arrive at that date either in the Contest chairman’s snail mail or email boxes. For detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org).

L to R: President **Abby Lorenz**; **Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl** Writing Contest Chairman; **Cindy Goll**, President of Rhinelander Woman’s Club; **Carol Ziehler**, President of West Allis Woman’s Club and GFWC Treasurer **Mary Beth Williams**.



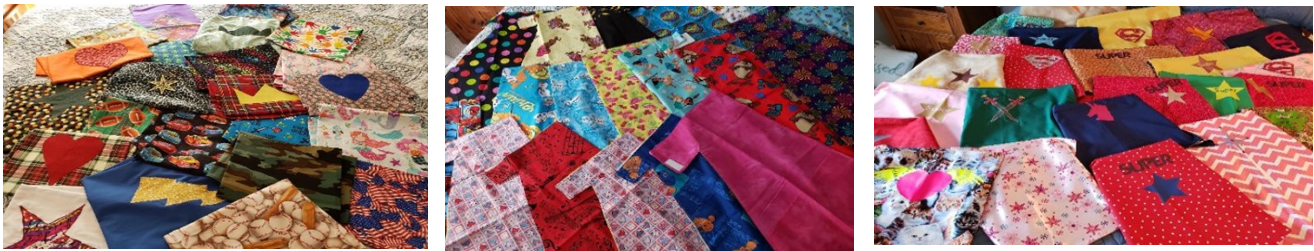


## To all of the GFWC-WI super heroes - Thank you! Submitted by: Suz Hooser

We started off this year with a project I hope all of you enjoyed! After the pandemic I think we were all feeling a little lost and disconnected. My goal was to bring forth a project that would get us feeling connected again.

GFWC-WI took this project on with passion! Talents and imaginations were shown through your hard work and charity.

We enjoyed a cape parade at convention with these fantastic capes and it was no easy task to pick winners. Three clubs received a small gift as a token for their efforts.

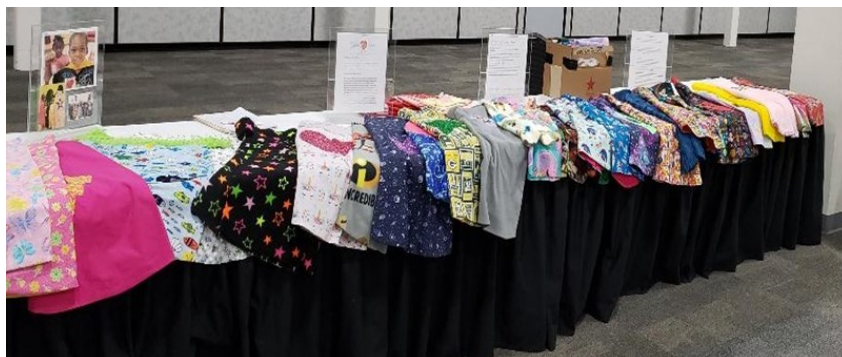


**Children are transformed with a humble piece of material around their shoulders  
and tap into the power of their imaginations!**

GFWC-WI members made patterns, cut material, sewed capes, ironed on superhero patches, enlisted the help of friends and family all to give an armor of strength to children in shelters across the United States.

Over 355 capes were boxed, shipped and delivered to The Enchanted Makeover Foundation in Taylor, Michigan where they then in turn send on to needed shelters across the USA.

The Brown Deer Juniors were contacted by Local News station TMJ4 to feature the cape making project on Positively Milwaukee. The short video can be found on The Brown Deer Woman's Club Facebook page. They did a great job and what a fantastic way to get our name out there. As Dorothy Protz so eloquently stated, "Volunteers don't need to be rewarded for what they do." **Our reward and recognition is in knowing we helped make a difference! Volunteering is our Superpower - that makes all of you heroes with this project.**



## Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest 2021 Awards

Submitted by: Shirley Brabender Mattox, Chairman

Congratulations and thank you to the Clubs, Art Contest Chairmen, students, and teachers who participated in the 2021 94th GFWC-WI Memorial Art Contest. The judges for the state art contest said that art teachers have never faced such challenges. During the pandemic, teachers who were conducting a variety of in-person and virtual classes requested that GFWC-WI consider adding a third category - Digital Art.

President Abby Lorenz with the Board supported the addition and teachers submitted student digital artwork for Class A and B. This new category will continue to be a part of the 2022 art contest opening the door to teachers and students who are exploring this ever changing medium and give us an opportunity to be relevant.

### Judges: Steve Loftus & Mary Robinson

#### Class A 2-D Painting and Drawing

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marianna Taylor Brown Deer School - *Brown Deer Jr. Woman's Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zariah Anderson Amery Middle School - *Amery Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CaliAnne Gospodarek Nature Hill Intermediate - *Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club*

#### Class A 3-D Sculpture

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ava Galindez-Ehlinger Nature Hill Intermediate - *Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmy Lindeman Pecatonica Middle School - *Blanchardville Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Cox Brillion Middle School - *Brillion Woman's Club*

#### Class A Digital Art

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trip Kujawa ALPS Middle School - *Oshkosh Women's Arts Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Northern Brown Deer Middle School - *Brown Deer Jr. Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lena Cole St. Robert's Middle School - *Shorewood Woman's Club*

#### Class B 2-D Painting and Drawing

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abby Brand Grace Lutheran - *Oshkosh Woman's Arts Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Satterburg Home school - *Rhinelanders Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Johnson St. Paul's Lutheran - *Menomonie Woman's Club*

#### Class B 3-D Sculpture

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Willems Trinity Lutheran - *Brillion Woman's Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pierson Heckendorf St. Paul's Lutheran - *Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jana O'Connell Trinity Lutheran - *Brillion Woman's Club*

#### Class B Digital Art

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adeline Wenzel Trinity Lutheran - *Brillion Woman's Club*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Oakley Trinity Lutheran - *Brillion Woman's Club*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Schuman Trinity Lutheran - *Brillion Woman's Club*

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During 2022 we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1916) through the Art Contest. Consider renewing interest in your club's participation for the 95<sup>th</sup> year of this memorial art contest for the schools in your community.

Many students find fulfillment in their creative endeavors; this art contest is one way to encourage them and recognize their talents in painting, drawing, sculpture, and digital art.

**"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." – Pablo Picasso**



**Exhibit of 2021 State Winners** - Oshkosh Public Museum Facebook photo

Any club interested in participating in this GFWC-WI art contest or learning how to start this art contest in your schools, please feel free to contact me. I will gladly meet with you in any way that is convenient. Please send questions as you work through this rewarding project. Shirley Brabender Mattox, Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, chairman email: shirleybrabendermattox@gmail.com

### **Honorable Mention Class A**

2-D Alessandra Hayes Amery Middle School – *Amery Woman's Club*

2-D Brandi Root South Park Middle School – *Oshkosh Woman's Club*

2-D Jamie Marshall James Williams Middle School – *Rhinelanders Woman's Club*

3-D Alexander Fischer Bloomer Middle School – *Bloomer Woman's Club*

3-D Wendy Frank James Williams Middle School – *Rhinelanders Woman's Club*

3-D Avery Schindler Bloomer Middle School – *Bloomer Woman's Club*

Digital Katelynn Sturtz Webster Stanley Middle School – *Oshkosh Women's Arts Club*

Digital Rachel Pack Shorewood Intermediate School – *Shorewood Woman's Club*

### **Honorable Mention Class B**

2-D Abigail Shields St. Paul's Lutheran – *Menomonie Woman's Club*

2-D Luke Smith Three Lakes Junior High – *Rhinelanders Woman's Club*

3-D Olivia Anderson St. Paul's Lutheran – *Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club*

3-D Caroline Horton St. Paul's Lutheran – *Oconomowoc Jr. Woman's Club*



## GFWC-WI Health Scholarship Awards announced

Four young Wisconsin students have been selected to receive the GFWC-WI Health Scholarship. The recipients of the annual State Health Scholarship were announced at the luncheon awards banquet at the GFWC-WI State Convention held at in Rothschild, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

The GFWC – Wisconsin Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the four winners of the \$1,000 Health Scholarship for 2020-2021.

Winners include:



### **Sophia Whitley**

Amery, Wisconsin

Accepted at University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Goal:** Undergraduate degree in Molecular and Cell Biology on a Premed Track. After med school, would like to volunteer with Doctors without Borders because they travel to places of the greatest need.

**Sponsor:** Amery Woman’s Club – Julie Riemenschneider, President

**GFWC-WI District:** Northern Lights

### **Morgan Dietzel**

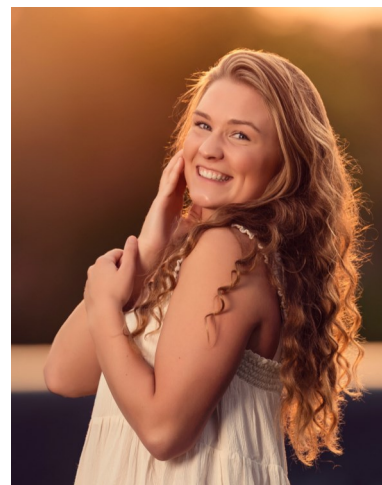
Burlington, Wisconsin

Accepted at Southern Illinois University Carbondale

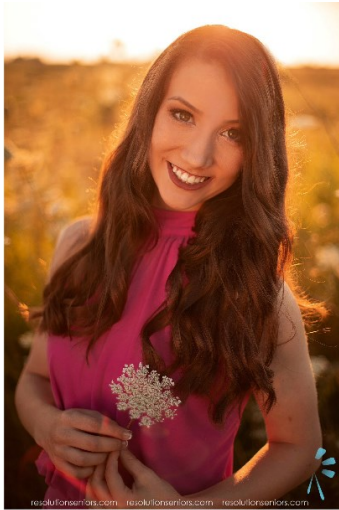
**Goal:** I plan to pursue a BSN in nursing. Upon completion of my BSN in nursing I will obtain a certification as a trauma nurse.

**Sponsor:** GFWC Burlington Woman’s Club – Ellen Weber, President

**GFWC - WI District:** Southern Prairies







**Lydia McMorrow**

De Pere, Wisconsin

Accepted at St Norbert College

**Goal:** To obtain a BSN in Nursing and eventually a masters in a health related field. She plans on getting involved in missionary organizations to help people in some of the poorest regions of the world.

**Sponsor:** GFWC-WI Women’s Club of De Pere - Sue Sands, President

**GFWC-WI District:** Rivers and Lakes

**Kellyn Epping**

Madison, WI

Accepted at Edgewood College in a Post-baccalaureate 1 year nursing program.

She has been working for the past 9 years in Health Information Management and in Healthcare IT.

**Sponsor:** Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club - Dorothy Protz, President

**GFWC - WI District:** Lakeshore



Shown here is **Sophia Whitley**, recipient who was able to attend State Convention and receive her award in person. Pictured L to R: **Mary Beth Williams**, **Sophia**, **Mary Dietz** (GFWC-WI Health Scholarship Chairman) and **Abby Lorenz**.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

### Civic Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chairman



One of the broad strokes of Civic Engagement and Outreach is military personnel and veterans. This issue we will focus on several organizations GFWC members can donate or volunteer.

The USO provides programs and services to improve the quality of life of military service members and their families. There are more

than 250 USO centers across the U.S. and around the world, all set to meet the needs of their specific military community.

Some programs include “Free Phone Calls Home” and the Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program, where service members record themselves reading a book for their children. Check out some of the USO programs by going to: <https://www.uso.org/programs>



With back to school just around the corner, check out Comfort Crew for Military Kids (<https://www.comfortcrew.org/>). Support for military kids and their classmates delivered through developmentally appropriate presentations offered at schools called “With You All the Way! Tour”



The goal of Fisher House is to help military families get through tough times by offering comfortable accommodations in a home-like environment at no cost to the guests.

Check out Wisconsin’s Fisher House at <https://www.fisherhousewi.org/> and see how you can volunteer, donate, or help.



## Education and Libraries

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman



I hope you are reading the monthly letters from Tina Daniel, Chairman of Education and Libraries for the current GFWC term. You'll find her letters under resources in the club manual. She provides suggestions for activities your club could undertake as well as books to read and lots of information.

I was reading the Spring 2021 issue of the Clubwoman and took a quick review of the resolutions that will be presented at the national GFWC Convention at Atlanta. Under Education and Libraries there is a proposed new resolution that deals with education of children raised in foster care.

Studies show that approximately 40% of children in foster care have educational difficulties; are three times more likely to drop out of high school when compared to other low-income children, and only 50% of foster care children obtain a high school diploma.

**Resolved, that the GFWC urges its member clubs to advocate for legislation that allows children in foster care the option of remaining in the foster care system until they either obtain a high school diploma or reach the age at which they are no longer entitled to a free public education.**

It urges clubs to collaborate with local school districts and foster care agencies to provide scholarships to complete a GED program and obtain post-secondary education.

## Environment

Submitted by: Karen Ostrowski, Chairman



The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program recently purchased 221 acres of land in Oneida County and 12,497 acres of easement to preserve natural areas. This acreage protects the environment, promotes tourism and is open to hunting (prevents over grazing and browsing). This program was in jeopardy as late as February of this year. Our state legislators put aside their differences to keep the program going. So far this acreage is only open to foot traffic and it would be nice if it stayed that way. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund also purchased acreage for the Ice

Age Glacial Drummond Trail (foot traffic only) and the shoreline footage next to Devils Lake State Park. History of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship: In 1971 the state legislators created this fund in honor of Republican Governor Warren P. Knowles and Gaylord Nelson a Democrat, both were champions of conservation. Make sure you let your representatives know you endorse this program.

With the recent recall of a sunblock containing a possible carcinogen we are reminded to read what we put on our bodies as well as in them.

**Advancement Area: Leadership** Submitted by: Kia Kjensrud, Leadership Committee Member**The 10 Commandments of Effective Leadership Skills**

In order to lead effectively in your club, you will have to work on a balance and on key skills to grow as a leader. Some of these attributes may come naturally, and others need to be cultivated. These are the top 10 skills you need to consider:

**1. Adaptation to change** - We know that members come and go within our club, district, state and national organizations. You probably won't "match" personalities with every person you meet, but if you keep in mind that all of us have the hearts of volunteers, and should be treated kindly, it makes our relationships much easier. As a leader, you need to know how to adapt to these changes, whether or not it comes naturally to you or not. You can work on social skills that will help you lead more effectively.

**2. Vision** - Effective leaders keep the overall goals of the organization in mind, even while investing time in the individuals who make the organization tick. It's always helpful to be on top of what's going on with other clubs, new ideas to try, and ways to help keep your organization fresh and relevant.

**3. Reflection** - Effective leadership skills have a lot to do with thinking about the part you play in your organization and looking at how people are working together. Good leaders recognize ways they can improve not only themselves and encourage a spirit of cooperation.

**4. Member needs** - If there is something that an organization should care about, it is its members. Your leadership role should be focused on meeting their needs so that you can ensure your club's growth in the medium and long term.

**5. Best use of resources** - Effective leadership skills are supported by an appropriate use of material, human and financial resources, so that results are obtained in the most efficient and optimized way.

**6. Effective communication** - It is impossible to lead efficiently if you don't work on your communication skills. Here, your listening skills and your expertise when transmitting the messages to your members both come into play. The key is to communicate transparently and clearly.

**7. Conflict management** - If you are a leader, you have a responsibility not only to solve the conflicts that will be inevitable within your club, but also to be able to detect them before it is too late to fix them. In conflict resolution it is essential to know your peers. Ask, listen to different versions, show empathy and act with justice.

**8. Delegate and encourage teamwork** - Your effective leadership skills will be better the more you encourage teamwork and delegate certain tasks to the right person. Delegating effectively will help develop the potential of your club members and increase the confidence and sense of belonging of the group.

**9. Emotional intelligence and positive attitude** - A good leader a good "self leader" - a person with a positive attitude and emotional intelligence, who will manage stress well and accept constructive criticism. Building confidence and keeping optimism alive will get you out of tense situations and it will be especially valuable to develop and improve the skills of your team.

**10. Productivity and time management** - Learn to prioritize your tasks, set and define goals, meet deadlines and, in short, don't overcommit! It's easy to do when you want to help, but don't burn yourself out. It's not healthy for you, and it's not what should be expected of your club women.



## Advancement Area: Membership

Submitted by: Nancy Dickman, Chairman

### Taking steps forward, that's Membership!

The Membership Committee decided at the Winter Workshop to meet quarterly to have an ongoing exchange. The last meeting was via Zoom in May, just before the State Convention. Committee members provided input to the membership presentation made at the convention. Many members expressed they were so glad to be reminded of the inspiring history of GFWC and the many reasons to be a part of our sisterhood.

Within the presentation, a point was that a membership event doesn't have to be a home-run every time – most baseball games are won with a series of base hits (and a few well placed catches). In that vein, each club is encouraged to have SOME SORT of member recruitment and recognition event, large or small each year to continue to bring into each club innovative ideas relevant to their communities. If clubs would like a copy of the presentation made at the convention, simply email [nancy-dickman@outlook.com](mailto:nancy-dickman@outlook.com) for a link.

The committee also recommends referring to the February 2021 WI Clubwoman for all the ideas generated at the 2020 Fall Workshop on the “How to Help Members Stay Connected” roundtable. Great job to all the clubs for taking a year to care for the member's safety and well-being as a top priority. Great job to the dozen or so clubs that have done some sort of membership event in the past year!

As we emerge from the pandemic and its unsettling effects, perhaps the words of Vincent van Gogh to his brother Theo can lend some inspiration:

*“I also believe that it may happen that one succeeds, and one mustn't begin by despairing, even if one loses here and there, and even if one sometimes feels a sort of decline, the point is nevertheless to revive and have courage, even though things don't turn out as one first thought.”*

The Membership Committee is here to help revive wherever you would like us. We send warmest wishes to all of you!



**Annual picnics are a great way to welcome all to GFWC membership!**

## GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

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

Following State Convention I was contacted by Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. We have been asked to assist with connecting the good resources of Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin and libraries across the State.



A bit about Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin - it is a program of Children's Wisconsin and is based in the Fox Valley. Their website notes they build community resources and provides training and public awareness, and carries out advocacy activities in order to strengthen child abuse prevention efforts in Wisconsin. Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin is a chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America that leads the way in building awareness, providing education, and inspiring hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children.

As we all know our community library is a welcoming place, a neutral space for people from all backgrounds and with varying interests to come together. Parents with young children often visit their local library for good books for their children and resources on how to be a great parent.

This is where GFWC-Wisconsin clubs come in! Our role is to be the conduit. We have been asked to make contact to our local libraries and get permission to send them a quantity of bookmarks like the one shown here.

### Would your club pitch in?

The project is in its early stages. Please watch for more details that will be sent in an email to all club presidents later this fall.

If you would like to learn more or help, please contact me, Sue Bessert

bbessert@centurytel.net

715-889-2342

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



**WAYS TO CONNECT WITH A CHILD**

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

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

 **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin**

 **Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin**

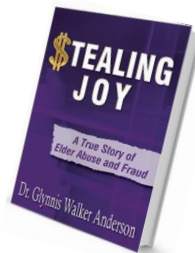
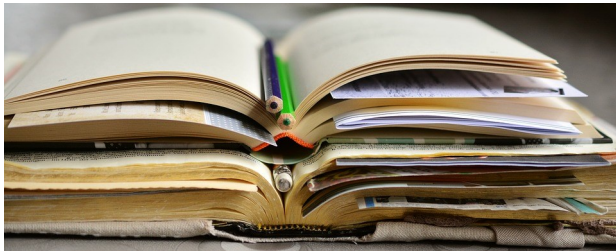
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## GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

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

### Like to read?



Consider one of these books from our 8 focus areas of the GFWC Signature Program/ Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness!

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
Intimate Partner Violence	“Grace Will Lead Me Home”	Robin Givens
Child Abuse	“A Private Family Matter”	Victor Rivas Rivera
Teen Dating	“Dreamland”	Sarah Dessen
Campus Sexual Assault	“Lucky”	Alice Sebold
Elder Abuse	“Stealing Joy”	Glynnis Walker Anderson
Violence Against Native American Women	“Sharing Our Stories of Survival”	Edited by Sarah Deer, Bonnie Clairmont, Carrie A. Martell and Maureen L. White Eagle
Military Sexual Assault	“Women Under Fire”	Sarah Blum
Human Trafficking	“Girls Like Us”	Rachel Lloyd

Remember, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This chairman encourages each club to plan a project or program to bring emphasis to this growing national epidemic of violence against women.

## GFWC - WI Technology Committee

Report by: Erin Epping, Chairman

At our February 2021 Board of Directors meeting the Technology Committee was formed.

We have seven members representing a cross section of our state both from a club and leadership perspective. I want to thank Sue Bednarek, Deb Brossard, Abby Lorenz, Lora McPhillips, Michelle Munoz, and Sharon Phelps for volunteering.



The committee has met three times so far with another meeting planned for September.

### **Our accomplishments so far include:**

#### **1 – Defining goals**

Committee goals include an inventory component for our state, a Board of Directors position turnover component, and an education component for club members.

#### **2 – State Inventory**

The committee initiated an inventory of hardware, software, and online technologies that are either owned or used by the state leadership. The committee is in the process of reviewing the documentation for completeness.

The committee also drafted a suggested Technology Policy Statement which was sent to the Amendment and Policies Committee for their review in the coming year.

#### **3 – Board of Directors Position Turnover**

The committee discussed how Board of Director position turnovers occur. Currently thumb drives or emails with files attached are sent to individuals. The committee agreed to implement an Online Storage Structure for data retention purposes and for ease of position turnover. The structure has been built. Training will be provided on how to access and use the structure in February 2022 to facilitate the administration change in summer of 2022.

#### **4 – Education**

I am happy to announce a new Technology Tips page has been added to the GFWC-WI website. Check it out. There is good information on how to identify a SPAM email, scams, how to use the GFWC Membership Portal, and an article regarding Zoom fatigue. We will be expanding the information shared on that page.

If you have a technology question or issue, please talk with any technology committee member and we will research answers and post them. Also feel free to email your question to [gfwc.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:gfwc.webmaster@gmail.com).



## GFWC-WI Nominating Committee

Report by: Barb Pontow, Chairman



The GFWC-WI Executive Committee will be "at the helm" as we "navigate" the 2022-2024 administration.

Want to be part of that leadership "crew"???

Just contact a member of the nominating committee: Kim Bruns, Mary Kaye Ernest, Kristine Huss, Pat Soefker or Barbara Pontow.

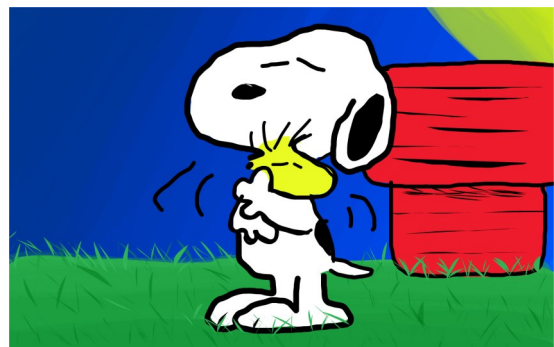
## Amendments & Policies Committee

Report by: Ruth Diedrich, Chairman

The approved amendments (Revised May 2021) and Policies (Revised February 2021) can be found on the GFWC-WI website under Committees or in the Members Only sections of the headings.

The Committee is currently working on Policy #3 - "State President" under Organizational Policies that was sent back to the Committee at the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting and a new proposed bylaw to deal with meeting emergencies. The team is also busy with other changes that will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting and the 2022 Convention for member approval.

*On a personal note* -- I would like to thank the many GFWC-WI members who sent our family cards and expressed words of sympathy at the sudden passing of my husband and the children's father. I joined woman's club when the boys were young as it gave me a few hours from the responsibility of being a mother. Over the years, woman's club has grown to mean so much more. It means another family who cares about you and sends you love and support when needed. GFWC Sisters are a wonderful support system. Thank you for being there when we needed the support. And we will continue to need your support as my oldest son has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer July 9.



## Resolutions Committee

Submitted by Nancy Niedziela, Resolutions Committee Chairman



**What are Resolutions?** Resolutions are a tool for GFWC-WI clubs to advocate important issues at local, state and national issues.

### **Why do we have resolutions?**

GFWC-WI wants to encourage member clubs to make an impact on their community through civic participation; and to encourage members to network with other groups and establish coalitions for public policy and legislative initiatives; and to encourage members to promote awareness, debate, and action on pending legislation.

### **Why do we have to read them aloud and vote on each one separately at state conventions?**

All resolutions which have been in force for four years must be reviewed by committee every four years. Things, times, language, and interests change. Sometimes, like at the 2021 Convention, we rescind all or part of a resolution. We do them separately so that every person has an opportunity to have a voice on a single issue.

### **Where do resolutions come from?**

Surprise, surprise! They come from YOU! Any club member, with permission of her club, may present a resolution to the Resolution Committee. If the Resolutions Committee feels it is of worth, the Resolutions Committee presents the resolution to the Executive Committee. With approval of the Executive Committee, the resolution is presented to the Board of Directors at the Winter Workshop. If approved by the Board of Directors, the resolution is presented with the Call to Convention for all members to read in preparation for the Convention.

### **What are some of our newest resolutions?**

In 2010 we adopted a resolution on Cancer Prevention. In 2011 it was a resolution on Bullying. In 2018 there were three new resolutions: Opioids, Human Trafficking and Cursive Writing Reinstatement.

### **So, do you or your club have an issue you would like to address and become a resolution of GFWC-WI?**

- Does your club, or you personally, have an issue that you would like all of GFWC-WI to support?
- Now is the time. All new resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by November 1, 2021.
- Please feel free to contact Nancy Niedziela or any member of the committee.
- All resolutions and the Guidelines of the Resolutions Committee are posted on the GFWC-WI website. You can find them under Committees.

## Woman of Achievement Award

Submitted by Ina Trummer, Chairman

Let's get a head start on nominating a recipient for this very prestigious award.

Clubs, start identifying that one special person who has made an outstanding contribution to GFWC Wisconsin. Her work could be in any of the GFWC program areas. This sometimes can be a very difficult decision because so many of the members have contributed so much.

The award will be presented at the State convention in May 2022. Be sure to include three letters of endorsement, a summary of the nominee's involvement in GFWC and a summary about her personal life work and family. Materials cannot exceed three pages.

Send the completed entry no later than April 1, 2022 to: Ina Trummer, 807 Fieldcrest Court, Watertown, WI 53094.

Questions? Call 920-261-9372.

## Community Impact Program Award

Submitted by Carol Wolfenden, Chairman

(formerly known as "Community Improvement Program Award")

**What have you & your club been doing lately?**

**Are you making your community a better place to live? I bet you have!**

Then this program award is a perfect match for you!

**Here's how:**

1. Select 1-3 local projects your club has done from Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021.
2. Provide 1 page (500 word max) of info on each project, highlighting the goal, plan, timeline, financials, media coverage, impact, etc.
3. You may include 1 page of photos (4 photos max) per project.
4. You may include 1 page of publicity highlights (4 highlights max) per project.

Total entry may be 10 pages (max), including the cover form.

**By March 1, 2022, mail entry to state chairman:**

Carol Wolfenden 608/489-2209

S464 Tower Road

Kendall, WI 54638

Your club could be one of the winners! 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$35.  
You've already done the project(s)! Now, just compile the entry!





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

GFWC-WI is so fortunate to have this current group of dedicated District Presidents. Under their thoughtful and caring leadership, clubs are working hard to stay connected with the communities they serve during this time of rampant change. Each president made a quick speech at the State Convention that beautifully summarized the challenges and captured the triumphs of their respective district clubs. For the members who were not at the convention, rest assured, the presidents represented you so well.

Every district plans to have a fall meeting – whether it is strictly virtual, a hybrid format or in-person – to launch the club year. Districts are asked to provide a basket for the upcoming Great Lakes Regional (GLR) meeting in Illinois. The funds raised will help cover the costs of the 2022 GLR to be hosted by GFWC-WI. You'll hear more about that in upcoming Clubwoman issues but be aware the state and district leaders are thinking ahead and planning for a festive time in 2022.

Districts are encouraged to invite a state representative to speak at a meeting. The request for a speaker form is at [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org) in the Reminders, Forms and Calls menu. Tremendous on-line resources have been created for districts and clubs at the headquarters website Members Only page, at [grwc-wi.org](http://grwc-wi.org) or via email to help clubs with project ideas or membership.

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



**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. At our April Convention we announced our scholarship recipient for this year.



Her name is Mikayla Wankowski. She is attending Cardinal Stritch University majoring in elementary education with minors in special education and ESL. Our district is so fortunate to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships!



**Erin Epping**  
**GFWC – WI District President**  
**Lakeshore**  
**2020-2022**

I hope your summer has been fun filled. This summer I had the pleasure of attending GFWC Shorewood Woman’s Club’s summer pizza party and installing their incoming officers. The food and fellowship were wonderful!

I am looking forward to the coming Fall activities planned by our clubs, district, and state.

Junior Fall Conference will be in Brown Deer on October 23 and the GFWC-WI Lakeshore District Fall Meeting is October 26 at Alioto’s in Wauwatosa, WI.



**NORTHERN LIGHTS:** *Amery \* Ashland \* Bloomer \* Centuria \* Colfax \* Menomonie \* Spooner* Submitted by Julie Riemenschneider, District President

The Northern Lights District will hold its fall meeting September 18th in Spooner, Wisconsin. Karie Masters and members of the GFWC Spooner Woman’s Club are planning the event and have invited Abby Lorenz as the guest speaker.

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

Submitted by Sue Sands, District President

Congratulations to the clubs from the Rivers and Lakes receiving awards at the State Convention in May.

- GFWC Brillion Woman’s Club (Arts & Culture Best Single Project, Environment Best Single Project, Legislation & Public Policy Best Overall Project)
- GFWC Woman’s Club of De Pere (Civic Engagement & Outreach Single Project, Membership Best Single Project)
- GFWC Princeton Woman’s Club Communications & Public Relations Website Contest Best Overall Project)
- GFWC Woman’s Club of De Pere received an anniversary certificate for 110 years of membership in GFWC.
- In addition, one of the four State health scholarship recipients was from the Rivers and Lakes District. Way to go Clubwomen!



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

Our April meeting was hosted by the GFWC Brillion Woman’s Club. It was a great meeting and we accomplished a lot of business in a few short hours. The District Helen Mears Art Contest was held at the same time. It’s amazing what our middle school age students are able to accomplish in the arts. The next Rivers and Lakes meeting will be hosted by the GFWC Oshkosh Women’s Arts Club in October.

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

Submitted by Mary Meek, District President

The Northwoods District has been very busy since the last report, as we enthusiastically welcomed 91 clubwomen from across the state to the 2021 GFWC Wisconsin Annual Convention in Rothschild May 13-16!!! It was a wonderful event and once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Northwoods District State Convention Planning Chairman, Sue Bessert and her awesome team.

As we begin our fiscal year, the district and its member clubs are busy closing out 2020-21, establishing budgets and making plans for the new program year. The Northwoods District is looking forward to celebrating the beginning of our new year by reuniting at a picnic on August 21st hosted by the GFWC Oconto Woman’s Club. The event will include time for collaboration and fellowship following a condensed business meeting and lunch.

We are Remaining positive, staying strong.....We are GFWC!!!



**Mary Meek**  
GFWC – WI District President  
Northwoods  
2020-2022



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

Submitted by Julie Saether, District President

**Summer Greetings!**

Our district held its Spring Convention on April 27 with 22 members attending in person and 3 attending via Zoom in Blanchardville at Blanchard Hall. This was very exciting because we didn't have a spring convention or fall workshop in 2020, so it was wonderful to see each other in person! The theme of the convention was "Celebrating Suffragists Moving Forward". We had two guest speakers who gave excellent speeches! GFWC-WI President, Abby Lorenz, spoke about mental health and GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs, Tammy Welter, spoke about kindness. In addition, we had the Helen Mears Farnsworth Art Contest and Member Arts and Crafts and Photography Contest. We also had the installation of the district officers since we couldn't do it last year. Lastly, we had a gift basket raffle with baskets filled with items to help your mental health and well being – books, wine, bath items - to name just a few of the things. The basket raffle raised a whopping \$215 that was given to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) the Wisconsin chapter!

Our Fall workshop will be September 28 at a location that will be determined after the Southern Prairies District Board meets August 3.



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



L to R: **Deb Strecker**, 1st Vice President; **Julie Saether**, President; **Abby Lorenz**, GFWC-WI President; **Gail Gilmore**, 2nd Vice President; **Tammy Welter**, GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs; **Michelle Munoz**, Southern Prairies District Director of Junior Clubs; **Marlea Steiner**, Secretary; **Maureen Miller**, District Director (not in attendance was **Margie Morocco**, Treasurer)

## CLUB CORNER

### Summer Activities - Making life-long friendships

**Woman’s Club of Pewaukee** sisters stay active during the warmer months of the year by receiving first prizes at County Fairs . They keep moving (on a tram) during a visit at Old World Wisconsin and enjoy each other’s company during a Summer Sun & “Funraiser” event (including Pontoon rides) at the shores of Pewaukee Lake. These activities are great opportunities to stay connected and to brainstorm ideas for new events for the upcoming meeting season. “Making life-long friendships” is one of the highest rated reasons why members join the club and stay engaged in service and volunteering activities.

### GFWC Woman’s Club of Pewaukee



Member **Geri Coen** at the Waukesha County Fair.



### Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club

#### Six Generations of Membership: Rachel’s Legacy

In 2020, Rachel Novy of the **Hillsboro Woman’s Civic Club** was awarded the GFWC-WI “Woman of Achievement” state award. The women of Rachel’s family have a tradition of being clubwomen.

This year the Hillsboro Club celebrates its 90th anniversary. Charter members of the organization include Rachel’s grandmothers, Orpha (Parson) Staley and Cora (White) Hart, Rachel’s mother, Ellen (Staley) Hart, and Rachel’s aunt, Freda (Staley) Bock. Current family members of the Hillsboro Club include granddaughters Sara (Novy) White and Vanessa (Novy) Stowell, granddaughter Brea Behn, daughter-in-law Nanci Novy, and great-granddaughter Haili Kehoe.

How remarkable that some of our current members are part of the charter members’ family tree! It’s a six-generation clubwoman legacy!

1900s



Left Photo

Top left **Orpha (Parson) Staley**; bottom left **Cora (White) Hart**; center **Rachel (Hart) Novy**; top right **Ellen (Staley) Hart**; bottom right **Freda Bock**

Right Photo

Top left **Rachel (Hart) Novy**; bottom left **Brea Behn**; top right **Sara (Novy) White, Vanessa (Novy) Stowell**; bottom right **Nanci Novy, Haili Kehoe**

Current





## CLUB CORNER

## GFWC-WI Woman's Club of Kenosha

Hello Lovely GFWC -WI Sisters,

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha** is in celebratory mode. We continue to celebrate and promote our 130 anniversary! The WCK Board has met all summer. Having a historical beautiful but old building to maintain has been a challenge. We have been dealing with leaks in the roof (the extremely high roof) and plumbing issues along with a reduction of revenue due to the pandemic. But we soldier on, just like our fore sisterhood. We are strong and resilient.

We are having fun planning a busy fall quarter. Our most exciting event will be October 15th Denim and Diamonds fundraiser featuring Eric Diamond, Wisconsin's best Neil Diamond tribute entertainer (shout out to the Pewaukee Woman's Club). Part of the proceeds will go to teen domestic violence awareness. You are all invited for a fun evening.

Lastly, we are very excited to share that we are starting a Juniors Club in September. We look forward to seeing as many of you at the district convention and the Fall Conference.

In Federation and friendship,

Deb Strecker, President GFWC WCK

Living the Volunteer Spirit since 1891

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GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha  
6028 8th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Contact: dlstrecker@gmail.com

Prize for  
most bling

Tickets \$25 or \$30 after Oct 1st.  
purchase tickets through Eventbrite  
No Door Sales

Attire: Favorite Denim and Bling

The GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha is a 501(c)(3).  
Your donations are tax deductible according to IRS  
rules. Proceeds will go to TEEN Domestic Violence  
Awareness and other philanthropic endeavors.

- \* **August-** The history of the Woman's Club of Kenosha will be on display at the Northside Library Kenosha. Stop by and check it out.
- \* **August 11<sup>th</sup>**, we are having a Picnic on the Lawn in front of the Club. We are looking forward to seeing each other.
- \* **September 4<sup>th</sup>** is our first meeting, and we are kicking off the year with a special program – "*Women Who Dared*" portrayed by historical impressionists Jessica Michna. This will be open to the public. We continue to honor the suffrage movement and strong women!
- \* **October 30<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume and Parade. Proceeds will go to Canine Companions and our local shelters.
- \* **November 6<sup>th</sup>** we will have our annual Craft, Vender and Bake Sale. Just in time for Christmas shopping



**CLUB CORNER**

**GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club**



L to R: Sue Bednarek, President Sue Gerald, Secretary Renee Cybul, Mary Fritsch, and Marie Wilkins deliver Easter baskets.

Submitted Mar 21, 2021. Spring is definitely in the air in Princeton. The **GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club** members celebrated this lovely time of renewal and hope for our friends at Martha's Residence Home in Princeton. Earlier in the month some club members participated in a make 'n take class at the Princeton Library and made beautiful paper baskets. These baskets were placed into adorable buckets and these became the vessels for all sorts of delicious Easter goodies for our friends at the residence home. Our club also donated two SCRIP gift cards to help Martha's purchase the fixings for the home's Easter meal. Additionally, our club decided to let the staff at Martha's know how amazing they are by giving them a beautiful, colorful spring bouquet.

Following the event at Martha's Residence Home, some members continued on to the Princeton Public Library to set up our "Pinwheel Garden". We "planted" many colorful pinwheels in support of the "Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse" initiative our club is supporting. Along with the pinwheels, signs were placed in the garden to encourage Princeton residents to find ways to interact positively with their children – things like reading a book together, going to a park, watching a TV show or movie together – these tips along with several more. Our club hopes Princeton residents will show support of this initiative by displaying pinwheels in their front yards.



Members "planting" their Pinwheel Garden for the Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse at the Princeton Public Library. L to R: Sue Bednarek, Marie Wilkins, President Sue Gerald, Mary Fritsch and Secretary Renee Cybul.



**CLUB CORNER**

**GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club**



New member installation L to R: **Daphne Prator, Pennie Morris, Cheryl Burns, Elizabeth Hornsby-Berg**

On June 1st, the **GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club** had a "star" studded evening when they hosted their 36th Annual Installation Banquet. Four new members were installed by President Barbara Pontow, and four milestone anniversaries were celebrated. The evening was themed "You Are a Star" and made memorable by all of the great activities and star-themed decor.



**Milestone Anniversaries:**

L to R:

- Linda Wilke** (5 years)
- Gloria Teifke** (10 years)
- Nancy O'Rourke** (25 years)
- Sue Lisko** (35 years)



Earlier this year on St. Patrick's Day, The Hartford Junior Woman's Club provided a festive meal to the Hartford police officers. This event was organized by member Linda Wilke, and club member participation provided the food and deliveries to accommodate two different officer shifts and associated staff.



Clubwomen helping with the March 17th festive meal L to R: **Carol Tautges, Linda Wilke, Barbara Pontow, and Linda Hauser**. The happy officers L to R: Officer Whipple, Operations Lt. Cummings, Administrative Lt. Thickens, and Officer Krick



We've all experienced this scene in the trunks of our cars! GFWC women loading up and delivering the goodies! Great job, Hartford Juniors!



## CLUB CORNER

### GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis



Woman's Club of West Allis members at the WA Summer Crafternoon event in May. L: **Sharon Pluchinski** R: **Linda Taylor** and **Judi Mueller**



July 2 Parade participants L to R: **Ruth Wardinski**, **Linda Crossman**, **Carol Ziehler** and **Sandy Schaff**

At the May general meeting of the **GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis**, membership awards for 2020 anniversaries were presented to 21 members who reached 5 year to 45 years of service in the club, as well as officially welcomed 3 members who joined in 2020.

Since the club's usual June fundraiser, West Allis Ala Carte was cancelled for this year, the club participated in a smaller scale event in the West Allis downtown. The club had a booth selling our "gently used" jewelry & purses. Twelve members staffed the booth or provided equipment needed on a sunny but cold spring day. The club raised \$275 at this event.

On July 2 the Woman's Club continued the tradition of dressing in our patriotic apparel, riding in the City of West Allis Parade and having a great time publicizing the club.

### GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

With back to school approaching, the **GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club** is proud to be sending three high school seniors off to school with a college scholarship.

Shown here clubwomen **Deb Rinaldi** (left) and **Gail Strid** (right) pose with student scholarship winners : **Sophia Cook**, **Kathryn Borski** and **Lisa Kennedy**.

Congratulations, seniors and good luck!





## CLUB CORNER

### Caps collection for local youth community art project

**Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club** took on a "hands on project" to assist Art-Works for Milwaukee and Northwest Side Community Development Corporation. These organizations were collecting 5,000 bottle caps for a youth-led art project. Youth interns will be creating a bottle cap mosaic at Green Tech Station in Milwaukee. With this project, we encouraged youth art and protecting the environment through recycling.

In addition, the member who collected the most caps -- by a large margin -- received a Junior's baseball cap!

### Capes for Kids makes the news!

Along with other clubs around the state, Brown Deer Juniors participated in the making of "superhero" capes. An added plus for our club was we were along with Suz Hooser, interviewed by Positively Milwaukee. You can view the interview here:

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/positively-milwaukee/brown-deer-junior-womans-club-reminds-kids-to-be-their-own-superheroes>



**Save the corks...save the earth** - Brown Deer Juniors' newest project is collecting and shipping wine corks to Cork Club & Widget Company that donates to forest and ocean conservation for each natural wine cork received and recycle the synthetic corks. Several local businesses are willing to save corks for us in support of this effort. Club members will regularly pick up corks and they will be shipped to Cork Club. To learn how you could make this a project for your club, visit <http://www.corkclub.com>.

**New website**—Brown Deer Juniors has a new website.

Visit us at [www.browndeerjuniorwomansclub.com](http://www.browndeerjuniorwomansclub.com) and check it out!

### GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club



L to R: **Wendy Jabas, Monica Baran, Diane Stoiber, Dorothy Protz, Erin Epping and Meg Lillie**

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## GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

### AUGUST

- 21 Northwoods District picnic in Oconto
- 27-30 GFWC International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

### SEPTEMBER

- 16 Registration and hotel reservations for Great Lakes Region Conference due
- 18 Northern Lights District Fall Meeting in Spooner
- 21 Hotel reservations for Junior Fall Conference must be completed
- 28 Southern Prairies District Fall Workshop

### OCTOBER

*October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

- 7-10 Great Lakes Region Conference - Lisle, Illinois
- 9 Registration for Mini LEADS 102 due to Missy Kimball
- 9 GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference - due on or before; late registration after October 9
- 22-23 GFWC-WI Junior Fall Conference, Lois and Tom Dolan Community Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin hosted by Junior clubs
- 23 Mini LEADS 102 following Junior Fall Conference, 2:30-4:30pm
- 24-30 GFWC Advocates for Children Week
- 27 Wisconsin's Own Library Open House registration deadline to Sue Bednarek

### NOVEMBER

- 1 GFWC-WI Clubwoman deadline for submissions
- 13 Wisconsin's Own Library Open House

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