



Theodora Youmans

Over a Century of Accomplishments

- Established 75% of public libraries
- Established WISCONSIN'S OWN LIBRARY for Wisconsin Authors
- Restored the 1st Supreme Court building
- Dedicated, sponsored and restored GFWC-Wisconsin Federation Forest in Nicolet National Forest
- Established Theodora Youmans award for outstanding contribution to citizenship
- Established Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for 7th and 8th Graders
- Instrumental in passage of Wisconsin Seat Belt Law
- Co-sponsored WILS Leadership Seminar for high school sophomores
- Formed the "21 Now Coalition" to increase and maintain the drinking age of 21
- Permanently raised the standard of emergency care of pediatric patients in Wisconsin

Who We Are

GFWC-WI members have an opportunity to gain knowledge and make new friends. They accept the challenge of being involved in building a better community and more deeply aware of the world around them.

GFWC-WI women are:

Living the Volunteer Spirit

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GFWC WISCONSIN



*Dedicated to community
service since 1896*



Helen Farnsworth Mears

Mission Statement

The GFWC-Wisconsin is a statewide volunteer community service organization which promotes individual growth and provides education and training to enrich the quality of life worldwide.

History

GFWC-Wisconsin (GFWC-WI) was chartered into the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) on October 10, 1896. The objective of the GFWC-WI is to bring the federated women's clubs of Wisconsin together and to provide a networking system for the clubs from other state federation clubs and GFWC headquarters.

For over 100 years GFWC-WI has worked to address the needs of our club women, our communities, our nation and our world for our mutual benefit through volunteerism.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, with headquarters in Washington D.C. was organized in March 1889 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1901.

What We Do

GFWC-WI members have responded to the pressing needs of our communities and nation. Members have volunteered through six community programs - Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues.

"We look for unity, but unity in diversity; we hope that you will enrich us by your varied experiences, and let us pledge ourselves to work for a common cause, the cause of united womanhood throughout the world."

- Ella Detz Clymer

1889 GFWC Organizational Convention

Partners

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Prevent Child Abuse America

Advocates for Children

March of Dimes

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Education and Libraries

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Heifer International Operation Smile

Shot@ Life UNICEF



Members

3 types of clubs - one to fit your needs.

- 1) General Clubs - interested, enthusiastic women age 18-100+
- 2) Junior Clubs - Often meet in the evening to accommodate working women and focus on child advocacy
- 3) Juniores - Sponsored by General or Junior Clubs. Members are middle school, junior high and high school age.

Benefits of Belonging

- Membership in a World Organization
- Varied volunteer programs
- Networking toward common goals
- Personal growth through leadership training
- Friendship
- Ideas
- Encouragement
- And much more ...