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Welcome to the 125th GFWC-WI State Convention in Sheboygan!

May 12-15

Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center



Register now. All Clubwomen are invited! GFWC-WI President Abby Lorenz noted, "Nourish your soul by seeing your club sisters in person; take a road trip to create memories! Nourish your relationships, as this connection to others brings us joy and a sense of belonging."

Call and details in this issue.

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Message from our GFWC-WI State President, Abby Lorenz



Abby Lorenz

GFWC - WI President

2020—2022



As the wintry snowflakes melt and we enter spring in Wisconsin, there is a sense of new beginnings and rebirth. For GFWC-WI we are about to start our new 2022-2024 administration under the direction of Nancy Dickman. My heart is filled with gratitude for your unending support as your 60th State President.

We just completed a successful Winter Workshop in Waupaca, and are working hard to bring you a spectacular 125th GFWC-WI State Convention in May at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, generously hosted by the Rivers and Lakes District. There is so much to look forward to, including State Awards to honor our hardworking clubs, an educational speaker on dementia, poetry readings by our Wisconsin Poet Laureate, special recognition for our outstanding leaders, live music at our banquet with installation of officers, and much more!

Register now by seeing the attached Call. All Clubwomen are invited! Nourish your soul by seeing your club sisters in person; take a road trip to create memories! Nourish your relationships, as this connection to others brings us joy and a sense of belonging.

A good laugh always does a person good! Remember to keep a healthy balance between your MIND-BODY-SPIRIT. Keep a positive outlook on life – find your passion, find your joy! We are all given gifts and you know in your heart when you are on the right path.

Nothing “fills your cup” more than when you are fulfilling your purpose in life. For me, horses and music are my passions. Do take time to enjoy nature this spring. The chirping birds, budding trees, gentle breezes, blue water and sunshine is all yours to take in. Take the dog out for brisk walk or ask a friend to join you on a walk. You’ll be amazed how time flies during a great conversation!

Your soul yearns for quiet time, too. Connect with your higher self by closing your eyes, taking some deep breaths, and filling your heart with gratitude and love. We must first take care of ourselves to gain the needed strength to give back to others in our communities.

Our mission is steadfast: enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. You are all shining lights! Keep on smiling doing what you love to do. Life is short, so make the most of this very moment!

Yours in Federation friendship,

Abby Lorenz

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

Welcome 2022! I can't believe the 2020-2022 administration is nearing its end. I am hoping our Random Acts of Kindness has gotten us through these last couple of unprecedented years.

Report writing is complete and I am looking forward to reading what Juniors have accomplished in the past year.

The past few months I have participated in several GFWC WI Executive Board meetings, a GFWC Junior Board meeting and a GFWC WI Junior Board meeting all via Zoom. It was great to actually see smiling faces at the Winter Workshop – no masks for most!

We have an exciting Convention coming in May so mark your calendars. We encourage you to join us as our new officers will be installed – Director of Junior Clubs - Suzanne Hooser, Kenosha Juniors; Director Elect – Melissa Kimball, Oconomowoc Juniors; Treasurer – Tammy Welter, Beloit Juniors; and Secretary – Carolyn Mitchell, Brown Deer Juniors. What great representation from our Junior Clubs!

We are asking our Junior Clubs to donate raffle baskets for our fundraising table at Convention. Please feel free to donate more than one. The funds we have raised during this administration will be donated in honor of each of your Junior Clubs. If you haven't already, please make sure to let me know what organization is dear to your club.

Happy spring and see you in May!

In Junior friend-

Tammy

ship,



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<http://GFWCWIJuniors.fpfundraising.com>



Tammy Welter
GFWC - WI
Director of Junior Clubs
2020—2022

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Contact For More Information:
gfwcwijuniors.treasurer@gmail.com

Turn In Paper Order Forms By: **N/A**

Officer Report: GFWC - WI President-elect

by: Nancy Dickman

Since the January newsletter, the President-elect has prepared for and actively participated in the following meetings: Executive Committee, Investments Committee, Amendments and Policies Committee, Strategic Planning Committee (chair), Budget Committee (chair), District Presidents as Dean, and the Winter Workshop in Waupaca.

There were three club meeting presentations for leadership and membership in the Southern Prairies and Rolling Hills Districts. Attendees expressed real appreciation for the information that was shared. In addition, there was a District Board meeting and two clubs with bylaw reviews and update sessions. One also needs to add, there were two planning sessions for the next administration to plan the GFWC-WI meeting schedule for 2022-2024 and to discuss roles and responsibilities for incoming District Presidents and the candidates for elected office.

Right now, a major undertaking is recruiting for 2022-2024 GFWC-WI Board Members. The current board members received a mailing asking them to express their interest in continued service. Every club president received an email to share with club members with information about the board. ALL members should know they can express interest for board service. Serving as a committee member or other board member is a marvelous way to learn more about the workings of GFWC and GFWC-WI.

Be sure to check www.gfwc-wi.org Forms and Calls for the 2022-2024 GFWC-WI Board Form to get information on board positions and ways to say "YES"!

Committee participation is an important leadership and "connection" opportunity for the President Elect. The Strategic Planning and Budget Committees will continue meeting in the next few weeks to finalize the plans for member review and approval at the Annual State Convention in May. The Membership Committee for this term will have its wrap-up session in April. On the docket are four district meetings/presentations and four club meetings/presentations before the Convention. Board assignments will be made in April and before the convention, plans will be made for transition meetings between the President and President Elect.

It is a privilege to serve as your GFWC-WI President Elect. Thank you for your kind and encouraging support.



Nancy Dickman
GFWC - WI
President-elect

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Second Vice President

By: Linda Brown

Get Ready...Get Set...Report!

Is Complete

Well, we came very close to our 100% goal of clubs to report this year. Out of 47 clubs we had 45 clubs reported. WOW, what a great accomplishment and all clubs that reported should be so proud of this. The amount of hours and monies raised is over the top and I have no words to say but GREAT JOB!

All the totals are in the hands of our talented chairmen and our State President, Abby to issue forward to International, GFWC Headquarters in Washington D.C. These talented ladies have a great job ahead of them and I thank them for their time and dedication to our great state, Wisconsin.

So, when we go to Blue Harbor in May, we will have our award entries announced. But in my world, I think everyone, every club and every district is a winner.

I will be traveling this next spring and summer to meetings with the Hillsboro and Ashland clubs and the Northern Lights and Lakeshore Districts. I can hardly wait to see all of you and get to visit with all of my GFWC sisters. I plan to go to Blue Harbor in May and then off to New Orleans in June.

It has been a great pleasure serving as the 2nd Vice President of GFWC-WI, your reporting captain and look forward to our great future.



Linda Brown
GFWC - WI
Second Vice President

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Recording Secretary

By: Sue Sands



Sue Sands
GFWC - WI
Recording Secretary

As usual, I have been kept busy compiling minutes for our monthly Executive Committee meetings. The meetings take about an hour and the minutes take about that long to write, edit and submit to Executive Committee members for approval. It keeps you busy but is a really worthwhile and necessary part of our organization.

I support whoever it is who will take over the responsibilities of recording secretary. In addition, I also serve as the Rivers and Lakes District President. Lots of time devoted to GFWC-WI, but I love every minute of it!

Looking forward to seeing each of you this May at the State Convention in Sheboygan!

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Corresponding Secretary by: Nancy Niedziela

Greetings Sisters,

It is almost time for me to step down from the Executive Committee. I have had a wild time with two years as recording secretary and two years as the corresponding secretary. I have been busy with correspondence as well as one of the most important duties of the corresponding secretary which is taking the reservations for all the board meetings and conventions. I need to keep track of the food orders, prepare the tickets for each event, collect the funds and be sure that everyone has a nametag. I need to keep track of who is allowed to vote and create credential cards for the conventions. In addition, I have been collecting reports from all of you in preparation for creating the 2021 Convention Awards booklet which each officer, board member, and district and club president will receive at the convention. Be sure that you are there to get one for your club!

Speaking of registration for Convention, I would like to encourage each of you to use the simple ONLINE registration process. It is secure. You will get an immediate response that gives you a receipt that you can print. You don't need to get an envelope, buy a stamp, and make a run to the post office. The USPS has not been itself and is recovering slowly; needless to say, mail isn't often delivered in a timely manner. What many of you don't realize is that when you drop the envelope in the mailbox, even at your local post office, it is often not postmarked there. Everything in southeast Wisconsin, for example, goes to the Milwaukee Post Office where it is postmarked. So, unless you go inside the Post Office and ask specifically for a postmark, it may take days before it is postmarked and suddenly you are no longer eligible for Early Bird refunds. For example, a registration for this past Winter Workshop was mailed from Oshkosh on January 24, postmarked in Milwaukee on January 26, and was delivered to me in Pewaukee (just 25 miles from Milwaukee) on February 11. If you register online, you have the date secured and a receipt within a few minutes. Please take advantage of this feature and help make my job and my successor's job easier. It will make your life easier too!

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as an officer for the past four years. I have enjoyed meeting many of you personally and working side by side with so many sisters. I wish my successor the best as she steps into this very important job.

Remember that "people are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."



Nancy Niedziela
GFWC - WI
Corresponding Secretary

Officer Report: GFWC - WI Treasurer

By: Michelle Munoz

Hello GFWC-WI Members –

During the past few months, I've been receiving club dues, recording all incoming payments and updating all bank and investment account activity. I've attended the October Junior Fall Conference in Brown Deer. Our EC has continued to meet via Zoom and finally in person in Waupaca for Winter Workshop.

Thank you for all your dues payments and rosters. We have received dues for 1452 members and still receiving more membership and roster updates. At our Winter Workshop session I had the opportunity to meet some of the members sending me your dues payments. I love putting faces to names, it is always a pleasure meeting our members in person.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions as we continue the 2020-2022 administration. I look forward to seeing you in May in Sheboygan at the Blue Harbor Resort.

In Federation –

Michelle Munoz

GFWC-WI Treasurer

gfwcwi.treasurer@gmail.com



Michelle Munoz
GFWC - WI
Treasurer



Sad news to report

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Scott Curtiss, Janice's beloved husband who died January 15, 2022. Scott served on the GFWC International Board as the Boosters President.

Please keep Janice and her family in our hearts during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to Janice at: GFWC – Plymouth Woman's Club, P.O. Box 161, Plymouth, WI 53073

For those who wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, the Plymouth Woman's Club is starting a Scholarship Fund in Scott's honor. Checks can be made payable to GFWC-Plymouth Woman's Club. Please include Scott Curtiss Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

CALL to 125th GFWC-WI State Convention

Thursday, May 12, to Sunday, May 15, 2022

Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center

725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (Required to reach you) Email _____

Name of Club _____	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Officer <input type="checkbox"/> District President <input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Club President <input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC-WI Junior Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest
District _____		

Registration/Online Registration	Postmarked/completed on or before April 17, 2022	\$30	_____
Early Bird Discount of \$5.00	Postmarked/completed on or before April 1, 2022		
CASH refunded on site – Do not deduct this from your registration total.			
One Day Registration - Please list Day you will attend _____		\$15	_____
Late Registration	Postmarked after April 17, 2022	\$45	_____
Mail in Late Registration Deadline	April 28, 2022		

Thursday Tailgate Classic Buffet Dinner \$38 _____
 Mixed green salad with your choice dressings, burgers, brats, grilled chicken, potato salad, chips, fresh baked cookies and Blue Harbor Signature Bars, coffee and teas

Friday Blue Harbor Continental Breakfast \$26 _____
 Assorted Danish, Racine Kringle, muffins, assorted fresh doughnuts, white, wheat and raisin bread, NY bagels, low-fat yogurt with toasted oat granola, sweet cream butter, preserves and flavored cream cheese, juices, coffee and teas

Friday New York Deli Lunch Buffet \$34 _____
 Mixed green salad with your choice dressings, sliced roasted turkey, ham, roast beef and tuna salad, focaccia, seven grain, white and rye bread, sliced Wisconsin cheeses, lettuce, red onion, and sliced tomato, condiments, fresh fruit, pasta salad, chips, fresh baked cookies and Blue Harbor Signature Bars, coffee and teas

Friday Fresh Catch Buffet \$46 _____
 Fresh baked dinner rolls, creamy chicken and vegetable soup, chopped cobb salad with turkey, bacon, red onion, blue cheese, and hard-boiled egg and buttermilk ranch dressing, beer battered cod, seared salmon with mango salsa and coconut rice, jerk chicken with sauteed green beans, traditional condiments, fresh baked cookies and Blue Harbor Signature Bars, coffee and teas

Saturday Blue Harbor Continental Breakfast \$26 _____
 Assorted Danish, Racine Kringle, muffins, assorted fresh doughnuts, white, wheat and raisin bread, NY bagels, low-fat yogurt with toasted oat granola, sweet cream butter, preserves and flavored cream cheese, juices, coffee and teas

Saturday Plated Grilled Chicken Cobb Salad \$30 _____
 Soup du jour, herbed grilled chicken breast over mixed greens with tomatoes, cucumber, hard-boiled egg, bacon, blue cheese crumbles, and buttermilk ranch dressing, fresh fruit, and seasonal pie for dessert with coffee and teas

Name _____

Saturday Evening Installation Banquet \$47 _____

Your choice of main entrée (check one):

- Garlic Rosemary Pork Tenderloin with herb roasted red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and stone-ground mustard cream OR
- Choice Top Sirloin with Wisconsin cheesy potatoes, sauteed broccolini and port wine demi-glace

Both entrées include salad, rolls and butter, and pecan turtle cheesecake for dessert with coffee and teas.

Registration and Food Choices Total \$ _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Nancy Niedziela will call to discuss menu options for special food requirements.

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. 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. **SORRY, NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 6, 2022.**

Scan the QR code below for instant access to Online Registration



For Office Use Only
 PD\$ _____ Date: _____ CK\$ _____ NPS _____ BALS _____

CALL to 125th GFWC-WI State Convention continued

HOTEL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are blocked for GFWC-WI at the Blue Harbor Resort, 725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Easy On-Line Registration Instructions:

1. Go to **www.BlueHarborResort.com**
2. Click on Book Now (red box on top right corner)
3. Pick the first option – ROOM
4. Choose a venue to reserve your room- Condos or Resort
5. Reserve a room screen will open up.
6. Scroll down and enter **GFWC** in **Show Group Booking box**
7. Click Continue
8. On the next screen, all room types within the group will display in blue, click on the one that you prefer, exact dates of your stay and enter number of adults and children and hit continue
9. Booking summary will open up to take you to the guest profile and payment option
10. Rates in booking summary include taxes and resort fee, but not added services (such as spa, etc.)
11. Click **Pay Now** and follow the prompts

Blue Harbor Resort Phone Number: 1-866-701-2583. Refer to General Federation of Women's Clubs WI.

Group Rate: **\$120 per night** plus taxes (\$146.62) for 2 Queen Beds or 1 Standard King Bed. Check-in after 4pm. Check-out before 11am.

Ask for the "GFWC Wisconsin room block" to receive the negotiated rate. The group code is GFWC.

All rooms have 42-Inch Flat Screen TV, Complimentary High-Speed Wireless Internet, Mini-Refrigerator, Coffee Maker, Microwave, Iron and Ironing Board, Hair Dryer, USA Today Newspaper, In-Room Safe, and unlimited use of the Fitness Center. The Breaker Bay Waterpark is open Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm. Receive 20% discount on all Spa services. Please call to schedule appointment for Spa services.

Cancellation policy: Cancelling your reservation at least 3 days prior to arrival will result in a \$25 cancellation fee, and the rest of your deposit will be refunded back on provided card. Your deposit of one night is forfeited if you cancel less than 3 days prior to arrival.

Please book your room by April 14, 2022 as room availability and our block rate is not guaranteed after that.

GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101

(Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)



The session will be held
 at the GFWC-WI State Convention
 Thursday, May 12th, 2022 (1-4pm)
 Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI



Every GFWC Wisconsin Club is encouraged to sponsor at least one member to attend this upcoming GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 session.

Consider clubwomen who have assumed new leadership roles and members who are potential leaders for your club as both may appreciate the benefits of Mini LEADS which provides leadership education and development.

The topics being presented in the seminar include leading effective meetings, parliamentary procedure, conflict resolution, public speaking, GFWC history, and more.

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.

Please note: Health/safety guidelines will be followed for all in 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 deadline: Due by April 30th Minimum of 10 participants for the session

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.

 Member's Signature

GFWC-WI 125th STATE CONVENTION TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 12 – Lunch on your own; Casual Attire.

- 12:00 pm: Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting – Island Room
Registration open noon-1:00 pm for Convention Attendees – Hallway to Convention Center
- 1:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting – Captain’s Landing Board Room
- 1:00 pm: Mini LEADS 101* (1:00- 4:00 pm, Registration and \$10 fee required – see Call) – Salon EF
- 3:45 pm: Registration open 3:45pm-6:00 pm
- 4:00 pm: District Presidents’ Meeting – Island Room
- 4:00 pm: Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest and Member Art Registration Opens – Salon BCD
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour – All are welcome – Lakeside Terrace
- 6:00 pm: Registration for Helen Farnsworth Mears & Member Art Closes
- 6:00 pm: Vendor Set Up 6:00-8:00 pm – Salon EF
- 6:30 pm: Pre-Board of Directors’ Meeting Dinner – Salon A
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 – Salon A

Friday, May 13 – Business Casual Attire

- 7:30 am: Breakfast (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call)
 - 7:30 am: Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – Salon G
 - 7:30 am: Registration of Helen Mears and Member Art – Salon BCD
 - 7:30 am: Registration Open 7:30-8:55 am for Convention Attendees – Hallway to Convention Center
 - 8:00 am: Shop Vendors – Salon EF
 - 8:00 am: Voting Open 8:00-8:55 am to Elect Officers for 2022-2024 Administration – Salon G
 - 9:00 am: Call to Order: General Business Session & Awards Part 1 – Salon A
Amendments
 - 10:00 am: Investment Update by Dan Geigler, Morgan Stanley
 - 11:00 am: Presentation by Wisconsin Poet Laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton
 - 12:00 pm: Lunch (Registration and Prepaid Meal required)– Salon A (Visit Vendors following)
 - 1:00 pm: Art Judging begins
 - 1:30 pm: General Business Session resumes & Awards Part 2 – Salon A
 - 2:00 pm: Guest Speaker: Dementia Live Presentation by Holly Duquaine, Assisted Living By Hillcrest
 - 3:00 pm: Awards Part 2 Continues
 - 4:00 pm: Voting Open until 5:30 pm for Election of Officers for 2022-2024 Administration – Salon G
 - 4:00 pm: Admire Student & Member Art and Shop Vendors – Salon BCD, Salon EFG
 - 4:00 pm: Membership Committee Meeting – Salon A
 - 4:00 pm: Junior Board Meeting – Lakeside Terrace
 - 4:00 pm: Members-At-Large Club Meeting – Island Room
 - 5:00 pm: Past State Presidents’ Meeting/Social – Lakeside Terrace
 - 5:30 pm: Social Hour – **Cocktail Attire** – Lakeside Terrace
 - 6:30 pm: Dinner – Salon A (Registration and Prepaid Meal required)
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- 8:00 pm: Awards: LEADS, Woman of Achievement, Theodora Youmans
- 8:30 pm: Holly Dykstra Vocal Performance: *The Power of Women*
- 9:30 pm: Recessed until 9:00 am on Saturday

Saturday, May 14 – Please note scheduled Group Breakfast meetings; Business Casual Attire.

- 7:30 am: Breakfast (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call) – Peninsula Room
- 7:30 am: Past District Presidents’ Breakfast Meeting – Peninsula Room/Island Room
- 7:30 am: WI LEADS Graduates and WI Mini LEADS Graduates Breakfast – Peninsula Room
- 7:30 am: Registration Open 7:30-8:55 am for Convention Attendees – Hallway to Convention Center
- 8:00 am: Voting is Open for Election of Officers/Admire Student & Member Art and Shop Vendors
- 9:00 am: Reconvene - General Session – Salon A
 - 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: Unity Luncheon (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call) – Salon A
 - Health Scholarship Winners
 - “Junior of the Year” (JOY) nominees recognized; winner announced
 - Junior Special Program Awards
 - Key Note Speaker – Wendy Carriker, GFWC International Second Vice President**
- 3:30 pm: Pick up Helen Mears and Member Art pieces – Salon BCD
- 3:30 pm: 2021 Officers, BOD Members, District Presidents and Club Presidents ONLY pick up and Sign for 2021 Awards Booklets at Registration
- 5:00 pm: Social Hour with Harpist Pamela Pamperin – Lakeside Terrace (**Cocktail or Formal Attire**)
- 6:00 pm: Banquet and Installation Ceremony of 2022-2024 Officers (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call) - Salon A
- 7:00 pm: Celebrate and Dance to DJ Music by Boogie Time Duke – Salon A

Sunday, May 15 – Breakfast on your own; Business Casual Attire

- 9:00 am: All Incoming 2022-2024 Board of Directors Meeting (All Chairmen and Officers) – Salon BC
- 11:00 am: ADJOURNMENT

*GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 is designed with the local club members in mind. Whether you currently hold a leadership position in your club or might be considering saying ‘yes’ as a potential leader, this seminar is for you! Topics addressed include leading effective meetings, parliamentary procedure, conflict resolution, public speaking, GFWC history, and more. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor two members to attend this seminar. Please remit \$10 per participant with the Mini LEADS 101 Registration Form (appended to this Call) to Mary Meek by April 30.

GFWC-WI 125th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

SPEAKERS



Friday, May 13th 11am

Meet Dasha Kelly Hamilton, Poet Laureate for the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

*Poet Laureate Service Dates:
January 2021 to December 2022*

Dasha Kelly Hamilton is a writer, performance artist and creative change agent, applying the creative process to facilitate dialogues around human and social wellness.

She is the author of two novels, three poetry collections, four spoken word albums, and one collection of personal vignettes. She has taught at colleges, conferences, and classrooms and curated fellowships for emerging leaders.

An Arts Envoy for the U.S. Embassy, Dasha has facilitated community building initiatives in Botswana, Toronto, Mauritius, and Beirut. Her touring production, *Makin' Cake*, uniquely engages communities in a forward dialogue on race, class, and equity. Dasha is a national Rubinger Fellow and, concurrently, Poet Laureate for the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

Friday, May 13th 2pm

Meet Holly Duquaine, Dementia Live Coach and Admissions/Marketing Director for Assisted Living By Hillcrest.

Holly Duquaine represents 7 separate communities under Assisted Living By Hillcrest and travels frequently providing dementia education to health care professionals, businesses, high schools and colleges. Prior to working for Assisted Living By Hillcrest, Holly was a Dental Hygienist for almost 30 years and understands first-hand the need for dementia education in our community.

Becoming a Dementia Live Coach has given her the tool to provide this education. Participants of Dementia Live gain a greater understanding and awareness along with better communication and care skills. A little education can go a long way! Why wouldn't someone want to know more?



A dedicated clubwoman since 1985, Wendy has been involved in volunteer and leadership opportunities throughout her community, state, and Region.

Wendy served as GFWC North Carolina Director of Junior Clubs (2000-2002). She then served as a State Officer from 2004 until serving as State President (2012-2014). During her Administration, a new membership video was distributed to clubs across North Carolina called "Feed the Future," meeting and exceeding the goal with over 17 million meals provided to food-insecure children. She led the GFWC Communication and Public Relations Committee as Chairman (2014-2016), and served as GFWC Treasurer (2016-2018), and GFWC Secretary (2018-2020).

As an advocate with Victory Junction Camp, a camp for chronically ill children, Wendy is on their speakers' bureau, and provides hand-made bears for campers to take home.

Wendy is highly respected in her community. She was elected to the Mount Airy City Schools Board of Education in 1996, where she served as Chairman (2004-2018). She is committed to serving the students of North Carolina through her membership with the North Carolina School Boards Association.

The owner of Wendy Jane Creations and Megan's Mutt Munchies, she stays busy creating and baking. Married for 40 years to her husband Chip, they have two daughters and a grandson.



Saturday, May 14th noon luncheon

Meet Wendy Carriker, GFWC Second Vice President.

**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**



Nominating Committee - Slate of 2022-2024 GFWC-WI Executive Committee

Submitted by: Barbara Pontow, Nominating Committee Chairman

The following ladies have agreed to serve on the GFWC-WI Executive Committee for the 2022-2024 administration. Their names will be placed on the ballot, and voting will take place during the 2022 State Convention. All candidates are eligible and qualified to hold these offices as stated not only in the GFWC-WI bylaws, but also in their club endorsement letters.

Nancy Dickman of the Muskego Woman's Club will move into the position of GFWC-WI State President. **Suzanne Hooser** of the Kenosha Junior Woman's Club will move into the position of Director of WI Junior Clubs.

The ballot will include:

Linda Brown, First Vice-President, endorsed by Port Washington Woman's Club

Erin Epping, Second Vice-President, endorsed by Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club

Michelle Munoz, Treasurer, endorsed by Kenosha Junior Woman's Club

Tammy Welter, Corresponding secretary, endorsed by Beloit Junior Woman's Club

Shelly Isely, Recording secretary, endorsed by Monroe Woman's Club

Melissa Kimball, Director-Elect of Junior Clubs, endorsed by Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club

The Nominating Committee thanks the candidates for "stepping up" into these leadership roles and wishes them success in their new positions. Please look for and read their biographies and profiles here, pages 16 to 24.

If you have any interest in being a candidate for an office, there is still time. Please contact me at pontow6034@charter.net. Thank you.

GFWC-WI President

Nancy Dickman currently serves as GFWC-WI First Vice President/President-elect and is honored and thrilled to become the GFWC-WI President in 2022. This current term has provided her with strong leadership development as Dean of District Presidents, Chair of the Membership, Budget, and Strategic Planning committees, active participant in the Wisconsin's Own Library, Investments, and Amendments and Policies committees and occasionally reports some books for her membership in ESO.

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Nancy served as the GFWC-WI State Treasurer 2018-2020 along with all the committees a treasurer serves - Budget, Health Scholarship, Investments, Wisconsin's Own Library, Amendments and Policies, and Communication and Public Relations. At the same time, she served as President for GFWC-WI Rolling Hills District. She had all sorts of plans as host district for the 2020 State Convention, but a worldwide pandemic had other ideas. She is a past chair for the state Health Scholarship Committee from 2015-2019, where she introduced the use of an on-line, fillable form, application process.

Nancy joined GFWC-Muskego Woman's Club in December 2011. She has served as club President, Treasurer, and chair of the Finance, Nominating, Bylaws, and Website Committees as well as on the board every year of her membership.

She has been a very active volunteer in multiple service areas and has helped create two new sub-groups for this club (Crafter's Corner and Evening Pages Book group). She was proudly voted to receive the Club Busy Bee Award in 2014.

In 2020, she joined GFWC Burlington Woman's Club to honor her late mother-in-law, who was a longtime member. Joyfully, the club seems to have navigated a near dissolution at four members to now have twenty members at it continues to re-invent itself.

The past 10 years has been an incredible learning experience!

Before joining the GFWC, Nancy had an active career as a CEO/President for a \$350million division of a Fortune 500 company, a VP-CFO and VP-General Manager for that company, and as a former CPA with Ernst and Young. She has actively participated in numerous development programs on leadership, strategy, and management skills.

She earned her Master of Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration – double majors in Accounting and Information Systems from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Business.

Nancy currently serves on the board of directors for Landmark Credit Union, where she is also the board Secretary, and for Creativity Unlimited Wisconsin (aka Odyssey of the Mind – Wisconsin).

Nancy is a proud parent of an adult son who has recently graduated from Wisconsin's fine university system. Nancy is a Wisconsin native, born and raised in Marshfield, but has called southeast Wisconsin home since 1986. She has been retired since 2008 – only to become busier than ever!



Nancy Dickman

Muskego Woman's Club

GFWC-WI 1st Vice President

Linda Brown joined GFWC-Port Washington in 2004 and has held positions on the state, district and club levels as follows:

GFWC-WI

2020-2022. Second Vice President and Standard Reports Chairman

Wisconsin Own Library Committee Member

Budget Committee Member

Strategic Planning Committee Member

Amendments and Policies Committee Member

Nominating Chairman

Woman of Achievement Chairman

Meetings and Convention Advisor 2018 and beyond

Lakeshore District

2014-2018 District President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Environment Chairman

Scholarship Chairman

Fundraising Chairman

Investment Committee Chairman (6 years)

Port Washington Club—her home base

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Scholarship Chairman

Fundraising Basket Raffle Chairman

Membership Chairman and continues with whatever else is needed!

Linda married Tom in May 1996. Moving to Port Washington in 2000 from Illinois, they are now enjoying retirement life and busy planning their next vacations traveling the USA, Europe and Caribbean.



Linda Brown
Port Washington Woman's Club

GFWC-WI 2nd Vice President

Erin Epping joined the Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club in 1984 and over the years has served in the club as President, First Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary including Webmaster, Recording Secretary, and Fundraising Chairwoman.

She has been involved with many club projects over the years. For about 5 years, she served as the chairwoman of the club's annual Bunco Bash fundraiser. She coordinated all aspects of the event including food, raffle, silent auction, and gaming. She has been the chairwoman of raffle and silent auction solicitation for both Bunco Bash and the club's Best Bra Contest. She chaired the club's annual Holly Days fundraiser which the club held until early 2000's. She has volunteered at the club's two annual rummage sales, Best Bra Contest, planted trees at our school district, and volunteered with the club at Soles for Jesus. In 2021, she sewed twenty-five hats for a Street Angels project, worked on the Capes for Kids project, and coordinated a new, successful Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the club.



Erin Epping
Brown Deer Junior
Woman's Club

Erin is currently serving as the Lakeshore District President. As President, she led a workshop on membership at the Fall 2020 district meeting based on the information received at the 2019 GFWC International Convention. In Fall 2021, she led a district-wide collection drive for donations to Christ Child Society in Milwaukee. In prior roles, as Second Vice President obtained guest speakers for the district luncheon meetings and coordinated with them. As Corresponding Secretary, she was responsible for soliciting articles for the Lakeshore FOCUS newsletter, compiling the articles, and distributing to Lakeshore district clubs. As Treasurer, she maintained the financial books of the district and attended the Trustee meetings responsible for the district investments. She has served on the bylaws, audit committee, and budget committees.

For GFWC-WI, she has volunteered as the state webmaster under three administrations. She is also currently the chairperson of the state's Technology Committee formed in February 2020. The Technology Committee has been meeting almost monthly to focus on technology needs of our state officers and club women. Presentations will be given in 2022 regarding State Board administration turnover process and initial training for building websites.

Erin has lived in the Milwaukee area for most of her life. She lived in Madison while attending college but returned to Milwaukee to start a career as an engineer. Erin met her husband Scott at their first workplace. They have three adult children, Michael, Christopher, and Justin, one daughter-in-love Kellyn, and two lovely girls who love their sons Drue and Becca. Erin retired from her career in 2016 and has been busy at retirement, volunteering, traveling, golfing, skiing, and camping. She seeks your support and would be honored to serve as the Second Vice President for GFWC-WI.

GFWC-WI Treasurer



Michelle Munoz
Kenosha Junior
Woman's Club

I am **Michelle Munoz**, a 14-year member of GFWC-WI Kenosha Junior Woman's

I would like to continue to be your Treasurer for the new administration. Currently holding the position of GFWC-WI State Treasurer, I have served as the Past Director of Junior Clubs in 2018-2020 and have been our Club Treasurer, also served as Club President and on the Financial Review Committee in the 2016-2018 administration.

In my professional career of 25 years, I am an accountant with a Master's Degree in Accounting and Financial Management, focusing on investment activity and tax accounting for a private family and foundation for the past 8 years.

My personal life consists of me, my husband Eddie and our adult children Aaron and Janitza, who is now married with two grandbabies, Tao & Kai.

Thank You for this opportunity to continue to be a part of your GFWC-WI Executive Committee.



GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary

I am **Tammy Welter** and am running for the position of GFWC WI Corresponding Secretary. I have been a GFWC club member since 1995. I began my GFWC experience as a member of the Lombard Junior Woman's Club in Lombard, Illinois.

Club Level

Illinois

Lombard Junior Club President - 1998-1999 and 2005-2006

Co-Director of TLC Camp 2000, 2007 & 2012 – a weeklong camp for children with cancer

Other positions and chairmanships on board since 1996

Wisconsin

Beloit Junior Club Treasurer – 2015-2020

Beloit Junior Vice President – 2020 – present

District Level

Illinois

5th District Junior Treasurer – 2000-2002

5th District Treasurer – 2002-2004

5th District ESO Chair 2006-2008

5th District Dean of Chairman 2008-2010

Wisconsin

Southern Prairies Director of Junior Clubs 2018-2020

State Level

Illinois

Junior State Native American and Veterans Affairs Chair 2000-2002

Junior State Arts Chair 2002-2004

Junior State Education Chair 2004-2006

Junior State Treasurer 2006-2008

Junior State Dean of Chairman 2008-2010

Junior State Secretary 2010-2011 – had to resign as we moved to Indiana

Wisconsin

State Education/ESO Chair 2016-2018

State Junior Fundraising Chair 2016-2018

State Director Elect of Junior Clubs 2018-2020

State Director of Junior Clubs 2020-present



Tammy Welter
Beloit Junior
Woman's Club

As you can see, I love GFWC!! In 2012 when we moved, I kept my membership as a Lombard Junior as there were no clubs in Fort Wayne. When we were again transferred one of my requests was that there was GFWC club in the area.

While I love GFWC, my volunteering is not only limited to club work. I volunteer for Meals on Wheels two days a month and am Co-Manager. And have been a coach for the Greater Beloit Special Olympics since 2015.

I look forward to continuing to represent GFWC WI in the next administration.

GFWC-WI Recording Secretary



Shelly Isely
Monroe Woman's Club

Shelly Isely joined GFWC Monroe Woman's Club in 2009. Since joining she has held the position of CIP (Community Improvement Program) Chair for 4 years, held the Fundraising Chair position for 2 years and has been on the fundraising committee for 8 years, Vice President of the GFWC Monroe Club for 2 years and is completing her second year as the 84th President of the Monroe Woman's club. Shelly is also currently serving as the GFWC-WI Health Scholarship Chair.

Shelly believes in giving back and being an active member of her community. She believes it is our duty to be an advocate for those in need and to devote ourselves to the betterment of our communities. She was a Monroe Optimist Member for 5 years – served as Treasurer for 2 years, Vice President for 1 year and served on the fundraising committee for 5 years. She has been a Main Street Monroe volunteer for 4 years and has served on the Fundraising Committee and Theme Development Committee.

Shelly is a lifelong resident of Wisconsin and has two wonderful children with her husband of 35 years. Both children reside state of Wisconsin. She attended UW Platteville and has worked for a \$12Billion global Fortune 500 company - Fidelity (FIS) for 34 years. Shelly has been awarded the President's Club award many times over her career.

Along with spending time with her family, her hobbies include swimming, walking her two very energetic Jack Russell's, boating on the Mississippi, Lake Wisconsin and northern Wisconsin lakes. She enjoys traveling within the US and abroad, live music, and attending Green Bay Packer games.

Shelly is extremely excited to become part of the GFWC-WI Executive Committee.

GFWC-WI Junior Director

I'm **Suzanne Hooser** and my principal duty as Junior Director shall be to interpret the General and State Federation programs to the Junior club members and to plan projects and special activities. I am looking forward to fulfilling my duties because I am a creative minded person and enjoy crafting projects. Most recently I introduced the Capes for Kids project at the state level. I worked on the wigs for children with cancer, made blankets, created worry dolls for local shelter, made aprons, pillows and designed a bedroom for sex trafficked victims.

I have been an active member of the Kenosha Junior Woman's club since 2006. I have held every position at my club level throughout the years along with being chairperson for various chairs multiple times. I have held the position of JSP for the last 6 years, chaired the members art program for 4 years, and have been on the leadership committee since 2019.

I currently work for Pathways Consulting, which is a mental health Therapy office. I am the receptionist, medical billing/coding, office manager. I wear many hats at my job also! I have been employed with them for the last 9 years, before that I worked in Podiatry doing the same. I have been married for 26 years to Burton, between us we have 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren. I enjoy getting together with my family and love being connected to my grandchildren. I have a bucket list of places to travel to. I like to cook, enjoy reading, watching a good thriller and attending to my pets. The beach is my happy place and I like hot weather!

I am looking forward to the opportunity of being the next GFWC WI Junior Director. I have passion to help those in need and enjoy volunteering to accomplish this. I would love to see GFWC become a household name because I believe we have the best women in the world working together to make life a little better. GFWC has given me the tools to fulfill my volunteer spirit and is constantly helping me grow. It will be an honor to represent GFWC WI Juniors for the 2022 to 2024 administration.



Suzanne Hooser
Kenosha Junior
Woman's Club

GFWC-WI Junior Director-Elect

Melissa Kimball joined GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club on her birthday in 2007. June of 2008 she was asked to be on the Board as Recording Secretary and has been on the Board for 13 of the 14 years she has been a member. She has served as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, VP-Membership, President-elect, President, and President Advisor. She has held most of these positions multiple times.

She has been active in starting the Tech Team committee and the ESO Book Club. She has chaired the Bylaws and Policies committee for over 10 years.

Melissa has been the Director of Junior Clubs for the Rolling Hills District for the last two administrations. She has helped on the Scholarship committee and assisted hosting the Rolling Hills Fall meeting. She will be the Bylaws chairman in the 2022-2024 administration.

Melissa is currently the chair of the Communications and Public Relations committee at the state level. This includes being a member of the Membership committee as well. She is also on the Leadership committee as the 2020 LEADS graduate and the Leadership chairman on the Junior Board. Previously she has served on the Junior Board as Secretary and Leadership chairman.

And let's not forget the International board where Melissa is the Assistant to the Director of Junior Clubs, her friend, Kristina Higbee.

Professionally, Melissa was recently promoted to the Chief of the Wisconsin DOT, Chemical Test Section directing the statewide Breath Alcohol testing program. She has been with the Chemical Test Section for over 23 years. Melissa earned a Master of Science in Physical Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

She lives with her husband, Kurt, and their twin sons, Micah and Christian in Oconomowoc. She enjoys baking, candy making, and reading.



Missy Kimball
Oconomowoc Junior
Woman's Club

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Submitted by: Amendments and Policies Committee

-- Ruth Diedrich, Chairman; Linda Brown, Nancy Dickman, Suzanne Hooser, Julie Saether, Parliamentary Advisor Paula Schlice, and Sue Schwarten Committee Members

Please print a copy of the proposed amendments and bring to the May 2022 State Convention where they will be voted on.

The following are proposed amendments to be presented for consideration at the 2022 GFWC-WI Annual State Convention. Proposed additions are noted in **[bold text and surrounded by brackets]**. Proposed deletions are noted in bold ~~strikethrough text~~.

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 twenty.

Proposed amendment:

In the first sentence after “Corporation” insert **[the Officers of the Junior Organization,]** after “Program” insert **[and Contest]** strike ~~and Standing Committees~~ insert after “Chairmen” **[Advancement Area Chairmen, Standing Committee Chairmen, Special Appointees and members of Standing Committees,]** strike ~~the~~ before GFWC-WI, insert **[active club members of GFWC-WI who are also]** before “Past Presidents” ; insert **[GFWC-WI]** before “Past Directors” strike ~~of GFWC-WI~~ after “Junior Clubs”

If amended would read:

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Corporation, the Officers of the Junior Organization, the District Presidents, the District Junior Directors, Program and Contest Chairmen, Advancement Area Chairmen, Standing Committee Chairmen, Special Appointees and members of Standing Committees, the Editor of the official publication of GFWC-WI, active club members of GFWC-WI who are also the Past Presidents and GFWC-WI Past Directors of Junior Clubs, and the Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. The number of voting members shall not be more than one hundred nor less than twenty.

Rationale: Current representation of the Board of Directors.

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CURRENT BYLAW

Article XVI – Committees

Section 18 - The GFWC-WI Leadership Committee shall include all active GFWC-WI LEADS graduates, one of whom shall be designated by the President as chairman. The State Director of Junior Clubs shall serve on the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to develop programs to promote leadership for all levels of GFWC-WI.

Proposed Amendment:

Rescind current Section 18 and amend with new language.

If amended, would read:

ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES

Section 18 - The GFWC-WI Leadership Committee shall be comprised of graduates from the GFWC LEADS Program and the current State Director of Junior Clubs. Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs may also serve on the Committee. The Immediate Past State President and the Immediate Past State Director of Junior Clubs shall be invited to serve on the Leadership Committee for two years following their administration. The incoming State President, after consultation with the current Leadership Committee, shall designate the chairman of the group for her administration.

A representative chosen to attend the International Convention LEADS training in an even numbered year shall serve, at a minimum, six years (three administrations) on the Committee. A representative chosen to attend the International Convention LEADS training in an odd numbered year shall be placed on the Committee following the close of the International Convention and will serve, at a minimum, seven years (three full administrations plus one year because of being a graduate in the odd year). This will be an obligation that each candidate will be aware of at the time of submitting her name for consideration to the training.

It shall be the duty of the Leadership Committee to implement programs to promote leadership, education, and development for all levels of GFWC-WI.

Rationale: To clarify terms of service. Currently it is a lifetime commitment made at the time of the GFWC-WI LEADS application.

CURRENT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article VII – Quorum

Thirty members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Strike ~~thirty~~ and insert **[twenty]**. Insert **[of the Board of Directors]** after meeting.

If amended, would read:

Article VII – Quorum

Twenty members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Rationale: To conform to Bylaws Article VII – Quorum and to specify this pertains to a Board of Directors meeting.

Suggested Resolution Changes for 2022-2024

Submitted by: Nancy Niedziela, GFWC - WI Resolutions Committee Chairman

At the 2022 GFWC-WI Convention at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan in May 2022, the membership will vote on the resolutions that are new and those that are proposed to be amended. The membership will vote on each resolution independently. Please take the time to read them carefully before the General Session of the Convention.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed the following resolutions for 2021-2022.

Arts and Culture	#1
Environment	#’s 4, 5
Education and Libraries	#1
Health and Wellness	#’s 5, 8, 14
Civic Engagement and Outreach	#’s 1, 3, 6, 11, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29

The resolutions proposed to be amended are

Civic Engagement and Outreach	#3, 11, 29
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The resolutions cleaned up for housekeeping are

Arts and Culture	#1
Environment	#4, 5
Education and Libraries	#1
Health and Wellness	#8, 14
Civic Engagement and Outreach	#3, 23, 24

The resolution brought back to committee for clarification from the 2021 State Convention is

Health and Wellness	#9
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The proposed NEW resolutions are

Environment	#9
Education and Libraries	#6, 7
Health and Wellness	#16
Civic Engagement and Outreach	#35, 36, 37

These resolutions have been brought forward to the Executive Committee for review and they were read aloud and viewed on the screen at the Board of Directors’ meeting. Both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors approved the publication of these resolutions in this issue of the *Clubwoman*. Wording to be eliminated is struck through and new wording is in **red**.

ENVIRONMENT

9. **LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**
2022

WHEREAS many communities face increased demand for outdoor activities to improve the quality of life and equitable access to public recreation areas; and
WHEREAS in many areas the land available for public use is restricted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to work with their communities to maintain established recreational areas, increase sustainability and enhance environmental stewardship, and support the creation of new parks, playgrounds, and diverse recreational facilities.

RATIONALE: Since so many GFWC-WI Clubs are actively involved in park restoration and improvement project, the Resolutions Committee proposes a resolution to support their efforts. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 011-120.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

6. **LIFELONG LEARNING**
2022

WHEREAS the educational needs of individuals do not end when the formal education process has ended; and

WHEREAS lifelong learning is the on-going voluntary and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional purposes; and

WHEREAS lifelong learning enhances skills, knowledge, and employability; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to:

- Sponsor discussion groups and forums in their communities.
- Support adult education programs in their communities.
- Encourage all adults to participate in lifelong learning programs.

RATIONALE: Since so many GFWC-WI clubs are dedicated to providing educational programs for their club members, the Resolutions Committee is proposing this resolution to support their efforts. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 012-090.

7. **EDUCATION**
2022

WHEREAS many Wisconsin students are not prepared academically to compete in a global society; and

WHEREAS solutions to educational deficiencies must be addressed by local school districts, parents, and the community together for students to achieve their academic goals; and

WHEREAS a humanities education includes disciplines that study aspects of human society and culture, and contains content and methods that encourage creativity, curiosity, and empathy, which foster good writing and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS a proficiency in speaking and reading foreign languages and a knowledge of the history and culture of other nations are necessary for understanding and participation in world affairs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to

- Support strong educational programs with challenging academic curricula for all students, including those with learning, social, mental and physical disabilities.
- Encourage students to study science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), humanities, and foreign languages.

- Support programs that encourage high school dropouts to pursue a general equivalency diploma (GED).
- Establish scholarships for students to participate in GED programs.
- Encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's academic lives.
- Support funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

RATIONALE: Since many GFWC-WI clubs work toward supporting our schools through various programs and scholarships, the Resolution committee proposes this resolution to support their efforts. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 012-145.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

16. NURSING SHORTAGE CRISIS 2022

WHEREAS the shortage of nurses is a threat to patient health and a contributing factor to higher healthcare costs caused by high turnover rates and avoidable errors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to support

Appropriate action to increase the number of nursing programs, qualified instructors, and enrollment opportunities in the nursing profession.

Regulations lowering the minimum nurse to patient ratio.

Better remuneration and working conditions for nurses.

Nursing school scholarships.

RATIONALE: The Covid-19 crisis has brought to light the unending sacrifices and challenges of the nursing profession. The Resolution committee proposes a resolution to acknowledge that we share this concern. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 013-330.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

3. PORNOGRAPHY

Retitled and renumbered 2001; Reviewed 2005; Amended 2010; Reviewed 2014, 2018; Amended, 2022

WHEREAS American morals are besieged today by an unprincipled force in the spread of pornography and obscenity put into otherwise acceptable media: films, playing cards, photographs, comic books, paperback books, magazines, telephone messages, the U.S. Mail Postal Service, music computer games, Fax, e-mail, Internet, social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and all others in like mode that exist today and may exist in the future; and

WHEREAS pornography is a major threat to American health and is known to be addictive and progressive; and

~~**WHEREAS** sexual related crimes have increased since the Wisconsin Obscenity Law was struck down in 1980; and~~

WHEREAS the FBI states there is a definite correlation between sexual crimes and pornographic material; and

WHEREAS pornography should be treated as a violation of female and male civil rights; and

WHEREAS each year millions of dollars are spent in Wisconsin to treat the victims of and the problems resulting from pornography; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-WI strongly urges its member clubs to use every available means to combat obscenity and pornography by programs of cooperative action based on:

1. Education of the public as to the extent of the problem and the effects on society of obscenity and pornographic materials.

2. Supporting the strict enforcement of existing laws and programs, such as those administered by the United States Postmaster General.
3. Cooperation with law enforcement agencies in the prosecution of those who violate the laws and ordinances dealing with pornography and obscenity and by studying municipal ordinances, state statutes and urging the strengthening of them when needed.

And further
RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges ~~the~~ Wisconsin ~~L~~egislators to enact a strong, enforceable, constitutional obscenity law.

RATIONALE: Updating to modern circumstances, eliminating Whereas with no data to support, housekeeping with elimination of unnecessary word and correction of capitalization.

This is the one resolution sent back to committee at the 2021 State Convention.

9. **U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AND THE PURE FOOD AND DRUG ACT OF 1906**

1955; Amended 1972; Reaffirmed 1976, 1980, 1985, 1989; Reviewed 1993; 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017; Amended 2021/22

WHEREAS the General Federation of Women’s Clubs was instrumental in helping establish the Pure Food and Drug Administration; ~~and~~ **Act of 1906; and**

WHEREAS continued vigilance and action are necessary by the **U.S.** 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 **Act and its regulatory agency, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration** to adequately safeguard the health and welfare of the consumer.

RATIONALE: To clearly distinguish the Act and the Administration and their respective roles.

11. **HOME VISITING FOR FIRST TIME PARENTS**

1998; Reviewed 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018; Amended 2022

WHEREAS home visiting programs which use paraprofessionals who regularly visit the homes of new parents, provide support and information that help new parents and babies establish healthy child rearing patterns from the start; and

WHEREAS such programs have been shown to provide cost effective ~~—perhaps the only effective—~~ means of child abuse and neglect prevention; and

WHEREAS research points to the first two to three years as crucial ones for forming attachments to other humans, and for developing the essential building blocks of social behavior (acceptable or delinquent); and

WHEREAS research on home visiting programs shows savings in less foster care, less intervention by child welfare, fewer prison costs, less youth violence, and more highly employed parents, more commonly completed parental education, better child spacing, better access to health care, less use of emergency rooms and hospitalization, fewer public housing costs, better school readiness, less money spent on special services, remedial education and emotionally disturbed students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI promotes the practice of Home Visiting and the introduction of legislation supporting Home Visiting programs for new parents.

RATIONALE To eliminate statement unable to prove.

29. **TRIPLE-TRAILER TRUCKS**
2002; Reviewed 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022
WHEREAS GFWC-Wisconsin has long been concerned with highway safety; and
WHEREAS the state of Wisconsin does allow triple trailer trucks on its highways, and
WHEREAS advocates of triple-trailer trucks seek to have them made legal across the Nation's Interstate Highways; and
WHEREAS these trailer-trucks measure at least 100 feet long and weigh over 100,000 pounds posing a greater threat to motorists than the present double-bottom (18 wheelers) now allowed in some states; and
WHEREAS the Interstate system is already used by the trucking industry causing greater damage to roads and bridges, more congestion and unbalanced transportation systems; therefore, be it
RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI clubwomen actively work with the Governor, Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Legislature to adopt legislation which would keep these triple-trailer trucks, including long double long combination vehicles (LCVS), off Wisconsin highways.
RATIONALE: to add a logical *whereas* as a transition.
35. **ADVOCACY RIGHTS OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**
2022
WHEREAS many nonprofits have the right and responsibility to engage in advocacy activities; and
WHEREAS these rights are being challenged formally and through legislation that would limit nonprofits to engage in advocacy; therefore, be it
RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI opposes any legislation that limits and/or prohibits the advocacy rights of charitable organizations.
RATIONALE: The Resolution committee proposes a new resolution that clearly states our position on threats to non-profit organizations like the GFWC-WI. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 015-040
36. **EARLY RELEASE OF VIOLENT AND HABITUAL PRISONERS**
2022
WHEREAS early release of violent and habitual offenders often results in disaster; and
WHEREAS states which prohibit early release have shown reduced crime; therefore, be it
RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to pursue all avenues to effect changes in legislation regarding early release of violent and habitual prisoners.
RATIONALE: The tragedy in Waukesha, Wisconsin this past November emphasized the need for GFWC-WI to be clear about its position on this issue. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 015-180.
37. **IDENTITY THEFT**
2022
WHEREAS identity theft is
 - The stealing of someone's personal identification for criminal purposes.
 - One of the fastest growing crimes in Wisconsin
 - An invasive crime that can severely damage the victim's financial security and credit history, and

WHEREAS

- the perpetrator's actions may result in the victim being held civilly liable and having a record of criminal conviction.
- Governments and businesses increasingly use personal identification numbers.
- Technology expands and simplifies the dissemination of personal information.
- Careful handling of personal information and documents, including the use of encrypted websites, can reduce the risk of identity theft; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges

- Government agencies and credit reporting bureaus to establish a simplified victim fraud alter process.
- Public and private industries to create methods of protecting personal information, especially records on the Internet; and further

RESOLVED that the GFWC-WI urges its member clubs to

- Support increased resources for and stringent enforcement of The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act and related laws.
- Educate themselves and communities about the importance of prompt reporting of any suspicious activity in accounts and credit reports.
- Advocate for legislation allowing a victim of identity theft to make an application to the court for expungement of any records reflecting that the victim was charged or convicted of a crime committed by the perpetrator.
- Educate communities about identity theft, including child identity theft, its serious ramification, and the importance of, and methods for, protecting personal information, including the use of encrypted websites for the transfer of personal information.

RATIONALE: The Resolutions committee proposes a Resolution that reflects the dangers that members of GFWC-WI face every day. Modeled after GFWC Resolution 015-270.

The committee has fulfilled its duty to review one quarter of the resolutions every four years. The committee is made up of Nancy Niedziela, GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, Chairman; Sharon Phelps, GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club; Karen Ostrowski, GFWC Amherst Junction Woman's Club and Paula Schlice, GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club, the parliamentary advisor to the committee.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted during our GFWC-WI State Convention May 13-14. If you know of someone who might be interested in selling their goods during our convention, please forward their name and email address to me and I will send them the needed contract information.

Clubs are also invited to participate in being a vendor. Vendor fee for a space is \$35; if an electrical outlet is needed, fee is \$45. Each space includes one eight foot table, a white tablecloth and two chairs. Email information to Ruth Diedrich at rdiedrich4702@charter.net and I will follow-up with your suggestion.

Thank you for your help and support of GFWC-WI.

State Convention - See you in Sheyboygan!

Submitted by: Ruth Diedrich & Sue Sands
Convention Co-chairmen

GFWC Rivers & Lakes District has not planned any formal activities/tours for those of you coming in on Thursday BUT there is lots to do and see while you are here. In fact, there are so many that we decided to give you a snapshot of just a few of the things to do and you can decide where your wandering will take you.



We don't recommend swimming in Lake Michigan (too cold!) but take a walk along the Riverfront and check out the fishing shanties, some originals, some rebuilt, that are home to coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques, and ice cream parlors.

If ART is your thing, head north from Blue Harbor Resort for about 20 minutes and you will find the **John Michael Kohler Arts Center**. The Center is comprised of twelve galleries, the Art Café, an extensive gift shop, whimsical sculpture gardens and America's Best Bathrooms according to Good Morning America. The Center is open on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and admission is free. Drive west from the resort for less than ten minutes and find the **Art Preserve of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center**. This is an experimental space designed to house the Arts Center's collection of over 35 artist-built environments. Discover fascinating large scale works of art that embody who we are and the spaces we occupy. This Center is also open on Thursdays and no admission fee. The **Waelderhaus**, located on Riverside Drive, Kohler, ten minutes from Blue Harbor, is "a house in the woods" which is a tribute to the architecture to the Alpine style of Austria with artwork, carvings, sculptures, furniture and tapestries. Tours are free of charge at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. Advance reservations appreciated.

If you want some exercise before settling down to two days of sitting during the convention, bring your walking shoes and check out **Kohler-Andrae State Park**. The Park has eight trails ranging in .3 miles to 2.5 miles. Some trails are an easy walk; others more difficult. **Ellwood H. May Environmental Park** offers hiking and walking trails. Various conservation efforts can be seen throughout the park. No park sticker or entrance fee is required. **Indian Mound Park** on fifteen acres of ancient woodland and winding stream lie 18 rare Indian burial mounds, dated about 500-750 A.D. Their prehistoric builders are called Effigy Mound People because of their mysterious custom of burying their dead beneath mounds shaped like animals, reptiles and birds. **Bookworm Gardens** is a whimsical spot for the young and the young of heart where nature, literature and the imagination all come to life.

Is there money "burning a hole in your pocket" then you might want to head to nearby Kohler. The **Shops at Woodlake** offer shops and boutiques featuring women and men's apparel, toys, collectibles, restaurants, home furnishings, and design stores.

Now you know why we didn't set up any tours – there are so many things to do and see with so much diversity that we just didn't know what to explore and decided it was best for you to pick your favorite things to do!

Federation “sisters” gather at Winter Workshop held February 18-19, 2022 in Waupaca, Wisconsin





Abby shows off one of the Danish hearts that were crafted by our members and given away on Saturday to the clients of the workshop speakers.



A lot was packed into the workshop: Three speakers included a welcome from **Mitchell Swenson** (and daughter) of Waupaca Tourism; both **Bob Adams** of Foundations for Living and **Pastor Janice Kuder** of Fresh Hope for Mental Health provided an understanding of mental illness to break its stigma.

There was a presentation by **Erin Epping** on Google drive transitions and lots of updates on many projects and committee work of our State organization under the leadership of President **Abby Lorenz**, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Friday evening was a Danish heart craft activity organized by **Suz Hooser**; it was a puzzle of sorts that brought lots of laughs and enjoyment!



We wove paper Danish Heart baskets and they were filled with an uplifting message and a bite of chocolate!



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by: Loretta Caron, Chairman



As the days get longer, one starts to think about spring. Are you looking for some CE&O ideas this spring? Here are a few ideas:

- * Consider donating to Heifer International by purchasing a flock of chicks (\$20) or a sheep (\$120).
- * Make Easter or “Welcome Spring” cards and give to residents at the local assisted living or nursing home. I’m sure it will brighten their day.
- * Hold a bicycle safety workshop for children during National Bicycle Safety Month in May.

What other ideas are you going to do?



Education and Libraries

Submitted by: Julie Riemenschneider, Chairman



I am reading the reports submitted by 31 clubs and narrowing them down to choose winning entries. There are so many good reports. I do look for the who, what, when, where and why in the narratives as I make the decisions. Regardless, I am pleased to see the variety of activities and many who volunteered their time and talents to make them happen especially in the confines of a national pandemic. Good for you!

Do you subscribe to the GFWC News & Notes? The weekly publication is available free with your membership to GFWC. Easy to subscribe and worth a few minutes of your time to scan it. Sign up now!

I learned of GFWC’s Annual Women’s History Month event Wednesday, March 9th at GFWC Headquarters on the New & Notes site. You can attend it virtually by registering at the GFWC Member Portal until Monday, March 7th.

Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marianne Potter, Chairman



Special thanks to the clubs who reported! Recording the history of your club's accomplishments will help all members realize the impact their actions make in their communities!

The GFWC Affiliates provide opportunities for members to learn and grow. The February 17th *GFWC News and Notes* shared a link to important dates. Beginning March 1, 2022, webinars will be offered to members with key affiliates including **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Heifer International,**

Canine Companions, Operation Smile, March of Dimes, and Shot at Life. All members may sign up, but if just one member from your club could sign up for each of these informative 45 minute webinars, think of the doors it will open for your membership. Last year's webinars provided specific options and information for club member involvement.

Move Your Way is a program that encourages adults to get the variety of exercise they need. This government program encourages adults to engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activities a week and participate in muscle strengthening activities twice a week. The link provides interactive planning tools to get adults on the right track. The Move Your Way website provides links for parents to involve their children as well as a link for pregnant women.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, National Kidney Month, and National Nutrition Month.

April is National Minority Health Awareness Month.

May is National Healthy Vision Month, Hepatitis Awareness Month, National Physical Fitness and Sports Awareness Month, and National Stroke Awareness Month.

All information and links of how to celebrate can be located at health.gov.

Environment

Submitted by: Karen Ostrowski, Chairman



How neonics harm honeybees.

Repeated exposure to neonicotinoid pesticides starts to change a honeybee's life and impact the entire colony. The science shows there are several different outcomes after exposure. Neonics make it hard for bees to groom themselves making them susceptible to disease and mites and weakening their immune system causing illness and death. Neonics affect bees' ability to navigate back to the hive. Unable to find their way home they die and the worker bees who don't return put the entire colony at risk of starvation.

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Lastly those bees that return covered in contaminated pollen can infect the remaining bees resulting in the loss of the colony. Use only things safe to save our bees or we won't have fruits or vegetables to eat and eventually the entire food supply chain disappears.

Advancement Area: Leadership

Submitted by: Heather Sturtevant, Leadership Committee member and 2021 GFWC LEADS graduate

Stepping up to the Plate – My journey so far

In August 2020, a friend of mine asked me to go to a picnic with her and meet some friends in her woman's club. I said sure and boy, did that change my life!

I thought I knew what service was. I have always been very involved with any organization that my family and I have been involved with. My biggest investment of time was 11 years in the BMX world with my daughter. I was the treasurer, secretary, vital records taker, event planner, scorer, registrar, and keeper of all information and the list goes on. Then I continued to add similar duties to a state team and then a national team. I really thought this was service.

Back to the picnic. I had been in Rhinelander 18 years, and really hadn't heard of GFWC. I am listening to all of these amazing things this group has done for our community – not just 1 to 3 things but more like 20 to 30. I am so in. But how do I contribute? My energy to date has focused primarily on one single purpose at a time. So how do I do split my energy across groups, events, and community needs? GFWC provides the framework to do just that.

My first year I dove in headfirst and eager. I was named chairperson of the program area, Civic Engagement and Outreach and also led our club's Helen Mears art competition. I had some success and was asked to be our club's nominee for LEADS candidate – ultimately serving as our state's representative. It was a year of intensive learning – what GFWC is, the scope of what we can do locally, statewide and nationally, and how to extend the impact of individual service through an effective organization like GFWC.

My second year has taught me so much more. I was able to volunteer at many other events. I am finishing out my chairmanship – but this year added a cause I believe in – the Veteran Honor Flight. I've continued leading the Helen Mears competition as a personal passion of mine. But I have also learned how to pick and choose my activities – to embrace service and yet avoid burn-out.

I still have a long way to go, but I am so grateful to be on this journey of service. I encourage all of you to step outside your box, if you haven't already, and find your strengths and your passions in this organization. True service to me is going above your own ambitions and investments, and really looking at how your strengths can lift and support other endeavors within the club and your community.

I look forward to hearing about your own journeys!

GFWC-WI Writing Contests

Submitted by: Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Contest Chairman

I wanted to express my appreciation to all clubs who hosted a Youth and Member Writing Contest in their communities and who submitted their first choices in the Short Story and Poetry categories for the year 2021.

We received a wonderful collection of creative writings and the reviewing committee for the state level contest will soon convene to identify first places for each age group and category. State level winners will be announced and award certificates will be handed out to club representatives during the GFWC-WI State Convention in Sheboygan in May 2022.

“Bravo” to all authors and a big THANK YOU for your participation in this contest!

Cursive Writing Legislation

Submitted by: Nancy Honadel, Cursive Writing Chairman

Cursive writing advocacy thank you

Now we know how the Olympian athletes feel when they are so close to winning, but don't quite make it!

Our journey began in May of 2019, and despite the fact that we were not successful in getting our bills through both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature, it was a great enriching experience.

The committee would like to send a huge thank you to all our wonderful members for their cooperation in sending emails, making phone calls, signing petitions and even testifying before the Assembly and Senate Education Committees. Our GFWC members personify "git er done".

Perhaps this cause can be reintroduced at a future date when the political climate is not so divided. If not, we did our best and made many new friends in the process.

My personal thanks to you all for your hard work.

In Federation Friendship,

Nancy Honadel

Theodora Youmans' Citizenship Award

Submitted by: Deb Strecker, Chairman

Please



Theodora Youmans' Citizenship Award forms are due April 1st!

The TYCA nomination forms are due on April 1, 2022.

Ladies, you will find the downloadable form on the GFWC WI web page.

Each club knows an outstanding and remarkable woman that deserves the GFWC WI TYCA honor. The clock is ticking, so get *the 3 community recommendations and submit them along with the completed award nomination form, emailed/postmarked by April 1st, 2022.*

Any questions, please contact TYCA Chairman Deb Strecker at dlstrecker@gmail.com or 262-705-9829.

Last year we received not even one! The lack of nominations may have to do with the pandemic, but whatever the reason was it is my wish to not repeat last year's non-response. I challenge each of the GFWC WI clubs to keep me busy by filling up my email account and my mailbox.

Advancement Area: Communications & Public Relations

Submitted by: Nancy Niedziela, Communications & Public Relations Committee member

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

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 informative and generate enthusiasm, 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:

Only **one** newsletter issue per club may be submitted.

The newsletter must have been printed and clearly dated during the contest year (January-December)

The front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official GFWC emblem and mention membership in GFWC.

The 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.

Newsletters and cover letters may be printed and mailed or sent electronically to:

Nancy Niedziela
N30W29273 Hillcrest Drive Unit C
Pewaukee, WI 53072
RNIEDZIELA@WI.RR.COM

If sent electronically, subject line should read NEWSLETTER CONTEST ENTRY

Deadline:

Entries must be postmarked by April 7 or emailed by 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

Awards:

A Category I and Category II will be awarded annually at the State Convention.

WEBSITE CONTEST

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.

Judging Criteria:

Entries will be judged on the following elements:

The website homepage must contain a link to www.GFWC.org and www.gfwc-wi.org.

The website must include contact information for at least one member, defined as email address, telephone number, and/or mailing address.

The website will be evaluated for ease of use on a PC/Laptop, a tablet, and a cell phone.

Contest rules:

Only one website per club may be submitted.

The website may continue to be updated after the contest deadline date.

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.

Website and cover letters must be sent electronically with subject line to read GFWC-WI WEBSITE CONTEST ENTRY to:

Nancy Niedziela

RNIEDZIELA@WI.RR.COM

Deadline:

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

Awards:

A Category I and Category II will be awarded annually at the State Convention.

NOTE: There are two contests available; one at the state level and one at the international level for club websites and club newsletters. The details for the contests are posted

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/committees> under the Communications and PR Committee.

Member Art & Photography

Submitted by: Vickie Richardson, Chairman

Calling all artists!

Are you ready for the GFWC – Wisconsin Member Arts & Crafts Contest, Member Photography Contest and new this year, Member Coloring Contest?

Pull out the crayons, colored pencils and markers! Let's get creative and raise some money for our GFWC-WI President Abby Lorenz's emphasis project: Mental Health Awareness.

A mental illness is a medical condition that can affect persons of any age, race, religion or income and is not the result of personal weakness, lack of character or poor upbringing. Mental Illness can disrupt a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning often resulting in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life. Let's reduce our stress and anxiety while also improving our motor skills, vision, focus and possibly getting a better night's sleep.

Coloring has the ability to relax you generating mindfulness and quietness allowing your mind to get some rest after a long day. You don't have to be an expert artist to color! If you're looking for an uplifting way to unwind after a stressful day, coloring will surely do the trick.

All the rules, forms and coloring pages for the member contests can be found on the GFWC WI website under Community Service Projects tab or follow the links below.

Arts & Crafts Contest

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/member-art>

Photography Contest

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/member-photography>

Coloring Contest

<https://www.gfwc-wi.org/member-coloring-contest>

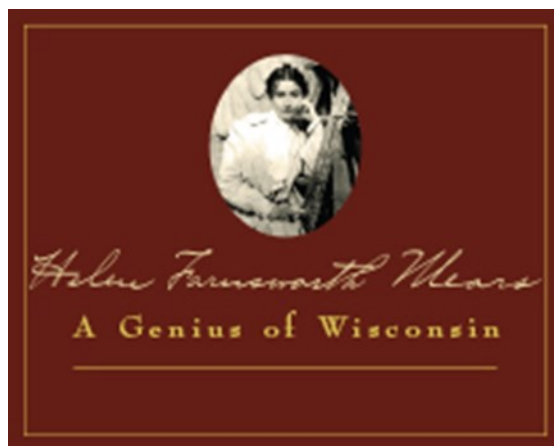


Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest

Submitted by: Shirley Brabender Mattox, Chairman

This year's Memorial Art Contest is special because it is the 150th anniversary of the birth of **Helen Farnsworth Mears** in Oshkosh, WI. "It was in 1927 that Mrs. (John F.) Conant presented her plan for the Helen Mears Art Contest, honoring one of our great Wisconsin artists, Miss Helen Mears, and at the same time encouraging the 8th grade school children to enter the contest and stimulate their interest in art. This is an annual contest and prizes are awarded on the District and State level." (GFWC-WI History, 1927) It has evolved over the years when 8th grade students originally drew a picture based on a theme. The contest expanded to 7th and 8th grade students, including both painting and drawing, and sculpture and recognizing both Class A & B.

The success of this art contest starts with the club contest chairwoman who interacts with the art teachers in each of the schools. There are clubs that have participated ever since 1927, ninety-five years, supporting student artists and celebrating their creativity and talents. Originally there were 11 Districts participating in the contest. Today we have 6 Districts and last year, all 6 Districts had a Helen Mears Art Contest and brought their winners to the State contest! The State winners' artwork will be exhibited at the Oshkosh Public Museum, July 1 - August 14, during the major exhibit of "A Genius of Wisconsin". What a special honor for these students to have their artwork exhibited in the same building with the sculptures of Helen Farnsworth Mears! Thank you for your efforts supporting art in our schools.



Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin

April 23, 2022, through August 14, 2022
Oshkosh Public Museum

This exhibit commemorates the 150th birthday of famous Oshkosh sculptor Helen Farnsworth Mears. Learn about her fascinating life and career through never-before-seen archival documents and photographs and admire her skill and technique through a selection of her beautiful sculptures.

Woman of Achievement Award

Submitted by: Ina Trummer, Chairman

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

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

- * Arts & Culture
- * Membership
- * Environment
- * Education & Libraries
- * Health & Wellness
- * Civic Engagement & Outreach
- * Legislation and Public Policy
- * Domestic Violence Awareness
- * President/Junior Director 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, 2022.

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 2022. 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.

Mail the materials to Ina Trummer: 807 Fieldcrest Ct, Watertown, WI 52094. Call to give her a heads up that it’s in the postal mail, (920) 261-9372. She appreciates your cooperation with this method of delivery.

ENTRY FORM
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 _____

Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO

Submitted by: Nancy Schrap, Chairman

ESO: **Epsilon Sigma Omicron** is an honorary educational society that provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement.



Club ESO reports have been received and awards are being prepared! What a marvelous year of reading! There were 1449 books read in 2021 – more than double that read in 2020! A total of 13,825 hours reported (about 1 1/2 years of reading!).

There will be 37 individual awards to be presented at the GFWC-WI Convention 2022 May 12-15 in Sheboygan - from the Pledge Level to the Fifth Century Level. Clubs reported 9 new Pledge Level, 11 to Member Level, 3 to Star Level, 4 to Torch Level, 6 to First Century Level, 2 to Second Century, 1 to Third Century and 1 to Fifth Century Level. Keep up the great reporting!

Continue to read in 2022 and report. Try to report at least quarterly. Remember to record how long it took you to read each book – take the number of pages in the book and multiply by two minutes per page. Easy to do.

Informational materials are available online at www.gfwc-wi.org under Community Service Programs, Education, Epsilon Sigma Omicron. It will include an updated 2020-2022 Reading List with 23 subject categories to choose from, ESO Pledge Application and book reporting form. Fill out the ESO Pledge Application and send it to me – and then start reading and reporting.

Wisconsin has added new categories: Wisconsin Authors; Current Events, Politics & Government; Psychological; Romance; and Fiction Genre: Historical. Expanded are the following: Philosophy, Religion & Inspirational; Science and Nature; and Sports, Recreation & Humor.

Hope to see YOU in Sheboygan.

Nancy
nancywischrap@aol.com

Technology Committee

Submitted by: Erin Epping, Chairman

At the February winter meeting, the technology committee presented how administration turnover will be accomplished between the current administration and the next administration. If you are a board member, a board of director member, or chairperson and have files on your computer, you would have learned how to easily transition those to your successor at the meeting. Thanks to the ladies who participated at the winter meeting.

During the meeting, the video failed to record properly, so I created one at home. Thanks to Abby for sending out the video link and documentation to all members who need this information. The video is about 15 minutes long. If there are any questions about the process, feel free to contact me at eepping728@gmail.com or gfwcwi.webmaster@gmail.com.

At the State Convention in May we are planning to share why websites are useful for clubs and how to begin the process of developing one. If your club is interested in having a website, please come to the State Convention to learn more.

GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children

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

Project Update: Since last fall clubwomen have been reaching out to their public libraries and getting permission to display these bookmarks. This report is current as of February 28th.

Project partner: **Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin**



These colorful bookmarks (and some in Spanish) will be on display in 43 libraries across the State of Wisconsin by April thanks to the help of these clubwomen:

Robyn Allen, Hartland WC

Kay Berzsenyi, Shorewood WC

Sue Bessert, Rhinelander WC

Michelle Black, Lakeland Area
GFWC WC

Deb Brossard, Rhinelander WC

Kathy Chromy, Port Washington
WC

Frances Cook, Greenfield WC

Diane Dei Rossi, Rhinelander
WC

Ruth Diedrich, Brillion WC

Marilyn Duschl, Rhinelander
WC

Polly Exferd, Oconto WC

Monica Jerich, GFWC PDO

Karen Kjensrud, Oconomowoc
WC

Cathy Jones, Stevens Point WC

Rose Last, Edgerton WC

Barb Pontow, Hartford JWC

Dorothy Protz, Brown Deer JWC

Julie Riemenschneider, Amery
WC

The libraries are excited to be contacted and included. It's one small way we can make a difference in the life of a child.

District Reports *continue on the next 2 pages*

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

Submitted by Julie Saether, District President

Greetings from the **Southern Prairies District** where many exciting things are happening! First is ALL NINE of the District clubs reported their volunteer hours – Fantastic! Second is the Burlington Woman’s Club has gone from eleven to nineteen members since this fall with more possibly joining!! In addition, the Beloit Jr’s have also expanded their membership with thirteen new members – SUPER to both clubs! Third, is the Jun-iorette Clubs supported by the WC of Kenosha and the Kenosha Jr’s are continuing to meet! YAY! Fourth, is our District Board met February 22 via Zoom and approved updates to our bylaws, approved the nomination of the slate of officers, planned the Spring Convention, and other miscellaneous items.

Our District Spring Convention will be Tuesday, April 26 with the theme “Hats Off to the Southern Prairies District”. There will be the Helen Mears and member artwork displays/judging. More details (like the location) will be coming soon in the March Southern Prairies District Newsletter.

Lastly, I visited the Beloit Jr’s Club meeting in February and loved meeting their members and hearing about all the different ways they are supporting their community! Ladies of the Southern Prairies District, let’s keep this enthusiasm going!!



Julie Saether
GFWC – WI District President
Southern Prairies
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

Rolling Hills District has kept busy over the last 2 years. Meetings were held virtual, hybrid and in person. Most clubs have increased membership and held fundraisers and continued to give donations to many organizations. All clubs got their state report done and sent to state officers.

My time as District President will come to an end in April after our spring district meeting. I will continue to be an active member and attend district and state meetings. I learned so much at those meetings and gained many new friends. I hope everyone considers taking a leadership role in their clubs, districts, and even in the state. I will be the club president for the GFWC Muskego Woman’s Club for the next 2 years. I enjoyed getting to know many of you. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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

A recent devotional reading spoke to the importance of understanding WHY we do the things that we do. Although we speak to this in our GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 session, I found the details of this devotional to be quite profound. The setting was a WWII parachute manufacturing company and the workers were women whose loved ones were away fighting the war. The product had quality control issues. The manager of one factory was asked why his products had the highest quality and field success ratings. He explained it was because his workers embraced the life-saving importance of every parachute they made—believing that it could potentially be used by their loved one. The mundane, countless stitches became a labor of love for the women workers. These women embraced their WHY.



Mary Meek
GFWC – WI District President
Northwoods
2020-2022

In my last article I wrote about reflecting with pride at the results of our strength and determination, especially in the midst of COVID. The significance of our accomplishments and success in supporting our respective communities throughout the year has been quite amazing. The **Northwoods District**, including six of our seven clubs, reported a total of 270 projects; 15,325 volunteer hours; \$98,598 cash donations; \$15,301 in-kind donations; spent \$13,714.50 on Communication, Leadership, Legislation & Membership; spent \$13,671.13 on Fundraising and devoted 1,449 hours reading 210 books.

WHY we do what we do really makes a difference. 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. For the clubwomen of the Northwoods District, we look forward to a time of celebration and fellowship when we gather for our spring convention on April 30, hosted by the GFWC Stevens Point Woman’s Club. Reflect, Embrace and Remember YOUR WHY!

RIVERS & LAKES: Berlin Friends * Brillion * Oshkosh Arts Club * Plymouth * Princeton * De Pere Submitted by Sue Sands, District President



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

Hats off to the clubs in the **Rivers and Lakes District!!** We had five of our six clubs reporting this year. A total of 58 projects were described in the reports with 3,713 volunteer hours involved. Cash and in-kind donations totaled \$12,413. This is awesome for 87 ladies!! Congratulations and thank you to the members and reporters for our clubs.

Rivers and Lakes District is busy finalizing plans for our 125th annual State Convention. We hope to see many of you May 12-15 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. We know you will have a great time celebrating our accomplishments, installing the 2022-2024 officers, and just being with our sisters and federation friends.

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:

Number of members – 301 (22% of the State's overall membership)

Number of clubs reporting projects – All 7 clubs (Lakeshore was one of three districts with all clubs reporting.)

Number of projects – 378 (27% of the State's total projects.)

Number of Volunteer Hours – 11,091 (14% of the State's total)

Total donated - \$29,446

In-kind donated - \$38,056

I know that 2021 was a turn-around year for many clubs. Congratulations!

We are in the midst of planning our April District Spring Convention. We will have the Member Art Contest and the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest winners announced. We will also be announcing our Scholarship recipient(s). Finally, we look forward to voting on our new District officers and installing them that day.



Erin Epping
GFWC – WI District President
Lakeshore
2020-2022

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

Submitted by Julie Riemenschneider, District President



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

Greetings from northwest Wisconsin. I returned late Saturday from the GFWC-WI Winter Workshop at Waupaca. Shari Berg and I represented the **Northern Lights District**. We agreed that we took away worthwhile information from the sessions and enjoyed networking with fellow members. I liked the Danish heart weaving activity Friday evening, but I did not master it. My heritage is half Danish, too.

I do not have reports from the six clubs in our district for this newsletter as several do not meet during the winter months. However, Ashland WC will be hosting the spring convention on Sat., April 23rd at Saron Lutheran Church, 517 9th Ave. W. in Ashland. We hope for a good turnout. Linda Brown was invited as our guest from GFWC-WI. For those needing a hotel reservation, please go to Ashland's website as no block of rooms has been reserved. Bring your Helen Mears artwork from your schools and your entries for member arts. Election of officers and installation is on the agenda as well as an update on amended bylaws and policies. If we can get a copy of the amendments to each club prior to April 23rd, we may be able to vote on them at this meeting.

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Princeton Woman's Club



The ladies of the **Princeton Women's Club** presented a check to Princeton Library Director Laura Skalitzky for the purchase of two cookbooks as a memorial to **Ruth Hebbe**, a longtime club member who recently passed away. Ruth was an avid collector of cookbooks. The cookbooks (Rachel Ray and Michael Symon's newest cookbooks) will be affixed with a special memorial sticker in Ruth's honor. The cookbooks will be available for checkout as soon as they are delivered to the library.

Pictured in the front row are Treasurer **Jenny Stelzner** and Princeton Library Director **Laura Skalitzky**.

Back row L to R: President **Sue Gerald**, **Terry Goulet**, Secretary **Renee Cybul**, **Marie Wilkins**, **Rose Wick** and **Sue Bednarek**



Several members of our club visited Martha's Residence Home to bring our special friends Valentine's Day gifts - each of the 14 residents received a card, a chocolate rose and a box of chocolates. While club members are still practicing safety protocols due to COVID we hope we made the residents' day a little more special.

L to R: **Chris Goulet**, **Rose Wick**, **Marie Wilkins**, President **Sue Gerald**, Secretary **Renee Cybul**, **Sue Bednarek**, and Treasurer **Jenny Stelzner**

The Princeton Women's Club is this month's "Roundup" organization at Piggly Wiggly in Princeton. When you shop at "The Pig" this month and round up your grocery total to the next dollar, our club receives that amount as a donation. These donations are a nice way to add to our ability to continue to do positive things for those in need. We are hoping many will "shop till they drop" and round up for the Princeton Women's Club.



Front row L to R: Secretary **Renee Cybul**, Treasurer **Jenny Stelzner**, President **Sue Gerald**, and **Sue Bednarek**

Back row L to R: **Chris Goulet**, **Rose Wick** and **Marie Wilkins**

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Dodgeville Woman's Club



From L to R: **Pat Risch**, club secretary; **Bridget Dickler**, club president and member **Janice Neal** are helped by local attorney **Tripp Stroud** during our Share Event at the Dodgeville Culver's.



President **Bridget Dickler** received an \$800 donation from the Dodgeville Culver's during a Share Event that Culver's sponsors for local groups.



On a recent vacation to Key West, Florida, Club president **Bridget Dicker** met "sister clubwoman", **Sue Mitchell** at the Hellings House Museum, home of the Key West Woman's Club.

Sue and Bridget are pictured here in photo to the left.

Bridget sends her gratitude to Sue Mitchell for the wonderful hospitality she received.



GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

Creative Writing Contest is in the books! Eighteen members were involved in planning, judging, setting up the display, baking, and performing hostess duties at a community reception in February. The students, parents, and teachers were very appreciative of the Club's efforts in sponsoring this contest, and it pairs nicely with the K-12 art exhibit at the local arts and cultural center.



CLUB CORNER

GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club



GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club making cards for Meals on Wheels. Pictured here in the front row L to R: Jeanine F., Kathy W., Debbie G. and Debbie R. Back row L to R: Tina T., Cari P., Teri P., Liz B., Brandy M., Shannon R., Melody W., and Linda Kay C.

Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club

A Valentine tradition for more than five decades!

Breaking tradition, **Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club** met mid-week for their February monthly meeting. Because it was near Valentine's Day, members were encouraged to bring a friend for the midday meal at "Let's Shine."

March's meeting will feature a St. Joseph's Hospital update from Kristie McCoic and Dan Howard. Watch for more information on the Club's downtown pie sale April 15 (Good Friday) and Granny's Attic Sale on April 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday) at Hills Manor.



Club members **Marty Magalsky** and **Margaret Ann Roberts** are pictured at the Valentine's Day party for residents at Milestone Senior Living Center. Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club furnished the fancy homemade Valentine cookies, courtesy of Clubwoman **Doris Picha** and her daughter. **Margaret Ann** and **Doris** have both been club members over 50 years.

The Club's Valentine party sponsorship has been a tradition for over five decades.



GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha

Hello lovely GFWC WI sisters,

The **Woman's Club of Kenosha** celebrated their **4th Annual WCK Galentine Luncheon** at Birchwood Grill in Kenosha. Eighteen lovely ladies showed up to share laughter and friendship. It wouldn't be an event, if I didn't have some kind of game to play. This year's game tested our romantic movie knowledge. Breaking news, some of us are more into romantic movies than others as I learned that day. I actually have 10 of the 14 movies questioned, saved on my DVR. A few ladies could not name their favorite romantic movie. We are a diverse group. LOL



Our environmental project of collecting corks to be donated to **ReCORK**, an organization that collects, and then they reuse and repurpose them. Our goal was to get to 1891, the year our WCK was chartered. We asked members and the community to help us reach our goal. We collected over **13,000 corks**. That is a lot of corks to count. The Juniorettes counted them at one of their meeting and the WCK evening members counted the majority!

We are in the process of planning some spring FUNdraisers. We will hold our annual spring tea



on **Sunday, May 1st**. And we will host some fun events such as bunco and trivia. And we will be selling tickets and holding a 50/50 raffle at a Kingfish baseball game. We have some very enthusiastic fans. The WCK ladies know how to cheer their team on.

Our WCK Juniorettes girls are going strong. Each meeting has incorporated a community service project. They filled microwavable bags for Kenosha's animal shelter: Safe Harbor.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the GFWC WI Convention at Blue Harbor in May.
In Federation and Friendship,

Deb Strecker

GFWC WCK President - Living the Volunteer Spirit Since 1891

CLUB CORNER

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis

In February **GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis** members wore their best red apparel for Heart Month and enjoyed the community celebrities who served us a delicious lunch and provided an interesting program about the developments in the city. We are happy that we could celebrate our community leaders this year since the 2021 Celebrity Luncheon was cancelled.

Our club members and Domestic Violence Committee participated in the City's "Show the Love" drive thru event for the benefit of the Police Department's WISH Group (Support for Victims of Domestic Violence). During the year we support the WISH Group by providing snacks, gifts, as well as food and gas gift cards.

March is our Membership Celebration with service awards to 10 members whose service totaled 155 years. Six new 2021 members were welcomed to the club. Our project for the month was donating new and gently used jeans and new underwear for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission which provides food, shelter and clothing for homeless individuals and families.



Photo left:
City of West Allis celebrities with club member Alderperson **Rosalie Reinke** (3rd from left) & Club President **Carol Ziehler** (far right)



Photo right:
City of West Allis Development & Planning Directors



In the last few months the card making group made several hundred valentine cards for those in senior living facilities to bring smiles to the residents.

Standing L to R: **Suzi Metzenheim, Monica Jerich, Linda Taylor, Sharon Plucinski**

Sitting L to R: **Judy Wing, Kathy Bellis**

Absent: **Linda Crossman**



GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club

Members served up "loving" goodies at local schools

To thank the wonderful teachers and staff in our school district for "I Love My Public Schools" week, **Blanchardville Woman's Club** members baked heart-shaped cookies, wrapped them individually with notes attached to each and delivered them to the elementary and middle school/high school teachers and staff.

Pictured here is an elementary staff member (far left) with club members (l to r) **Jill Gaskell**, **Kriss Marion** and **Julie Saether**.

GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club

Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club members and a guest met at Libby Montana's Bar and Grill for our December General Meeting and Banquet. After enjoying dinner, a brief business meeting was held, followed by the installation ceremonies for six new members and our newly elected 2022 Board of Directors.

The group also collected donations and cards for the Cards Behind Bars project. Along with general socializing, members participated in a very challenging holiday quiz followed by a "white elephant" gift exchange. The evening also gave us an opportunity to update our club group photo.

A fun time was had by all, and it was an excellent way to start the holiday season!

2021 Holiday Banquet



New fundraiser - Calendar raffle

Our club completed a successful calendar raffle in January 2022. The "Win \$22 in '22" contest ran from January 3rd to January 31st and included 13 drawings with prize amounts ranging from \$22 to the grand prize of \$322.

Although the winning tickets were eligible to win again in later drawings, that did not happen and the contest had 13 winners. Along with all the lucky raffle recipients, we raised \$2,766 to use for our annual contributions to community schools and organizations.

Pictured here is member **Erin Epping** holding one of the winning tickets.

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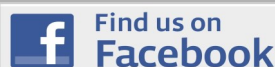
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GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

MARCH

- 1 **Community Impact Program** application due
- 1 **Junior of the Year (JOY)** application due
- 15 **Reports due to GFWC** by GFWC-WI Board of Directors (program area)

APRIL

- 1 On or before - **Early bird discount** State Convention
- 1 **Theodora Youmans Award** entries due
- 1 **Health Scholarship** applications due - application on website
- 14 Deadline to **book hotel room** - State Convention
- 15 **Woman of Achievement Award** entries due
- 15 **Newsletter** and **Website** contests entries due
- 17 Registration deadline; late fees after this date - State Convention
- District Conventions:** Rivers & Lakes - **April 20**; Northern Lights - **April 23**;
Lakeshore - **April 25**; Southern Prairies - **April 26**; Northwoods - **April 30**
- 23 **Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin** on display at Oshkosh
Public Museum through August 14, 2022
- 24 **GFWC Federation Day**
- 30 **GFWC-WI Mini LEADS** registration due

MAY

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

JUNE

- 25-28 **GFWC Annual Convention**, New Orleans, Louisiana

JULY

- 1 **State Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest winners' artwork** exhibited at
Oshkosh Public Museum through August 14, 2022

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