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March 2018: President-Elect's Report

Greetings GFWC-WI clubwomen!

It's hard to believe we are in the final stretch of the 2016-2018 administration! Thanks to President Sue LaBuda, we conducted a very successful, enjoyable, and educational GFWC-WI Winter Workshop in Oshkosh in early February. Each speaker was knowledgeable in their fields and VSA Wisconsin Choir's performance was unforgettable! From the touching tribute to longtime dedicated clubwoman, Pat Hladilek who we lost a few months ago, to the birthday celebration that President Sue arranged, the fellowship of our Wisconsin clubwomen was evident! I'm sure I speak for everyone in attendance that despite the weather and travel difficulties, we were all happy we made the trip and were able to conduct the business at hand.

Currently I am in the process of reading all of your membership reports and look forward to summarizing GFWC Wisconsin club's efforts in this Advancement Area. Regarding membership, I am pleased to announce that we have formed a new club in the Northwoods District. Women from Harshaw, Hazelhurst, Minocqua, Woodruff, and Arbor Vitae have joined to form the Lakeland Area General Federation of Women's Club. With any luck we will be chartering them in Brown Deer at our annual state convention. We also have a very strong lead for a new club in Waukesha and a team from the Rolling Hills District will be presenting at an Informational Recruitment Event on March 21.

Finally, plans for the 2018-2020 administration are in full swing! I'm just not sure where all the time went that I thought I had. I am pretty sure I am busier now as a retiree than I ever was working full-time. I wish to thank the many of you who have already stepped up and have accepted officer and other leadership positions and have consented to serve on the 2018-2020 Board of Directors. I still do have some vacancies especially as committee members. If you have not already, I hope you will consider serving during the 2018-2020 administration. Please contact me by email: deb.brossard@gmail.com or phone: 608-751-2552.

We have an exciting and wonderful time planned for you at the Annual State Convention to be held May 3-6, 2018 in Brown Deer. The Lakeshore ladies under the direction of District President and Convention Chairman, Linda Brown, have outdone themselves in order to make this a convention you will never forget! Speakers' biographies and the Convention Call can be found in this issue of the Wisconsin Clubwoman magazine. Please review the tentative agenda thoroughly and be sure to adhere to the deadlines. It is a very quick turnaround, especially the hotel reservations' block. Do not delay! Register today! Please talk it up at the club level and encourage every member to attend. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we needed TWO ballrooms to hold our meeting?!

Finally, for future planning, please mark your calendars for September 21-23, 2018 when we will be conducting the 2018 Fall GFWC-WI Workshop in the Minocqua-Woodruff Area. I expect to have a tentative schedule of events and a draft of the call available in Brown Deer. The colors will be beautiful that time of year and I do hope you will strongly consider coming to 'my neck of the woods' in the fall!

- Deb Brossard



Greeting GFWC-WI Ladies,

Happy spring! I'm so ready for spring and time to be outside. The spring walking challenge is just underway and I'm looking forward to some walks along Lake Michigan. In this final challenge money raised will go to an organization in Wisconsin that works with human trafficking victims. Find out at spring convention who are the big steppers and what organization will benefit. Speaking of convention ... the Juniors' will be having a recycled yard art auction Friday evening – think of what you can make whether it is a wind chime, bird house, or a lawn decoration. I can't wait to see everyone's creativity. We are also collecting dimes for March of Dimes – the goal is to collect a dime for every bra collected last year so we will have over \$260 to celebrate March of Dimes 80th Birthday. Speaking of the bra collection ... this year we will be collecting gently used purses. So if you have a purse you are no longer using please bring to state convention. Purses will be donated to an organization that gives them to women on the streets in Milwaukee. My goal is 100 purses – that is the number that are handed out each month. You overwhelmed me with bras last year, are you going to blow me away with purses??

In Federation,

Loretta Caron
GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs



Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"

Spring 2018 To-Do List

- ✓ Celebrate Federation Day (April 24th)
- ✓ Create a unique item for the Juniors' "Recycled Yard Art Auction" at convention
- ✓ Save your dimes for March of Dimes
- ✓ Cleaning out your closet during spring cleaning? Check to see if you have any gently used purses and bring to spring convention.
- ✓ Like the 'GFWC Wisconsin Juniors' Facebook page
- ✓ Recruit new members
- ✓ Continue "Living the Volunteer Spirit"

The Nominating Committee proudly announces the GFWC-WI Slate of Officers
2018-2020

President Deb Brossard

First Vice President Abby Lorenz

Second Vice President Janice Curtiss

Treasurer Nancy Dickman

Recording Secretary Nancy Niedziela

Corresponding Secretary

Sue Sands

And

Mary Pike

Director of Junior Clubs Michelle Munoz

Please review their personal bios which are included in this Clubwoman and be prepared for voting at our GFWC-WI State Convention in May. If you have any interest in being a candidate for an office, there is still time. Please contact me for placement on our ballot.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me:

Linda Brown, Nominating Chairman

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PRESIDENT



Deb Brossard

Deb Brossard's General Federation of Women's Clubs' Volunteer History

Short biography of qualifications:

- Joined the GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club in 1990; joined GFWC Beloit Federation of Women (early 2000's)
- Club level involvement
 - Various committee memberships (bylaws, budget, donations, nominating)
 - **Ways and Means Chairman**
 - Home Life Chairman
 - Education Chairman
 - Recording Secretary
 - Vice President
 - President of the BJWC Club (twice) and President of the Beloit Federation of Women (once)
- District level involvement (Southern Prairies, formerly 1st District)
 - Vice President
 - President
- State level involvement
 - Junior Special Project Chairman (several administrations)
 - Webmaster for gfwc-wi.org (several administrations)
 - Wisconsin State Director of Junior Clubs 2004-2006
 - GFWC-WI 1st Vice President/President-Elect 2016-2018 - Great Lakes Region Involvement
 - Convention Co-Chairman
 - Fund Raising Co-Chairman
 - Standing Rules Committee member (2016-2018)
- Joined the GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club in August, 2015
 - Active member participating in several club projects
 - Food pantry distribution
 - Food for the Mind (book distribution)
 - NATH/Food Pantry fundraiser-bake sale
 - Community Table waitress
 - Recording Secretary 2016-2018

Deb has been married to Richard for 37 years and has one son, Bradley. She retired from the School District of Beloit in June 2015. Since retirement, Deb's permanent relocation to Bearskin Lake in Harshaw, WI has allowed her to enjoy her family, friends, and travel and she has spent a great deal of time volunteering locally with the GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club and serving as the Big Bearskin Lake Association Secretary. She continues to be very excited with her active involvement as a leader in GFWC-WI and looks forward to a successful and enjoyable 2018- 2020 administration. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, snowshoeing, and yoga.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Abby Lorenz

Outgoing, professional, and a proven leader, Abby Lorenz currently serves as GFWC-WI Second Vice-President. A clubwoman since 2010, Abby's unique musical talents and leadership skills, coupled with integrity, kindness and loyalty, make her a dedicated and confident leader.

Born in Waukesha County, Abby has lived in the Lake Country Area her entire life. She attended Waukesha North High School and Carroll University earning a BA degree in Business Communication. Her love for music had her performing in the choir and band throughout her school years, including studying classical piano through college. Today she volunteers as Music Director of Jerusalem Presbyterian Church in Wales, WI and performs regularly for worship services and special events.

Since her term as Second Vice President for the State of Wisconsin, Abby has served GFWC-WI as a member of the Bylaws Committee, Budget Committee, Investment Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Executive Committee. At the District level Abby has served as First VP of the Rolling Hills District, President and Past President of the Board. She also served as President of the Woman's Club of Pewaukee from 2012-15 and continues to serve as a Member of the Board. Abby is a LEADS graduate and often gets called on for public speaking engagements, emceeing and enjoys event planning for fund raisers to benefit nonprofits in her community.

Abby is an accomplished equestrian and Dressage competitor. She earned her first World Championship in 2015 with her gelding MEM Main Street in the Hunter Pleasure Amateur Championship Class in Oklahoma City, OK. She competes throughout the Midwest in the summer months leading up to the Morgan Grand Nationals in October. Abby also serves as a Pewaukee Lake Historical Tour guide giving pontoon tours in the summer months, and coordinates bus trips to Broadway shows and other local attractions to benefit the community with art experiences.

With her strong passion for the arts, Abby also serves as President of the Wisconsin Philharmonic Orchestra, Greater Milwaukee El Sistema and the Pewaukee Area Arts Council.

A dedicated community volunteer who enjoys giving back to her hometown, Abby has been honored by the Pewaukee Chamber of Commerce as the Person of the Year, and has received many awards for her work with the local schools as a professional accompanist. Since 1999 Abby has directed the Civic Broadway Singers who perform in Southeast Wisconsin in exchange for donations to the Waukesha Civic Theatre.

Married to Kent Lorenz, former partner of Ellison Technologies and recently retired Chairman and CEO from Acietta LLC Automation, the couple has two adult children, three horses, two cats, two grand cats and one grand dog. Abby and Kent reside on Middle Genesee Lake in Oconomowoc, WI and are both competitive water skiers, having raised and coached son Tyler Lorenz who was named to the US Water Ski Team multiple times and competed in Santiago, Chile bringing home the gold for the United States.

Abby is looking forward to becoming the GFWC-WI First Vice President and is honored to serve her community and the State of Wisconsin.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Janice Curtiss

I have lived in Wisconsin all my life, 33 years of that in Plymouth. I'm married to Scott and have four grown children with amazing spouses; Lilly (34) and Andrew, Michael (30) and Renee, Dayvin (27) and Jonell, Katie (23) and Spencer will be married on September 30, 2017. We have been blessed with 7 grandchildren 1 boy and 6 girls. We are going to be blessed with two more grandchildren the beginning of 2018! Our hearts are full of joy. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, taking care of my grandchildren, all arts and crafts, knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, music, singing and volunteering for my community.

I joined GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club in 2007 after being a recipient of their yard of the month. I have served as the Club Vice President, President (3 terms) and have served as Chairman of numerous Committees, currently I am serving as Club Treasurer. At the District level, I was Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and I am serving as the current GFWC-WI Rivers and Lakes District President for 2016-2018. At the State level I have served as the Member Arts and Photography Chairman 2012- 2016. I am honored to be Wisconsin's 2016 LEADS Graduate and currently hold the office of GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary.

Outside of GFWC, I have been involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Crew, Rainbow Kids, Confirmation Coach, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Youth Fellowship Leader, Mothers Group, Amputee Support Group, HCE (Home & Community Education) Pretty Good Eggs, Head Start Volunteer, WI Bookworm Reader and the anti-trafficking efforts in Sheboygan County.

I believe in lifelong learning! I have education and degrees in the following areas: Cosmetology, Cosmetology Instructor with an adult education degree, Daycare Teacher, CNA, Certified Developer, Interior Decorator with my own business for almost 15 years and CDL/School Bus Driver.

I have a passion for GFWC...members change our world and peoples' lives! I can't wait to see what the future holds. I look forward to working with and getting to know all of you better.

TREASURER



Nancy Dickman

Nancy Dickman joined GFWC-Muskego Woman's Club in December 2011. She has served as club Treasurer (2012-2014), Club President (2014-2016), Past President (2016-2018), and chair of the Finance, Nominating, and Bylaws Committees. In addition she has been a very active volunteer in multiple departments and has helped create two departments for the club (Crafter's Corner and Evening Pages Book group). Under her leadership the club has again begun to grow and she is active in engaging new members quickly into club activities. She was proudly voted to receive the Club Busy Bee Award

in 2014.

Nancy currently is First Vice President/President Elect for GFWC Rolling Hills District (2016-2018) and will begin her term as District President (2018-2020) in April 2018.

Nancy has served on GFWC-WI Amendments and Policies Committees since 2015. She has chaired the Scholarship Committee since 2015, where she introduced the use of an on-line fillable form application process.

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's in Business - Accounting and Bachelor's in Business - Accounting 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 Wisconsin native and has called southeast Wisconsin home since 1986. She has been retired since 2008.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



Sue Sands

My Name is Sue Sands and I would like to be the Corresponding Secretary for the 2018-2020 administration. I am completing my two year term as Recording Secretary for the present Executive Committee.

I am currently the President of the GFWC Woman's Club of De Pere. I have held this position for the past four years. Prior to that, I was the Vice-President of our club. I have also served as chair of many of our events and activities.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, crafts, and spectator sports. My six grandchildren keep the spectator sports part of my life very full! I also enjoy being around people and getting to know them.

I am a very organized and detailed person. I feel that I would be a valuable and contributing member of the next administration. I look forward to serving GFWC-WI as the Corresponding Secretary. Thanks for voting for me!



Mary Margaret Pike

I am interested in applying for the Position of Corresponding Secretary for the State Board of Directors.

For 20 years I was managing 2 Hosiery Stores. Duties included not only interacting with customers, but ordering stock, doing inventory, making financial deposits, making out payroll.

I left that job to be a manager for a service company. Those duties included being dispatcher, customer service on incoming customer requests for service.

Breaking down technicians invoices to make out their payroll. I ran this office 28 of the 30 years I have worked for this company. I still periodically answer their phones from my home.

Presently, at my church I am Secretary of the United Methodist Woman's Circle, for their Executive Board.

With GFWC I was GFWC West Allis Club President from 2012-2014. I have chaired the Arts Committee, I am Membership Chair, and Lakeshore District Representative.

I do enjoy my Club work, and I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many Wonderful Ladies from not only our State, but those I have met at out of state conventions.

Thank You,
Mary Margaret Pike

RECORDING SECRETARY



Nancy A. Niedziela

Member in Good Standing

GFWC-WI
Rolling Hills District
Woman's Club of Pewaukee

GFWC-WI

Writing Contest Chairman 2015-2018
Pledge ESO 2016

Member ESO 2017
Board of Directors 2016-2018
Previous candidate for Recording Secretary -- 2016

Rolling Hills District

Treasurer 2016-2018
Chair ad hoc Bylaw Revision Committee
Member BOD

Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Member since 1983
Past President, Director, Corresponding Secretary
Current Recording Secretary
Past Education Department Chair, Past Membership Chair
Current WCP Yearbook Editor, Current Book Club Chair, Current Writing Contest Chair, Current ESO
Current Chair for Rolling Hills District Spring 2018 meeting.
Active volunteer with all fundraising and service events

Community Awards

2016 Pewaukee Yacht Club – "Spirit of the PYC" Award for volunteer service rendered
1991 Pewaukee Chamber of Commerce – James J. Murphy Person of the Year Award for Time, Patience, Leadership
1982 Oconomowoc NOW Young Woman of the Year – Presented for personal growth and outstanding contribution to family and community.

Other Leadership

Past President and current board member of Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church
Past Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study Leader
Past President of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society
Past Member and President of Pewaukee Jaycettes
Past Member of Pewaukee Redevelopment Corporation
Past Member of Village of Pewaukee Architectural Control Board and Library Board
Past President and board member of Menomonee Falls Education Association
Past BOD and Membership Director, Pewaukee Yacht Club

RECORDING SECRETARY

Biography for GFWC-WI Recording Secretary Nomination

Nancy A. Niedziela

Education

B.S. from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in Secondary Education, English and Biology
M.S. from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in Curriculum and Instruction and English Education
All but Dissertation toward Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Cardinal Stritch University
Other courses taken at Mount Mary College, University of Wisconsin Whitewater, Carroll University
Current member of Learning in Retirement – Book Club and learning opportunities

Family:

Married for 46 years to Richard, two adult children and six grandchildren

Personal Interests:

Reading, volunteer work, church work, Bible Study, gardening, taking grandchildren on educational adventures.

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DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS



Michelle Munoz

A member of the Kenosha Junior Woman's Club is from Beach Park, IL. I was introduced to our club from a fellow club member while riding on Metra, commuting to/from work. A member of KJWC for the past 9 years, my first board position with my club was the Treasurer for 3 years. I continued moving forward to be President-Elect and then Club President. I have chaired many fundraisers for our club including our first bowling event and Murder Mystery Dinner. I am also serving on the Junior Executive Board, first as the Treasurer and now Junior Director-Elect during the 2016-2018 administration. Currently holding the position of GFWC-WI Clubwoman Editor for two administrations starting in 2014.

Outside of my volunteering, I am a personal accountant in Chicago. I have my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an Accounting Focus from Columbia College of Missouri and a Masters in Accounting and Financial Management from Keller Graduate School. While commuting from Beach Park to Chicago, I enjoy knitting and reading. I am married to Eddie for 18 years and we have two grown children, Aaron and Janitza. We also have our beloved Gypsie, a Shetland sheepdog. We like to travel on our HD motorcycle when we get the chance.

Being Junior Director will take me to a new level of leadership. I look forward to meeting many more ladies around Wisconsin and throughout the country. I am a proud member of GFWC and love to promote our causes with others.

CALL
GFWC-WI STATE CONVENTION
May 3-6, 2018
Four Points by Sheraton- Milwaukee North Shore
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Checks Payable to GFWC-WI

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

Name of Club _____ **District** _____

Please check highest office currently held:

___ GFWC-WI Office ___ GFWC-WI Board Member ___ GFWC-WI Junior Board Member
___ District President ___ Club President ___ Member ___ Guest

Convention Registration: \$25.00 _____ (on or before April 20, 2018)
Late Registration: \$30.00 _____ (after April 20, 2018)

No refunds after April 30, 2018

Pre-Convention Narrated Milwaukee City Bus Tour \$40.00 _____
Thursday from 2 PM to 5 PM; bus will pick up at hotel; 45-minute stop at the Public Market
Thursday Dinner is on your own

Meal Registration

Friday Lunch: \$25.00 _____

North Shore Deli Buffet (turkey, ham, roast beef)

Friday Dinner Buffet: \$35.00 _____

(includes Chicken Florentine, Oven Roasted Salmon, Sliced Roast Beef)

Saturday Lunch (choice) \$20.00

Club Sandwich _____ Margherita Ciabatta _____

Saturday Plated Dinner (choice) \$40.00

Tuscan Chicken _____ Parmesan Crusted Tilapia _____ Tenderloin Oscar _____ Cavatappi Basilica (Veg) _____

Total \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

PD\$ _____ Date _____ CK# _____ NP\$ _____ Bal\$ _____

Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore
8900 Kildeer Court, Milwaukee, WI 53209

Please call 414-355-8585 to make your reservation. Cut-off date for the room block: 4/1/18

Room Rates \$119 plus taxes (kings and queens available) up to 4 per room

- **NOTE: Breakfast is included in the price of the room**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 3 – Lunch & Dinner on your own; Dress is casual

- 12:00 pm: Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting
Registration opens for convention attendees
- 1:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting
- 2:00 pm: Narrated Milwaukee City Bus Tour with a stop at the Public Market
- 7:00 pm: GFWC-WI Board of Directors Meeting; Registration for Helen Mears & Member Art

Friday, May 4 – Breakfast on your own; included in the price of the hotel rooms; Dress is Business Casual

- 7:30 am: Past District Presidents' Meeting
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- 8:00 am: Registration for Convention Attendees
Registration of Helen Mears and Member Art
- 9:00 am: General Session & Awards Part 1
- 12:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 pm: Speaker: Mark Hirsch "That Tree"
- 2:00 pm: Awards Part 2
- 3:00 pm: Memorial Service; Art Judging begins
- 4:00 pm: Voting; Recessed until dinner
- 5:00 pm: Past State Presidents' Meeting/Social
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour & Juniors' Recycled Yard Art Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm: Dinner – **Dress is Cocktail Attire**
- 7:00 pm: Entertainment: Bob Kann – Storyteller
- 8:00 pm: Awards: LEAD, Woman of Achievement, Theodora Youmans
Results of the Juniors' Recycled Yard Art Silent Auction
- 9:30 pm: Recessed until 9:00 am on Saturday

Saturday, May 5 - Breakfast on your own; included in the price of the hotel rooms; Dress is Business Casual

- 7:30 am: Junior Board Meeting; Budget Committee Meeting
- 8:00 am: Voting
- 9:00 am: Reconvene - General Session
Resolutions
Amendments and Policies
- 10:00 am: Speaker: 2017-2018 Wisconsin Poet Laureate, Karla Huston
- 11:00 am: Speaker: Maureen Blaha, Executive Director, National Runaway Safe Line
Awards Part 3
Helen Mears and Member Arts Winners
View Art Exhibit – Art pieces may NOT be picked up until 3 PM
- 12:00 pm: Lunch – Hosted by the Juniors
Health Scholarship Winners
"Junior of the Year" (JOY) nominees recognized; winner announced
Milestone Anniversary Celebration
Junior Special Program Awards
Junior Spring Walking Challenge Winners
Results of the 2018-2020 Election – Nominating Committee
- 1:30 pm: Speaker: Aims McGuinness
- 3:00 pm: Recessed until dinner; Pick up Helen Mears and Member Arts pieces
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour
- 5:45 pm: Line up for Processional
- 2016-2018 Officers and Junior Board, 2018-2020 Officers and Junior Board
- 6:15 pm: Processional
- 6:30 pm: Dinner – **Dress is Cocktail Attire**
- 7:30 pm: Speaker: Lin Wilken
- 8:00 pm: Installation of the 2018-2020 Officers, Junior Board, and District Presidents
Adjournment of the 2018 Annual GFWC-WI State Convention
Reception

9 AM to 11:30 AM - SUNDAY, MAY 6: GFWC-WI 2018-2020 Board of Directors' Meeting



GFWC Great Lakes Region President Lin Wilken

We asked Lin to tell us a little bit about herself and she sent us this quirky and amusing biographical piece – Enjoy!

As a lifelong Buckeye born of a pair of displaced Hoosiers I grew up in the era of Rock and Roll and the Vietnam War. My dad was the proverbial rocket scientist and my mom was sure she could be the next Marilyn Monroe.

Having met the love of my life at the Ohio State University in the 70's we have now been married almost 45 years...wow where did all that time go? We were blessed with a perfect French family even though we're both mostly German by heritage. You say what is a perfect French family? Maybe it was a saying my mom made up but it fits...we have two great girls and two fantastic boys between the ages of 34 and 39. In the last few years we've added four wonderful grandchildren and two lovely daughters-in-love in reverse order, or course.

Volunteerism has been historically important for the women of my family. My grandmother was the President of the Indiana – American War Mothers and active in their efforts from the time I was a little person. She set a wonderful example. I joined my local general club when my last little one was just about 3 years old. As a literary club, the GFWC Celina History Club offered a chance to expand my reading interests, meet new women and contribute to the community. In the last 30 plus years I have served as an officer at every level of my club, district, state and now region. The opportunity has been enriching. The opportunity to work together with other women to improve our community is one of the best parts of club work. The friendships made along the way have been the icing on the cake so to speak.

As you all know volunteers need a paying job somewhere in the background to support their activity of volunteerism. In my case 44+ years of marriage have been accompanied by 44+ years of practicing as a professional Registered Dietitian. These days the dietitian in me works a few days and has more time for volunteering and family. Leisure time finds me caring for my almost 94+ year old mother and 72 year old handicapped sister as well as reading and practicing needle crafts. Yes I said “practicing” needle crafts as sometimes my projects start over and over again but never make it out of the yarn bin.

So now you know a little bit about me in an unconventional way. If you want to know a little bit more join me at the pool or bar or just in the lobby and we can share a laugh or two.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Mark Hirsch Bio

Mark Hirsch is an editorial and corporate photographer, artist, and an inspiring public speaker based out of the unlikely place of Dubuque, Iowa. Hirsch spent twenty years in the newspaper industry as a photojournalist, photo editor and visuals editor until ultimately embarking on a freelance career in 2006. His clients include Getty Images, The New York Times, and John Deere Corporation. Mark lives one mile from That Tree with a shaggy but lovable dog, Magnum. When not lying in a sea of cold trying to capture photographs of That Tree, Mark enjoys spending his time mountain biking, and hiking in the hills and valleys near his Platteville, Wisconsin home.



Bob Kann Bio

Listening to his father's tales about growing up during the Depression, driving at the age of twelve to make deliveries for his father's store, and other stories of the south side of Chicago planted the seeds for his later passion for storytelling.

Bob attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, became a teacher, and later received his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. He's been a Professor of Education at UW-Parkside and UW-Stevens Point. Shortly after becoming a professor, Bob realized that he liked making his students laugh more than he like teaching them. He also recognized that what he wanted to next undertake was the challenge of simultaneously entertaining children and adults since this seemed limitlessly interesting and creative.

In 1982, Bob became a storyteller, juggler, and magician who began performing for children and families throughout the United States. In 1985, he realized that being a former teacher/professor turned entertainer, he had unique insights into the relationship between entertainment and education. Hence, he began teaching graduate classes and presenting keynotes and workshops for educators and nonprofit organizations on topics related to humor, storytelling, creativity, and motivation.

As a free-lancer for more than thirty years, Bob has developed many interests which have led him to produce storytelling tapes and write books for children, design curriculums for teachers, collect and write historical stories for nonprofit organizations, and apply his research skills as a consultant for social service agencies.

Bob believes it's easier to climb the ladder of success when it's lying flat on the ground. He usually can be found reading his favorite book on levitation. He simply can't put it down.

GUEST SPEAKERS



2017-2018 Wisconsin Poet Laureate, Karla Huston, lives in Appleton, Wisconsin. Huston's poems find their roots in the stories people tell—those memories and perceptions, personal and cultural mythologies which define us as human. From ancient Greek gods to Hollywood movie stars, Huston's poems explore a wide variety of subjects, but frequently return to topics related to aging and women. The author of eight chapbooks of poems, the latest *Grief Bone*, (Five Oaks Press), and a full collection *A Theory of Lipstick* (Main Street Rag Publications), Huston's work has garnered many awards, including a Pushcart Prize for

the poem "Theory of Lipstick." She received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Library Association for her collection of the same title. Her writing has earned residencies at Ragdale Foundation as well as the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Her chapbook, *Flight Patterns* won the Main Street Rag Chapbook Contest in 2003. Huston has also been awarded three Jade Rings (one for fiction, two for poetry) from Wisconsin Writers' Association. A lifelong resident of the state, Huston is a graduate of West Salem High School. She has earned two degrees from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (BS-education. MA-English, Creative Writing). She started writing poetry when she began teaching creative writing in the mid-nineties at Neenah High School where she worked for fifteen years. Huston is an active force in the Wisconsin writing community. She has served on the board of directors for Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets as well as the Fox Valley Writing project, an offshoot the National Writing Project, which stresses teachers teaching teachers and encourages cross-curricular writing. Currently she serves on the board of the Council for Wisconsin Writers as secretary and contest co-chair, helping to promote CWW's mission to honor Wisconsin writers through their annual Wisconsin Writing Awards. In addition, Huston serves as vice president, membership coordinator, and teaching staff at The Mill: A Place for Writers, a Fox Cities venue which offers a creative environment to encourage the growth of the literary community and provides learning opportunities for writers at all levels. Huston also regularly contributes to the Fox Cities Book Festival as an organizer of the festival's poetry events. Speaking about her selection as Wisconsin's Poet Laureate, Huston calls it "a tremendous honor to bring my love of poetry to the residents of the state. I am looking forward to meeting people across the state and making new connections around poetry and the arts." Most important is her desire to nurture the growth of poetry reading and writing as part of various statewide Memory Café projects; this groundbreaking program brings together people who suffer from mild memory loss and dementia, along with their caregivers, to celebrate and collaborate in creativity and storytelling. Huston will travel across Wisconsin, facilitating these events, working to build community around the restorative potential of poetry and the arts. "Poetry can make valuable connections with those who suffer from memory loss, an often ignored population. That is a wonderful gift, and I'm happy to give it."

GUEST SPEAKERS



National Runaway Safeline

– Maureen Blaha, Executive Director

Maureen Blaha is the executive director of the National Runaway Safeline (NRS), formerly known as the National Runaway Switchboard, the federally-designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth. Under her leadership, the visibility of NRS and awareness of its 1-800-

RUNAWAY hotline has grown. Several key accomplishments during her tenure:

- A program focused on runaway prevention called Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum;
- A bi-annual comprehensive trend data report of crisis calls to 1-800-RUNAWAY used to educate and raise awareness about runaway crisis in America;
- National Runaway Prevention Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of issues facing youth and to educate youth, families and the public about resources available to prevent youth from running away.

Additionally, Blaha has been a featured speaker at the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (2014), an invited panelist on human trafficking at the Interstate Commission for Juveniles annual meeting (2014), and a featured speaker of the Special Victims Assistance Unit for the FBI (2005 and 2010). She was invited to speak to the UK parliament to help launch the Children's Society of England's nation Safe and Sound Campaign (2005), and represented the runaway population at the groundbreaking White House Conference on Missing Exploited and Runaway Children (2002).



Aims McGuinness

Aims McGuinness is an associate professor of Latin American and global history at UW-Milwaukee. This talk builds on a once-in-a-lifetime course that he co-taught in 2003 with Mr. Frank Zeidler, the most recent of Milwaukee's three socialist mayors, who governed the city from 1948 to 1960. McGuinness

enjoys telling stories and has been the "season favorite" two years running (2014 and 2015) at Ex Fabula, Milwaukee's own, home-grown story slam. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife, a fellow professor in the History Department at UWM, their two daughters, and their dog.

Tammy Welter
GFWC WI Education Chair
ilmomof3@gmail.com

Have you checked out the Education Community Service Program Section of the 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual recently? It is a great resource for ideas. The Education page was updated in Oct, 2017 with the newest resolutions adopted by GFWC. You can find it at <http://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2016-18-CSP-Education.pdf>

Here are some upcoming Education recognition days:

National Library Week – April 8-14
National Playground Safety Week – April 23-27
Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-12

Help to show your support and appreciation by doing a club project or program during one of these weeks.

Update on Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership

TO PROVIDE OUR LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM TO MORE STUDENTS, starting January 2018, HOBY will accept registrations from parents seeking the HOBY experience for their children. HOBY has allowed such registrations on a limited basis for some time, but since not all high schools nationwide participate in HOBY, we are excited to provide this opportunity for more students to get involved. These "direct registrations" will be self-paid. Schools are not required to pay for students they do not select and register. Please send an email to registration@hoby.org with further questions.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your GFWC WI Education chair. I am excited that during my two years of service we have added 7 new members to the ESO Reading Program! I hope you continuing reading and encourage others to join ESO.

I received your Education reports and look forward to reading them and hearing about all the great projects and programs your clubs worked on in 2017!! See you at convention in May!

\$1,000.00 HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



All District Presidents were sent an email January 16, 2018 that included guidelines for Club Presidents and Club Scholarship Chairs, as well as an information document to be shared with schools. If you have questions, please contact your District President or the Committee members, Nancy Dickman (nancy_dman@msn.com), Sue Bednarek (sjbednarek@charter.net) and Michele Fuehrer (mfuehrer2011@gmail.com).

The 2018 on-line application form is ready to go!

The fillable form (using Word) and very detailed instructions are at GFWC-WI.org Home Page at the Awards & Scholarships Section. The application and required accompanying documents must be sent **via email** by **APRIL 1, 2018** to the Committee Chairperson, Nancy Dickman at the following email address: nancy_dman@msn.com.

Scholarships are awarded each year by GFWC-WI to Wisconsin graduating high school students and adult students who are pursuing careers in the health field. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified in late April and will be invited to and honored at the awards banquet at the GFWC-WI State Convention held at Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore, Brown Deer, WI on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The scholarship is effective the second semester of the school year. The scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the recipient and the college by the second semester tuition due date.

It would be terrific to see applications from every district. Good luck to all the applicants!

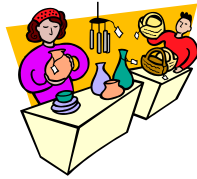


Members don't forget to work on your member art submissions for this year!

All rules and forms are attached and also can be found on the GFWC WI website. There are only a few changes.

- 1. Photos winners will not receive a free calendar this year but can purchase them on the GFWC website.**
- 2. I am working on a few category changes that will be more specific to your item, like hand knit vs loom knit.**

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or questions.



GFWC- WI
 Arts Department
 Arts and Crafts Contest
 2018



The contest is open to any dues paying club member of the GFWC-WI, who is an amateur (making less than \$500.00 annually on crafts) and makes items for a hobby. The entry shall be the work of the clubwoman and completed in the current contest year. Kits are allowed. **Each member is allowed to enter one (1) item or set* in each category, with a total of three (3) category entries. (*set examples: necklace, earrings, bracelet; sweater, booties, hat; 12 greeting cards/one for each month); they should coordinate in some way)**

Club women may enter at any level; local, district or state. Local and District set their own deadlines. (Contact your local club or district for their deadlines). Information and forms can be found on the State website under the Arts department.

*A GFWC-WI Arts entry form must be attached to the back of your work.

Categories:

Appliqué Basket Weaving Candlewick Ceramics China Painting Counted Cross Stitch Crewel Crochet Embroidery (Kit or Original) Fad Art Felting Hardanger Home Décor' *Holiday Decoration Jewelry Knitting (Hand or Machine) *Member Art *Miscellaneous *Natural Items	Needlepoint *Paper, Graphics or Computer *Paint On Plastic Canvas Porcelain Dolls *Quilting (Hand or Machine) Rosemaling Scrapbooking Sewing (Hand or Machine) Sewing (Serger) Stained Glass, Slumping or Infusion Stamping Tatting Toys & Dolls Wall Hangings Weaving * Additional Clarification
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Suzanne Hooser; Chairman
 Member Arts/Photography Contest
 4307 Washington Rd
 Kenosha, WI 53144
suzhooser@yahoo.com
 2627053168 (cell)

* Additional Clarification:
Holiday Decorations can be of any holiday.
Member Art (painting & drawing) entries must be no larger than 22" x 28" which includes mats. Materials other than canvas or boards must be matted. All work must be original. Subject matter is choice of the artist. Media is the choice of the artist. Pastels and charcoal work must be sprayed with a fixative. Mixed media is also allowed.
Miscellaneous is for any craft that does not fall in a category.
Natural Items must be 75% items of nature.
Paper & Graphics can be quilling, calligraphy, cutting or computer generated.
Paint On painting on fabric, metal, wood, ceramic, glass, etc.
Quilting will be judged on pieced work only.

Judging Guidelines:

Creativity/Originality 30%	Design Principles 20%
Finished Appearance 20%	Workmanship 30%

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

**GFWC-WI
2016-2018
ARTS & CRAFTS**

Entry Form: *Print or Type*

Club Name _____

Participant's Name

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

District _____

Art Chairman _____

Category: Mark correct space

_____ Craft

Category _____

_____ Member Art

Media Used: _____

Follow the rules of each contest.

ONE ENTRY FORM per entry and

Attach this form to the backside of entry.

**GFWC-WI
2016-2018
Photography**

Entry Form *Print or Type*

Club Name _____

Participant's Name

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

District _____

Contact Person _____

Category: Mark correct space

_____ "World in Pictures"

_____ B&W _____ Color

_____ Living Things _____ Scenes _____ Still Life

Brief caption giving location and/or situation of the photo and photo title:

_____ "GFWC Volunteers in Action"

_____ B&W _____ Color

Brief caption giving location and/or situation and names of people in photo:

_____ "A Year in Pictures" (Calendar Contest)

Brief caption giving location and situation of photo and photo title:

Follow the rules of each contest.

ONE ENTRY FORM per entry and attach this form to the backside of entry.

**Packing Entries for Judging and
Other "Tips" & Contest Rules**

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

Make sure to make extra copies of your photography entries as 1st place winners **will not be returned** from GFWC.

Photos must be taken during the contest year.

All photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club or Member at Large.

Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings may not exceed \$500 annually.

Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo. Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras in color or black & white.

Photographs **MUST** have a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver and State winners will be submitted by State Chairman to be eligible for national judging.

Each submission must be an 8 x 10 inch print. Electronic submissions will be not considered.

All photos must be mounted on a rigid 8 x10 inch mount board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch.

Do not submit photos with mattes or frames, nor hangers on the back.

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

GFWC-WI BYLAW PROPOSED CHANGES

These are the changes to the Bylaws that were read to the Board of Directors at the Winter Board Meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2018 to be advanced to the Annual Convention in May 2018 where they will be voted on for adoption.

Article V - Membership, Section 2

Current: GFWC shall precede the name of all clubs applying for membership in the GFWC-WI.

Amend by Substitution: It is required that GFWC be included in the name of all clubs applying for membership in GFWC-WI.

Rationale: To update and allow flexibility to promote the organization's sustainability and to be consistent with current practice, the 2016-2018 Membership Advancement Guide, and advice from headquarters.

Article XII - Duties of Officers, Section 6 - Treasurer

5th paragraph

Current: Within one month after the expiration of her term of office she shall deliver to her successor all money, vouchers, books and papers of the GFWC-WI in her custody. At the first Board of Directors' meeting of the new Administration, a three person committee shall be appointed to audit the books at the end of each fiscal year.

Amend as follows: ~~Within one month after the expiration of her term of office~~ **By July 15 in the even-numbered year**, she shall deliver to her successor all money, vouchers, books and papers of the GFWC-WI in her custody. At the first Board of Directors meeting of the new Administration, a three person committee shall be appointed **by the GFWC-WI President to audit review** the books at the end of each fiscal year. **This committee shall complete its task by August 15 and submit the financial review report to the GFWC-WI Executive Committee for approval. The final approved report shall be distributed to the Board of Directors by September 1, annually, and a copy read into the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting and on file with the Recording Secretary's and Treasurer's books.**

Rationale: To clarify and expand.

Article XVII - Committees

If approved, this would be new Section 17

Section 17

Wisconsin's Own Library Chairman shall be the Second Vice President of GFWC-WI and shall work with a committee comprised of the current President, First Vice President, Treasurer, and a member in good standing who is not currently serving on the Executive

Committee. Committee members shall serve a two year term. The immediate Past State President shall act as the advisor of the Committee.

The Wisconsin's Own Library Committee shall work in concert with the executor of the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust to annually apply for funds, submitting all appropriate and necessary documentation required and requested. This Committee shall develop a strategic plan for the use of the funds so that Wisconsin's Own Library is grown and promoted. The funds received from the trust will be kept in a separate Wisconsin's Own Library account, accessible by the Treasurer, President, First Vice President and Second Vice President and will only be used as designated by the Wisconsin's Own Library Strategic Plan. The Committee shall oversee activities to promote and grow Wisconsin's Own Library.

Rationale: To clarify and expand.

If Section 17 is adopted **Article XVII - Committees, Section 13** strike The Wisconsin's Own Library Chairman and

Article XVII, Committees, Section 13 will then read

The Trees for Tomorrow Chairman shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

GFWC-WI Bylaws & General Policies Amendments Committee

Lucille Petters, Chairman

Abby Lorenz

Deb Brossard

Michelle Munoz

Nancy Dickman

Ruth Diedrich

Paula Schlice, Advisor

Suggested Resolution Changes for 2017-2018

EDUCATION

1. LEARNING DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, Research indicates that undetected learning disabilities may be the chief problem of a large number of children who do not do well in school, and

WHEREAS, Early detection of a learning disability will enable a child to overcome a potential learning difficulty which, at the very least, can make life easier as the child grows; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Wisconsin urges its member clubs to:

1. Educate their members and their communities about learning disabilities, the invisible handicap;
2. Support, on a volunteer basis, programs to teach children with learning disabilities in the local communities;
3. Support the development of programs which would sensitize regular education students to the problems of learning disabilities.

Change:

1. LEARNING DISABILITIES ~~SPECIAL NEEDS~~

WHEREAS, Research indicates that ^{detected /}undetected ~~learning disabilities~~ ^{special needs} may be the chief problem of a large number of children who do not do well in school, and

WHEREAS, Early detection of a ~~learning disability~~ ^{special need} will enable a child to overcome a potential learning difficulty which, at the very least, can make life easier as the child grows; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Wisconsin urges its member clubs to:

1. Educate their members and their communities about ~~learning disabilities~~ ^{special needs}, the invisible ^{and visible} handicap;

2. Support, on a volunteer basis, programs to teach children with ~~learning disabilities~~ ^{special needs} in the local communities;
3. Support the development of programs which would sensitize regular education students to the problems of ~~learning disabilities~~ ^{special needs} students.

RATIONALE: to include all areas of special needs children

New Resolution submitted by **GFWC-WI Lakeshore District** regarding the reinstatement of cursive handwriting in the Wisconsin school systems.

5. **REINSTATEMENT OF CURSIVE WRITING IN THE WI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CURRICULUM**

WHEREAS, Of 2010 the Wisconsin public state standards do not require cursive handwriting instruction;

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that children who learn cursive writing score better on reading and spelling tests;

WHEREAS, Proponents of cursive writing instruction contend that learning cursive is an important tool for cognitive development improving vital hand and brain connections in children;

WHEREAS, Over twenty of the states have reinstated the instruction of cursive handwriting as well as New York City;

WHEREAS, The next generation of students will be unable to sign their names or read documents written in cursive, such as the Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta or the United States Constitution and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Wisconsin supports the reinstatement of cursive handwriting instruction in the Wisconsin Department of Education public school curriculum.

HOME LIFE

GFWC-WI Resolutions Committee is submitting the GFWC Resolution Opioids to be adopted by GFWC-WI as their resolution because of the rampant amounts of painkillers that are infiltrating society and causing a serious public health issue.

15. Opioids

WHEREAS, Opioids are commonly prescribed natural or a synthetic chemical pain killers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone, fentanyl, and other painkillers; and

WHEREAS, Overdose slows a person's breathing, may cause brain damage and death, and a multitude of other acute and chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, legal prescription opioid overdoses and addictions have reached epidemic proportions; and

WHEREAS, Opioid abuse is a serious public health issue and drug overdose deaths are the leading cause of non-intentional injury deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prescription opioids can be an effective form of pain management but it is important to understand the benefits and risks;

WHEREAS, The immediate treatment for overdose can reverse the impact of morbidity and mortality; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs-WI urges its member clubs to advocate for the development of educational awareness programs for providers, patients, and the community; and
Further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs-WI urges its member clubs to promote legislation and regulations to combat opioid overdose and addiction; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs-WI advocate for all police officers and first responders to carry naloxone to be used when answering any call.

PUBLIC ISSUES

28. VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, Voting is the right and responsibility of every American citizen; and eligible voters often fail to register to vote or do not vote on Election Day;

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Wisconsin promotes education of the importance of voting and the electoral process; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Wisconsin urges its members to participate in voter registration drives and urges the legislature to enact laws requiring voters to show identification when at the polls on Election Day.

CHANGE:

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Wisconsin urges its members to participate in voter registration drives and ~~urges the legislature to enact laws~~ ^{support the law} requiring voters to show identification when at the polls on Election Day.

RATIONALE: to comply with the passing of the voter identification law

GFWC-WI Resolutions Committee is submitting the GFWC Resolution Human Trafficking to be adopted by GFWC-WI as their resolution because of the growing crime increase of Human Trafficking.

35. Human Trafficking

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of State and UNICEF, trafficking is a modern form of slavery, involving victims who are typically forced, defrauded, or coerced into sexual and/or labor exploitation; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing global crime and second largest source of illegal income worldwide exceeded only by drug trafficking. Annually:

- million children are trafficked worldwide;
- 800,000 men, women and children are trafficked across international borders;
- At least 20.9 million people are victims of forced labor worldwide; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs-WI urges its member clubs to:

- Educate members and the public about the seriousness of human trafficking;
- Advocate for the support and protection of victims and the prosecution of exploiters;
- Support law enforcement coordination between countries;
- Encourage mandatory enforcement of existing laws in the United States.

GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUB - WISCONSIN INC.

Proposed Budget: INCOME

July 1, 2018 to May 18, 2020

	Description	Comments		2018-2020 Budget	2016-2018 Budget	Change
	<i>Income</i>					
4002	Investment Income	Average estimated over many years		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
4003	Vendor Booth @ \$35 per table	goal of 5 vendors per convention		\$ 350.00		
6001	CONV/BD Meetings			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
6002	Visits - Clubs/Districts			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
6003	Fundraising-State			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
6004	Dues-GFWC est. 1773 @ \$15	Membership as of 2/1/18 = 1582	1500	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 53,190.00	\$ (8,190.00)
6005	Dues-GFWC-WI est. 1773 @ \$7	Membership as of 2/1/18 = 1582		\$ 21,000.00	\$ 24,822.00	\$ (3,822.00)
6006	Great Lakes Conference (2023)					\$ -
6011	Endowment Fund/Planned Giving					\$ -
6012	Website/"Donate Now" Button to be added			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
6013	Federation Grants					\$ -
7077	Trees For Tomorrow					\$ -
4056	Helen Mears					\$ -
4054	Health Scholarships					\$ -
	Total			\$ 104,650.00	\$ 115,312.00	\$ (11,012.00)

GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUB - WISCONSIN INC.

Proposed Budget: EXPENSES

July 1, 2018 to May 18, 2020

	Description	Comments	2018-2020 Budget	2016-2018 Budget	Change
	Expenses				\$ -
4054	Health Scholarship	returned to original 4 per admin (2 @ \$1,000 each year)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)
4055	Membership & Federation Promo		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
4056	Helen Mears	current actual = \$180	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (400.00)
4058	Theodora Youmans	current actual = 0	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
6012	Website	current actual = \$192; increase to \$400	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (200.00)
6051	Conv/BD Meetings	pass through	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
6052	Travel	expect to travel more in 2018-2020	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
6054	State Fundraising	cost of raffle tickets; no inventory of items	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
6055	Dues to GFWC	pass through	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 53,190.00	\$ (8,190.00)
7052	Postage	anticipated mass mailing to all members	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (100.00)
7053	Office Exp. Printing/Copies/Checks/Etc	anticipated mass mailing to all members	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
7054	President	*	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 500.00
7055	1st Vice President	*	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 300.00
7056	2nd Vice President	*	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00
7057	Recording Secretary	*	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00
7058	Corresponding Secretary	*	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00
7059	Treasurer	*	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00
7060	Director of Junior Clubs	*	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 250.00
7063	Parliamentary Advisor		\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (300.00)
7064	Fund Raising Chairperson	chairman not required to travel outside state	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (300.00)
7065	Federation Promo/Domestic Violence		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
7066	Dues/Great Lakes		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
7067	Liability Ins/Bond		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
7070	Corporate Filing Fee	fee is \$10 annually plus \$20 for change of agent	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
7068	Pres. Elect - Next Admin		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
7069	Pres. Elect to GFWC		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
7071	GFWC-WI Gift to GFWC HQ		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
7072	Contingency		\$ 860.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (340.00)
7077	Trees for Tomorrow				\$ -
7079	Arts Program Exp	current actual = \$100	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ (150.00)
7083	Licensed Raffles Expenses		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
8052	Leads Candidate		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
	WI Clubwoman Editor	**New Laptop with Publishing software	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
	Treasurer	**New Laptop with Quicken or Quick Books	\$ 750.00		
	Total Expenses		\$ 104,650.00	\$ 114,460.00	\$ (10,560.00)
	Budget Balance		\$ -	\$ 852.00	

**Denotes new line items

* Officers' expenses all increased due to actuals

ENTRY FORM
THEODORA YOUMANS CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Deadline April 1st

NAME OF CANDIDATE

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

NAME OF SPONSORING CLUB

CLUB PRESIDENT

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

Please send three (3) copies of the entry and letters of endorsement to:

Mary Pike
3324 West Edgerton Ave
Greenfield, WI 53221
Home: 414-541-1145 or Cell #: 414-243-5796

Note that the candidate need not be a member of a woman's club. When writing the entry, background information is very helpful to the judges, but the stress should be on the work done in the year prior to the nomination. If the candidate is an employed person, her work which is above and beyond the requirements of her employment must be emphasized!

Please include three (3) letters of endorsement from community people who know the candidate's work.

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

Woman of Achievement

GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement Award

Each year a club member is honored at our GFWC-WI State Convention with this special award for her dedication to her club and the Federation.

All clubs have someone who has given of her talents above and beyond the call of duty, someone who is active within her GFWC Club, District, and State.

The official entry form, found on the GFWC-WI.org website, lists the percentages of how the candidates is judged. Although the judging is done primarily on club activities, personal information and other activities are also encouraged. Listed on the website is also past recipients of this award. There are no entries at this time, so, who is missing that is most deserving?

Deadline is March 31, 2018

For questions, please contact Linda Brown, Chairman at 262/268-8296 or tbrown903@wi.rr.com.



GFWC-WI Juniors' Recycled Yard Art Auction

GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs invites **all** clubs to participate in a recycled yard art auction at the GFWC-WI annual spring convention in Brown Deer the evening of May 4th.

- Your item can be a birdhouse, bird feeder, planter, wind chimes, yard sign or just plain garden décor made with recycled items
- Look around the house or local thrift store for pots, old wood, cans, broken dishes, old shoes, license plates, broken chair legs, ceiling fan blades, bowling balls – you name it, you are only limited by your imagination.
- Need some inspiration? Check out the items on this page; google “Recycled Yard Art” ; check out Pinterest; like the GFWC Wisconsin Juniors Facebook page – we will post items weekly for ideas.
- They say “Go large or go home” – just don’t go too large, the lucky auction winner needs to take their item home!
- Money raised will go to the Director of Junior Clubs Special Program – teenage runaways/homelessness and human trafficking
- If you are unable to attend convention, send your yard art with someone else in your club / district.
- We can’t wait to see what you ALL come up with!! Remember “Go out on a limb” and have fun!



Fill out and attach to your item:

Name of Yard Art Maker: _____

Description of Yard Art: _____

Club: _____

District: _____



GFWC-Southern Prairies District Spring Convention News...

Held at **The Abbey**, in Fontana on **April 17th**, check in starts at 8:30 with our “Rodeo Round-up” starting at 9:30. The cost is **\$25 per Cowgirl**, we will recognize you by your boots, hats and duds. Our grub will be ... wait for it ... wait for it ... Chicken!!!

Lots of fun things will be happening:

Helen Mears and Member Art judging

a workshop on the written competition in GFWC, i.e. Poetry, Essays, Short Stories, etc.

a “make it take it” bracelet to take home and show off to your friends

I hear tell that Cowgirl Mary will be teaching us line dancing.

A memorial will be held to honor our club members who have passed this year. Please take a minute to collect those names.

And last but not least we will be voting for our new officers and installing them.

Our call will be coming out soon with more information. Don't forget to ask you club presidents for the registration. If you would like more info please feel free to contact me at jrmaiwald@gmail.com .



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KRISTINA HIGBEE

CANDIDATE FOR GFWC DIRECTOR-ELECT OF JUNIOR CLUBS

A dedicated clubwoman for over 14 years, Kristina is currently serving as GFWC Arts Chairman. She has served on the GFWC Board of Directors for the past four years. She is a past GFWC-WI State Director of Junior Clubs, receiving an Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs Award in 2016. She has served as Convention Chairman and Nominating Chairman for the Great Lakes Region. Joining the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club in 2004, she has served in many offices including club president twice. She received the GFWC-WI Junior of the Year Award in 2017. She is a 2009 LEADS graduate.

Kristina has been the Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 25 for over eight years earning the council District Award of Merit in 2015. She is the Committee Chair for Venturing Crew 196 and is currently working on her Wood Badge Ticket. She is a lifelong Girl Scout, earning her Silver award in her youth and serving as a leader for Troop #6050 for the past six years. She is a member of First Congregational UCC of Oconomowoc where she has served on the board of directors for the preschool and as a Sunday school teacher. She worked with the scouts of her church to earn their scout religious emblem awards. She earned the BSA God & Service Award in 2016.

Married to her best friend Michael, they have three wonderful children with whom they enjoy many adventures, whether it is exploring the National Parks or camping with the scouts.

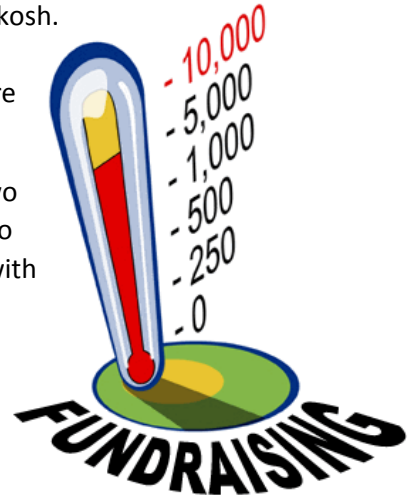
Fundraising

I received fundraising reports from 29 clubs today, March 1st. Looks like some excellent work and will be challenging to choose winners this year.

You raised \$614 from the silent auctions at the Winter Workshop Feb. 10th at Oshkosh. Wasn't that fun? An interesting selection items were brought in. I was tickled to win the Coach handbag. We had some good sales of Terry Lynn Candies also. There will be more available at our Spring Convention May 5th.

I hope someone will step up to take over as chairman of fundraising. I've had it two terms and will step down. I'm not the most creative chairman, but I was pleased to do the work. Thanks to Pres. Sue LaBuda and her board members for coming up with ideas.

Julie Riemenschneider



WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST ALLIS held a "Kitchen Shower" for Veterans entering Independent Living



Today should have been so different.

Just know I'm thinking about you
missing you
loving you
celebrating you
this side of Heaven.



Remembering those club women that have left us to soon!

A memorial service will be held at the state convention May 3-6, 2018 for those club women who left us during this current administration.

Please include the name of the club woman, how long she was a member of the club and the accomplishment she achieved within the club, district and/or state.

Email Susan Bednarek at sjbednarek@charter.net by April 20, 2018.

**GFWC Women's Club of
West Allis
News**

Our club got together for our Christmas Party in December for a nice luncheon and cookie sale. It was held at Klemmer's Banquet Hall in West Allis. 15 members baked cookies and we delivered 2 trays to the Fisher House on the grounds of the VA center. The Fisher house supplies very nice rooms and meals to those visiting veterans who are in the VA center having surgery or other medical procedures. They have a brand new kitchen and our club will be cooking a dinner for them in the future. Cookies were also provided to the West Allis Historical Society for their Christmas open house. The remaining containers were sold to our members and they went fast! This is a project that we may continue for next year as it was such a success.

At our March meeting our members will be collecting kitchen utensils, dishes, glasses, small appliances and any other items to help homeless veterans set up their new apartments. It will be our VETERAN'S KITCHEN SHOWER. All items will be donated to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative located in West Allis. This organization helps homeless veterans get a new start in life. I am hoping we will have a large collection to donate.

In April we will be again hosting our Salad Luncheon at Mary Queen of Heaven. Our tickets go fast for this event. Members will be making salads and desserts. This event also includes a boutique of gently used jewelry, purses and scarfs. Many baskets will be available for raffle and one is nicer than the next. They are all so pretty and unique that it is hard to choose. A 50-50 raffle will also be held. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year to provide scholarships for high school students in West Allis.

The Winter Workshop in Oshkosh was a lot of fun and also very informative. Six of our members attended and we had a great time. The Make it, Bake it, Grow it, Throw it event was interesting and fun. What an easy way to raise some money. We are talking about doing that at one of our meetings next year. The speakers were interesting with one talking about cancer support and the other about getting your end of life plans taken care of. We also made Valentines for the Children's Hospital in Madison and we were entertained by a singing group doing Frank Sinatra songs. All in all it was a good time.

STEVENS POINT, WI (October 7)

-The members of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs- Stevens Point Woman's Club donated \$1000.00 to the Cancer Center at Marshfield Clinic in Stevens Point at their Northwood's District Workshop recently held in Plover, WI. The workshop's topic was on our state president's Special Project; cancer awareness. Guest speakers talked about their struggles and achievements while fighting cancer.

The Marshfield Cancer Center in Stevens Point was selected as the club's Community Improvement Project for the 2016-2018 term. Club members were given a tour of the facility when it opened in August of 2017. The new center will allow Marshfield Clinic providers and staff to provide complete cancer care with state-of-the-art equipment. That includes medical oncology and hematology services that features private chemotherapy infusion suites, radiation oncology, and many other cancer care support services. The building design concept, new to central Wisconsin, uses an easy-to-understand system that identifies each clinic wing with symbols, such as a butterfly or pine tree. Patients simply match the symbol and color given to them when the check in with the coordinating hallway.

Patients often spend two or three days a week at the cancer center, and can spend between two to eight hours in the treatment rooms. At present the center depends on private donations for various items that help with the patients' comfort during these treatments. Family members often accompany patients being treated, so items such as inspirational cards, juice boxes, snacks, books, puzzles, and stuffed toys are collected for the patients and their families every month at the club's general meeting.

Marshfield Clinic workers and cancer survivors, Ruth Glodowski, Cindy Kappel, Dana Peterson, Melissa Wolfe, Jen Garton, Jaime Hintz and Deb Sauer joined the SPWC Home/Life Department Co-Chairperson, Sharon Mras, and SPWC President Bev Butcher, for the presentation of the check to Jessica Engel, the clinic's representative.



GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club Holiday Project brings Cheer to Cancer Patients

GFWC-WI State President Special project is cancer awareness and support. At GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club holiday gathering at Once in a Blue Moon on December 15, 2017 members brought in snacks of all type for cancer patients, and club president, Sue Bednarek, donated hooded blankets and hats that were taken to the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic in Oshkosh.



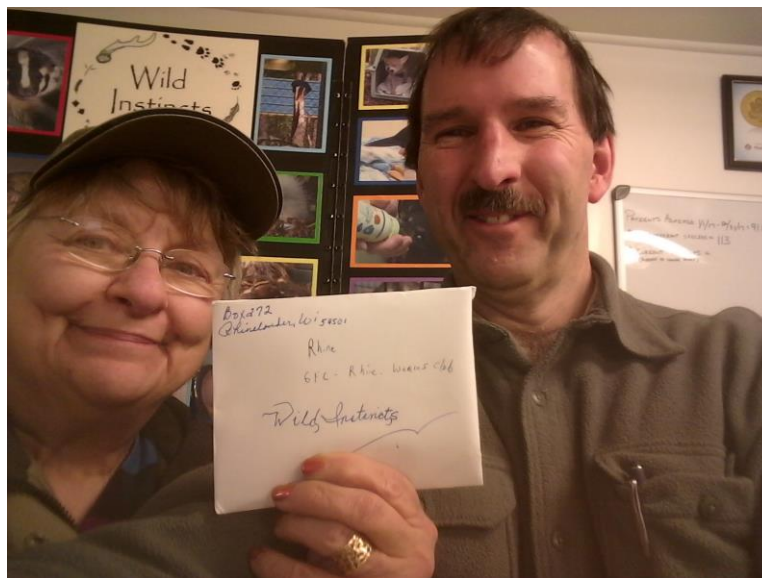
Pictured is Club President, Sue Bednarek, and the wonderful nursing staff at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic.



GFWC-Rhinelanders Woman's Club recently made two new friends; Mark Naniot, Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation at Wild Instincts and his buddy Whisk, a barred owl. Since 1996 Mark and his wife Sharon Larson have been responsible for the care and treatment of over 15,000 wild animals representing over 100 different species. The couple works 365 days a year to mend orphaned and injured wildlife, which will ultimately prepare them for release in the wild. Club President, Kay Salewske, is seen in one photo greeting Whisk and wondering about owl's ears.

Wild Instincts is permitted by federal and state guidelines but only receives funds through donations as a 501(c)3 organization. It is not run like a zoo, but Mr. Naniot does offer to do presentations to schools and groups like GFWC-Rhinelanders Woman's Club. The food bills and medication costs are amazing so club members passed a collection plate to help the animals and show our appreciation to Mark. The second photo shows member Rosemary Cameron giving \$376 to the facility.

For more information Wild Instincts has a website: www.wildinstinctsrehab.com where you can watch videos, plus see a Wishlist of needed items and other ways to donate.



"The Northwoods Choraliers brought warmth and Christmas cheer to the December meeting of **GFWC-Rhineland Woman's Club**. Following the vocal performance, the club initiated 11 new members and collected over 200 dollars for the Salvation Army Bell Ringers. On Friday, Dec. 15th club women rang bells at Shopko and presented a check to Jan Leschke, who organized bell ringers this year at Shopko"

The first photo was taken at our December monthly meeting on Dec. 12th and shows some of the choraliers.

The second photo left to right: Jan Leschke, coordinator of Shopko bell ringers, Mary Fortier, club chairperson of Public Issues, then club members and ringers Michelle Hines and Helen Pospychala.

Submitted by Cindy Goll, 2nd Vice-President for GFWC-Rhineland Woman's Club



Dear GFWC-WI,

On behalf of our patients, their families and our staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your donation of valentines to the American Family Children's Hospital.

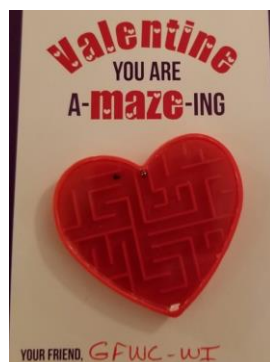
Valentines were given to children staying in our inpatients units. As you know the hospitalization of a child can be stressful, as well as long. It is very therapeutic to have items to distract children from medical procedures and the anxiety that a hospital stay often creates.

Gifts like this help make the hospital a happier and more "normal" place to be, and can go a long way to make children and their families feel better and cared for.

Thank you again for this thoughtful and generous gift to American Family Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

Julie Auenson, MHA, CCLS
Manager of Child Life Services





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DEAR GFWC MEMBERS,

Please plan to Meet Me, no Us, in St. Louis, as ***It's Our Time to Connect!*** You are invited to the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention, which is taking place in St. Louis, Missouri, June 23-26, 2018. The Gateway City is rich with history; in 1904, it hosted both the World's Fair and the Olympics! This summer we have the opportunity to make our own GFWC history in St. Louis, and we hope you'll be part of it.

We will be graciously welcomed by the GFWC Mississippi Valley Region, first-ever official Region Host. The states certainly represented the theme of *It's Our Time to Connect* by coming together to host a Convention we will not soon forget. With partners, vendors, and clubwomen from across the country, Convention is always a time to appreciate the connections GFWC forges. It's those relationships that make us stronger as clubwomen and as an organization.

We have three tours planned to take full advantage of the wonderful sights St. Louis has to offer. *The Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms* excursion includes a capsule ride to the top of the country's tallest monument to overlook the city. This is followed by a private tram tour of the Missouri Botanical Garden so you can relax while you take in the beauty of the landscape. On the *Architecture of St. Louis* tour, you can get up close and visit three historic buildings. Finally, with the *Basilica and Brews* tour, you have the opportunity to visit the stunning Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis followed by a tour of the city's world-famous Anheuser-Busch brewery. Whether you go on one tour or all three, the city is yours to explore in the company of other GFWC members.

Our host hotel, the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, is a stunning historical landmark. Even in the heart of the bustling city, the hotel's sweeping archways and mosaics will make you feel like you've stepped back in time. You can end each day of productive meetings, workshops, and events with a dip in the outdoor pool nestled in the courtyard or take advantage of the incredible light show in the Grand Hall lobby each evening.

From witnessing or participating in our members' sashaying down the runway for our GFWC Style Project Runway Conservation Challenge or supporting our on-site service project to feed the hungry, to hearing from engaging speakers and presenters or attending informative workshops, we have a great Convention planned for you. Read the pages that follow to learn what you can expect of this wonderful networking adventure. We hope you will join us and take this opportunity to connect with GFWC and with each other.

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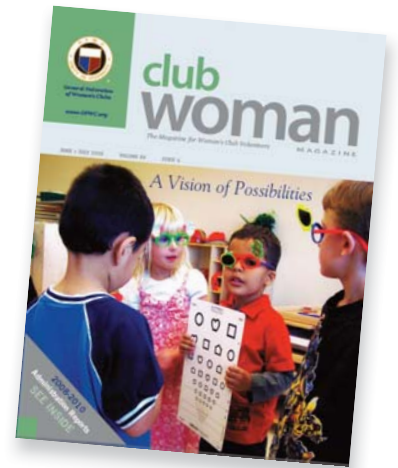
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