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The 2023 Wisconsin's Own Library Open House was held on November 11, 2023 and featured students of Dr. Megan Gannon's Creative Writing class. Pictured in back is GFWC-WI State President, Nancy Dickman, Dr Megan Gannon. Sitting is Chase Polyak, Gwen Frei, Alanis Harris and Ethan Brannen. You can view the video from the open house at https://www.gfwc-wi.org/wisconsins-own-library.

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Message from our GFWC-WI State President, Nancy Dickman



Happy New Year to all!

I hope your entire holiday season from Thanksgiving to now has been filled with many moments of happiness and love.

I encourage you to read The Clubwoman from cover to cover.

The women of GFWC-WI are impressively active in our cities and towns with projects, programs, and fundraising efforts that are cherished and valuable to all our hometowns. It has been my privilege to continue visiting clubs, participating in the Fall Junior Conference, and scheduling future visits. Thank you for inviting me!

As this administration enters its final quarter, we have committees ready to make final reports and recommendations for all our members at the upcoming Winter Workshop. If you attend the Winter Workshop and board meeting in Middleton on February 9-10, 2024 you'll be right on top of all the changes unfolding in the Technology, Resolutions, and Amendments and Policies Committees. In addition, we will get a first glimpse of the committee work shaping the next

administration. I promise that all these committee members have been diligently working for GFWC-WI. As an organization, we can and should be proud of these efforts. See below for more about the Workshop.



I know the clubs are conscientiously working on annual reports. Thank you in advance for reporting. The accumulated statistics from our efforts are hugely impressive and contribute to GFWC's collective influence in our advocacy efforts.

Please keep in mind the critical deadlines for several contests. Our chairpersons look forward to your submissions for the Community Impact Program, Theodora Youmans, Junior of the Year, and our most prestigious award for a Wisconsin club woman, Woman of Achievement.

Thank you for being so dedicated to GFWC-WI. We do amazing things for our communities. I've said it before and say again, "Your light is brilliant!"

WINTER WORKSHOP

The Winter Workshop and Board of Directors' Meeting is planned and promises to be filled with learning opportunities, including BIG news for using technology at GFWC-WI. This meeting is where much of the work needing to be addressed at the Annual State Convention gets our attention. This workshop will help bring the work of this administration to a close. It would be terrific if you would consider coming to learn firsthand the work our sisters have undertaken in restructuring the Resolutions and Bylaws for Wisconsin. It was an enormous and impressive task.

We will have a service project on Friday evening, February 9. We will MAKE 100 'thank you' cards and attach a little trinket for the patients at William S. Middleton VA Hospital just in time for Valentine's Day.

Service Projects are fantastic opportunities to socialize with women from other clubs. The

connections we can make in just a few minutes of shared time is amazing.

Come for the Workshop, and check out the great shopping at Greenway Cross before and after!

Look for the Call to make your meeting and hotel reservations in this issue.



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

As 2023 wound down, I encouraged our Junior Clubs to consider empowering youth at Christmas, the simple gift of a new piece of clothing can change a child's attitude, giving them a feeling of confidence and feeling better about themselves. As community-minded woman, we are again given the opportunity in the new year to turn some stones to make the lives of others a little better.

Holidays also brought greater impact through donations to Heifer International, so the Junior EC took advantage of this opportunity of 3 times the impact by sending a donation to "Send a girl to School". We appreciate all who donated to Roxy. Her S.P.A.M. (Sparkling, Personality and Money) made it all possible!

The Juniors of Wisconsin were represented in the Holiday open house at headquarters with the village piece of a popcorn vendor. It was reminiscent of our Great Lakes region conference and the shared popcorn bags. Who doesn't love a bag of fresh buttered popcorn!

Stones

For those who worked hard at the Junior Fall Conference making rain sticks, they were well received by multiple nursing homes in the area for the holidays.



It's time to brag a little and start working on your reports. A few benefits of reporting are you get to document your volunteer impact and it's an opportunity for you to express gratitude to your volunteers. Acknowledging and thanking volunteers plays a vital role in retention efforts and making volunteers feel seen and ap-

brag a lot! Your members deserve it!

Looking forward to Winter Workshop and getting to see my fellow clubwoman. Stay warm, healthy and happy!

preciated for their contributions. So go ahead and



OFFICER REPORTS:

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GFWC - WI President-Elect, Linda Brown



I am going to Washington, DC, for an orientation program from January 3-7. This is my second visit to headquarters, so I am excited to see all the changes and repairs that have been made. I hope for good weather during my travel.

During this holiday season, I attended two club parties, namely GFWC-WI Greenfield and GFWC-WI Port Washington. Both parties were delightful and filled with the Christmas spirit. I want to extend my gratitude to the ladies for inviting me.

Membership is an ongoing process, and it's never too late to add new members to the roster, even if you've already sent in your dues to the state. Every day is a Membership Day, and one new member is a success!

Wishing everyone great happiness and good health in

2024! Happy New Year!

GFWC - WI SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, ERIN EPPING

Happy New Year!

This officer has been busy attending the Executive Committee and Wisconsin's Own Library meetings and responding to emails. I have also been busy responding to emails about reporting. Regarding reporting, please complete club reporting for the 2023 calendar year in January. This is an important step for our clubs to support our state reporting internationally. The reporting information is on the state website at

URL: https://www.gfwc-wi.org/gfwcwi-reporting

The deadline for reporting is January 31, 2024. When your reports are done, please send them as directed in the instructions, preferably electronically. If you have any questions about reporting, please email me at eepping728@gmail.com or call or text me at 414-355-8780.



Thank you for all you do for your communities.

GFWC - WI CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, TAMMY WELTER



I am excited to receive your registration for the Winter Workshop. Don't forget to send them in early to receive a \$5 rebate!

Any updates regarding officers, addresses, and/or phone numbers that you may have

previously sent to me have been incorporated into the online State Handbook. If there are any changes that I missed or if you have any other updates, please let me know.

GFWC - WI RECORDING SECRETARY, SHELLY ISELY

Hello everyone, I hope you had a wonderful I wanted to let you know that the minutes of Christmas and New Year! It's hard to believe how fast the year has gone by. We're meeting have been prepared and are now excited to announce that our Winter Workshop is coming up in February, and we're looking forward to seeing many of you there.

the December 27th Executive Committee available for review



GFWC - WI TREASURER, MICHELLE MUNOZ



Happy New Year, GFWC-WI Members! I have been busy collecting club dues and rosters. Many members have already sent in their dues, but I would really appreciate it if you could send me electronic rosters for our database.

At the beginning of January, I will be sending out emails to request updated club rosters. In addition to collecting dues, I have attended budget meetings, investment meetings, and EC meetings. Junior Fall Conference was a lot of fun. Currently, I am preparing to visit Washington, DC, for the 2024-2026 administration orientation meeting, where I will also get the chance to visit our GFWC Headquarters. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Workshop meeting in Middleton.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE VISIT TO GFWC HEADQUARTERS SUBMITTED BY GFWC-WI STATE PRESIDENT, NANCY DICKMAN

Wisconsin was IN THE HOUSE! State President Nancy Dickman and Past Club President Fran Cook had a delightful time visiting the GFWC headquarters on December 6, for the 2023 GFWC Holiday Open House. Headquarters was spectacularly decorated with villages from the state federations which are destined to D.C. area women's shelters. Wisconsin's Own Library made an appearance as did a whimsical popcorn stand with whirling popcorn.

Parts of the building were open for inspiring tours. We saw the environmentally controlled archives room, the board room, the original banner for the Sorosis Society, the President's office and the ornate main level with the grand piano, grand sitting room with two twelve-foot decorated trees, the newly renovated solarium, and the formal dining room.

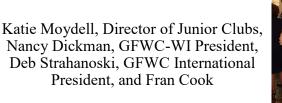
Every room was aglow with holiday decorations, smiling faces and cheerful conversation. It was a wonderful experience.



Wisconsin's Own Library



GFWC-WI Juniors Popcorn Wagon





GFWC-WI State
President, Nancy Dickman
and Fran Cook in front of
the Christmas Tree in the
Grand Parlor

GFWC-WI WINTER WORKSHOP

Friday & Saturday, February 9-10, 2024
Hilton Garden Inn Madison West/Middleton, 1801 Deming Way, Middleton, WI 53562

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Address						
City			Zip			
Name of Club		Please check highest office currently held				
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2024 GFWC-WI Winter Workshop SCHEDULE AND FINAL MEETING ROOM LIST

All meetings will occur at Hilton Garden Inn Madison West/Middleton, Middleton, WI Business casual or GFWC attire recommended.

Time: Meeting:

Friday, February 9:

12:00 pm: Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting

1:00 pm: Communications and Public Relations Committee Meeting

2:00 pm: Resolutions Committee Meeting
2:00 pm: Ad Hoc Tech Committee Meeting
2:00 pm: Leadership Committee Meeting

2:00 pm: Joint District Presidents and Membership Committee Meeting

3:00 pm: Registration Open until 5:00 pm

3:15 pm: Executive Committee

4:30 pm: Adjournment all committee meetings

5:00 pm: Social Hour with Cash Bar

6:00 pm: Dinner (Registration and Pre-Paid Meal Ticket Required)

7:30 pm: Hands-on Service Project for William S. Middleton VA Hospital

Saturday, February 10:

7:30 am: Junior Board Meeting

8:30 am: Registration open until 9:20 am 8:30 am: Budget Committee Meeting

9:00 am: GFWC-WI Board of Directors Meeting

Reports of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, 1st VP including Membership and District Presidents Reports, 2nd VP including Standard

Reporting Status report

Presentation by the Ad Hoc Technology Committee

Reports of Committees:

Resolutions, Amendments and Policies, Nominations, Scholarship, Theodora

Youmans, Woman of Achievement, Junior of the Year, Leadership, Communication and Public Relations, Legislation and Public Policy, '24-'26 Preliminary Strategic Plan, '24-'26 Preliminary Budget

12:00 pm: Lunch (Registration and Pre-Paid Meal Ticket Required)

1:00 pm: Finish Committee reports and Meeting Wrap-up

3:00 pm: Adjourn

Immediately following the GFWC-WI Board of Directors' Meeting adjournment, the 2024-2026 Executive Committee Candidates and incoming District Presidents will meet with President-elect Brown for 45 minutes.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are blocked for GFWC-WI at the Hilton Garden Inn Madison West/Middleton on Friday February 9, 2024. Use this URL https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/gfwc-winter-conference-2024/. OR Call: 608-831-2220, press option 1 for reservations.

Rate: \$129.00 plus taxes per night - Ask for the "GFWC24 room block" to receive the negotiated rate. Rooms include 2 Standard Queen Beds, Free Wi-Fi, Flat Panel HD TV, Refrigerator, Coffee Maker, Hair Dryer.

Book your room by January 10, 2024, as our room block rate is not guaranteed after that.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MUNOZ, CHAIR

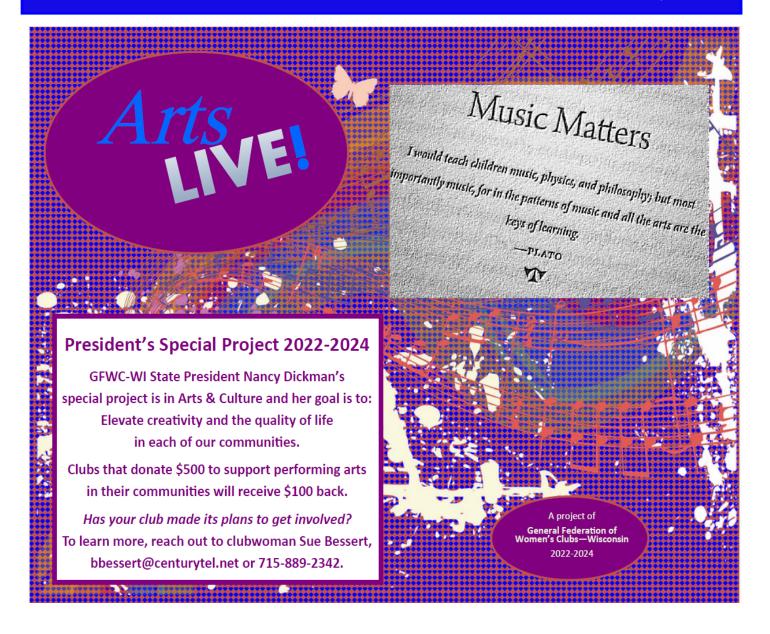


During the Junior Fall Conference, attendees participated in my domestic and sexual violence awareness workshop, which involved role-playing exercises and a Q&A session.

I wanted to let you know that GFWC has released their Success for Survivors Scholarship Applications, and we've made them available on our website for your club's use. Although the application deadline says 2023, you can still use it for the 2024 deadline by crossing out "February 2023" and replacing it with "2024". I'll keep you updated with any additional information from the GFWC Signature Program Chair and post any relevant handouts on our website. Have a happy 2024!

PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT

SUBMITTED BY SUE BESSERT, CHAIR



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS: ARTS AND CULTURE

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MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARTS & CRAFTS CONTESTS

SUBMITTED BY VICKIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that
January is already here, and before we know
it, May will be upon us. The
Members Photography and Arts & Crafts
Contests are just around the corner. I hope
everyone has been enjoying themselves while
creating beautiful entries for this year's contests.

Just a couple of reminders:

- All the necessary information needed to enter your work into the contests can be found on the "Programs" page of the website under "Arts & Culture."
- Each item needs its own separate entry form, and it needs to be completely filled out, INCLUDING CATEGORY.

A list of all categories can be found on the Contest Rules page.

- Each photograph needs its own signed Creative Waiver, marked with category, title, and artist's signature.
- Finally, everyone bringing in entries must fill out an Inventory List. Every entry a member drops off and picks up must be listed on this inventory list.

Please Note: No photographs, art, or crafts are allowed to leave the art room prior to the end of the convention unless an unforeseen circumstance arises, and then only the Members Photography, Arts & Crafts Contests Chair will remove items from the exhibit.

The Manikin Contest was so well received last year that I am super excited to announce this year's special contest at this year's Winter Workshop. Hope to see you there!



WRITING CONTEST

SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDRA LERCH-GAGGL, CHAIR

Attention all word smiths! If you are a member of GFWC or a K-12 student, you can participate in the GFWC 2024 Writing Contest. Create a short story or poem in 2023 and submit it for a chance to win the contest.

To learn more about the policies and rules for submission and judging, please visit https://www.gfwc-wi.org/member-short-story-and-poetry and download the PDF document. Don't forget to complete and submit a waiver for each submission.

Remember, the deadline for submission of all entries is February 12th, 2024. Ensure that your completed and formatted work reaches the Contest Chair's email or mailing address by this date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the GFWC-WI Writing Contests Chair, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, at alerchgfwc@gmail.com. Send your entries to W275N2337 Oak Ct, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SUBMITTED BY SUE SANDS, CHAIR

Have you had the chance to read as many books as you wanted in 2023? If you want to make reading one of your New Year's resolutions and have a cozy spot to relax with a good book, then the Education & Libraries programs, newsletters, and ESO are perfect for you!

In America, funding of at least \$282 million enables over 117,000 public, school, academic, government, and other libraries to exist. This is a crucial yet modest investment in libraries and the opportunities they offer us. It is essential to urge Congress to prioritize full funding for our nation's libraries for

2024. This information is taken from the American Library Association's website.

Some new releases that may interest you:

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
Ruthless Vows by Rebecca Ross
The Wildest Sun by Asha Lemmie
The Lost Tomb by Douglas Preston
The Engagement Party by Darby Kane

Happy Reading Sisters!



ENVIRONMENT

Submitted by Gloria Lansin, Chair

Winter is a quiet season when most animals have hibernated or migrated to warmer places. It's a challenging time for bees to survive the cold, but we hope they make it. The fall butterflies have already flown to California or Mexico, and the summer birds are no more, but we are fortunate to have woodpeckers, blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, nuthatches, and

juncos still around. The small insects are hiding under the leaves, waiting for Spring to arrive. I can hear Canadian geese and swans conversing on the river, deciding when to depart for their winter destinations. Although it's peaceful, I can't wait for Spring.

ADVANCEMENT AREA: COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

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WEBMASTER NEWS

Happy New Year!

Know someone who should be receiving the Clubwoman Newsletter or is not receiving GFWC-WI emails? There are some helpful tips on the "Technology Tips" page of the GFWC-WI website that can assist you. To find these helpful tips, go to the "Members Page," click on

"Technology Tips," and scroll down to "Where's My Email?"

If you need help finding something on the website or have a suggestion, please email me at gfwcwi.webmaster@gmail.com.



LEADERSHIP

SUBMITTED BY: DEB BROSSARD, CHAIR

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

Information for GFWC State Federations – Customized for GFWC-WI 2024

The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually (Friday, June 28, It 2024) the day before the official opening of the GFWC International Convention (Saturday, June 29 to Monday, July 1 at the Hilton, Chicago in Chicago, Illinois). LEADS is a full day of activities, and includes lunch. Participants become LEADS graduates at the conclusion of the day-long program.

Some important details are as follows:

- One attendee each year from each State Federation is eligible to participate in LEADS.
- GFWC will cover a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:
 - ♦ Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00.
 - ♦ Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).
 - Checks will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.
- ◆ State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of attendee's expenses (i.e. additional lodging, meals, or Convention registration). GFWC-WI supports our candidate by underwriting up to \$1,000 of eligible expenses.
- LEADS attendees are expected to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.
- ◆ The LEADS participant is responsible for making travel and lodging arrangements.

 (Note for GFWC-WI: In prior years a LEADS welcome reception occurs on Thursday evening and a LEADS breakfast occurs on Saturday morning. Watch for details regarding these events in the convention program and plan your travel accordingly.)

CONTENT & PRESENTATIONS AT LEADS

LEADS may include the following:

- Overview of various leadership skills.
- Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance.
- Outline of GFWC policies, parliamentary procedure, and protocol.
- Discuss tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing leadership opportunities.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING IN LEADS

It is highly recommended that each state candidate for LEADS:

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.
- Exhibits a commitment to Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in Federation.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- ♦ Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the state.
- Agrees to the following additional criteria established for GFWC-WI:
 - ♦ Agrees to serve and actively participate on the GFWC-WI Leadership Committee and contribute to the GFWC-WI Mini LEADS Presentation Team.
 - ♦ Agrees to pursue leadership positions at the District and State levels.
 - Beginning in 2020, preference in the selection of the GFWC-WI LEADS candidate will be given to GFWC-WI Mini LEADS graduates.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUED

SUBMITTED BY: DEB BROSSARD, CHAIR

GFWC-WI LEADS 2024 PARTICIPANT APPLICATION



Name:							
Address:		_					
Phone: Email:	Email:						
Club:District:	District:						
Above information will be concealed during the judging process.							
List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:							
List all district offices and/or chairmanships held:		<u> </u>					
List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved:							
List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested:							
Why do you want to be part of GFWC LEADS							
* If more space is needed, please complete answers on reverse side of this form.							
 Are you willing to: ◆ defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or GFWC-WI? ◆ return to the Region and the State and share what you have learned at LEADS? ◆ pursue leadership positions at the district and state levels? 							

<u>Please send your application prior to the DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – February 15, 2024</u> Call or Text Suz to let her know of the application submission. Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members to:

GFWC-WI Leadership Committee c/o Suzanne (Suz) Hooser – 2024 GFWC-Wisconsin LEADS Nominee Selection Chairman 4307 Washington Road Kenosha, WI 53144 <u>suzhoosergfwc@gmail.com</u>

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

WOMAN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER (WHRC)

SUBMITTED BY MARY KAYE ERNEST, CHAIR



I am excited to share pictures of the newly renovated GFWC Woman's History and Resource Center with all the GFWC Wisconsin Clubwomen. After moving piles of boxes and rearranging them to make space for the GFWC WHRC Committee to work, it is amazing to see the transformation. The drapes have been cleaned and

rehung, and a new floor has been installed. The archival boxes have been arranged by dates or administrations, making good use of shelf space. I invite you to plan a trip to our GFWC Headquarters this summer and witness all the changes made in person.



AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP: GFWC-WI THEODORA YOUMANS AWARD

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Submitted by Diane Zickert, Chair



Attention, ladies! The deadline for submitting the nomination forms for Theodora Youmans' Citizenship Award, named after the renowned activist and suffragist, is approaching fast. You have until April 1, 2024, to download the form from the GFWC-WI website (gfwc-wi.org/awards-scholarships) and submit it with three community

recommendations for an exceptional woman from

your community who deserves this honor. Please make sure that the completed nomination form and recommendations are postmarked by April 1, 2024. You can send your entries to Diane Zickert at 230 Achievement Dr, Apt A6, Brillion, WI 54110. Don't miss the chance to recognize the outstanding women in your community!

WOMAN of ACHIEVEMENT

SUBMITTED BY: INA TRUMMER, CHAIR

Is there a woman who has made an outstanding impact on your club and her community? She may be a member of your club who has been recognized for her involvement in one of the many programs in GFWC or a special project in your club. I am sure that there are several deserving ladies of this very special and prestigious award. Therefore, I encourage you to start looking for that very special person and nominate her.

When you nominate someone, please make sure to include three letters of endorsement, a summary of the nominee's involvement in GFWC, and a summary of her personal life and family. The materials you submit cannot exceed three pages. You can mail the completed form to Ina Trummer, Chairman, at 807 Fieldcrest Court, Watertown, WI, no later than April 1, 2024. If you have any

questions, please feel free to call 920-261-9372.



2021 Woman of Achievement Deb Brossard GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club

SCHOLARSHIP

SUBMITTED BY: SHELLY ISELY, CHAIR



The 2024 Health Scholarship is now available on the

GFWC-WI.org website. This scholarship is open to high school and adult students who are interested in pursuing a career in the

health field. The deadline for submitting the completed application is April 1st, 2024. We kindly request you to spread the word and encourage students in your community to apply. Last year, we received an extraordinary number of applications, and we hope to surpass that number this year.

I will send information to the District Presidents to share with Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs regarding the timeline for completing applications, scholarship requirements, and information to share with schools. The committee has been impressed with the quality of applications received over the years and looks forward to reviewing all the applications in 2024. It will be a difficult task to choose four winners.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

SUBMITTED BY: CAROL WOLFENDEN, CHAIR

UNIQUE DEADLINE:

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

It's not too late! You didn't miss it!

The CIP Award deadline & timeframe is unlike any other in GFWC.

Deadline: March 1, 2024 Timeframe: Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2023

Tell what your club did to make your community a better place. Email or mail your entry form to:

Carol Wolfenden wolfenden@mwt.net S464 Tower Rd Kendall, WI 54638

More info is available on the GFWC-WI website and in the GFWC 2022-2024 Club Manual (online).



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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS REPORTS: SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT

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SUBMITTED BY DEB STRECKER, DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Beloit Junior Woman's Club* Blanchardville Woman's Club* Burlington Woman's Club* Kenosha Junior Woman's Club* Monroe Woman's Club* Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club* Woman's Club of East Troy *Woman's Club of Kenosha *Lakeside Youth Club

It's the start of the end for the 2022-2024 administration, but we still have more work and fun ahead of us until we hand over the gavel. I'm excited about the up-

coming winter workshop in Middleton. I feel motivated and ready to take on new projects whenever I attend a workshop or convention. The best part is getting to connect with my fellow GFWC WI members!

Clubs within the GFWC organization are currently preparing their annual reports. Although it can be challenging, it is also rewarding as it reminds us of all our accomplishments in the past year. I am amazed at the countless hours of volunteerism that Southern Prairies District members have put forth.

The Southern Prairies District spring convention will take place on Saturday, April 20th, at the beautiful and historic home of The Woman's Club of Kenosha. We would love to have you join the Southern Prairies District members for the day, as we will install the 2024-2026 slate of officers led by Tammy Welter as President!



ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY KATHY NOVACK, DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Boscobel Woman's Club * Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club* Hartford Junior Woman's Club * Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club* Muskego Woman's Club* Oconomowoc Woman's Club * Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club* Woman's Club of Hartland * Woman's Club of Pewaukee

It was a busy fall in the Rolling Hills District, but things quieted

down as the year ended. Now is the perfect time to reflect on some of the highlights of 2023.

The year started with a large turnout from the Rolling Hills District at the GFWC-WI Winter Workshop in Green Bay. Missy Kimball from the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club led a session on Emotional Intelligence.



The Woman's Club of Pewaukee hosted the Rolling Hills Spring District Meeting. The event included organizing the Members and Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contests. President-Elect Carol Wolfenden led the packed room in the Macarena dance. In May, Rolling Hills District members attended the GFWC-WI State Convention in Eau Claire, WI.

In July, the Board of Directors Meeting was

held at the home of one of the members in Pewaukee. They had lasagna for dinner, and it was delicious.

The Boscobel Woman's Club hosted the Rolling Hills Fall District Meeting and did an excellent job.

Lastly, Carol and the author visited eight and a half of the nine clubs in the district. With Carol's visit to the Muskego Woman's Club in the early spring, they will achieve their goal of visiting all nine clubs.

Overall, 2023 was a fantastic year, and everyone is looking forward to 2024.

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY SHARI BERG, DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Amery Woman's Club* Monday Club of Ashland * Bloomer Woman's Club * Colfax Woman's Club * Menomonie Woman's Club * Spooner Woman's Club

The Northern Lights clubs have been actively involved in various community projects during the fall season and the holiday period. Currently, they are planning their MLK service day events, finishing their service hours reports for 2023, and preparing for their upcoming winter and spring

projects. The clubs have remained highly engaged in their local communities and have been warmly welcoming new members and friends into their clubs.



NORTHWOODS DISTRICT

Submitted by Mary Meek, District President



Antigo Juniors Woman's Club * Lakeland Area GFWC * Oconto Woman's Club * Rhinelander Woman's Club * Stevens Point Woman's Club * Stevens Point Juniors Woman's Club

Happy New Year! It has been a very busy end to 2023, but it is not over as each club reflects on the past twelve months, reviewing data on volunteer

hours and their many projects to prepare the annual reports due on January 31st.

For Northwoods District clubs, some of the accomplishments since our last Clubwoman newsletter include a Friendsgiving Event, Food Distribution for Kindness for Kids, Veterans' Wreaths Across America, Antigo's Annual Craft and Trade Show, Tinsel Trail Craft Show, Art Start's Holiday Market Bake Sale, Sweet Treats for the Haunted

House and Santa's Snack Shack, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. I applaud these and other unique projects reflecting our volunteer spirit and the extraordinary work in attracting and retaining members during the fall membership campaigns. Understanding the significant impact that our clubs have in supporting their community, I can hardly wait to read about these and the many other accomplishments in their reports!

Wishing everyone health and happiness in 2024. And Remember...Be Creative, Be Passionate, Be Confident...We are GFWC!!

RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY SUE SANDS DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Berlin Friends in Council * Brillion Woman's Club * Oshkosh Woman's Art Club * Plymouth Woman's Club * Women's Club of Princeton * Woman's Club of De Pere

Rivers and Lakes District members have been active this year. Here are some highlights from three clubs:

Plymouth: participated in the Annual Gingerbread Festival at Waelderhaus in Kohler, and collected items for Kindred Heart Families which help foster children.

Princeton: participated in Princeton's 175th Anniversary Parade, helped build bunk beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and supplied bedding for this project, participated in the Halloween light pole decorating contest with "chic witch," assisted residents at Martha's Assisted Living in decorating mini pumpkins, collected items and assembled Thanksgiving baskets.

De Pere: co-hosted the Fashion Cents style show with De Pere Christian Outreach, made fleece blankets for children in the hospital, and supported the De Pere Historical Society with the Santa House.



The Spring Rivers & Lakes District meeting will be hosted by the Woman's Club of De Pere. Details will be completed soon and announced to our member clubs. The annual Helen Mears Art Contest for 7th & 8th graders will be held at this time as well.

The Rivers & Lakes District wishes you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

LAKESHORE DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY CAROL Z IEHLER, DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Brown Deer Juniors Woman's Club * North Shore Juniors Woman's Club * Past District Officers Woman's Club * Port Washington Woman's Club * Shorewood Woman's Club * Woman's Club of Greenfield * Woman's Club of West Allis

Recent events in various districts have been focused on community support and holiday celebrations. The Port Washington Woman's Club collected

200 pounds of non-perishable food and \$700 for fresh foods and turkeys. The proceeds from their annual basket raffle went toward a \$1,500 scholarship for second-year students. In December, they held a holiday luncheon and entertainment event.

The Brown Deer Juniors Woman's Club participated in the Brown Deer Police Department's "Shop with a Hero program" by wrapping presents. They donated \$500 for costume designs for Brown Deer School District theater productions as part of the Arts Alive Program. The club also started a new program called "Merry Mats" for the homeless, which uses plastic bags. At their December banquet, two new members were installed along with new 2024 Board members. Past District Officers held a holiday luncheon in late November and donated to the Salvation Army.

A member of the Greenfield Woman's Club attended the GFWC Headquarters Open House in Washington, DC, and enjoyed the festive decorations and camaraderie.

The West Allis Woman's Club donated \$500 for the Arts Alive Program to WA/WM School District's two high school bands for necessary instrument parts and other materials. They also provided 48 women veterans with lotions, hair products, and other items, as well as massages during their "Diva Day" event. The club's holiday party with entertainment was held at a local restaurant and members rode in the West Allis Holiday Parade.

CLUB CORNER SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT

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GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF KENOSHA

In December, the Woman's Club of Kenosha had many events going on.



We had the pleasure of presenting Carol Schweinfurth with a 50-year GFWC pin. Carol has served in various leadership positions both in the state and club. Carol was also the recipient of the GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award 2018. Thank you, Carol, for your service to GFWC-WI.

Our Holiday tea was a great success, with Jessica Michna presenting "Mittens on the Tree."

January, we're excited to announce that our club will

participate in Kenosha Winterfest on January 27th with an ice sculpture, open house, and service project. And that's not all - we've also planned an evening with "Elvis" in Hawaii on February 16th!



SOUTHERN PRAIRIES DISTRICT

GFWC MONROE WOMAN'S CLUB

In October, the GFWC Monroe Woman's Club had a November and December were also filled with wonder-filled Fall Social Gala. We dressed up in our volunteer opportunities, helping the Main Street favorite decades and had a great raffle event of over 100 gift baskets and goods for anyone to win through ticket draws. We are so grateful for our special guest, GFWC-WI President Nancy Dickman. We all



enjoyed plenty of social time sitting, relaxing, enjoying each other's company, and learning more about the club! We raised funds that we will use in the coming year to benefit our community's organizations and special projects. The evening is a perfect time to get to know other club members as

well as gain new members! Here, Nancy speaks to our group, and the 2nd photo is a group that includes some committee members. The event had a room full of fun and caring women of the community!

program decorate for the holiday season in outdoor planters, then helping our longstanding community project of the Monroe Christmas Stocking program that benefits families that need extra help to make their holiday at home brighter. We help provide food boxes, care boxes, cheer boxes, children's toys, and children's clothing coupons to get new items and help families in need.



ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

GFWC-WI WOMAN'S CLUB OF HARTLAND



December was a very hectic month for us. Saturday of December, we organize our annual Cookie Sale pick-up day, which is one of our biggest fundraisers. Our

bakers work very hard to produce beautiful cookies, and we are proud of what we create. We have many loyal customers who start placing orders as early as October. We are grateful to our customers for their continued support and for coming back to us year after year.

We went to two nursing homes to sing carols for the residents. They enjoyed it and joined in.

I am thrilled to share that The Woman's Club of

Hartland has been nominated for the "Heart of Hartland" award by the Hartland Chamber of Every year, on the first Commerce. We are among the four businesses or organizations nominated for this award, and the winners will be announced in February. This nomination is a testament to our active contribution to the community, and I am glad to be a part of it.



ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEWAUKEE

The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee hosted the Razzle Dazzle Fall Fundraiser Luncheon to honor our Armed Forces. Approximately 200 guests paid tribute War II and will be celebrating his to the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces. The event featured a display of various uniforms and a picture board where members and guests could hang pictures of their beloved service members. The Club also provided lunch to 20 local Veterans who participated in the afternoon. After lunch, the theme songs and mottos of the different Armed Forces branches were played and explained. Veterans who came to the podium after their name was called received a

Woman's Club of Pewaukee mug, treats, and thanks.

One Army Veteran shared that he served in Iwo Jima during World 100th Birthday.





The event also collected voluntary donations for deployed servicemen and women, which brought in over 250 peanut butter and jelly containers.

GFWC HILLSBORO WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB



Czech ladies Joyce Meza and Mary Housner presented on "Czech Cooking". They demonstrated how to make "suleke", which is chicken soup with little dumplings, and "rohliky", sweet dough crescent rolls served with poppyseed.



The Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club Christmas Party Potluck brought members together for an evening of Christmas music and Christmas giving. Paula Parker (L), Dory Stahlkopf (center, member), and Sam Matucheski (R) entertained with piano, vocals, saxophone, and sing-along.



Smiling hostesses for the evening (L to R) Laurie Dow, Becky Farra, Joyce Meza, and Marty Magalsky donned new blue aprons with the white insignia "GFWC-WI Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club."

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT

GFWC Monday Club of Ashland

The Ashland Monday Club organized a successful cocoa and cookies event during the Ashland



Christmas parade. They sold 100 cups of cocoa and baked over 12 dozen cookies. This event is used as a fundraiser and marketing strategy. Many people generously said "Keep the change" when they were given the purpose of GFWC and the Ashland Monday Club. The club has printed aprons that say 'GFWC Ashland Monday

Club, serving our community since 1892". Wishing everyone a happy holiday season!



GFWC AMERY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Amery Woman's Club has recently completed its dental appointments, and more. annual Fall Fundraiser in October. The event was held at the Amery Golf Club and the theme of the fundraiser was the 70s. Attendees were encouraged to wear clothing that represented the 70s and also provided a picture of themselves back in those days. The costumes were amazing, ranging from hippies to go-go dancers. The night was filled with dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. The generosity of the community resulted in the silent auction raising far more than expected and the club was able to donate \$10,000.00 to the Amery Schools "Angle Fund". This fund provides funds to improve access to necessities like weekend food, clothing, eyeglasses,

In November, the club held its monthly program on Women's Health. The speaker was from a local pharmacy and shared valuable information that all women should know. The presentation was informative, with some surprising facts that many of the attendees were not aware of.

In December, the club celebrated Christmas with fun trivia games and a program on the history of Christmas cookies. One of the members provided samples for everyone to enjoy. While times have changed, the joy of making and eating cookies will always remain a large part of the holiday season.

GFWC COLFAX WOMAN'S CLUB

Our Colfax Woman's Club organized a Quarters for a food for families who need help during the holidays. Cause Raffle in October, which is a quarter auction. This was our second year hosting the event, and we were delighted to have 166 attendees. We raised over \$11000, and all the proceeds went towards providing

This year, we managed to raise a total of \$25,000 through various fundraisers. It's worth noting that our town has a population of only 1100, but we are mighty!



NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT

GFWC BLOOMER WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC Bloomer Woman's Club begins the 2023-2024 season with a salad potluck. Karla Berschet from the ADRC gave a presentation on Brain Health and Dementia.

In October, we hosted a Wine and Cheese Party to welcome four new members and discuss plans for our new program: Christmas Bags for Homeless Vets in Chippewa Falls. We finalized our Craft Fair arrangements.

In November we extended an invitation to all community members, students, and families to view; "Honor Flight One Last Mission". This documentary showed the history of our past wars and was made as a tribute to all service Veterans and their families. Judy Henningfield's husband, Fred, attended a Freedom Honor Flight.

In December members helped pack 50 bags that were made by the club for the Homeless Veterans of Chippewa County. We packed each bag with more than 20 items, which were either purchased by our club, donated by our members, or collected from local businesses and individuals in our community. We had sufficient items to donate to our local nursing homes for those individuals who do not have families. We feel truly fortunate to live in such a caring community. On December 20th, we delivered the bags to the Veterans Homeless Shelter in Chippewa Falls.

GFWC MENOMONIE WOMAN'S CLUB



The GFWC-Menomonie Woman's Club has embraced the holiday spirit with open arms! Recently, during a holiday gathering, we collected several hundred items for the newly constructed Cairn Center, which is a 20-bed homeless shelter in Menomonie. We gathered items such as shampoo, deodorants, razors, body wash, and kitchen and laundry supplies. All the gathered items will be delivered to the shelter before the holidays.



Moreover, the Club also decorated a Christmas tree for the Wakonda Wonderland, which opened on December 9th. The Dunn County Historical Society and the Rassbach Heritage Museum sponsored this event. The event invited local groups and businesses to decorate trees to be viewed by the community throughout the holiday season. The trees are lit every evening to provide a festive addition to the community.

NORTH WOODS DISTRICT

GFWC ANTIGO JUNIORS WOMAN'S CLUB



GFWC Antigo Junior Woman's Club hosted its 47th Annual Craft & Trade Show on October 21, 2023. The event featured over 100 vendors, a scrumptious bake sale, snack bar, and great raffle prizes.

Pictured (from left) Jeanne Tatro, Jan Meyer, Vikki Carbonari, Betty Cross, Janice Jorgensen and Melodye Koles, with some of the raffle prizes.

LAKELAND AREA GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB



Lakeland Area GFWC Women's Club members (and boosters) help package food as part of the Food for Kidz event in Minocqua as part of the GFWC Foodsgiving event. Food goes to local and regional food pantries for those with food insecurity.

GFWC OCONTO WOMAN'S CLUB

The 12th Annual Deck the Fence Project organized by GFWC Oconto Woman's Club was a huge success. The members of the club created 154 wreaths that were placed on the fencing along Brazeau Avenue.

These 30" lighted



wreaths were dedicated to the memory of individuals, events, loved ones, or to extend holiday greetings. The wreaths will be hung in mid-November and will remain in place until late January or early February.



NORTH WOODS DISTRICT

GFWC RHINELANDER WOMAN'S CLUB





GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club led ArtStart's Holiday Market bake sale with holiday treats and goodies.

GFWC STEVENS POINT WOMAN'S CLUB





Members of the Stevens Point Women's Club volunteered to ring Salvation Army bells outside Metro Market. Afterward, they gathered at a local restaurant to enjoy holiday cheer.

GFWC STEVENS POINT JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB





The Stevens Point Junior Woman's Club successfully hosted the Tinsel Trail event on November 19, 2023.

RIVERS & LAKES DISTRICT

GFWC Women's Club of Princeton



Members of the GFWC-WI Women's Club of Princeton, and volunteers from Calvary Lutheran Church in Princeton, collaborated to pack bags of food items for families in need for the Club's Foodsgiving program. Pictured in front from left to right: Jenny Stelzner, Elizabeth Barzyk, Barb Dettman, Sandy Booth, Gail Harter, and Rose Wick, in back from left to right: Leann Holland, Chris Goulet, JoDee Megeath, Mary Hatfield, and Vicky Evans.



The Women's Club of Princeton collected donations for the Christine Ann Center for Domestic Abuse Services located in Oshkosh throughout the month of October.

GFWC-WI PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB



The Plymouth Woman's Club submitted a gingerbread house for the Waelderhaus Gingerbread Festival in Kohler, created by Janice Curtiss and Deb Klock.



The Plymouth Woman's Club presented Lisa Jaster with a Quilt of Valor to thank her for her service. Pictured is (L-R) Deb Klock, Lisa Jaster, and Janice Curtiss.

LAKESHORE DISTRICT

GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis

Woman's Club of West Allis assisted the West Allis Rotary Club fundraiser to benefit the local food pantries in October.



In November, a group of our members worked as Car with small goodies Hops at the local Culver's. Members had fun while earning 10% of sales to be used for future community members. projects.

Linda Taylor, who has since passed away, expressed her concern that we primarily focus on male veterans and wondered if we could do something special for women veterans. In response, the nearby Veteran's Administration designated December 1st as "DIVA DAY"! We assisted 48 female veterans who attended the event by providing them with some of our best

second-hand jewelry, shower gels, lotions, hair essentials, nail polish, and many other items. The divas were able to fill their provided totes to overflow with the chosen items. The day was a huge success. and we received hugs, smiles, and thank-you in abundance. Our club ladies are already looking forward to DIVA DAY 2024.

After organizing a Toy Drive for underprivileged families, the club invited parents to come and choose gifts for their children. The parents waited while club members wrapped the gifts in a festive manner. Additionally, the club's "Pack-a-Purse" project gifted the Mt. Hope Closet's WISH group moms with gently used purses filled

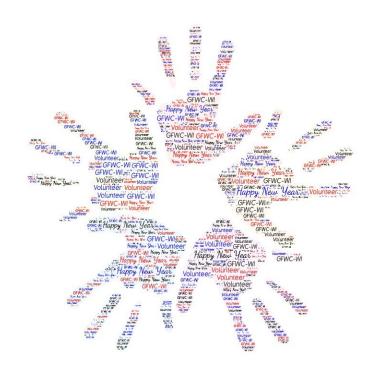
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GFWC-WI SHOREWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB

The Shorewood Woman's Club generously donated over \$700 worth of essential items to Fisher House, a temporary residence for visitors on the Veteran's property, in response to their request for food donations.

In December, the Shorewood Woman's Club organized its annual music program, including a High School string orchestra performance. The event was a success as it blended music and peanut butter for a beautiful cause.



SAVE THE DATE



127TH GFWC-WI ANNUAL SATE CONVENTION

HOSTED BY GFWC-WI LAKESHORE DISTRICT

May 3-5, 2024 Embassy Suites Brookfield, WI

Installation of the new board of directors will be held including Lakeshore District's very own Linda Brown Join us for Tours, Guest Speakers and more.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN BROOKFIELD AND BEE INSPIRED

WANT TO BE A VENDOR FOR THE 2024 GFWC-WI STATE CONVENTION?

The GFWC-WI Lakeshore District is bringing back vendors for the 2024 GFWC-WI State Convention.

WE STILL HAVE SPACE!

The fees for each space will be \$35 for spaces without electricity and \$55 for spaces with electricity. Please note, signup early because if we have multiple vendors with the same product, vendors will be approved first come, first served.

To take advantage of this opportunity, the application is on the GFWC-WI website at url: https://www.gfwc-wi.org/2024-convention-news

For questions, please contact Erin Epping at 414-355-8780 (cell) or eepping728@gmail.com.



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