



General Federation of Women's Club - Wisconsin

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## Someone so special will never be forgotten



Kristin Kanzelberger

Members of GFWC-WI ,

There is no easy way to share the news that GFWC-WI has lost a rising star...

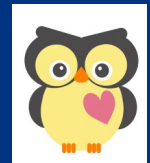
**Kristin Kanzelberger**, President of the Lakeland Area GFWC – Northwoods District and member of our Communications and Public Relations Committee, completed her hospice journey Tuesday, January 29. She was diagnosed with incurable stage 4 cancer on 9-11-18.

The family read daily devotions and Luke 23:43 appeared to have given Kristin the strength to let go. She passed quickly and peacefully with both her parents holding her hands.

Her mother, Kathy VanDeKreeke, also a member of the Lakeland Area GFWC, assures us that Kristin would say, "Don't cry! Owl always be with you" as this was part of her love for owls.

Memorial services were held February 2 in Sheboygan Falls and February 4 in Minocqua. May she rest in peace.

*Email excerpts from Deb Brossard, GFWC-WI President*



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**Deb Brossard**  
GFWC - WI President

## Message from our 2018—2020 GFWC - WI President

### Greetings fellow GFWC-WI clubwomen,

You'll be happy to know that Madam President survived Elsa's Polar Vortex tantrum and Mother Nature's recent overabundance of snow dancing! I hope you can say the same for yourselves. By the time you read this, March will have come in as either a lion or a lamb and with that comes our State Chairmen's preparation of Award entries to submit to their GFWC counterparts by the middle of the month. I have also asked our GFWC-WI Webmaster and WI Clubwoman Editor to enter both the Website and the Newsletter for GFWC Award consideration. These two GFWC-WI public relations tools are certainly deserving of recognition in my opinion! Thanks to all the clubs that reported and to Janice Curtiss for distributing all those reports to the appropriate state chairmen for judging. As one of my Presidential duties, I am in the process of completing all the necessary reports expected from me and due to the GFWC headquarters over the next month and a half.

It was so good to see so many of you at the recent Winter Board of Directors' and Working Committees' meetings in Waupaca. We packed a lot of work and fun into the weekend and the fruits of our labor will be apparent at the next big GFWC-WI gig, the 122nd annual State Convention in Pleasant Prairie.

Within this issue you will find Call to the Convention. There are still many details to work out but I hope the tentative agenda gives you enough information to determine whether or not this event is worthy of your time. We are asking each club to donate a purse for the GFWC Purse Project to benefit our Signature Program, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Look for more information on that in this issue as well as items to bring so that we can participate in a "Women in the Military" service project. Finally, as a service to you, if your club is collecting worn out athletic shoes, you can bring them to Convention and we will be sure that the Nike Outlet store just next door to the hotel receives them as part of the Nike "Reuse a Shoe" project (one of the Grand Initiatives).

And as promised, there will be another leadership training opportunity in the form of GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 which will follow the adjournment of Convention on Saturday, May 4. We are looking forward to graduating our 2nd class of Mini LEADS participants on Saturday evening. I hope you will be one of them! See more information and a registration form appended to the Call. We've tried to make it a little easier for you by allowing you to register for Mini LEADS 101 within the Convention registration but we do need that extra piece of paperwork for our Leadership Committee.

Finally, thank you to all the individuals and clubs that have already contributed to the GFWC-WI President's Special Project, Turning Point. I am hoping I can count on more of you to take up this cause and donate toward the building of this very important memorial. Later in this issue, there is more information regarding the Turning Point Memorial as well as a donation form. Please send that donation form and your donation directly to the GFWC-WI Treasurer, Nancy Dickman. We'd like to 'pool' all donations from Wisconsin clubs and clubwomen so that GFWC-WI can be recognized on the donor wall at the Memorial. Thank you again for your support!

I do hope I'll see you in Pleasant Prairie and am promising you a combination of work, play, service, awards, learning, laughter, and fun.

In Federation Friendship,

Deb

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

Well, we're 2 months through 2019. We've held our Winter Workshop in Waupaca, WI. We were lucky enough to escape any snow in the beginning of the weekend, while on our way home we made it through Oshkosh and picked up snow starting in Fond du Lac all the way home. It was a slower than normal drive home, but with my travel companions and radio going, we trekked back to Kenosha and made it home in a timely manner. Reminiscing on the activities of the weekend, we arrived early Friday afternoon, with time to spare before my first meeting. We listened to some Ted Talks going on for those who also arrived early and I recruited some members to knit some tiaras for me, coming and going with different colors and styles of yarn, the wonderful members watched us put these packs of yarn together, unwinding yarn and cutting it into long strands for each individual project that we're planning to task members to take on for our Saturday evening Junior Social Service Project. We made 5 "Disney" character wigs to be sent to a Wisconsin area Children's hospital specializing in children's cancer. Our members made a Rapunzel, an Elsa, a Moana, an Ariel and a Jack Sparrow. This was an all hands-on deck project and each participant had a task to fulfil. When you see the end result, you're going to be amazed. I can't thank you all enough for helping my team pull this task off for the kids. It truly was a TEAM effort and you all did a wonderful job. *Photos of completed wigs are on next page.*



**Michelle Munoz**  
GFWC - WI  
Director of Junior Clubs

So what's next, well we're getting ready for our GFWC-WI State Convention May 2 – May 4, 2019 in Pleasant Prairie, WI. This one is close to home for me, in my district and the Southern Prairie gals are hard at work putting together everything to make this a fantastic state convention. I'm excited to collect old tennis shoes/sneakers to donate for the Re-use a shoe project that GFWC-International President Mary Ellen Brock has put into her 7 Grand Initiatives plan for her administration. Lucky for us, the Nike store is across the street from the hotel the convention will be taking place so I'll be able to take those shoes directly to be recycled.

Our Junior clubs around Wisconsin have been busy with their projects supporting their communities. Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club had a Bunco Night in February. The Beloit Junior Woman's Club put together five No Sew Blankets as a part of the MLK Day of Service. North Shore Junior Woman's Club will be hosting a panel discussion on Human Trafficking in April. During our winter workshop I was able to have a nice conversation with Betty Lou and Betty from the Antigo Junior Woman's Club to hear about their annual fundraiser and getting to know them. The Kenosha Junior Woman's Club finished up their annual bowling fundraiser and were able to start working on the Human Trafficking recovery home in which they are sponsoring a room for the victims. The Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club are getting ready for their Annual OJWC Auction which is being held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Harford Junior Woman's Club along with Harford WC are hosting Personal Protection Seminar also on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Finally the Stevens Point Junior Woman's Club presented a check to Never Forgotten Honor Flight for \$2,062 which were the proceeds raised from the donation jars at their annual Tinsel Trail event. Way to go!!!

I am so lucky to represent all these fine clubs in Wisconsin, you're kindness and caring for your communities is outstanding!!! Thank You for all you do.

Finally – please save the date – October 12, 2019 – Junior Fall Conference in Kenosha, WI – more details soon. I hope to see many of you in Pleasant Prairie, WI for our 2019 Annual Convention May 2, 3 & 4. It'll be here before we know it.

In Junior Federation,

Michelle Munoz

GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs

KINDNESS STARTS WITH A SMILE



## Officer Report - First Vice President

By: Abby Lorenz



**Abby Lorenz**  
GFWC - WI First Vice President

It has been said that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, and the optimistic part of me believes that spring is just around the corner!

I've been busy attending and chairing many committees, including participating in the following committee meetings at the Waupaca Winter Board meeting: Amendment and Policy, District Presidents, Membership, Leadership, Wisconsin's Own Library, District Boundaries Ad-Hoc and the Executive Committee. Mini LEADS 201 was a success as I presented on "7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders."

I'm scheduled to make appearances at several District meetings, and look forward to visiting more clubs. Two on line surveys were conducted in February to gather information from both District and Club Presidents. Feel free to contact me at [AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com](mailto:AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com) for the links to the survey results.

I wish to thank all the clubs who reported on their club projects. As Membership Chairman I look forward to choosing winning reports and submitting my Top 10 to GFWC headquarters. All of your efforts to increase club membership is appreciated!

In closing, keep roaring like a lion in your communities. Do celebrate your successes along the way and be assured that your club is making a huge impact in making our world a better place!

### *More from Michelle Munoz report from page 3 -*

**Junior's Social Service Project at Winter Board meeting: Assembling five Disney character wigs to be sent to a Wisconsin area Children's Hospital specializing in children's cancer.**



**Rapunzel**



**Captain Jack Sparrow**



**Elsa**



**Moana**



**Ariel**



## Officer Report - Treasurer

By: Nancy Dickman



**Nancy Dickman**  
GFWC - WI Treasurer

Treasury work completed since the 2018 Fall Workshop includes the following:

Received rosters from all clubs. The rosters were requested in Excel format by October 15. The rosters were received in Excel, Word, handwritten, and over the phone formats. Many clubs continue to have missing information for phone and emails. The stats for the files are:

Files received in correct format	31
Non-Excel format or non-current information	19
Dues amount errors	3
Late more than 30 days	4

Rosters are used for determining membership totals for GFWC and GFWC-WI as well as for assembling communication data files for mass mailings or for email distribution for GFWC-WI. The rosters were transcribed as needed to an Excel format file and were then converted to a common format so they can be used to extract a mail or an email database.

The membership summary is as follows:

District or Club	Number of Clubs	Member Count
Lakeshore	8	327
Northern Lights	7	172
Northwoods	8	228
Rivers and Lakes	6	134
Rolling Hills	9	353
Southern Prairies	9	370
State Clubs	3	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1621</b>

Roster emails were given to Erin Epping, the GFWC-WI Webmaster to create an email database. Of the approximately 1300 emails received, 123 were incorrect. The treasurer followed up on all email discrepancies and cleared 119.

This project puts GFWC-WI in closer alignment with the spirit of the 2014 bylaws changes requiring an electronic version of the GFWC-WI Clubwoman and ensuring members receive this as part of their dues.

This was an enormous joint project between the Treasurer and Webmaster and a significant improvement in communication updates that better allows the members to receive timely information, including notices about GFWC-WI and the WI Clubwoman. More communication with those clubs missing emails will occur to help convey the value of having up to date member contact information. The next major update will occur with the Fall 2019 roster updates.

*More on next page*

## Officer Report continued - Treasurer

By: Nancy Dickman

- The FY2017-2018 Federal Tax Form 990EZ and State Form 5 were completed and filed on time.
- Dues to GFWC have been remitted and amounts have been reconciled to the Master Membership file. Member dues received between now and the fall update will be maintained and reconciled in a separate file.
- Contact name for Liability insurance billing and the payment has been updated.
- Recorded the transactions of the organization and generated financial reports reconciled to the cash accounts through January 2019 for the Winter Workshop
- All investment accounts are recorded and reconciled between Quicken and Morgan Stanley Statements through January 2019.
- Assisted with the workshop reservation documentation and receipt process

There is a dynamic list of changes to support the strategic initiatives for the current term. The list and status to date follows:

- ⇒ 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. *COMPLETE*
- ⇒ Set up a PayPal account to allow on-line donation receipts, fundraising payments by credit card, and the ability to accept on-line 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). *COMPLETE*  
The security function of the host server requires the purchaser to have a PayPal account to complete on-line transactions. Face to face card transactions do not require a PayPal account.
- ⇒ Create and Organize a treasurer's handbook to document the various aspects of the position and to assist with the transition process for successor treasurers. *75% COMPLETE*

The Treasurer is an active participant in the following committees: Executive, Health Scholarship, Investment, Budget, Amendments and Policies, Communications & Public Relations and Wisconsin's Own Library. All but the Budget Committee has had one or more meetings, conference calls or extensive email exchanges since the Fall Workshop.

Thank you to all the club presidents and treasurers who responded so willingly with the rosters. No one can do a job like this, with its many facets, alone and I am truly grateful for the phone calls and guidance and patience of all those who have and who continue to help me.

### More pictures from Junior service project we HAD to share -



L to R: Missy Kimball & Julie Saether showing off completed Ariel!



L to R: Ella Dzioba and Abby Lorenz put finishing touches on Rapunzel.

# CALL: GFWC-WI 122nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, May 2, through Saturday, May 4, 2019

WI Mini LEADS 101 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM 5/4/19 – remit fee below and complete the additional registration  
Double Tree by Hilton – Pleasant Prairie, 11800 108th Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Required to reach you) Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check highest office currently held:

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

## REGISTRATION

Early Bird Discount of \$5.00

CASH refunded at the Convention

Late Registration

Postmarked on or before April 5, 2019

\$30.00

Postmarked on or before March 29, 2019

Postmarked after April 5, 2019

\$45.00

## MEALS

Thursday Dinner includes Dessert: Strawberry Cream Puff

Tenderloin Beef Tips

\$37.00

Chardonnay Chicken

\$33.00

Ratatouille Pasta (Vegetarian)

\$26.00

Friday Lunch includes Fresh Whole Fruit

Bistro Roast Beef Sandwich

\$17.00

Stacked Honey Ham & Swiss Sandwich

\$16.00

Strawberry Pecan Salad w/ Chicken

\$23.00

Friday Dinner includes Dessert: Carrot Cake

Char-Grilled Citrus Fresh Salmon Filet

\$37.00

Stuffed Pork Loin

\$32.00

Italian Cheese Ravioli (Vegetarian)

\$26.00

Saturday Breakfast: Not available to all Convention

Lakeview Breakfast Buffet

Attendees; Please see agenda for groups meeting at this time

\$17.00

Saturday Lunch includes Kettle Chips & Surprise

Oven Roasted Turkey Sandwich

\$23.00

Dessert

Roasted Vegetable Wrap

\$22.00

Southwest Salad w/ Chicken

\$24.00

Mini-LEADS 101 follows adjournment of Convention

\$10.00

Total (On-line registrations and payments also being accepted at gfwc-wi.org)

*Date of PayPal payment will be considered postmark*

Mail To: GFWC-WI c/o Nancy Dickman, S68 W17666 East Drive; Muskego, WI 53150

Email: nancy-dickman@outlook.com

Phone: 262-679-1842 (H); 414-213-5735 (C)

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

Dietary Restrictions:

## Convention Call continued -

### HOTEL INFORMATION

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Rooms are blocked for GFWC-WI in two Pleasant Prairie hotels. The Double Tree by Hilton and the Fairfield Inn by Marriott. The two hotels are located next to each other. *Note that all Convention events and meals will be taking place at the Double Tree.*

**The Double Tree by Hilton Information: 262-857-3377**

11800 108<sup>th</sup> Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Rate: \$114.00 plus taxes per night; 2 Standard Queen Beds or 1 Standard King Bed Rooms available.

Breakfast is not included in the price of the room but there is a restaurant on site or a few nearby.

All rooms have a mini refrigerator, coffee pot, and microwave.

Ask for the "GFWC Wisconsin room block" to receive the negotiated rate or book on line at the link below on the Double Tree's website. The group code is GFC. On the booking page, click on "Add special rate codes", add "GFC" in group code box and it will take you to the GFWC-WI booking page and give you the discounted rate of \$114 plus taxes per night.

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/wisconsin/doubletree-by-hilton-pleasant-prairie-kenosha-MKEPKDT/index.html>

**Book your room by April 2, 2019 as room availability and our block rate is not guaranteed after that.**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott: 262-455-7795**

10601 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Rate: \$99 plus taxes per night; 2 Standard Queen Beds or 1 Standard King Bed Rooms available.

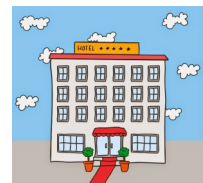
Complimentary breakfast with hot items is included in the price of the room.

All rooms have a mini refrigerator, coffee pot, and microwave.

Ask for the "GFWC Wisconsin room block" to receive the negotiated rate or book on line at the link below on the Fairfield Inn's website. The group code is WCWWCWA and WCWWCWB. On the booking page, click on "Special Rate", choose "Group Code" and enter WCWWCWA or WCWWCWB. That will take you to the GFWC-WI booking page, giving you the discounted rate of \$99 plus taxes per night.

[www.marriott.com/MKEKN](http://www.marriott.com/MKEKN)

**Book your room by April 2, 2019 as our room block rate is not guaranteed after that.**





## TENTATIVE AGENDA



### Thursday, May 2 – Lunch on your own; Dress is casual

- Noon: Amendments and Policies Committee Meeting – Southport Room  
Registration opens for Convention Attendees – Hallway outside of Prairie Ballroom
- 1pm: Executive Committee Meeting – Southport Room
- 2pm: SPD's Mall Mission: Scavenging for a Cause @ Pleasant Prairie – Prime Outlets Mall  
*The invitation is appended to this Call! See page 10 of this "Clubwoman".*  
OR  
Self-guided Tours: We will have "Ambassadors" from our Southern Prairies District with information (i.e., maps & brochures) for those attendees who would like to do self-guided tours to local landmarks. No cost involved.
- 4pm: District Presidents' Meeting – Southport Room
- 5:30pm: Social Hour in the Double Tree's Lakeview Room – All are welcome
- 6:30pm: Pre-Board Meeting Dinner in the Double Tree's Lakeview Room OR Dinner at "The Chancery"  
All Convention attendees are welcome at the Pre Board of Directors' Meeting Dinner served in the Lakeview Room (Registration and Prepaid Meal required – see Call). A second option is if any attendees would like to have dinner at "The Chancery" (on site restaurant), Southern Prairies District members will handle reservations and serve as Hosts. Dinner at "The Chancery" is Dutch treat.  
**Contact Maureen Miller if interested. [maureenmiller@wi.rr.com](mailto:maureenmiller@wi.rr.com)**
- 7:30 pm: GFWC-WI Board of Directors' Meeting – Lakeview Room
- 8:30 pm: Registration for Helen Mears & Member Art – Southport Room
- 8:30 pm: Leadership Committee's Work Session – Lakeview Room

### Friday, May 3 – Breakfast on your own; Dress is Business Casual

- 7:30 am: Junior Board Meeting – Location TBD  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – Location TBD
- 8am: Registration for Convention Attendees – Hallway outside of Prairie Ballroom  
Registration of Helen Mears and Member Art – Southport Room
- 9am: Call to Order: General Business Session & Awards Part 1 – Prairie Ballroom  
Amendments & Policies
- Noon: Lunch & Visit the Vendors
- 1pm: Speaker: Historian/Actress Jessica Michna – Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the World
- 2pm: General Business Session resumes & Awards Part 2 – Prairie Ballroom
- 3pm: Art Judging begins
- 4pm: Visit the Vendors/General Business Session recessed until dinner
- 4pm: Membership Committee Meeting – Prairie Ballroom
- 5pm: Past State Presidents' Meeting/Social – "The Chancery"
- 5:30 pm: Social Hour – Prairie Ballroom
- 6:30 pm: Dinner – Prairie Ballroom - **Dress is Cocktail Attire**
- 8pm: Awards: LEADS, Woman of Achievement, Theodora Youmans – Prairie Ballroom
- 9:30 pm: Recessed until 9:00 am on Saturday

*More on page 10*

**Tentative Schedule continued -**

**Saturday, May 4 - Breakfast on your own except for scheduled Group Breakfast meetings;  
Dress is Business Casual**

- 7:30am: Past District Presidents' Breakfast Meeting – Prairie Ballroom  
LEADS Graduates/Leadership Committee Breakfast Meeting – Location TBD  
Visit the Vendors
- 9am: Reconvene - General Session – Prairie Ballroom  
“Women in the Military” Service Project - Location TBD  
Resolutions  
Awards Part 3  
Helen Mears and Member Arts Winners  
View Art Exhibit – Art pieces may NOT be picked up until 3:30 PM
- Noon Lunch – Hosted by the Juniors  
Health Scholarship Winners  
“Junior of the Year” (JOY) nominees recognized; winner announced  
Milestone Anniversary Celebration  
Junior Special Program Awards  
Speaker – Trisha Schafer – GFWC Director of Junior Clubs
- 3:30pm: ADJOURNMENT: Pick up Helen Mears and Member Arts pieces
- 3:45pm: Check-In for GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101\* – Hallway outside of Prairie Ballroom  
(Registration form and \$10 fee required – See Call registration on page 7.)
- 4pm: WI Mini LEADS 101 begins
- 7pm: WI Mini LEADS 101 concludes



**Top Secret**

***SPD's Mall Mission***

***“Nothing’s” Impossible***



**You have been chosen to be part of an elite mission if you choose to accept it!**

**Mission:** Scavenging for a Cause

**Date:** Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00

**Location:** Home Base: Double Tree Hotel,  
Pleasant Prairie-Prime Outlets Mall

**Scavenger Hosts:** Southern Prairie’s District

Laughter and prizes will be earned...



**GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101**  
**(Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)**  
**It's Your Time to Experience Mini LEADS 101**

Saturday, May 4th, 2019 (4-7pm)

Following the GFWC-WI Annual State Convention, Pleasant Prairie

**Mini LEADS** is a wonderful opportunity for all GFWC-WI Clubwomen to learn more about GFWC giving participants the knowledge necessary for positive leadership development. Participation is a great experience for Clubwomen as the seminar is designed to:

- 1) Provide attendees with broader insight so they can more fully appreciate their club and GFWC's structure and activities,
- 2) Promote heightened participation at the club level and
- 3) Provide encouragement to continue Living the Volunteer Spirit in their communities. Topics addressed in the seminar include leading effective meetings, parliamentary procedure, conflict management, public speaking, GFWC history and more.

Every GFWC Wisconsin Club is encouraged to sponsor two members to attend Mini LEADS 101. **Consider clubwomen currently in leadership roles who would appreciate additional training, as well as members who are potential leaders for your club to attend GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101.** The seminar will be held on Saturday (5/4) from 4-7pm following the adjournment of GFWC-WI Annual State Convention in Pleasant Prairie.

Please complete this registration form for each participant, include the \$10 registration fee in the convention registration total and remit this form with your convention registration to:

**Nancy Dickman - GFWC-WI Treasurer S68 W17666 East Drive, Muskego, WI 53150**  
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**REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 5TH**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

List all Club, District and State participation including all activities and chairmanships:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List specific topics that you would like to see addressed at your GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 session:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended: District Mtgs \_\_\_\_\_ State Mtgs \_\_\_\_\_ International Mtgs \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club or District President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## GFWC Signature Program

By: Kay Salewske, Special Program Chairman

### Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

No state, city, community or neighborhood is immune from **Domestic Violence**. Perpetrators and victims come from all races, religions, cultures, age groups, gender, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic levels. According to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, every 9 seconds another woman in the U.S. is beaten.



Forms of intimate **Domestic Violence** include:

- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Spousal Abuse
- Economic Abuse
- Psychological Abuse

In addition to intimate partner abuse, the GFWC Signature Program also works to combat Violence Against Women in **all** forms: **\*Violence against women of color** **\*Elder Abuse**  
**\*Teen Dating Violence** **\*Campus Assault** **\*Child Abuse**

### Human Trafficking - It's happening here.

Educate...

## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, obtaining or maintaining of a person by means of:

**FORCE** (rape, beatings, constraint, confinement, torture)  
**FRAUD** (false, or deceptive offers)  
**COERCION** (threats of serious harm; any threat intended to make victim believe that failure to comply would result in retaliation) for the purpose of a commercial sex act, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18 years of age.

It really does happen here. In fact, nearly all 72 Wisconsin counties have documented cases of trafficking.

### Sex Trafficking -

In these days of “Me Too” and social media with stories of sexual assault/harassment/sex trafficking dominating the news and dinner discussions, the impact on young people is difficult to measure.

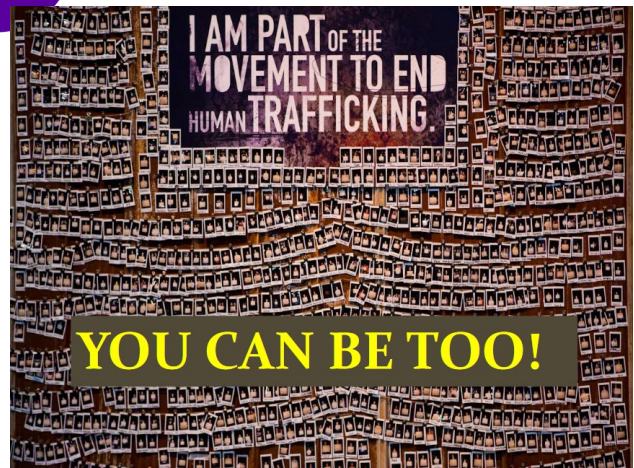
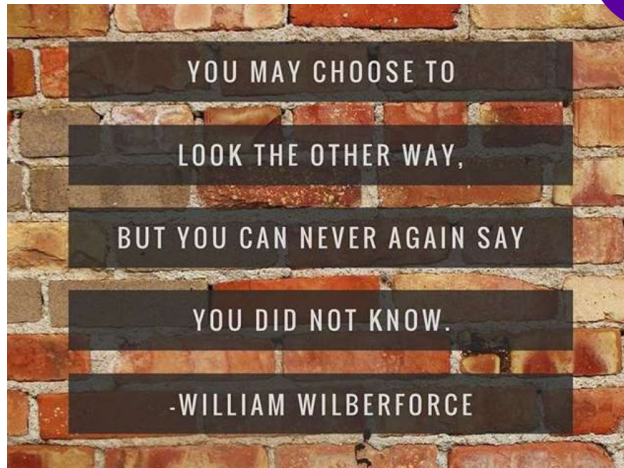
Use these “times to talk” to our young people, NOT about sex, but about **safety** and **protection**.

An excellent guide for clubs with numerous facts and ideas can be found: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-20-Signature-Program.pdf>





## What's Our Response?



Wisconsin is taking the challenge to raise awareness and benefit domestic violence shelters by having a 'Parade of Purses' at the 2019 annual state convention to be held in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin in May.

Clubs are invited to collect gently used purses or totes and fill them with toiletries, health and beauty products, jewelry, items for kids, money and any other products needed by a shelter. Using a purse is a good way to make each donation feel thoughtful, personal and enjoyable for the woman who receives it.

GFWC Wisconsin State President, Deb Brossard says, "The purses and totes will be displayed as table centerpieces during Convention as a reminder that GFWC is a leader in the fight to end domestic violence by raising awareness about this social issue."

Following the Convention the purses will be donated to various local shelters in the Pleasant Prairie area.

### PLEASE BRING TO CONVENTION (1 PER CLUB):

P – Purses  
 U – Uniting  
 R – Resources to  
 S – Successfully  
 E – End violence against women!!

**ESSENTIALS**

## GFWC –WI Juniors Special Program

By: Suzanne Hooser

# Operation Smile

“Every child that has a facial deformity is our responsibility. If we don’t take care of that child, there’s no guarantee that anyone else will.”

- Kathy Magee, Operation Smile Co-founder and President

Junior Special Programs asks your club to please keep Operation Smile on your fundraising list.

**Please visit [www.operationssmile.org](http://www.operationssmile.org)**

## GFWC –WI President’s Special Project

By: Linda Kay Cook



**All Wisconsin clubs are invited to get involved with our state president’s special project:**

### **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial**

March is a perfect time to share this information at a club meeting, write a report, or become a benefactor. *Remember March is Women's History Month!*

#### **The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial:**

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

**Goal** To raise funds to complete construction on a fully operational national memorial by 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment which recognized woman’s right to vote.

Another GREAT resource is:  
<https://www.2020centennial.org/>

The site offers a "Tool Kit", books, biographies, timelines, and other databases for information.



**Attention: Wisconsin Clubs!**

**Donations should be sent directly to the GFWC-WI Treasurer, Nancy Dickman, payable to GFWC-WI with the memo line on the check indicating that Turning Point is the intended recipient; we want to “pool” the state’s donations to reach \$1,000 and get GFWC-WI recognized on the donor wall. Thank you!**



## Giving Levels

**BENEFACTORS**

Level	Donation Amount
19th Amendment Visionary	\$2,000,000 and ABOVE
Silent Sentinel	\$1,500,000 – 1,999,999
Legacy	\$1,000,000 – 1,499,999

**DONORS**

Level	Donation Amount
Alice Paul Society	\$750,000 – 999,999
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Society	\$500,000 – 749,999
Carrie Chapman Catt Society	\$250,000 – 499,999
Mary Church Terrell Society	\$100,000 – 249,999
Inez Milholland Society	\$50,000 – 99,999
Ida B. Wells-Barnett Society	\$25,000 – 49,999
Ratification Society	\$10,000-24,999
Watchfire Society	\$5,000-9,999
Friend	\$1,000 -4,999

**NAMING OPPORTUNITIES**

MEMORIAL COMPONENT	DONATION AMOUNT
Turning Point Rotunda	\$500,000
Jail Door/Suffragist Sculpture	\$250,000
Replica White House Gates	\$200,000
Memorial Entrance Plaza	\$150,000
Arroyo Footbridge	\$150,000
Suffragist Commemorative Wall	\$125,000
Replica 1920 Vote Box Interactive	\$100,000
Electronic Information Kiosk	

**YES,** I WANT TO HELP MEMORIALIZE THESE COURAGEOUS WOMEN!

**JOIN! ANNUAL LEVELS**

(Individual)

- Member . . . . . \$19     3-years . . . \$50
- Advocate . . . . . \$100
- Suffragist . . . . . \$250
- Speaker . . . . . \$500
- Friend . . . . . \$1,000 \*

\* Recognized on Donor Wall

Membership amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Gift Membership use our website at [www.suffragistmemorial.org](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org) under “Join.”

**DONATE!**

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\$1,000 and above will be recognized on Donor Wall

**WI CLUB DONATIONS:**

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to: GFWC-WI

Memo line: Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

Mail To: GFWC-WI c/o Nancy Dickman, S68 W17666 East Drive; Muskego, WI 53150

Email: [nancy-dickman@outlook.com](mailto:nancy-dickman@outlook.com)

Phone: 262-679-1842 (H); 414-213-5735 ©

Thank You!



## **GFWC –WI Suggested Resolution Changes 2018-2019** By: Kathy Reffue, Chairman

*To be addressed at Convention*

### **EDUCATION**

#### **2. LITERACY**

**WHEREAS**, Our expanding technology, our increasing populations, and our highly complex society require increasingly competent citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Increasing numbers of our children and job-seeking adults are functionally illiterate; and

**WHEREAS**, Good citizenship is dependent upon the ability to read, write, and comprehend; therefore

**RESOLVED**, That the GFWC-Wisconsin supports development of literacy skill through ongoing research and development, policy, planning and coordination at both the local and state levels of our educational system.

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**RESOLVED**, That the GFWC-Wisconsin supports development of literacy skill through ongoing research and development, ~~policy, planning and coordination~~ **technology and programs** at both the local and state levels of our educational system; ~~and further~~

**RESOLVED**, That the GFWC-Wisconsin support adult literacy programs in their communities and volunteer with local literacy groups and libraries to help educate children and/or adults with literacy problems.

*Rationale: To expand more options for advocacy.*

### **HOME LIFE**

#### **13. MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

**WHEREAS**, mental illness in children and adults can be manifested in many forms and in many degrees of severity, and diagnosis can be difficult because of its complexity, and

**WHEREAS**, all persons affected by mental illness are often left at the mercy of a system with inadequate funding for supervisory personnel and case managers, a shortage of mental health care professionals in rural areas, and insufficient reimbursement for Medicaid patients, which makes them victims a second time, and

**WHEREAS**, adequate safe housing is minimal and generally not affordable because of limited subsidies for person diagnosed with mental illness, and

**WHEREAS**, this limitation can result in substandard living conditions, therefore,

**RESOLVED**, that GFWC-WI urges its members and clubs to become advocates for access to mental health care for all children and adults and for adequate living conditions for persons affected by mental illness, and

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*Rationale: Expanding more options for advocacy.*



## GFWC –WI Suggested Resolution Changes 2018-2019 continued -

### PUBLIC ISSUES

#### 20. SCHOOL VIOLENCE

**WHEREAS**, Youths are carrying weapons and other destructive devices to school; and

**WHEREAS**, Students are being physically attacked by their peers on school premises, and teachers are being threatened and assaulted; and

**WHEREAS**, Juvenile arrests for violent offenses are increasing; therefore

**RESOLVED**, That the GFWC-Wisconsin join the Wisconsin Education Association Council to create a safe school environment including clear disciplinary measures, parenting skills training and support groups for parents of disruptive./troubled children, and after school programs for at-risk students.

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*Rationale: Cleaning up the language.*

### One of last year's resolutions sent back to committee to be brought forward for this year:

### HOME LIFE

#### 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.

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*Rationale: to comply with the passing of the voter identification law.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

### Public Issues

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



During the GFWC-WI state Convention in Pleasant Prairie, we will be focusing on one of the 7 Grand Initiatives put forth by GFWC President Brock, “Women in the Military”.

On Saturday, May 4, we will be assembling “Mommy Bags”. **Please start collecting items for these bags at your club and district meetings and bring them to the convention for assembly. Some suggestions for the bag contents are lotions, bath gel, nail polish, stationary or note cards, candy, etc. Any type of closeable bag, zippered or drawstring will work for putting in the contents. They all don’t have to be the same.** Muskego Woman’s Club has already assembled 20 bags and will be bringing them to convention. We hope to assemble at

least another 50 during the hour that will be scheduled for this project.

The assembled bags will be delivered to the Milwaukee VA Health Care System. Linda Brown has graciously accepted the task of delivering the bags for us.

Other ways to help our men and women in the military are to participate in the “United Through Reading’s Military Program”. Just \$10.00 gives a child a bedtime story from a deployed parent. You can also donate to the USO’s “Operation Phone Home”. The USO distributes phone cards to service members and offers a Private Telephone Network. For \$25.00, 70 soldiers can call home using this service.

Don’t forget to put your crafting abilities to good use for “Operation Gratitude”. Hand knit or crocheted scarves and hats show our deployed service members just how much we care about them by giving a little piece of our heart with each stitch we make. Not a crafter, write a note or letter to let them know how proud and thankful you are for their service whether it’s in the military; either active or as a veteran, or as a first responder. If you have hats or scarves that you have made, bring them to state convention and we’ll have a show and tell and I will take care of mailing them for you.

Currently, the Wisconsin Honor Flight organization is looking for Vietnam era veterans for their Honor Flights. If this is a program you would be interested in, go to [www.wisconsinhonorflight.org](http://www.wisconsinhonorflight.org) and you will see a map showing the different hubs. On the right side of the page you will see a link to the website for your specific hub. Click on the link and you will find upcoming dates for flights, applications and all the information you will need.

Sew Much Comfort says “goodbye”. Although it has been a very difficult decision to make, the founders of Sew Much Comfort now feel it is the right time to bring Sew Much Comfort to a close. This is a bittersweet ending for them as they are so very thankful, that the last few years have seen a decrease in combat injuries. Over the past 14 years, GFWC members have helped to provide 159,675 pieces of adaptive clothing to our wounded service members. They expect to finish their Mission by the end of March 2019.

There are also projects you can do in the area of citizenship, emergency and disaster preparedness and safety and crime prevention. Go to [gfwc.org/membership/club-manual](http://gfwc.org/membership/club-manual) to get ideas and suggestions in the Public Issues Community Service Program area. Or, come up with some of your own. I know our members can be very creative and innovative. Don’t wait for reporting time. If you come up with an idea for a fabulous project, please let me know so I can share it with all of the other clubs.

Remember, at any time you have a question regarding the Public Issues Community Service Program area, just ask. If I don’t know the answer, I’ll find someone who does.

Diane Cychosz

GFWC-WI Public Issues Chairman

[dianec@midwesthardware.com](mailto:dianec@midwesthardware.com)

## Education

Report by: Julie Riemenschneider, GFWC-WI Education Chairman



I look forward to receiving your annual reports for Education Community Service Programs. Were you able to kick off the year with one of the 1000 Martin Luther King Day Projects?

Next comes Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2nd. How is your club commemorating this talented children's author? My club, Amery WC is planning its fourth annual event at Lien Elementary. Teams of two will visit each second-grade class and read YERTLE THE TURTLE. Each child will receive a small beanbag turtle to participate in building a tower of turtles during the reading. One child will be chosen ahead of time to bellow out a big "burp" at the appropriate time. Each child will receive his own copy of the book along with the beanbag and a treat bag. Presenters will wear Cat in a Hat hats. Funding came from a Thrivent Financial Grant to purchase the books. A team from Kohl's Kares sewed the beanbags and also donated \$500 to our club. Many thanks go to Sharon P. for chairing this event.

Sharon Sheridan, International Chairman of GFWC Education reported in her January 2019 Newsletter that "Schools in the United States are increasingly hard to access, with good reason. If your club wants to volunteer in a local school it is recommended that you contact the school's administration first. If you have a teacher contact, that helps also.

The following is a list from the internet site

[www.SoYouWantToTeach.com](http://www.SoYouWantToTeach.com):

Other websites which may give you some direction in volunteering in your local schools are:

[www.teachhub.com](http://www.teachhub.com)

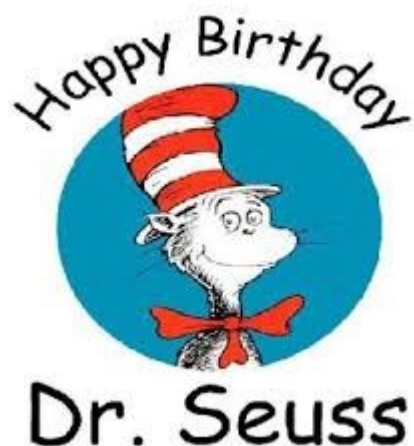
[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

[www.responsiveclassroom.org](http://www.responsiveclassroom.org)



Scholarship time is upon us. Many clubs and states are getting ready to give scholarships for graduating seniors and others in post-secondary schools.

Other ideas for projects come from Spring, St. Patrick's Day, Read Across America, Pi Day, Music Education, and Women's History Month.



## International Outreach

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



- ◇ This spring have some fun while raising funds for our international outreach partners.
- ◇ Host an International Dinner Party, such as an Irish Stew for St. Patty’s Day or Mexican food for Cinco de Mayo. Have fun decorating and invite members and friends – then donate the price of “dinner out” to support an International Outreach project.
- ◇ “Pass the Pig” to collect loose change at your meetings for Heifer International.
- ◇ Have a “Livestock Show and Sale” to benefit Heifer International. Make cupcakes and decorate them to resemble cows, sheep and pigs. Have a bake sale or a “livestock auction”.



## Helen Mears Art Contest

Report by: Gloria Lansin, GFWC-WI Helen Mears Art Contest Co-Chairman



Helen Farnsworth Mears

Helen Mears, a talented artist whose life ended all too soon. In a very short period she managed to produce beautiful sculptures that are on display in Madison and Washington D.C. This contest is unique to Wisconsin for 7th and 8th graders competing in the Arts.



Who knows, someday one of our students will go on to become a famous artist. It is more important than ever that we as individuals and Clubs do what we can to help further the arts. We should be going to our local schools and reaching out to those who are home schooled. Get involved.

I researched the contest and I had rules and guidelines going back to 1996. Back then it said that the work had to be mounted on stiff cardboard and now there are three (3) options, **cardboard, tag board or foam board**. So let’s make sure that when you bring your arts to the state contest that it is **MOUNTED and remember: NO matting**. All rules can be found: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/helen-farnsworth-mears>

I believe that with the growing participation in the contest, we as a club need to grow with it. It is about the kids.



## Conservation

Report by: Karen Ostrowski, GFWC-WI Conservation Chairman

GFWC would like all states to participate in the 1,000 initiatives and we have a perfect opportunity to get rid of all our old athletic shoes at the state convention. At each of our district meetings collect athletic shoes to be brought to our state convention in May. The Nike store at the mall will take the shoes so no shipping fees are involved.

The Northwoods District is hoping to fund the planting of 1,000 trees for that initiative and challenges the other districts to do it. As spring is just around the corner let's see how we can make our state cleaner and more beautiful by planting flowers make sure they are non-invasive. Clubs keep track of statistics for your reports.



## Member Art & Photography

Report by: Suz Hooser, GFWC-WI Co-Chairman

**In honor of our Director of Junior Clubs slogan,**



**“Kindness Starts with a Smile”**

Let's center our attention on **SMILES**.

Put your best **Smile** forward; get your creative thinking caps on!

Photography **smiles!** Holiday **Smile!** Knitted **smiles!** Embroidered **smiles!**

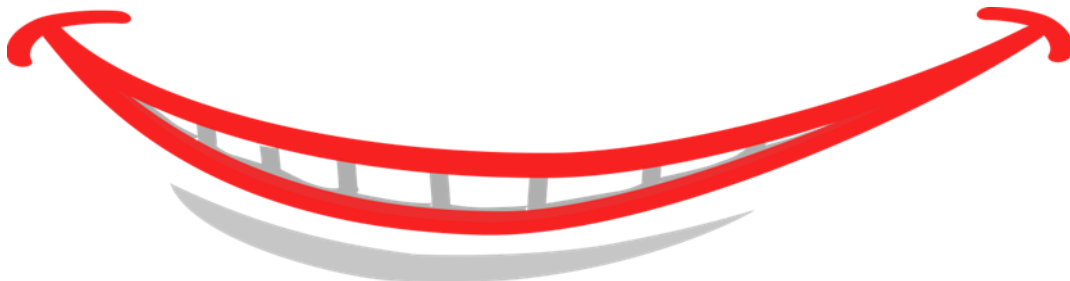
**Smile** Jewelry! **Smile** Quilt! Clothing with a **smile!**

Paper Art **smiles!**

Imagination is the key to Art! Don't forget to **Smile** while you work!

Can we put a **smile** on everyone's face?

Looking forward to your ideas and finished products.



*See next 2 pages for more on submitting Member Art at Convention.*



## Member Art



The contest is open to any GFWC-WI dues paying club member who is an amateur (making less than \$500 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 also be found on the State website under Arts.

\*A GFWC-WI Arts entry form must be attached to the back of your work with your requested category specified.

See form on next page.

### ART CATEGORIES:

**Appliqué**  
**Basket Weaving**  
**Candlewick**  
**Ceramics**  
**China Painting**  
**Counted Cross Stitch**  
**Crewel**  
**Crochet**  
**Embroidery (hand/machine)**  
**Fad Art**  
**Felting**  
**Hardanger Embroidery**  
**Home Décor'**  
**Holiday Decoration**  
**Jewelry**  
**Knitting (Hand, Machine or loom)**  
**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 (Sergers)**  
**Stained Glass, Slumping or Infusion**  
**Stamping**  
**Tatting**  
**Toys & Dolls**  
**Wall Hangings**  
**Weaving**

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **Holiday Decorations** can be of any holiday.
2. **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.
3. **Miscellaneous** is for any craft that does not fall in a category.
4. **Natural Items** must be 75% items of nature.
5. **Paper & Graphics** can be quilling, calligraphy, cutting or computer generated.
6. **Paint On** painting on fabric, metal, wood, ceramic, glass, etc.
7. **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.

Suzanne Hooser and Kate Watling Co Chairs

Member Art/Photography Contest

[suzhooser@yahoo.com](mailto:suzhooser@yahoo.com) 262.705.3168 (cell)

[kwatling101@hotmail.com](mailto:kwatling101@hotmail.com) 262.960.4355 (cell)

# GFWC-WI 2019

# GFWC-WI 2019 Photography

## ARTS & CRAFTS

**Entry Form:** *Print or Type*

Entry Form *Print or Type*

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Craft

\_\_\_\_\_  
"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.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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-Chubwoman. Early release allowed only by permission of the Member Arts & Photography Chairs.

## **GFWC - WI Proposed Amendments to Bylaws** Report by: Ruth Diedrich, GFWC-WI Chairman

Amendments & Policies Committee Members with Ruth Diedrich: Nancy Dickman, Linda Brown, Pat Soefker, Julie Saether, Tammy Welter, Abby Lorenz, Janice Curtiss, and Parliamentary Advisor Paula Schlice.

These are the proposed amendments (pages 24-27) to the Bylaws that were approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the Winter Board Meeting to be advanced to the Annual State Convention in May where they will be voted on for adoption.

**Please print and bring a copy along to the Convention as there will be a limited supply at the meeting. Thank you.**

### **Article IV - Meetings**

Section 3 – The first sentence reads: A registration fee shall be required from each delegate and from each visitor to be used by the GFWC-WI to finance the Annual State Convention.

**Recommended Change:** strike the words "delegate and from each visitor" and replace with "club member."

Section 3 -- The second sentence reads: A daily registration fee shall be required of delegates and visitors who do not attend the Annual State Convention for the entire session.

**Recommended Change:** strike the words "delegates and visitors" and replace with "each club member."

**Recommended Change:** Add a new third sentence - A non-member guest attending with a GFWC-WI member may attend meal and event functions without paying a registration fee.

*Rationale: Not all club members attending may be under the status of delegate but can attend business meetings, workshops, meals, and event functions. This would eliminate requesting a visitor to pay a registration fee.*

If amended would read:

### **Article IV - Meetings**

Section 3 – A registration fee shall be required from each club member to be used by GFWC-WI to finance the Annual State Convention. A daily registration fee shall be required of each club member who does not attend the Annual State Convention for the entire session. A non-member guest attending with a GFWC-WI member may attend meal and event functions without paying a registration fee. The amount of the fee will be determined by the Executive Committee. Any registration fee remitted after the deadline date shall include a late fee, the amount determined by the Executive Committee.

### **Article IV - Meetings**

Section 4 - The sentence reads: In the event of registration cancellation, the registration fee shall not be returned to delegate or guest.

**Recommended Change:** strike the words "delegate or guest" and replace with "the club member."

*Rationale: To conform to wording in Section 3.*

If amended would read:

### **Article IV - Meetings**

Section 4 – In the event of registration cancellation, the registration fee shall not be returned to the club member.

### **Article VI – Junior, Juniorette, Collegiate and Member-at-Large Clubs**

**Recommended Change:** Add "General" before "Junior" to the titled Article

**Recommended Change:** New Section 1 - Definition: General Woman's Clubs are local clubs that have met the requirements for membership in GFWC-WI and whose membership is active in the mission and programs of GFWC and GFWC-WI.

*Rationale: To describe the General Woman's Club as it is not currently included in the Bylaws and to include General in the Article title.*

If amended, would read

### **Article VI –General, Junior, Juniorette, Collegiate and Member-at-Large Clubs**

Section 1 - Definition: General Woman's Clubs are local clubs that have met the requirements for membership in GFWC-WI and whose membership is active in the mission and programs of GFWC and GFWC-WI.

If amended, Section 1 will read as above.

If amended, renumber current Section 1 to Section 2.



### **Article VI – Junior, Juniorette, Collegiate and Member-at-Large Clubs**

Section 2 – Currently reads: The Director-elect of Junior Clubs shall be a member in good standing of a Junior Club in active membership and shall be recommended by the Juniors to the Nominating Committee.

**Recommended Change:** Delete current Section 2.

*Rationale - Director-elect of Junior Clubs is not a club but a position within the Junior organization.*

### **Article XI – Nomination and Election of Officers**

**Recommended Change:** New Section 8 - The Director-Elect of Junior Clubs shall be a member in good standing of a Junior Club in active membership and shall be recommended by the Juniors to the GFWC-WI Executive Committee for their approval and to the GFWC-WI Nominating Committee.

*Rationale: The position should be placed on the ballot for the general membership to confirm the election as the process is outlined in the Bylaws of the GFWC-Wisconsin Junior Women's Clubs.*

If amended, Section 8 will read as above.

If adopted, renumber sections as appropriate.

### **Article XI - Nomination and Election of Officers**

Section 8 – The third sentence currently reads: Written endorsement and proper documentation of eligibility must be in the hands of the Nominating Committee by midnight before the opening of the Annual State Convention.

**Recommended change to current Section 8:** Insert after "Committee" the word "Chairman."

*Rationale: To agree with Article XI - Section 4, second last sentence.*

If amended will read:

#### Article XI - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 8 – Nominations may be made from the floor at the State Convention following the report of the Nominating Committee. Candidates so nominated from the floor shall have consented to be nominees and shall meet the Bylaw requirements for eligibility including the endorsement of their clubs. Written endorsement and proper documentation of eligibility must be in the hands of the Nominating Committee Chairman by midnight before the opening of the Annual State Convention.

### **Article XI - Nomination and Election of Officers**

**Recommended Change - New Section 10** - The Election Committee Chairman shall announce the election results by office and name. The vote count may be privately requested from the Election Chairman after the business meeting is recessed.

*Rationale: To be respectful of all the feelings of the candidates.*

If amended, will read as above.

### **Article XVII - Committees: -**

Section 5 – The sub-paragraphs currently read:

- a) All securities and uninvested principal of the Endowment Fund and all other GFWC-WI funds which are determined by the Investment Committee to be available for investment, shall be placed by the GFWC-WI Treasurer into the custody of an accredited bank or trust company selected by the Investment Committee. Such bank or trust company shall advise and consult with the Investment Committee regarding the securities and funds available for investment and shall suggest such sales, investments and reinvestments and other actions for the account as shall be deemed proper by it for the Investment Committee's consideration. Such bank or trust company shall execute orders to sell any of the securities and to invest any of GFWC-WI's funds upon written instructions signed by a majority of the members of the Investment Committee. The investments and reinvestments of the funds of GFWC-WI shall be in such securities as will qualify for trust investment under the Statutes of Wisconsin and amendments thereto.
- b) The Investment Committee shall require the trust company or bank to render semi-annually an itemized statement of the income account, showing all receipts and disbursements and an itemized statement showing all sales, purchases, or other transactions of the principal account. All income shall be turned over to the GFWC-WI Treasurer or paid out in accordance with her written instructions.

*More amendments on next 2 pages*

- c) The profits only, on no more than two holdings per administration, may be taken and put into the general fund, using the same pro-rated system as with interest on the investments.
- d) The Investment Committee shall meet no less than two times per year.

**Recommended changes:**

Sub-paragraph a) - In the first sentence: Strike the words "securities and uninvested principal of the Endowment Fund and all other;" strike the word "Investment" and insert the word "Executive;" delete the word "or" and add a comma after bank; insert the words "or investment firm" after the word company; strike the word "Investment" and insert the word "Executive."

**Recommended changes:**

Delete all remaining language in a), b), c), and d).

**Recommended change:** Add a new paragraph: Responsibilities of the Investment Committee are regulated by the most recently updated Investment Policy Statement established February 15, 2019.

*Rationale: The Investment Committee has established a Policy Statement for the Committee so these sections are no longer needed in the Bylaws.*

If amended would read:

Article XVII - Committees:

Section 5 – The Investment Committee shall consist of the President, the immediate Past President, the First Vice President, the Treasurer, and one other member who shall be selected by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The selected committee member shall become a member of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall name its own chairman and secretary; however the GFWC-WI Treasurer shall not serve as chairman of this committee.

All GFWC-WI funds which are determined by the Executive Committee to be available for investment, shall be placed by the GFWC-WI Treasurer into the custody of an accredited bank, trust company, or investment firm selected by the Executive Committee.

Responsibilities of the Investment Committee are regulated by the most recently updated Investment Policy Statement established February 15, 2019.

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**Article XVII - Committees: -**

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

*Rationale: Description of the Committee*

If Amended would read as above.

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**Article XXI– Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1 – Currently reads: Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be used by GFWC-WI as parliamentary authority.

**Recommended Change** - Strike entire sentence and replace it with: Section 1 - Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition, shall govern the GFWC-WI in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the GFWC-WI may adopt.

*Rationale: To expand and clarify. GFWC Parliamentarian is the source for this language. If the term "latest edition" is used, should the 12th edition be published while the organization is in a meeting or preparing for one, it immediately becomes the authority even if the president has not had the opportunity to obtain a copy.*

If amended, would read as stated above.

Section 2 – The first sentence reads: The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a Parliamentarian. The third sentence reads: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law and also to give similar advice to other members of GFWC-WI when they request it.

**Recommended change:** Insert after Parliamentarian each sentence "or a Parliamentary Advisor"

*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

If amended, would read:

#### Article XXI– Parliamentary Authority

Section 2 – The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors providing she is a member of a federated club. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor to advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law and also to give similar advice to other members of GFWC-WI when they request it. She shall be a member of the Amendments and Policy Committee and an advisory member of the Resolutions Committee.

If the amendment is adopted, references to Parliamentarian in Article VII - Section 1 and Article XVII - Section 9 and Section 10 will also be changed to read Parliamentarian or a Parliamentary Advisor.



### ESO

Report by: Nancy Schrap, GFWC-WI ESO Chairman

With the start of another reporting year, I would just like to remind you to keep track of your hours spent reading – those hours are reportable! At years end it will be much easier if you start keeping track now.

Since May of 2018 we have had 15 new ESO members – with three reporting books read, and many members going to hand their reports to me at state board. I have encouraged all members to read, read and read!

Are you interested in a good structured reading program? Join ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron – the honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. ESO materials are available online at [www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron](http://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron) and the [gfwc-wi.org](http://gfwc-wi.org) website (Community Service Programs, Education, ESO) where you will find an ESO Pledge Application, Reading List and Book Report Form.

KEEP ON READING AND REPORTING. If you want more information, please contact me. ESO Nancy Schrap, 7024 W. Wells St., Wauwatosa 53213, 414-771-7472 or [nancywischrap@aol.com](mailto:nancywischrap@aol.com)

## **GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Communications & Public Relations**

Report by: Sue Bessert, GFWC-WI CPR Chairman

### **A few tidbits:**

- Erin Epping, our (amazing) webmaster has made numerous website updates—please check it out: <https://www.gfwc-wi.org/>
- Also Erin Epping with help from Treasurer Nancy Dickman completed an analysis of our Clubwoman distribution:

90% of members who have email addresses received the Clubwoman notification.

74.6% of all members received the Clubwoman notification.

We continue to rely on club presidents to print out one copy and share at your meetings!  
Thank you.



### Congratulations to Wisconsin's first class of Mini LEADS 201



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|------------------|-------------------|
| Sue Bessert      | Betty Lou Janney  |
| Suzanne Boutcher | Missy Kimball     |
| Linda Brown      | Nancy Kuczmarksi  |
| Betty Cross      | Alexandra         |
| Ella Dzioba      | Lerch-Gaggl       |
| Mary Kay Ernest  | Connie Muckelberg |
| Jan Flood        | Kathleen Novack   |
| Mary Fortier     | Barb Pontow       |
| Sandy Gehin      | Patricia Soefker  |
| Cindy Goll       | Deb Strecker      |
| Suzanne Hooser   | Carol Wolfenden   |

**Team:** Deb Brossard, Michelle Munoz, Abby Lorenz, Janice Curtiss, Paula Schlice, Loretta Caron, Diane Cychosz, Sue Bednarek and Mary Meek

### More photographs from the Mini LEADS 201 held in Waupaca on February 17th



## GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Leadership

Report by: Mary Meek, Chairman

Leadership award promotion and creating opportunities for education and leadership development has continued to keep your WI Leadership Committee very busy. As seen on the photo on left side of this page, 20 Clubwomen from across the state completed our first GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 201 session which was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> in Waupaca. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the participants and the presentation team for your collaborative efforts in the success of this session and for your continued commitment to leadership development!

An acronym that you have heard and/or seen quite extensively in my communications is LEADS - Leadership, Education and Development Seminar. This term is used in two contexts GFWC LEADS and GFWC-WI Mini LEADS. State federations have the latitude to design their Mini LEADS programs to best fit their leadership development needs. We hope that you find the following Q&A regarding our state program helpful and informative.

### **Q: What is GFWC-WI Mini LEADS?**

A: GFWC-WI Mini LEADS is leadership, education and development seminars designed with our clubs and districts in mind to help educate and support existing leaders and identify and develop strong potential leaders prepared to assume **club** and **district** leadership positions.

### **Q: Who should attend GFWC-WI Mini LEADS?**

A: Whether you currently hold a leadership position in your club or might be considering saying 'yes' as a potential leader, this seminar is for you! By implementing a well-designed Mini LEADS event, we are able to assist our club officers and program chairwomen in their leadership development and build confidence in their leadership capabilities. GFWC-WI Mini LEADS is designed with the local club members in mind.

### **Q: Who administers the GFWC-WI Mini LEADS program?**

A: GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 and 201 programming is developed by using the talent and enthusiasm of our trained and confident presentation teams comprised of WI LEADS Graduates and members of the WI Leadership Committee.

### **Q: What is GFWC LEADS?**

A: The GFWC LEADS is an international program for GFWC members who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their State Federations and/or GFWC on the international level. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction. GFWC LEADS is held annually each June on the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. One attendee from each State Federation is eligible to participate in the annual GFWC LEADS program and upon completion the participants have the distinction of being called LEADS Graduates and serve on the Wisconsin Leadership Committee.

Your GFWC-WI Leadership Committee is aware of the challenges involved in identifying and developing prospective leaders. It is for this reason that we have fully embraced our state directive on leadership and we are confident that our goal of offering Mini LEADS 101 or 201 presentations at each state meeting will help to ensure strong, competent leadership for the future of our clubs throughout the state.

### **Q: What can you do to build new leaders in your club?**

A: Identify and sponsor at least one officer, program chairwoman or potential leader in your club to attend GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101 sessions each time it is offered at a state meeting. The next opportunity is upcoming on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please review the enclosed invitation and registration form on page 11.

**Is it Your Time to Experience GFWC-WI Mini LEADS 101?**

*I look forward to seeing you in Pleasant Prairie!*



## \$1,000 HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All District Presidents were sent an email in January 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 Sands	suesands@new.rr.com
Michele Fuehrer	mfuehrer2011@gmail.com
Mary Dietz	marydietz05@yahoo.com



The 2019 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, 2019** 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 Doubletree Inn, Pleasant Prairie, WI on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

The scholarship is effective the second semester of the school year. The scholarship checks will be issued to 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!

### Junior of the Year Award (JOY)

Tammy Welter, GFWC-WI Director Elect of Junior Clubs

#### **Applications extended to April 1!**

The GFWC Wisconsin Junior of the Year - the most meaningful award was established by the GFWC Wisconsin Junior Board in 1989 in honor of the GFWC Centennial. A winner is determined each year, with the award announced at the annual GFWC Wisconsin Convention in Pleasant Prairie. This Junior will be the epitome of the Junior PLEDGE.

This annual award spotlights a Wisconsin Junior clubwoman for her leadership and volunteer efforts with an emphasis on her family and community.

The application is on the next page. Contact Tammy Welter with any questions.



# 2018 Junior of the Year Award Submission Form

<b>Club Name</b>	
<b>Club District</b>	
<b>Honoree's Name</b>	

		Points
<b>Club Work:</b>		
1. Number of years as a member	<i>5+ years (10 points); Under 5 years (5 points)</i>	
2. Club President	<i>Past or Present (10 points)</i>	
3. Club Executive Board	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
4. Jr. Special Project/CIP Chairman	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
5. Fundraising Chairman	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
6. Committee Chairman	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
7. District/State Board Position(s)	<i>Past or Present (5 points)</i>	
<b>Other GFWC Work:</b>		
8. Attendance at any district, state, region or international meeting / convention (in 2016)	<i>(5 points/meeting - max of 30 points)</i>	
<b>Total Points</b> (add points from 1-8 above)	<i>(maximum of 75 points)</i>	

<b>Comments:</b> (Please limit to 250 words or less)	
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## GFWC - WI Advancement Area - Membership

Report by: Abby Lorenz, GFWC-WI Membership Chairman

### The Benefits of Membership

If only I had a penny for each time a club member asks, ***“What are the benefits of GFWC?”***

Being a membership-based organization, GFWC has made Membership Services their primary goal!

GFWC wants to provide the latest and most accurate information to all members in a timely manner. By working with club members and leaders at all levels, GFWC is able to make powerful connections and provide support for the many projects you are doing – worldwide!

Through effective Communications and Public Relations GFWC promotes the excellent work and stories of success you share with them. No matter what you need - printed materials, anniversary recognition, or membership pins – GFWC Membership Services is truly there to serve you.

The best place to download forms or documents is the GFWC Resource Page. There you will find the 2018-2020 **GFWC Club Manual** (FULL OF GREAT INFORMATION!!!), **Awards, Contests and Grants** that are available to you and your club, **Fundraising ideas** to boost your membership, the **LEADS program** to help identify leaders in your club, **Marketplace** (where you can purchase Membership pins, GFWC notecards, jewelry, GFWC postage stamps, clothing and more!), **Mediator’s Program** (confidential assistance to all levels of Federation in dealing with membership issues, including new member recruitment and retention), and (my personal favorite) **Membership Discounts**. The discounts you are able to take advantage of are plentiful! The best discount I have personally found is that you can save up to 80% on printing and office products at Office Depot/Office Max! **Other discounts** can be found on travel, car rental, hotel and more.

Check it out on the GFWC website. You’ll be glad you now know all about the benefits of being a GFWC member!

Help spread the word by telling your entire club about it at your next general membership meeting.

**The benefits of GFWC are GREAT!**



Did you miss the Ted Talks that were played during this past GFWC-WI winter workshop or would like to listen to one again? No worries, the list of 5-20 minute videos are listed on the GFWC-WI website under the 'Leadership' page. Topics range from leadership, communication, problem solving, dealing with difficult people, etc.

## Woman of Achievement

Report by: Linda Brown, Chairman

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 are 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, 2019 Deadline is Approaching!**

For questions, please contact Linda Brown, Chairman at 262/268-8296 or [tbrown903@wi.rr.com](mailto:tbrown903@wi.rr.com).

## Investment Committee Report

Report by: Nancy Honadel, Chairman

The GFWC-WI Investment Committee is pleased to announce the completion of our assignment to establish an Investment Policy Statement document. It was approved by the Executive Committee and presented to the Board of Directors at the recent meeting in Waupaca.

It will now become the guideline for both our organization and also the investment firm we choose to manage our portfolio. We have been dealing with Dan Geigler, Vice President of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and they have provided excellent advice and counsel.

The treasurer, Nancy Dickman and I have been granted convenient online access to the account. Our committee meets with him at least twice a year and he will present a report at our annual convention in May.

It has been my honor to chair this committee and I personally thank the committee for their insight. Thanks to President Deb Brossard, First Vice President Abby Lorenz, Treasurer Nancy Dickman and Past President Elizabeth Griesser.

## Nominating Committee Report

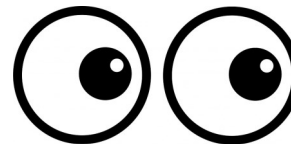
Report by: Barbara Pontow, Chairman

### Looking for...

The nominating committee is "looking for" those interested in serving on the GFWC-WI 2020-2022 Executive Committee. Candidates are needed to fill the offices of 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Check the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws for the qualifications of each office. The duties of each office are found there, too. Better yet, "chat" with the current or a recent officeholder to learn more.

Then---onward and upward!!! Are you willing??? Contact a member of the nominating committee: Dorothea Lannin, Sandy Gehin, Linda Taylor, Vickie Richardson or Barbara Pontow -- all ready and eager to hear from you! "Looking for" you at State Convention.



## GFWC - WI Advancement Areas - Legislation

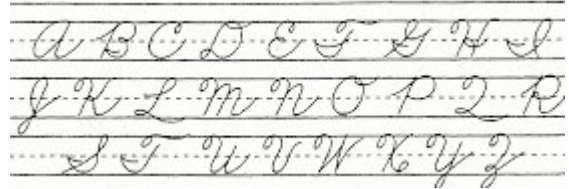
Report by: **Sandy Gehin**, GFWC-WI Legislation Chairman

At the Winter Workshop in Waupaca I gave a presentation on how we can get our resolution on **cursive writing** brought forward as a bill.

Each District president was given a folder with information to pass on to club presidents. I will send the forms to our webmaster to be included in the Legislation section of our state manual.



I urge you to do your own research on this subject before you see your representative, if you need any help or have questions please contact me at quilts1953@yahoo.com



Thank you,  
Sandy Gehin, Legislation Chairman

### Dear Club Presidents,

We are asking for your help to get our resolution about cursive writing being taught in our schools again brought forward to be presented as a bill.

The resolution was presented and passed at the GFWC-WI annual convention in May 2018. The resolution reads as follows;

**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.**

I am asking you to get as many signatures on a form similar to one below. You can get signatures from club members, teachers, and school board members. I am also asking that you talk to your school board members and ask for their support.

When you have all of your signatures take the form to your legislature for your areas and ask them to support a bill when it is brought to the assembly. Also attached is a sample letter you can take to your meetings. I also would like you to do some research and know why this issue is so important. Take a copy of your clubs history, let them know who we are and what we have accomplished.

If you have any questions please email me at [quilts1953@yahoo.com](mailto:quilts1953@yahoo.com)

Thank you  
Sandy Gehin, GFWC-WI Legislation chairman

**P.S. Make copies of everything and present to your supporters in a red folder!**

### Signature Form sample (Add spaces for additional signatures.)

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.

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION
1.		



## Sample letter for your state representatives:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We are here today to ask your help and support in getting a cursive writing bill introduced and brought forward to be a law.

We represent the GFWC-WI Club of \_\_\_\_\_

The General Federation of Women's Club is the world's largest women volunteer organization. We are in all 50 states and in 11 countries with a membership of 80,000. GFWC-WI has 1,700 members.

In May of 2018 our membership voted on the following resolution:

**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.**

Recently sixteen states have passed bills to reinstate cursive writing. They are AZ, LA, OH, ARK, VA, CA, FL, TX, TN, NJ, IN, AL, MA, GA, NC, and New York City. The wording of one bill for example from Louisiana is:

**Cursive writing shall be taught in all public schools. Each public school shall ensure that such instruction is introduced by the third grade and incorporated into the curriculum in grades four through twelve.**

The benefits of teaching cursive writing are numerous. I will list a few of them; helping dyslexic students and those with autism, students retain more when notes are taken with handwriting rather than keyboard, hand eye coordination is greatly improved example; a doctor in a medical school laments the fact that students in surgery lacked the hand eye coordination to properly perform surgeries. Last but not least is the ability to read cursive such as our Constitution and not being able to sign their names on important documents.

I have several articles in the folder I am leaving with you.

I look forward from hearing from you about this important matter.

Sincerely,

## What other states are doing around the country:

At least **eight states** have statute requiring cursive be taught in schools.

**Arkansas** – cursive required – 2015 - [§ 6-16-146. Cursive writing](#)

**California** – cursive encouraged – 2003: [§ 33042. Compliance with State Board of Education's English Language and Arts Writing Arts Strategies; cursive handwriting standards](#)

**New Hampshire** – cursive encouraged – 2015: [189:11-c Cursive Handwriting and Memorization of Multiplication Tables.](#)

**North Carolina** – cursive required – 2013: [§ 115C-81. Basic Education Program](#)

**South Carolina** – cursive required – 2014: [§ 59-29-15. Teaching cursive writing and multiplication tables required.](#)

**Tennessee** – cursive required – 2014: [§ 49-6-1034. Cursive writing; instruction](#)

**Mississippi** – cursive required – 2017: [§ 37-13-10. § 37-13-10. Elementary education curriculum standards for cursive reading and writing; exceptions](#)

**Louisiana** – cursive required – 2017: [§ 266. Cursive writing; required instruction](#)

**Five states** proposed cursive legislation this session:

**Indiana** – [Senate Bill 8](#) – Failed – Would require cursive curriculum.

**New Jersey** – [Assembly Bill 2680](#) – Pending - Would require cursive curriculum.

**Ohio** – [House Bill 58](#) – Enacted – Would require State Board of Education to adopt model cursive curriculum to be made available to school districts.

**Pennsylvania** – [House Bill 1083](#) – Pending - Would require cursive curriculum.

**Washington** – [Senate Bill 5238](#) – Failed - Would require cursive curriculum



**Northern Lights District President Jean Rovney sends her appreciation to all who sent cards, notes and phone calls following the death of her husband in December. She was overwhelmed with caring and kindness from her “sisters”!**

## District Report - SOUTHERN PRAIRIES

By: Maureen Miller, President

Sandwiched in between the Polar Vortex and Snowmageddon, the GFWC WI Southern Prairies District members met to work on plans for both the 2019 GFWC WI State Convention and GFWC WI Southern Prairies District Convention. It's always great to work with such a group of energized and enthusiastic District members. We were able to “tick” many assignments off our roster of responsibilities and we are all looking forward to welcoming GFWC WI members to our “Prairies”! Check out the details in the “Call to Convention” ...but don't be astonished if there are some surprises in store...

“Bee Involved” is the theme for the 2019 GFWC Wisconsin Southern Prairies District Annual Spring Convention. “Bee” with us on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> @ “The Heartwood” Banquet Hall; Registration begins at 8:30 AM, Arts Check-in at 9:00AM with “Call to Order” @ 9:30AM. We're planning on having an Apiculturist enlighten us on the importance of Bees to our ecosystem. Kristina Higbee will be our GFWC WI speaker...we look forward to her insights. A “Call to Convention” will go out soon with all the relevant details.



District Officers at District Winter Board Meeting.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the great District committees that have been working on planning the State Convention. Southern Prairies is so large, we have 2 separate groups – one East of I94 and another West of I94. Both are invaluable and very cooperative and make my job a cinch!



Convention Committee East at Woman's Club of Kenosha building.

## District Report - ROLLING HILLS

By: Nancy Dickman, President

Our Spring District meeting on Sat., April 6th will be held at the United Methodist Church in Dodgeville.

It will be a day to participate in **GFWC 's 7 Grand Initiatives:**

- Bring new Dr. Seuss books to the meeting. 50% of them will be taken to the 2019 State Convention for donation to D.C. area Head Start and daycare centers. The remaining 50% will be donated to Head Start of Wisconsin.
- Bring shoes...Gently used athletic shoes can be donated to Shoes4Souls to be used AS shoes by a new user. Well worn (even those disgusting gardening ones) can be donated to Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program where the shoes and laces are recycled into other products, like playground surfaces or recycled cotton fabrics.
- Our third initiative will be signing up for the Legislative Action Center. We will have a laptop set up for sign-up. This means you'll receive email notifications on legislation the GFWC supports.

**CLUB CORNER**

**GRAND INITIATIVE: Wisconsin clubs joined the General Federation of Women’s Clubs in volunteering on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.**

**Woman’s Club of Kenosha**



Making blankets, scarves and hygiene bags for the homeless at Gateway Technical College’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service - pictured are **Kathy Herr, Connie VanderBrug, Felicia Boerner, Deb Strecker, Mickey McDermott, Yolanda Larsen, Kim Meldahl and Chris Green.**

**GFWC Blanchardville Woman’s Club**



The GFWC Blanchardville Woman’s Club MLK Day Service Project was a food pantry collection for our local Blanchardville/Hollandale food pantry. We put posters up around town explaining our project, the types of food the pantry could use, and the two drop off locations in town - the grocery store and bank. The collection went for 10 days from Jan. 16-26 to encourage community participation.

In our community of 825 people we collected 188 items and 107 lbs. of food! This is amazing what a giving community we live in!

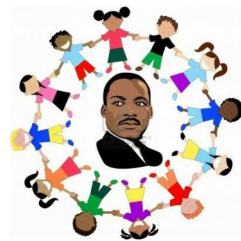
Pictured are the two large boxes of food delivered to the food pantry by members **Holly Knicker, Virginia McGowan and Julie Saether.**

**Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club**



Brown Deer Junior Woman’s Club collected new personal care items and clothing in December and delivered the items on Jan. 21st to the Sojourner Family Peace Center located in Milwaukee.

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 9,500 clients each year. Sojourner provides an array of support aimed at helping families affected by domestic violence achieve safety, justice and well-being.



**GFWC Rhinelander Woman’s Club**



Sixteen (16) clubwomen of the Rhinelander Woman’s Club braved sub-zero temperatures on Jan. 21st and gathered at the Oneida County Senior Center with a goal to make no-sew blankets for Operation Smile. The ladies made and completed 23 no-sew blankets and several women left with blankets almost completed. One member, Dee Jacobs sent a photo of herself cutting blanket fringes underneath a Florida palm tree. Club Chairwoman of the International Outreach Community Service Area, **Judy Kingsbury** provided cutting tools that made the process go smoothly. Everyone seemed to have had a good time chatting, being together and serving the greater good.



## CLUB CORNER

The GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis celebrated its successful volunteer efforts over the last few months:

- Christmas cookies shared with veterans
- Veteran's giving tree
- Assist and support victims of domestic violence
- Serving food and presents to families
- Planning for 7 weeks of soup during Lent.
- As part of the annual "celebrity" luncheon West Allis civic leaders including Mayor Devine, police chief, fire captain, State Representative San Felippo, county supervisors, alderpersons, City Attorney, and retired city administrator served the meal and individually thanked the club for its tireless support for our West Allis Community.

### GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis



### Hillsboro Woman's Club



Hillsboro Woman's Club members and guests gathered to celebrate the holiday and make several donations. Members brought gifts for veterans at the Tomah hospital, made personal donations of \$50 to CARE (a General Federation partner), and personal contributions of \$150 to the Hillsboro Good Samaritan food pantry.

All three efforts are annual and traditional contributions of the Club.

Also, the membership voted to donate a book to the Hillsboro Public Library in memory of former past president Lois Kouba.

Hillsboro's Club was organized in 1931 for the purpose of improving and developing the library.

Christmas music for the evening featured Shelly Stockwell and her father Pete Retzlaff. City Administrator Adam Sontag is to speak to the Club at the January 14 meeting at Hills Manor.

### GFWC Port Washington Woman's Club



Port Washington Woman's Club members get awesome press with their February project assembling "gift bags of love" for the military.

### GFWC-WI Princeton Woman's Club

#### Honoree, New Members Lauded at Women's Club



THE GFWC-WI PRINCETON WOMEN'S CLUB recognizes its newest members during a candle ceremony on Wednesday, December 5. Each woman is presented with a certificate and membership pin during the club's regular monthly meeting that evening at the Princeton Senior Center. New members pictured with Club President Sue Bednarek (far left) are (front, L-R) Jenny Steitner, Renee Cybul, Sheree Zimmerman, (middle, L-R) Cherie Anderson, Sue Gerald, Tabitha Pierce, Tracy Duzinski (back, L-R) Tracy Ebert, Mary Lou Neubauer, and Sandy Booth.



DOROTHY BEDNAREK IS HONORED for an impressive 50 years of membership in the GFWC-WI Princeton Women's Club during the organization's meeting on Wednesday, December 5. State President Deb Brossard presents Bednarek with a special pin to mark the milestone, and heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the organization.





**CLUB CORNER**



The Woman's Club of Kenosha has been keeping very busy. The seasoned members and brand-new members, which we have welcomed 20 new women to GFWC. We are overjoyed with the increase membership; however, it is only the beginning. We hope to grow WC-K even more. They bring a renewed spark and enthusiasm to our Club. Our seasoned members share their experience, and demonstrate traditions, generosity and never forget to be kind.

The WC-K has challenged its members to achieve the GFWC 7 grand initiatives. So far, we have participated in the MLK In Service Day project of making blankets, scarves and hygiene bags for the homeless. We are collecting Dr. Seuss books and getting ready to participate on March 5<sup>th</sup> in the *Readers are Leaders* in recognition of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Members will visit multiple Kenosha elementary schools, reading and donating a book to each classroom. From collecting shoes for *Soles4Souls*, quarters for *Trees for Tomorrow*, personal items from a Servicewoman's Wish list- *Courage is Beautiful* and a continued showing of appreciation to law enforcement we are active.

We delivered a personally signed portrait Christmas card to all three Kenosha County law enforcement agencies.

Pictured left to right **Deb Strecker, Sgt Tony Gonzalez and Blue-Ribbon Chair Carol Johnston!**



As members of the Southern Prairies District we are one of the clubs hosting the GFWC WI State Convention. We look forward to showing off our community. Kenosha and its lakefront are being transformed right before our eyes. The WC-K Clubhouse has a front row seat since we are in the historic part of downtown. We hope you will visit our beautiful historic home in the future. We are proud to be the oldest chartered GFWFC Club in Wisconsin, established 1891...and we are honored to have the last Club owned building, which is registered in the National Historic Society. See you all on May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

We are looking forward to the Mall Mission scavenger hunt at our mall, shopping with our GFWC sisters- who could ask for more!

***In Federation and Friendship***

***Deb Strecker, President GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha***

**Sneek Peek and Special Recognition**

**Oconomowoc Woman's Club**



**L to R:** At the Winter Board meeting in Waupaca **Kathy Reffue** of Monroe Woman's Club and **Deb Strecker** of Kenosha Woman's Club showed off the new Convention goodie bags that will be given out to all attendees at GFWC-WI Convention in Pleasant Prairie the first weekend of May.

Special thanks to **Alice Kranig** (Monroe Woman's Club) and her husband **Larry Kranig** who own Monroe Sign Design for their generous donation of the design and printing of the bags!

**Helen Hertneky** (pictured in Brazil) of Oconomowoc Woman's Club has participated in more than 50 Operation Smile missions since she began volunteering with Operation Smile in 1999.

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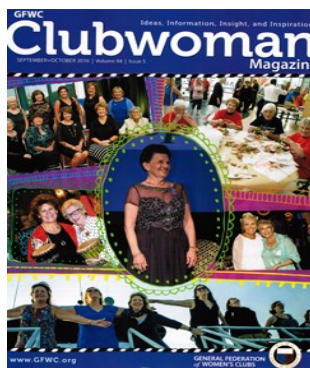


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## GFWC - WI Dates to Remember:

### MARCH

- 15 State Chairmen reports postmarked
- 29 Early Bird discount for Convention postmarked
- 31 Woman of Achievement Award entries due to Linda Brown

### APRIL

- 1 Theodora Youmans Award entries due to Pat Soefker; Junior of the Year Award entries due to Tammy Welter and Health Scholarship entries due
- 2 Convention hotels booking due for posted rates/availability
- 5 Registrations due for Convention postmarked; late fee after. Also, Mini LEADS 101 registration due to Nancy Dickman
- 6 Rolling Hills District spring meeting
- 9 Southern Prairies District spring meeting
- 13 Northwoods District spring meeting
- 24 GFWC Federation Day
- 26 Arbor Day

### MAY

- 2-4 GFWC - WI State Convention, Doubletree Inn, Pleasant Prairie; host Southern Prairies District
- 12 Mother's Day

### JUNE

- 1 Jennie June Award entries due to Sandra Pecka
- 29-July 1 GFWC International Convention, Austin, TX

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