



Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Member of GFWC



A Monthly Newsletter for Members

July/August 2021

President's Corner:

My Dear Fellow Club Women!

This newsletter is a more extensive one, since it covers 2 months. It contains brief activity reports from the chairs of our Community Service Programs (Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, and Health & Wellness), and Special Committees (Book Club, Dementia Friendly Pewaukee, Sheepshead and Writing Contest), which should get you interested to join one, two, or more groups. You will get an appreciation for the vast variety of opportunities our Club has to offer on fun and inspiring activities which help and support our community.



Our website has had lots of visitors over the last month and a half. Many members have added comments to pages and have shared their ideas, impressions, and activities. Starting with this month I am inviting members to share some of their personal summer activities in a short report with pictures, which will then be posted on the website.

The Arts and Culture Committee has shared the information on the May-State-Convention winners. Congratulations to all winners who shared their incredibly beautiful and creative art.

The Board of Directors is working on compiling the list of presenters and topics for the upcoming monthly meetings and we are still **hoping to get more volunteers signed up for the role of hostesses for these meetings**. We are planning on creating hostess teams with a member, who has done this in the past and knows the ropes and shares their experience with a new or unexperienced member, who wants to try this. If you want to be part of the organizing team, email me or any member of the Board of Directors. So that we can get you on the books! Show us your creativity and ideas with centerpieces, table arrangements, or other inspiring items.

A little reminder: **Make sure to submit your membership payment (\$35 for membership, \$18 per lunch) before or at the first meeting in September** to have your name and contact included in this year's membership booklet. Send your payment to **GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, P.O. Box 492, Pewaukee, WI 53072**. A printable version of the membership renewal form is attached to the end of this newsletter or can be downloaded from the membership page of our website.

As always, feel free to email me for questions, suggestions, insights, or feedback.

Yours,

Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl

Website

Website Scavenger Hunt (Monthly Fun Challenge):

How many awards received the GFWC WCP during the last GFWC-WI State Convention on 5/12/21?

Find the related information on our website and **post a comment/reply on that site**. The first 3 members who can find the reference and create a reply will be mentioned in our next Newsletter.

Winners from the June 2021 Website Scavenger Hunt Challenge:



to Karen Merz, Nancy Niedziela, Pat Gallagher, who found the reference for the person sitting in a hanging tree chair on the “What Our Members Do During the Summer” page of our website.

Dear Club members!

Email me pictures and a short description of activities you are doing this summer, that you would like to share with our Club community and the visitors of our website.

Topic: “What Our Members Do During the Summer Break”. Let’s enjoy the warm days of summer and share the fun and excitement with our community

State Convention Arts Contest Awardees

Check out the many winners from our club, who received ribbons for their great art work!

Sue Atherton	Card Making	1 st Place
Carole Brinkman	Holiday Decorations	1 st Place
	Stained Glass	3 rd Place
Geri Coen	Basket Weaving	1 st Place
Dona Fabyan	Quilting	1 st Place
	Applique	1 st Place
Pat Gallagher	Card Making	3 rd Place
Linda Kowalewski	Painting	2 nd Place
Bezmi Kranick	Knitting	1 st Place
Nancy Niedziela	Misc.	1 st Place
	Counting Cross Stitch	2 nd Place
Mary Jo Powers	Home Décor	2 nd Place
	Fad Art	2 nd Place

Visit the website for pictures: https://womansclubofpewaukee.com/wp/?page_id=2276

Membership

Submit your membership fee early!

To help our Treasurer it would be great to submit **your membership renewal form and fees before or at our first meeting on September 2nd**. At the end of this newsletter you will find a pdf file of the membership renewal form.

Go ahead, complete the form today and submit it with your payment to
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Planning Activities You Can Get Involved In

PLANNING FOR MONTHLY MEETING EVENTS: If you *would like to host* one of our luncheons or if you *know of an interesting presentation topic or speaker* send me an [email](#). No former expertise needed. The plan is to team you up with a member who has done this before.

Dates for upcoming lunches:

in 2021: September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd

in 2022: January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, and May 5th

PLANNING FOR FUTURE HYBRID MEETINGS: We are assembling a small group of members who are interested in coordinating the logistics for the set-up of hybrid meetings using Zoom. If you want to be part of that group [email me](#). **No technical expertise needed.**

GFWC WCP Committee NEWS

(visit also, GFWC WCP website at <https://womansclubofpewaukee.com/>)

ARTS AND CULTURE

Each year the Woman's Club of Pewaukee hosts the Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for middle school **students** in our community. Artwork is displayed and judged at the Pewaukee Public Library. A reception is held with punch and cookies in the Community Room. Volunteers from the Woman's Club help to hang and display the artwork.

Club women are encouraged to share their artistic talents by participating in the Member Arts and Crafts Contest. The contest is open to all members and specific details can be found in your Membership Booklet. There are dozens of art categories, including photography! Get creative and share your art with others to make our world a brighter happier place.

If you are interested in attending an event related to Arts and Culture, please contact [Abby Lorenz](#). We will gladly look into group rates to attend a concert, play or other special event related to the arts in our community.

We are still looking for a Co-chair for this committee. Please, contact Sue Goldstone or Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl for more information.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

This area relates to critical issues such as Domestic Violence, our GFWC Signature Project, as well as community safety, violence prevention and citizen responsibilities. Club women are encouraged to suggest educational speakers on human trafficking, domestic violence awareness and other topics that are relevant in our current society.

Outreach encourages our club members to reach beyond our own community and consider how we can make a global impact, enabling members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action. GFWC partners with global organizations such as UNICEF, Heifer International, Operation Smile, UN Shot@Life and USO. Please contact Abby Lorenz if you know of an organization we could reach out to and highlight at an upcoming club membership meeting. Together we will work in the civic life of our community and develop the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make a difference in the lives in our hometown and beyond.

Abby Lorenz, Chair of the Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PEWAUKEE

Established in 2015 Dementia Friendly Pewaukee has been the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee's Signature Project. With a mission to create a community that accepts, understands, supports and engages persons with dementia, including their families and caregivers, this initiative has created awareness not only to caregivers, but those who know persons with dementia. Our goal is to engage and support people with dementia and their loved ones.

Educational seminars have been hosted by Dementia Friendly Pewaukee featuring guest speakers and professionals. Educational training is available for individuals and businesses. Please go to the website, dfpewaukee.org, for more information, or contact AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com. All are invited to join in the effort to bring awareness and understanding to our community about people with dementia.

Abby Lorenz, Chair of the Dementia Friendly Pewaukee Committee

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Pewaukee School District offers volunteer opportunities to GFWC WCP members who wish to support education by volunteering to work with students in reading, math and other elementary school areas. Volunteer for 1-3 hours on a weekly basis or offer to help at a one-time event—whatever fits your schedule and interest. Programs run October through mid-May. It is a very rewarding opportunity to have one-on-one time with our elementary children.

EXPERT LISTENERS: Listen to students read aloud, help with difficult vocabulary words and discuss the story to confirm comprehension. Volunteers are trained by Reading Intervention Coaches and given a building orientation before starting in October. Volunteers are located in the Library at Pewaukee Lake Elementary (5K-3rd) and in the Horizon classrooms (4-6th) for 1-3 hours a week.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Log library books in and out for children, return books to their appropriate shelf, and general organization.

For the safety of our students and faculty, all volunteers must submit a Volunteer Application. It takes 5 minutes to complete and lasts for three years. Thank you for your consideration.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in any capacity, please contact Christine Baar, Volunteer coordinator at 262-701-5513 or baarchr@pewaukeeschools.org. Or for more information, please contact our members Ginny Lockman or Jeanie Matkin.

Ginny Lockman and Jeanie Matkin, Chairs of the Education and Libraries Committee

ENVIRONMENT

If you enjoy the outdoors and critters small and smaller give the Environmental group a try. We test the water environment going into and out of Pewaukee Lake. One aspect of what we look for is we inspect the small critters (BUGS) living in the water to help determine the quality of the water for aquatic life.

During the year the group also does projects with Retzer's Nature Center and a fun art project like trying alcohol ink or glass fusing.

Schedule for 2021:

Thursday May 20, 9am Coco Creek HWY JJ

Monday June 21, 9am Coco Creek HWY JJ lunch and pontoon boat ride at Seeboth's following water testing.

Tuesday July 20, 9am Coco Creek HWY JJ lunch and pontoon boat ride at Seeboth's following water testing (capacity 7 guests)

Saturday Aug 7, 11am Retzer Nature center WAV appreciation lunch with a dragonfly program with Julia Robson, Conservation Biologist

Monday Aug 23, 9am Coco Creek HWY JJ Rain Date no actually Wind Date 37MPH for boat ride in June. (capacity 7 guests)

Tuesday Sept 21, 9am Coco Creek HWY JJ

If you are interested contact

Lori Seeboth at lori@amcarbon.com, Chair of the Environment Committee

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The goal of our committee is to provide information to our members of timely health issues of interest, financial information, cautionary wellness concerns, home safety issues, as well as events of interests in our area. We are also always interested in service projects using our talents to help the community.

We have previously knit/crocheted and provided red baby hats for the NICU through the American Heart Association. In 2019 they had an overabundance of hats, but a member's church needed handmade items, so we continued knitting/crocheting and donated our items to the church. During committee reports that were part of our meetings at the time, we presented information on various subjects of interest to our members. In 2020 due to COVID, our activities were curtailed but we were able to sponsor a one time "Great Birthday Bag Bash" following one of our meetings. Members were invited to bring various items to provide a birthday party of a child in need such as a cake mix, frosting, party hats, decorations, etc. Following the meeting, the group assembled twelve birthday bags and donated them to the Pewaukee Food Pantry so that they could be given to a family in need of making their child have a happy day.

Providing committee information during committee reports at our monthly meeting is a good time to find out "what's going on" in the club. We look forward to searching for pertinent information to pass along as well as group projects. We welcome suggestions from members and will evaluate and submit them to the Executive Board for approval. We presently scan the internet for appropriate projects that our members may enjoy keeping in mind that service should always be in the forefront. Some ideas we are discussing are contacting the American Heart Association to see if they can again accept NICU baby hats; club members participating as a group to support cancer survivors such as a relay walk by getting sponsors to pledge dollars per mile; forming an organized walking club; white elephant sale to replace the raffles portion of a monthly meeting. These are just ideas for further discussion. We look forward to your ideas.

Karen Merz & Sue Atherton, Chairs of the Health and Wellness Committee

GFWC WCP BOOK CLUB

All members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee are welcome to attend discussions for the books chosen for the season. We meet on the SECOND THURSDAY of every month at the Ingleside Hotel in the restaurant at 12 noon. Please notify Nancy Niedziela at 262-366-1660 if you would like to come so that you can be added to the email contact list for the Book Club and to help with reservations for lunch. Visit the GFWC WCP website at https://womansclubofpewaukee.com/wp/?page_id=2266 for the complete list of books. We will start with "The Winemaker's Wife" by Kristin Harmel (Fiction, 401 pages) on September 9, 2021.

Nancy Niedziela, Chair of the GFWC WCP Book Club

GFWC-WI WRITING CONTEST

Show us your Writing talent!

GFWC members and K-12 students can submit a short story or a poem, which have been created in 2021 and 2022, and win appreciation (i.e. gift cards) and a certificate.

For detailed information on the policies and rules for submission and judging visit www.gfwc.org, look for the "Community Services Program" area and under "Arts and Culture". Note: There is a waiver that needs to be completed and submitted for each submission

Contact *Nancy Niedziela* at 262-366-1660 for detailed information on submission and deadlines for our club.

All committee and service chairs will have opportunities to report on their activities during the monthly meetings.

Consider joining a committee, which undertakes activities you can relate to.

Next Membership Meeting:

Mark your calendar: *September 2nd, 2021*

Start at 11:15 am at the Delafield Brewhaus



"Our Club is like the branches of a tree.

We all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one."



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State __ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Home _____

Cell or Work _____

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Annual Dues	\$35	_____
All 9 Lunches	\$162	_____
or		
Sept 2 2021	\$18	_____
Oct 7 2021	\$18	_____
Nov 4 2021	\$18	_____
Dec 2 2021	\$18	_____
Jan 6 2022	\$18	_____
Feb 3 2022	\$18	_____
Mar 3 2022	\$18	_____
Apr 7 2022	\$18	_____
May 5 2022	\$18	_____
Total		_____

Please send this form and payment to:

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Thank you for being a part of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee!