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GFWC - Wisconsin graduates 32 Mini LEADS clubwomen from around the state



Congratulations, 2018 Wisconsin Mini LEADS Graduates: **Sandy Anderson, Suzanne Butcher, Marcia Brazeau, Deb Brossard, Linda Brown, Kim Bruns, Nancy Dickman, Mary Dietz, Kathy Edwards, Sandy Gehin, Cindy Goll, Suz Hooser, Terri Hudziak, Betty Lou Janney, Missy Kimball, Margaret Kirton, Nancy Kuczumski, Ginny Lockman, Michelle Munoz, Connie Muckelberg, Lea Ann Nelson, Nancy Niedziela, Nancy Osmolak, Sharon Phelps, Vickie Richardson, Michelle Rundle, Julie Saether, Susan Schwarten, Deb Strecker, Jean Traeder, Carol Klema Wolfenden and Cindy Zielinski.** Leadership Workshop team: **Mary Meek, Loretta Caron, Janice Curtiss, Abby Lorenz, Sue Bednarik and Sue Bessert.** *More on page 10.*

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Voice your Vote!

**See pages 14 & 15.
Contact Deb Brossard,
GFWC WI President by
October 3 with your
VOTE!**



Deb Brossard
GFWC - WI President



“... These club members truly lived the volunteer spirit this weekend and I am forever grateful...”

Message from our 2018—2020 GFWC - WI President

Greetings GFWC-WI clubwomen,

I am overjoyed with the success of the 2018 Fall Workshop just held in Woodruff, WI.

We built it and nearly 80 of you came! Thank you for making the effort to be a part of this fun-filled and informative meeting. Your GFWC-WI Officers and State Chairmen were phenomenal! Each and every one of them came fully prepared to present new and exciting information for the 2018-2020 administration. If they were unable to attend, they sent their information to be presented on their behalf. I could not have been more pleased.

We had many highlights over the weekend and keeping with our editor's request to be brief and concise, I will not list them here. Suffice it to say, the whole weekend was one highlight after the next!

Thank you the Rhinelander Woman's Club for wrapping up the afternoon with that special dramatization. I am so grateful that 'something did come of it'!

I hope all club presidents will share the new State Handbook you received, with your clubs. Please use it and make it your own, adding relevant information so it works for you!

The Mini LEADS event on Sunday was all I hoped it would be and more. Thank you to the team of GFWC-WI LEADS graduates who made that morning fun and informative.

And finally, my heartfelt thanks are extended to the **Lakeland Area GFWC, our newest state club**. Without their 'boots on the ground' help and loving support, the Fall Workshop would not have been as successful as it was. From the decorations to the food and beverage and the entertainment and painting activity, no detail was left to chance. These club members truly lived the volunteer spirit this weekend and I am forever grateful. I know you will welcome them with open arms at all future GFWC-WI meetings when they can participate fully and not play the role of host club.

I hope you enjoyed your time in 'our neck of the woods' and that you will return some day to explore all we have to offer here in the Northwoods!

In Federation Friendship,

Deb

Message from our 2018–2020 GFWC - WI Director of Junior Clubs

Greetings GFWC-WI

What a weekend we had at the Fall Workshop. We took in so much information and now it's not time to start getting down to business, it's time to continue doing our business. I am so glad to see everyone who were able to come to Minocqua and Woodruff to participate in the workshops. The Mini LEADS session was an incredible way to end the weekend. All the presenters did a fantastic job with their respective presentations and I surely walked away with a wealth of knowledge. I think with every presentation during the weekend, I picked up a new piece of information that perhaps I've heard before, but this time it engrained in my brain. So where do we go from here....



Michelle Munoz
GFWC - WI
Director of Junior Clubs

We are closing out the month of September for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and many may have participated in the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer. I've seen so many GFWC members from around the country posting their photos on their social media pages. Kudos to them on a job well done. The month of October brings us GFWC Advocates for Children Week, which is October 21 – 27, 2018. Clubwomen can become Advocates for Children by 'working to ensure that children are protected from harmful situations, encouraged to live healthy physical and emotional lifestyles, and by impacting public policy to improve the lives of children'.

Please publicize your projects. Make this week a time to celebrate the work your clubs are doing by posting your pictures of projects on social media, invite a local newspaper photographer to your event or even ask your local mayor, city manager or state governor to proclaim this week "GFWC Advocates for Children Week."



Mark November 17th on your calendar as we recognize Prematurity Awareness Day. Show your **PURPLE Passion** for Babies by turning your Club House **purple** for preemies on this day. Clubs can "**Light the World Purple**" during November to raise awareness of the crisis of preterm birth during March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness month. The March of Dimes is holding a special webinar on October 4, 2018 and you can request your Prematurity Awareness Toolkit via the following link: https://marchofdimes.formstack.com/forms/prematurity_awareness_month_toolkit_request

The next few weeks will continue to be packed with excitement for this Director of Junior Clubs. I am attending the Rolling Hills District Fall Meeting, I will be attending the Southern Prairies District Fall Meeting, and then off to Michigan City, IN to attend the GREAT Lakes Region Conference. I am so excited to see the fellow Club Women from around the region. Please put on your calendars to attend any of these type of meetings and/or conferences. There is a wealth of information you take away and bring back to your clubs. Once you drink the "Kool-Aid" you'll be hooked and want to keep coming back.

I wish everyone a great autumn season and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

In Junior Federation – Michelle Munoz

KINDNESS STARTS WITH A SMILE

Officer Report - First Vice President

By: Abby Lorenz

Since being installed as GFWC-WI First Vice President I have been very busy!

I attended the GFWC International Convention in St Louis, Missouri, the Executive Committee meeting in Harshaw, Wisconsin and the Wisconsin's Own Library Board meeting in Oshkosh.

As your State Membership Chairman I have met with several clubs to provide guidance on Membership issues including clubs contemplating dissolution and clubs desiring to gain new members. I have been assigned by the President to Chair an Ad Hoc Committee to review district boundaries in the event a club would like to be moved into a new district.

As your First Vice President I have served on numerous committees including the District Presidents Committee, Membership Committee, Investment and Policy Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

I gave PowerPoint presentations on Membership and Public Speaking at GFWC workshops, Mini LEADS seminar and District meetings. I continue to be active in my local club, the Woman's Club of a Pewaukee, and the Rolling Hills District, both of which I serve as Past President.

Finally I'm looking forward to visiting clubs and assisting with your membership needs! Please contact me anytime at AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com or call me at 414-350-8713. Enjoy your Autumn!



Officer Report - Treasurer

By: Nancy Dickman



There are several key areas for a treasurer to address post-installation. Roughly, they are transitioning of accounts and records with the outside, recording the transactions of the organization without interruption, addressing any changes the administration would like to introduce to the organization, planning for the collection of club rosters and dues, anticipating work with future due dates, serving on committees as outlined in the bylaws and being prepared to serve in any way requested by the president.

Since the installation, these transition tasks have been completed:

- Transfer of banking relationship from Chase to BMO – now have three accounts - the general checking account (which is linked to the PayPal account), a Money Market Account (to hold majority of cash away from PayPal access and to earn interest), and Wisconsin's Own Library Account (to track funding and expenditures in compliance with the Gwendolyn P. Schultz Charitable Trust provisions)
- Signer and address change for investment account and setup on-line statements
- Registration with WI Department of Financial Institutions for annual tax-exempt status filing
- Registration with WI Department of Administration – Gaming Div. for application and/or renewal of raffle licenses
- Renewal of Class B raffle license
- Application packet for Class A raffle license with application form, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, IRS determination letter confirmation, current year HQ verification of participation in group exemption
- Bond insurance for treasurer
- Contact name for Liability insurance billing

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To conduct the regular work of the position, it was decided at the State Convention to acquire a laptop for the treasurer to have a transferable platform for maintaining the financial and membership records.

Since the installation, this regular work has been completed:

- Recorded the transactions of the organization and generated financial reports reconciled to the cash accounts for the July EC meeting and for the Fall Workshop. This package will allow ready reporting of the investment account balance and unfolding activity for Wisconsin's Own Library in conformity with the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust. Learning of the finer features of Quicken software is still in process.
- Sent the Treasurer's Memo for dues and excel roster files to 48 clubs (both presidents and treasurers in most instances). Created a tracking process for rosters sent/received/amended.
- Assisted with the fall workshop reservation documentation and receipt process

The current administration has developed a dynamic list of changes for the current term. It is essential for the treasurer to assist the realization of those changes in the financial processes. Since the installation, this is the list and status to date:

- ⇒ Acquire laptop and software for completing the treasurer administrative and financial recording tasks.
Purchase and set up of a laptop, security software, a Microsoft account for Office 365, Quicken account and software, set-up a Google account for use only by the treasurer (current and future) **COMPLETE**
- ⇒ Set up a PayPal account to allow on-line donation receipts, fundraising payments by credit card, and the ability to accept on-line or card payments for meetings charges or Class A raffles (those where the tickets are sold on a different day than the drawing and the winner does not need to be present). **80% COMPLETE** – need to test ecommerce features
 - The account was established and tested with several transactions. The accounting process for these transactions was established.
 - The DONATE buttons were added to the website by Erin Epping for GFWC-WI and for Wisconsin's Own Library.
- ⇒ Create and organize a handbook for the office to document the various aspects of the position and to assist with the transition process for successor treasurers. **50% COMPLETE**

The compilation of member rosters as they arrive from clubs, collection of dues and communication with international headquarters and the preparation and filing of Form 990Ez and WI Form 5 are already in the "has been started" stage.

In addition, I am an active participant in the following committees:

Executive Committee, Health Scholarship Committee, Investment Committee, Budget Committee, Amendments and Policies, Communications & Public Relations and Wisconsin's Own Library

Most committees had one or more meetings, conference calls or extensive email exchanges since the installation. Also I observed the Financial Review Committee conduct its work as part of the transition of the position.

In addition – I am the Rolling Hills District President and have helped launch the planning work for the 2020 State Convention with site visits and recommendation for the preferred location.

Thank you to all the people who have helped me transition into the role of treasurer. No one can do a job like this, with all its moving parts, alone and I am truly grateful for the grace and patience of all those who have and who continue to help me.

In Federation,

Nancy Dickman



District Report - ROLLING HILLS

By: Nancy Dickman, President

**ROLLING HILLS: Boscobel * Dodgeville * Hartland * Hartford * Hillsboro *
Muskego * Oconomowoc Jr. * Oconomowoc * Pewaukee**

New officers installation - good luck in your new administration!



Front row l-r: **Deb Brossard** (GFWC-WI President), **Nancy Dickman** (District President) Muskego Woman's Club, **Pat Soefker** (Past District President - Director) Oconomowoc Woman's Club

Middle row l-r: **Missy Kimball** (Junior Director) Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club, **Barb Butler** (Secretary) Woman's Club of Pewaukee, **Karla Lauersdorf** (1st Vice President) Woman's Club of Hartland, **Sue Schwarten** (2nd Vice President) Muskego Woman's Club, **Nancy Niedziela** (Treasurer) Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Back row: installation official **Kristina Higbee** (GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs) Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club and Oconomowoc Woman's Club.

The **Rolling Hills District** starts its club year with a new board, with representatives from five clubs and newly updated bylaws. The leadership team has worked to tie up some loose ends on the administrative side. We are so pleased to say that when asked to serve, the district members said YES! with three members serving as 2018-2020 GFWC-WI officers, dozens serving on GFWC-WI committees and others as willing supporters nicely prepared to work with GFWC-WI in the Roots and Wings mode with a warm dose of Kindness.

The District has about 330 members in nine clubs. Fall means major fundraising projects in six of its clubs. The other three clubs are ramping for fundraisers in early winter. Although most of the clubs take a meeting hiatus during the summer, almost all of the clubs have more than one community project drawing from their generosity during the summer months.

The first meeting of the district is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 in beautiful Oconomowoc. Stay tuned for more news from the district as we round out 2018 and prepare those annual reports!



District Report - NORTHERN LIGHTS

By: Jean Rovney, President
and Julie Riemenschneider, Past President

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

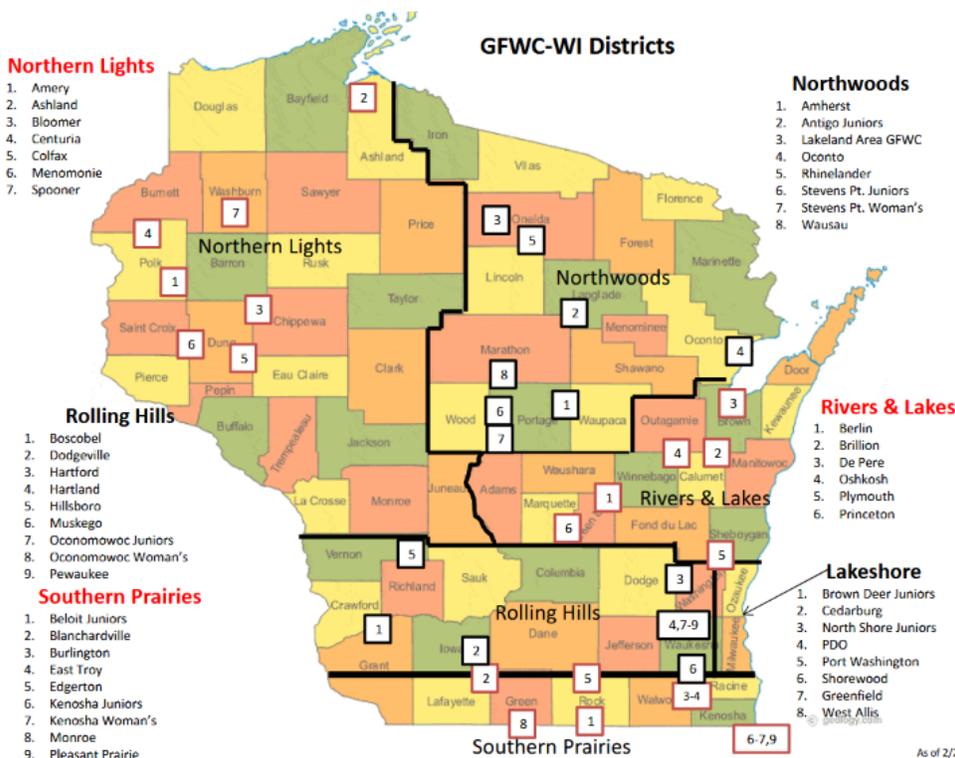
Northern Lights District met on September 20th. Centuria was the host and there were 27 attendees including GFWC WI President **Deb Brossard** and **Mary Fortier** of Rhinelander Woman’s Club.

Projects were assigned to each of the seven clubs in the district. Colfax and Menomonie were not represented. The budget for 2018 was presented and adopted. Two large tables of jewelry were displayed with many pieces purchased. \$67.50 was collected from jewelry. A fifty-fifty drawing took place at lunch. Nell Anderson of Amery won.

Following a delicious lunch members were invited to a presentation about African Violets. Many ladies took home either an African Violet plant or a succulent plant.

Bloomer Woman’s Club invited members to the spring convention on April 6, 2019.

As District President I am making arrangements to visit every club in our district and have a few scheduled for this fall.



Next issue we hope to hear from:

- Lakeshore District
- Northwoods District
- Rivers and Lakes District
- Southern Prairies District

GFWC - Wisconsin President's Special Project

By: Linda Kay Cook, Chairman

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

Mission:

To educate, inspire and empower present and future generations to remain vigilant in the quest of equal rights.

Accomplishing the Mission:

- * Raise \$2 million to fully fund construction of the national Turning Point Suffragist Memorial and have it operational by 2020, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of The 19th Amendment which granted all American women the right to vote.
- * Establish the Turning Point Institute for middle and high school students
- * Develop a Constitution Trail together with national historical sites



Please take the time to explore the website at <https://suffragistmemorial.org>. There you will find:

- * The Suffragist History
- * The Memorial
- * Equality: Past, Present and Future

Together we can reach the goal of having GFWC - Wisconsin recognized on the Donor Wall.



Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-20-Signature-Program.pdf>

GFWC - Wisconsin Director of Junior Special Program

By: Suz Hoozer, Chairman



Junior Special Programs is the focus of advocating for children. There are any number of ways to achieve this thru your clubs. For example:

- Seek out local charities in your community centered around children.
- Contact your schools to see if there is a need for your help.
- Provide food or snacks thru charities
- Contact your local foster care organization
- Hold Clothing or school supply drives
- Educate your community on sex trafficking
- Get involved with prevention of child abuse
- Stand up to bullying
- Or partner with one of GFWC partnerships.
- March of Dimes which is the only organization focused on premature birth, or St Jude's Children's Research hospital whose vision is that no child be denied treatment based on race, religion or ability to pay. Ways to advocate for these partnerships are outlined in your handout, but just to mention a few.
- Make and donate blankets for babies
- Get involved with the March for babies walk
- Make mask straps
- Donate bags stuffed with fun things for children to do while waiting for the doctors.

Also on an international level we have Operation Smile which is our Director of Junior Clubs, Michelle Munoz, special project. Operation Smile is dedicated to the belief that every child suffering from cleft lip or cleft palate deserves exceptional surgical care. Your club can hold fundraisers to support this mission and donate funds or they are in need of supplies like toothbrushes, coloring books or crayons. Please visit the website operation.smile.org for details and ideas.

Please remember the 4th week in October is Advocate for children week, and September is childhood cancer awareness month. Find new and fun ways to raise awareness thru your club.

I look forward to reading all about your creative ways you advocated for the children in your community or around the world and how you enhanced the lives of others thru volunteer service. Don't forget to send your reports, your club could be the next award winner.

Give voice to children by recognizing their needs and volunteering to step up. Our children are the future, let's teach them the importance of community service thru GFWC.

GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Leadership

Report by: Mary Meek, GFWC-WI Leadership Chairman

Clubwomen from all over the state spent a beautifully sunny, crisp, fall morning engaged in the programming offered at the 2018 Mini LEADS Session at Fall Workshop on Sunday, September 23rd. The thirty-two participants listened attentively and asked questions as the Wisconsin LEADS graduates and members of the state leadership committee gave presentations on topics including: The Why - Our Mission and Vision, Leading an Effective Meeting, Parliamentary Procedures, The Art of Public Speaking, Problem Solving...When Conflict Happens and GFWC Advocacy. The event proved to be an educational and inspiring experience that was appreciated by all.



Congratulations, 2018 Wisconsin Mini LEADS Graduates!!

Now is the time for clubs to begin the process to identify their nominee as the 2019 WI LEADS candidate to attend LEADS at GFWC International Convention to be held in Austin, Texas. The nominee selection criteria, application and guidelines for selection are available under "Leadership" on the GFWC-WI website. The deadline for application submission to the WI Leadership Committee is 02/01/19. For additional information, please contact Mary Meek at rlmeek3@gmail.com.

GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Legislation

Report by: Sandy Gehin, GFWC-WI Legislation Chairman

Part of the 1000 Initiatives for GFWC is to have 1000 Women use the LEGISLATION Action Center. As I and News and Notes have pointed out it is very easy to use this site to vote on issues supported or opposed by GFWC. If you are able to download the app to your phone I urge you to do so. You are also able to access the site on the GFWC website.



I know a lot of you at the Fall workshop were not able to download the app to your android phone and I am working on that and will update you when I get the answers.

There are many issues important to women that are highlighted on the LAC page. Remember when you take action to sign your vote in **RED** this will identify you as a GFWC member. Also check the email "Opt In" button to receive further updates.

Issues to be addressed include Domestic Violence, background checks, and mental health, Women's and Children Health and the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Equal Rights Amendment was first brought to the Senate in 1982 with a seven year deadline. Thirty-five states ratified it out of the 38 needed to enable this Bill to be added to our Constitution before the deadline passed. What we are asking is that if a new bill is presented that no deadline be attached to the Bill. There are Senators that are prepared to re-introduce a new Bill.

We are asking you to contact your representative in the HOUSE and your US Senator. Contact them through the LAC, tweet them, call them. Let GFWC know how your call went. Follow the Equal Rights Amendment on Facebook.

Thank you.

GFWC - WI Advancement Areas -

Communications and Public Relations

Report by: Sue Bessert, GFWC-WI CPR Chairman

SSL - Is It Important or Just Another Set of Initials They Want me to Remember?

Taken from GFWC CPR fall newsletter (Important information if you have a club website or are considering one.)

Have you noticed that some websites use “https” but some are still using “http”? The “s” indicates that the website has obtained a Secure SocketsLayer (aka SSL) Certificate. SSL is a technology that provides security for sensitive information as it travels on the internet. It is needed even if your club is not accepting credit card payments thru its website. It helps to insure privacy and protection of the data on your club’s website as well as your visitors’ information.

When we use the internet our information is passed from computer to computer until we get to the final website we are looking for. Any computer in between can see credit card numbers, usernames and passwords, and other sensitive information if it is not encrypted with an SSL certificate. This is how much of the identity theft occurs. When an SSL certificate is used, it protects from hackers and identity thieves.

If your club is using its website for conference registrations or fundraising orders, it will be required to have an SSL Certificate to accept credit card information on the website. All of the credit card processors have announced they are requiring SSL Certificates.

Additionally, many of the search engines such as Google have indicated that websites which are not secure will appear lower in the search results even if a searcher types in the exact website address. Google is also now warning users if they are trying to go to an unsecure website. Most users are not going to risk continuing on to a site that has been identified as not secure! Other popular search engines are taking similar action.

To enable SSL on a website, your club will need to get an SSL Certificate that identifies it and install it on its web server. If the club is using a hosted website thru a third party such as Tripod or Go Daddy, the SSL Certificate can be obtained thru them. With newer websites, it may automatically be provided.

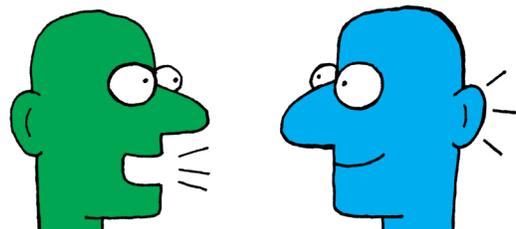
One of the concerns being raised is the cost to obtain the SSL Certificate. We are seeing costs as low as \$20 a year to as much as thousands a year. Every website provider will have its own cost. Can your club simply ignore this? NO. The bottom line: If your club is going to have a meaningful and useful website, it has to appear in search results and users can’t be frightened away by the lack of security. Every club must make sure it has an SSL Certificate for its website.

If you want more information, a very user friendly article can be found at:

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/what-is-ssl>

If your club needs more information, please reach out to me, Sue Bessert, Wisconsin’s Communications and Public Relations Chairman. We are here to help.

I can best be reached at bbessert@centurytel.net.



GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Membership

Report by: Abby Lorenz, GFWC-WI Membership Chairman

Membership Matters!

Membership is key to the success of our clubs! Below you will find my Vision, Mission and Goals for Membership during my 2018-19 administration:

Vision: For all GFWC-WI Clubwomen to be aware of the benefits of GFWC.

Mission: To promote accurate information, provide support, and recognize District and Club successes.

Goal #1: Retain existing club members.

Strategy: Encourage club members to get involved with at least one committee within a Community Service Program.

Goal #2: Attract younger club members to become future leaders.

Strategy: Encourage clubs to hold a membership drive targeting 30-50 year old members.

Goal #3: Increase number of clubs in Wisconsin.

Strategy: Look for areas in the State that have large populations, such as Madison in the Rolling Hills District.

Goal #4: Retain existing GFWC clubs in Wisconsin.

Strategy: District Presidents uncover “red flags” (clubs considering de-federating or dissolving).

GFWC has invited all clubwomen to participate in “**THANK YOU TUESDAY**”. We can all begin immediately. GFWC members should be mindful of the benefits they have received from belonging to GFWC and the work of others in the organization.

Each Tuesday, ask members to write in a journal something that they are thankful for that is due to their GFWC membership; or write a congratulatory note to a member who just chaired a successful project; or a note saying “Great Idea” to a member who just announced a new project; or call and give encouragement to a member who needs a boost. If your club meets on a Tuesday, you could pass a flashlight and each member lets it shine as she tells what she is thankful for; or on your club birthday have members buy candles for things for which they are thankful.

Many people and experiences would not be part of our life except for GFWC. Be thankful you belong and pass it on to others.

Have a blessed Wisconsin Autumn!



GFWC - WI Reporting & more

Report by: Janice Curtiss, GFWC-WI Second Vice President

Exciting addition to Club Reporting!

There will be two different categories **Category I** and **Category II**. This will give more opportunities for GFWC-WI clubs to be recognized for what you do! As soon as all the membership dues are in we will place the Wisconsin clubs in their Category by the size of club membership.

Please start thinking about your 2018 club reports. I would like my email/mailbox full!

As your Second Vice President, it has been a busy few months...I facilitated a Wisconsin's Own Library (WOL) board meeting in Oshkosh at BMO Harris Bank and two conference calls with President Brossard; one with Park Drescher, the director of the Gwendolyn Schultz Trust at BMO and the other with Andrew Prellwitz, librarian at Lane Library. We have a separate checking account set up for WOL and we will be requesting another \$50,000 next week from the Gwendolyn M. Schultz memorial trust at BMO Harris Bank.

We are also in the process of getting quotes for an Organizational Development Service like MRA to help us create a high level strategic plan for WOL and having a subcommittee of not just GFWC-WI members but including Ripon Collage staff, students and members of the community to brain storm with us. Andrew at Lane Library has suggested we create a weeding out policy to make room for books as there is only room for about 100 more volumes in its current location. Also, that we look at making our Collection more valuable by turning it into a Wisconsin Poetry collection and possibly having poetry readings, author receptions and writing or illustrating workshops.

We have also considered bring back the GFWC-WI poet laureates and Friends of WOL Fund. We are in the process of purchasing poetry volumes that are missing from the current collection.

While attending the International Convention in St Louis I took the Parliamentary Workshop and received my letter that I passed the membership exam and I am now a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. I had a wonderful time of learning and fellowship in the northwoods at the executive committee meeting at Madam President's home.

Everyone at the Fall Workshop had an amazing time of learning, information and FUN. A huge thank you to all the state chairmen for their informative presentations, you are all AWESOME!

Remember how valuable you are to GFWC!

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920-838-2007 cell

VOICE YOUR VOTE, GFWC !

Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED by ALL MEMBERS!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION SELECTION PROJECT

Legislative action and voicing our opinions on issues reaches back to the beginnings of GFWC. When Jane Cunningham Croly was denied tickets to hear Charles Dickens speak in New York City, she formed the Sorosis Club, which directly led to formation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890. To honor our ancestor sisters continuing our Legislative Action is one of the goals of the 2018-2020 administration.

At each Region Conference, the Bills below will be presented. (Wisconsin is a part of the Great Lakes Region and its meeting is October 4-7, 2018.) Please read the information presented on all five before the presentation. Take time to look up any further information you need. There are several helpful web sites – www.Govtrack.org, www.congress.gov or any search engine - and you can contact a member of the GFWC Legislative/Public Policy Committee or the GFWC Resolutions Committee for help. Following debate at the Region Meeting, you will be asked to vote for the two that are most important to you. The votes will be held at every Region Meeting and tallied nationwide. The two that receive the most votes will be used to launch a GFWC member wide legislative action campaign.

GFWC - WI President Deb Brossard would appreciate hearing your vote for the top two Bills by emailing her by Wed., October 3; deb.brossard@gmail.com.

Information below is current as of September 2018.

HR 6518 Miranda's Law

Last Action: 07/25/2018 Introduced and referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Bill will:

Require the Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration agency to implement a nationwide employer notification service (ENS) for buses;

Demand automatic notification of driver violations to school districts and school bus companies within 24 hours allowing immediate action to keep unsafe drivers off the road and away from children; and

Make the employer notification service mandatory for all school bus drivers across the nation.

HR 502 Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Reauthorization

Last Action: Referred to House Committees on Natural Resources, Federal Lands, and Water, Power and Oceans

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of America's most successful conservation programs and is funded at no expense to tax payers through a portion of federal oil and gas royalties. No less than 1.5% of the annual authorized funding amount or \$10 million, whichever is greater, shall be used for projects that secure recreational public access to existing federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

Bill amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to make permanent the authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and will prevent deposits from the LWCF from being diverted from its original purposes.

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HR 4893; S 2349 Improve Data on Sexual Violence Act (identical bills)

Last Action: May 16, 2018 Passed Senate

Bill directs the Office of Management and Budget to establish an interagency working group to study federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make recommendations on efforts to coordinate sexual violence data collection to produce complementary information, without compromising programmatic needs.

The working group shall consider:

What activity constitutes different acts of sexual violence,

Whether reports that use the same terms for acts of sexual violence are collecting the same data on these acts,

Whether the context which led to such an act should impact how that act is accounted for in reports,

Whether the data collected is presented in a way that allows the general public to understand what acts of sexual violence are included in each measurement, and

Steps that agencies that compile reports relating to sexual violence can take to avoid double counting incidents.

HR 6649; S3304 3D Printed Gun Safety Act

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms, and for other purposes. On June 7, 2013, an assailant used a gun he had constructed by himself to kill his father, brother, and 3 other people at Santa Monica College in California. The person had failed a background check when he tried to purchase a gun from a licensed gun dealer. The gun he used was made from an unfinished AR-15-style receiver, like a receiver that can now be made with a 3D printer.

Last Action: Introduced and referred to House Committee on the Judiciary on August 3, 2018.

HR 4909; S2495 STOP School Violence Act

Last action Passed the House March 14 by a nearly unanimous 407-10 vote; 03/14/2018, referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

The Act would appropriate \$50 million per year for:

Schools to develop “threat assessment systems” in line with recommendations from the FBI and Secret Services, in hopes of stopping such would-be killers before they commit acts of violence.

Anonymous reporting systems to be implemented for use by students, teachers, or others to contact law enforcement about potential threats.

Improving school security using technologies and increased personnel.

None of the money in the bill would be used to arm teachers, the most controversial gun-related provision proposed in the wake of the shooting, one endorsed by President Trump.

The House bill was introduced by Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL4) in late January, about two weeks before the Parkland high school shooting in Rutherford’s home state. It did not take place in his home district, located in northeastern Florida bordering Georgia, hundreds of miles from the southern part of the state where the massacre occurred.



7 GRAND INITIATIVES

1. 1000 Clubs -

WILL DO A SERVICE PROJECT ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

- Repair and repaint benches or bleachers at a local park
- Organize a book drive for your local library
- Collect used prescription eye glasses for the needy
- Help someone moving into or out of your neighborhood
- Bake a birthday cake for those not having family nearby
- What will YOUR club be doing?



2. 1000 Trees -

WILL BE PLANTED BY MEMBERS ON ARBOR DAY

Collect & Plant trees in community parks or areas – with permission



3. 1000 Pairs of Gently Used Shoes

WILL BE DONATED BY MEMBERS TO SOLES 4 SOULS OR NIKE “REUSE-A-SHOE”.





4. 1000 Dr. Seuss Books -

WILL BE DONATED BY MEMBERS BY MARCH 2020.

Collect Dr. Seuss Books and donate to your local Head Start Programs and Washington DC Area Head Start Programs.



5. 1000 Members

JOIN THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER!

Join now on the GFWC.org website and be immediately alerted via email when a legislative action announcement is available. This will enable you to take immediate action with your legislators on pressing issues. When you sign your name make sure it's in **RED**, as this will ensure the person signing is a member of GFWC

6. 1000 Projects devoted to Women in the Military -

WILL BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS BY 2020

- Help Moms in the Military
- Host a Mommy Baby Shower in your community
- Host a Day of Pampering for Mom's in the military
- Put together Swag bags and donate to Women in the Military
- Honor that special woman in the Military with a Quilt of Valor



7. 1000 Members or Clubs -

DONATE \$1,000.00 TO THE GFWC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



- Gather your Dollars together and donate to the Capital Campaign
- Members who donate \$1000 at one time will be honored with a Special Capital Campaign Pin
- These dollars donated help with the upkeep of our GFWC Headquarters for current and future generations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

International Outreach

Report by: Loretta Caron, GFWC-WI International Outreach Chairman



Shot@Life is having a “**Race to Erase**” from October 1st through November 12th.



What is “Race to Erase”?

Champions across the country will be taking advocacy and fundraising actions to virtually race alongside their fellow Shot@Life advocates and raise awareness for World Polio Day (October 24th), World Pneumonia Day (November 12th), and tell their Congressional offices that funding for global vaccines is a priority.

Text:

‘RACE’ to 738674 to get reminders sent to your phone about “Race to Erase”
‘VACCINES’ to 738674 to opt-in, fill out your voting address to send a letter to ALL your members of Congress in support of global childhood vaccines. **What a great action to take at your October meeting.**

More Information at: <http://shotatlife.org/racetoerase/>

Remember ... if you get flu shot this fall through Walgreens - they have ‘Get a Shot. Give a Shot’ where they will give a vaccine to the Shot@Life program. So far 34 million vaccines have been given in the past 6 years.

Conservation

Report by: Karen Ostrowski, GFWC-WI Conservation Chairman



Let’s help make it happen: GFWC’s goal to plant 1,000 trees!

Plan now to get your trees in time. Join the Arbor Day Foundation in planting 1,000 trees on April 24 which is also Federation Day. (It would be a great state project.)

Also I would like all clubs to join in the fight against invasive species.

Websites to find information:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/>

For brochures go to: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/publications.html>

Education

Report by: Julie Riemenschneider , GFWC-WI Education Chairman



Greetings!

As chairman of Education for the 2018-2020 term I look forward to learning about the initiatives proposed by the State of Wisconsin, the nation and sharing what I learn with you. About me: I am a ten-year member of GFWC WI Amery Woman’s Club. I retired from a career as city administrator of Amery. My early career was as a primary school teacher. I am married to Larry and together we have seven children, nineteen grand children and two great granddaughters.

Recently I received a newsletter from Sharon Sheridan who is the new international chairman of Education. Sharon is retired from a 40-year career as a public librarian in mostly junior and senior high schools in West Virginia. She was a National Board-Certified Teacher in library media. Sharon now lives in Ohio, near her children and grandchildren.

Sharon’s emphasis is on LITERACY, and, as the entire administration is emphasizing DIVERSITY, think of all the multicultural literacy projects our clubs can initiate in our communities. As part of her emphasis on literacy participation in Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is encouraged within states and clubs.

A suggestion by Past Tennessee State President Linda Hershey that GFWC have an online book club will be explored and reported to the membership during this term. If you have ideas on how to go about it, please let me or Sharon Sheridan know. I belong to the Amery Library Book Club and find the discussions following reading each book to be stimulating.

International President Mary Ellen Brock presented 7 Grand Initiatives at the end of the GFWC Convention in St. Louis. Education will be promoting #4 which asks that members donate 1000 Dr. Seuss books; and that 500 books will stay in the local communities and 500 will be sent to Washington, DC for distribution at Head Start Facilities, children’s hospitals and schools.

You may contact me at jriemo@gmail.com or by mail at 705 Harriman Ave. S., Amery, WI 54001 or by phone 715-268-6151.



Arts

Check out:

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-20-CSP-Arts.pdf>

recipe

GFWC-WI Juniors Cookbook

ingredients

directions

Remember the recipe cards ... ?

Compilation of recipes is now available on GFWC-WI website, click on the ‘Juniors’ tab.

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from the kitchen of
GFWC-WI Clubwomen

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS continued -

Home Life

Report by: Deb Strecker, GFWC-WI Home Life Chairman

Hello Lovely Ladies of GFWC-WI,

I am Deb Strecker, your GFWC WI Home Life chairman. I was honored and apprehensive when President elect Deb Brossard me asked to chair this department. I just returned home from the beautiful Northwoods. I had the opportunity of participating in the GFWC WI Fall Workshop led by our amazing president, and her equally amazing leadership team. I came way impressed and inspired, more importantly reminded of why I belong to and love being a GFWC member. I am still basking in the warmth of sisterhood.



The great American writer, Maya Angleou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Deb and her team made me, and the other members feel welcomed and valued. I hope that I can emulate that feeling, as we go on this journey of my chairmanship, inspiring, educating, and volunteering for Home Life.

According to the GFWC 2018-2020 manual, Home Life Community Service program is designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families and community by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering. Clubs may develop and promote a healthy lifestyle....

Carolyn Forbes, GFWC Home Life Chairperson shared one of the grand initiatives for the 2018-2020 Administration is to have 1,000 clubs participate in Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 21, 2019 and January 20, 2020. GFWC clubs could:

- Make dream catchers with a Scout troop.
- Work with the local bus transit and give a discount or daily pass to ride the bus that day to honor Martin Luther King Jr.
- Display your GFWC Club Banner at the bus depot and greet each rider with a GFWC smile, and a snack to enjoy.
- Hold a blood pressure screening at a bus depot or supermarket.
- Collect, assemble, and donate Weekend Snack Bags to an inner-city school or day care center



I hope that every GFWC WI club participates in this grand initiative.

The GFWC Manual is filled with ideas and suggestions. It is a great resource, and you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

GFWC Home Life 's mission is to educate and promote awareness of health issues and healthy lifestyles for women. The Inside Knowledge deals with gynecological issues, like ovarian and cervical cancer. I find that the use of colors plays a significant role in promoting awareness on singular issues. The color **teal** for ovarian cancer is September's, October's is **pink** for breast cancer and June is **lavender** to celebrate cancer survivors.

Red is the obvious color choice for February, as it pertains Valentine's Day and heart health awareness. GFWC has great program available online, **The Heart Truth** Speakers Kit to educate women on heart health awareness and is suited to use in different types of venues. Domestic Violence is also October represented by **purple** and child abuse awareness/prevention month, April is **blue**. Try to incorporate the colors to promote awareness in your Clubs and community.

I will be sharing suggestions how you can support GFWC Home Life. I encourage working with their partnerships: Canine Companions, Easter Seals, American Cancer Society, Feeding America, National Heart, Lung, and Blood's The Heart Truth, and Alzheimer's.

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One last very important message, report, report, report. Document the good work you do. We want to hear the why, the what and when your club implements program that is in the Home Life area. And there are awards and recognitions to be given. I hope you have successful club year, having fun doing good!

In Federation and Friendship

Deb Strecker, GFWC WI Home Life Chair

Contact dlstrecker@gmail.com or (262)924-5092

Public Issues

Report by: Diane Cychosz, GFWC-WI Public Issues Chairman

As President Brock has chosen “Women in the Military” as one of the 7 Grand Initiatives for GFWC club women, I would also like to place my focus on the military.

There are several areas your clubs can be involved; Citizenship, Military Personnel, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, & Safety and Crime Prevention. You will see a lot of my focus will be in the area of crafting for the military, because that’s just the way I roll, but please, if you see an area or project that you are passionate about, feel free to pursue it.

The GFWC Club Manual has many different ideas in each of the different focus areas. Feel free to use any of these ideas or adapt them to your own personal preference.

In the Club Manual you will also find resource information for our partners, i.e. Sew Much Comfort and the USO.

If you are also interested in the crafting aspect of honoring our military personnel, below are some websites for you to visit to find out what is needed, get ideas and patterns. Patterns and other resource information was passed out at the fall workshop in September. If you were unable to attend, let me know and I will e-mail you a set.

www.operationgratitude.org

www.KnotsofLove.org/events/veterans-cap-drive

www.qovf.org

At our state convention May 2-4, 2019, we will be assembling “**Mommy Bags**” for female veterans in the Milwaukee area. Start collecting nail polish, hand sanitizer, nail files, lip balm, trail mix, and “thank you” note cards, etc. now at your club and district meetings.

There are many more ways to connect with your community by actively participating on other projects and activities relating to civic and social responsibilities. Don’t forget the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 21, 2019.

I’m looking forward to reading all your club reports and hearing about the amazing projects your clubs participate in. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Diane Cychosz

GFWC – Wisconsin Public Issue Chairman

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715-254-9622 (work)



Jennie June Award

Report by: Sandra Pecka, GFWC-WI Jennie June Award Chairman

The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June".

This is the highest honor given to a clubwoman by GFWC.

This is your club's opportunity to honor that outstanding clubwoman who epitomizes "Jennie June's" spirit of independence, courage and persistence in purpose in their roles as volunteers within their club, elsewhere in their community and as members of a family or extended family.

Every club as a member who meets the criteria:

1. COMMITMENT TO CLUB

Leadership positions, membership promotion, achievement of club programs, relationships and a minimum of five years membership

2. COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Has addressed real community needs and concerns (schools, hospitals, etc.) as well as through the workplace.

3. COMMITMENT TO FAMILY

Families come in many different forms. The nominee must have outstanding concern for the well-being, health and welfare of one or more persons separate and apart from club and community.

Fill out the nomination form that is on the next two pages or online on the GFWC website. Provide supportive materials and narrative. **Send to me, Jennie June State Chairman by June 1, 2019.**

Looking forward to your nominations,

Sandra Pecka

5232 Forest Circle

Stevens Point, WI 54481





**GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Jennie Award Nomination Form

Please attach a narrative of a maximum of 500 words, double-spaced, using 12-point font and one-inch margins on all four sides.

1. NOMINEE			
<i>Please note that the nominee must attend the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention if selected as a national award winner.</i>			
Name			
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email	
Club		State Federation	
Region			
2. CLUB ACTIVITIES			
Name(s) of project(s)			
Duration of involvement with project(s)			
Results, if any			

3. RECORD OF CLUB LEADERSHIP

Year nominee joined a GFWC club

Positions held

4. NON-GFWC CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE

Name(s) of organization(s)

Names of individuals with whom nominee works

5. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Names of nuclear and/or extended family members

Age of individuals

6. NOMINATOR

Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Fax

Email

Clubs: Submit completed form, narrative, photos, press clippings, letters of endorsement, and materials by **June 1, 2019 to Sandra Pecha, 5232 Forest Circle; Stevens Point, WI 54481.** * Note: materials will not be returned.

Contact the national GFWC Jennie Award Chairman or the GFWC Communications Department with any questions: 1-800-443-GFWC or ***PR@GFWC.org***.

Community Improvement Program Award

Report by: Tari Jo Wallner, GFWC-WI CIP Award Chairman

Improving our communities is the heart and soul of GFWC.

The **Community Improvement Program Award** is GFWC's longest standing project for several reasons. It can benefit a club by increasing membership opportunities and create public awareness of all the activities your club is doing. It can provide you with an opportunity to collaborate with other individuals and organizations in your community. When you enter and report on this project you may receive state and national recognition and reward.

I know you all are doing wonderful work so don't let it go unrewarded. Sometimes the smallest things we can do for our community can have the biggest impact. It would be fantastic to have multiple entries from every district. To get started go to <https://www.gfwc.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/awards/> or download the award and entry form from the club manual. Read over the information and it will help to guide you on your way.

Projects **MUST** be accomplished during the program period:

January 1, 2018- December 31, 2019.

Club entries must be sent to your State Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, postmarked no later than March 1, 2020.

Perhaps you don't have a specific project idea currently. Use the information on these pages to help you document and track several club activities and decide later which one will be your CIP. I want to include a few comments from our judges.

1. Look carefully at the judging criteria because they do. That is why documenting as you go is important. It is difficult to recall all the details of how you assessed the communities need, and the process you used in putting your plans into action.
2. If you are continuing a project that started in the spring of 2018, be sure most of your work is done in this administration and reported that way.
3. Please type out your applications and reports. If they cannot read the information written on the entry form they will set it aside and it will be judged accordingly.
4. Including a scrapbook of your activities has assisted the judges in making their decisions.
5. When you write your conclusion on the success of your project be specific on what you have accomplished to date, even if you plan to continue to support these projects in the future.



I hope these comments will assist you when working on your CIP. If you have questions you can contact me at wallner7@att.net or 715-341-7750.

Writing Contest

Report by: Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Writing Contest Chairman

All GFWC-WI Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a writing contest for students in their respective schools.

Students in all grades are eligible to enter in two categories: short story and poetry. Member clubs should also encourage members to enter the member writing contest, which is in the same two categories.

Clubs may enter only one short story from each grade level and one poem from each grade level into the GFWC-WI writing contest, but members of GFWC-WI clubs may enter directly to the state contest, and there are no limits on numbers of entries per club.

All the details for entry in the contest can be found on the GFWC-WI website: Go to GFWC-WI.org; in the top heading click on Community Service Programs, scroll down to Arts, click on member short story and poetry contest or youth short story and poetry contest. Here you can choose a PDF or a Word version of the directions.

Please encourage the creative writing arts in your local club this year.

Entries for the next contest must be written in 2018. All entries – for both student and member writing contests must be submitted by February 23, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Niedziela, GFWC-WI Writing Contest Chair at 262-367-6512 or RNIEDZIELA@WI.RR.COM. Mail entries with Creative Arts Waivers attached to Nancy – N30W29273 Hillcrest Drive, Unit C, Pewaukee, WI 53072.



ESO

Report by: Nancy Schrap, GFWC-WI ESO Chairman

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

ESO materials are available online at www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron. It will include an updated 2018-2020 Reading List with 23 subject categories to choose from, ESO Pledge Application and Book Reporting forms. Fill out the Application and send it to me - and then start reading and reporting. It is not a "book report" but your thoughts and impression of the story itself, the author's style of writing, the flow of the book, etc.

It's never too early to think of reporting! Sharon Sheridan, Education Community Service Program Chairman for GFWC, answered questions about volunteer ESO hours. Volunteer hours can be:

- Hours met as an ESO group
- Hours spent as ESO group promoting ESO and reading
- Hours state chairman dedicated to ESO
- Hours spent reading (yes, really)

I received two ESO Pledge Applications in the mail from the article in the last Wisconsin Clubwomen and six Applications at GFWC-WI Fall Conference. I'm looking forward to receiving book reports from these new members and hopefully more completed applications from you! Keep track of your volunteer hours!

ESO Nancy Schrap, 7024 W. Wells St., Wauwatosa 53213, 414-771-7472 nancywischrap@aol.com

GFWC - WI Amendments & Policies Committee

Report by: Ruth Diedrich, GFWC-WI Amendments & Policies Committee Chairman

POLICY CHANGES

At the Board of Directors meeting on Friday evening, September 21 proposed changes to GFWC-WI Policies were presented and adopted. The Policies located on the GFWC-WI website will be updated to include these changes.

Policy # 6. Directory: The Directory of the GFWC-WI shall be for the working personnel of the Federation and must not be loaned or given to any individual or organization not affiliated with the GFWC-WI without the consent of the Executive Committee. GFWC-WI shall refrain from endorsement of commercial products and projects except when the Executive Committee decides a particular item or product is compatible and proves beneficial in the promotional process of a project or program. It shall be the policy of the GFWC-WI to prohibit all projects which have any aspects of an illegal lottery.

Policy #13 substitution

Policy #13 Chairmen Reimbursement: Chairmen may be reimbursed for meeting related expenses with prior approval by the state president.

Rescind Policy #31.

Policy #34 substitution:

Policy #34 All Electronic Devices: It shall be the policy that all electronic communication devices must be in silent mode during any GFWC-WI business session or meeting.

If you forgot to bring your Christmas ornament to Fall Workshop so it can hang on GFWC-WI very own 18" Christmas tree. The tree will be sent to GFWC Headquarters for their 'Festival of Trees' – please mail your ornament to:

Loretta Caron
6107 7th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53143

By October 15th



CLUB CORNER

GFWC Princeton Woman's Club news



L to R: **Abby Lorenz**, GFWC-WI 1st Vice President; **Sue Bednarek**, GFWC Princeton Woman's Club President; **Linda Brown**, Woman of Achievement Award chairman, and **Deb Brossard**, GFWC-WI President.

Support for a Children's Little Library & membership drive all in one!



Sue Geraldi is Vice President of GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club. She's partaking (and smiling) in the club booth at the Harvest Feast held on September 16th.

The GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club also held a membership drive at the Harvest Feast at City Park this fall. The event was successful and women in the area became aware of who we are. The clubwomen also made pies that were sold at the food booth to raise money for a Children's Little Library that will be in front of the Police/City Hall Building.

GFWC Rhinelander Clubwomen participate in Mini LEADS in a big way!

Four members of the club are now Mini LEADS graduates: **Cindy Zielinski**, **Nancy Kuczarski**, **Connie Muckelberg** and **Cindy Goll**. **Mary Meek**, GFWC LEADS class of 2017 led the coordination of the Mini LEADS workshop with assistance from **Sue Bessert**, GFWC LEADS class of 2018. Attending and presiding at the Workshop is GFWC-WI President and club member, **Deb Brossard**.

The club has budgeted funds to support additional members to participate in the next Mini LEADS workshop.

September 21-23 GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club President **Sue Bednarek** attended the GFWC-WI Fall workshop in Woodruff, WI. It was a beautiful fall weekend filled with a lot of reports and committee meetings.

One of the highlights of the weekend was when President Bednarek was asked to share with the ladies how she almost lost her Club and how with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, City Administrator and GFWC-WI First Vice President, **Abby Lorenz** she was able to gain 13 new members.

The second highlight was receiving the Woman of Achievement Award plaque that was awarded to **Sue La Buda**, 2016-2018 State President who passed away on March 22, 2018. While President Bednarek knew about the Woman of Achievement Award she was surprised when she was presented with a wreath from International President Sheila Shea. The wreath from "Sheila's Leading Ladies" was presented to **Deb Brossard** at the International Convention held in St Louis, Missouri in June.

The weekend held a lot of information and fun reconnecting and making new friends.

The next meeting of the GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club will be October 3, 2018 at St. John's Catholic Church basement, 1112 Main Street, at 5:30 pm. For more information contact Sue Bednarek at 920-295-6509 or email her at sjbednarek@charter.net.



L to R: **Cindy Zielinski** (Conservation Chairman), **Nancy Kuczarski** (Correspondence Secretary) **Connie Muckelberg** (Recording Secretary) **Sue Bessert** (First Vice President), **Cindy Goll**, (President), **Deb Brossard** (GFWC-WI President) and **Mary Meek** (Treasurer)

Woman's Club of West Allis bakes homemade pies for community Settler's Weekend event

The Settler's Weekend in West Allis is a reenactment of civil war days.



Editor note: Beautiful club banner!

The West Allis GFWC Club has had a booth at the event for years as Mary Pike reports. Our members bring pies of which many are homemade. We sell a slice of pie to support our various donations to the community through the year.



Yummy pies made and donated by members

Pike concludes: It's great to see families with their children come out, and enjoy a historical back in time moment.

Kenosha Club President sends fall greetings

Fall Greetings from GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha,



It is the beginning of the 2018 – 2020 term and the GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha is off to a tremendous start! We are 127 years old and still look elegant. My moto is "Celebrating Tradition, Embracing the Future. We are proud and humble to call our beautiful Victorian & historic building our home! It was built in 1845 and is designated a Historic Building. We hope you come for a visit when you are in the area, especially if you are attending the GFWC WI State convention in May.

Our Club is launching two new monthly club membership meetings. First, we have added a monthly evening meeting, which will be different from our day/luncheons. There will be different speakers for each meeting and member are welcome to attend one or both. It is our hope to recruit members that don't have availability during the day and be cognizant of our members who don't drive at night.

The second addition to our club's monthly meeting is -the forming of a GFWC ESO book club! We have many voracious readers that will support this endeavor. I hope to encourage more. Our Club has supported Literacy in various ways. Education chair Kathy Carr is part of Kenosha's Literacy Council. They hold their end of the year dinner at the Club.

Increasing and retaining our membership is a constant priority. We had new member recruitment open house in August, that was a success. The exciting news as of today we have recruited -14 new members, from thirty some-things to a vivacious 93-year-old! They are phenomenal women and I can't for them to learn about GFWC and living the volunteer spirit! We will be holding more new member events.

We kicked off our first meeting on September 5th, where approx. 18-20 backpacks, filled with requested much needed school supplies were generously donated by the clubwomen! The donations were then taken to our local Women and Children's Horizons-a safe shelter.

On November 3rd, from 9-3 at our clubhouse, we will be hosting a holiday craft and vender fair. The profits we earn will go to stop human sex trafficking through Fight to End Exploitation and other community needs.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to GFWC WI President Deb Brossard and her Leadership Team for an informative and inspirational Fall Workshop. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated leaders!

Remember: **"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"** Aesop

In Federation and Friendship,
Deb Strecker

CLUB CORNER

Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club honor six clubwomen with 50+ years of service! Riding in Style!!

Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club honored six women who have been members fifty or more years: **Sylvia Schneider, Rachel Novy, Margaret Ann Roberts, Mary Sterba, Jean Traeder and Doris Picha.**

Labor Day parade convertibles were furnished by **Cindy Yoakum and Deb Winchel.**



Paint 'n' Sip at GFWC - WI Fall Workshop

Nearly two dozen women participated in Paint 'n' Sip at the close of the 2018 Fall Workshop. It was a creative expressive outlet that resulted in remarkably different fall wall art pieces. But everyone was given the same color pallet and the same instruction! It was a testament to how wonderful different interpretations can all be fabulous. Not this or that – it's all about **AND**. And they were all beautiful.

Nearest to farthest: **Linda Brown** (Port Washington), **Nancy Niedziela** (Pewaukee), **Kathy Edwards** (Pleasant Prairie), partially hidden **Vickie Richardson** (Pleasant Prairie), **Michelle Rundle** (Pleasant Prairie) and **Linda Kay Cook** (Beloit Juniors)





GFWC - WI Fall Workshop In Pictures...



Thank you, Lakeland
Area GFWC!



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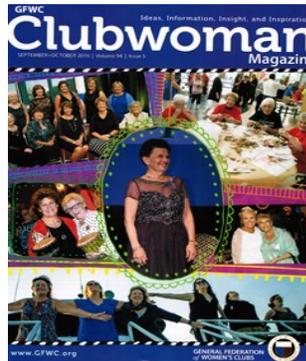


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- 1** "GFWC-WI Clubwoman" newsletter is published
- 2** Southern Prairies District meeting
- 3** Email GFWC-WI State President with your Voice Vote for priority legislation; deb.brossard@gmail.com. See pages 12 & 13 of this issue for details.
- 4-7** GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference, Michigan City, Indiana
- 11** Rivers & Lakes District meeting
- 15** Clubs must update and return club rosters in Excel format to GFWC-WI Treasurer.
- 22** Lakeshore District meeting
- 27** Northwoods District meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1** Membership dues deadline (See July 1 Summer newsletter for details.)
- 25** Deadline for Winter issue of **GFWC-WI Clubwoman newsletter**

FEBRUARY

- 15-16** **GFWC-WI Winter Board Meeting**, Waupaca, Wisconsin

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