



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

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A Monthly Newsletter for Members, May 2023

President's Corner:

Dear Club Sisters!

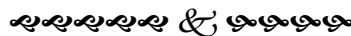
I am experiencing mixed feelings as I am writing the last newsletter as your president. I am grateful for the shared journey over the past 2 years. Let me tell you that with your help and generous support I am taking away many treasures for my personal and professional life. I had the opportunity to learn about leadership, public speaking, newsletter and website design, and the joys and satisfaction of serving other people. These are experiences I



am planning to take to another level in the future while continuing to serve our community. I am looking forward to welcoming the new leaders, Chris Nevinski as President, and Claire Sedushak as Vice President. Let's celebrate and embrace their vision for the club and their courage to step up into leadership roles.

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

*With heartfelt gratefulness,
Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl*



Mark Your Calendars!

Registration for International meeting in Louisville, KY is still open. Visit the GFWC website (link below) for more information on the agenda, lodging, and programming.

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=19390>

The upcoming membership meeting on **May 4th, 2023**, marks the shift in leadership for our club. Be sure to join us for the vote and installation of new board members and for the approval of funds distributed to our community partners.

Membership

Spring Fundraiser - "Come Sail Away" on April 21st, 2023

With this fundraiser we closed our season for 2022-2023. The 120 seats at the Pewaukee Yacht Club were filled with enthusiastic and engaged women, who celebrated the arrival of spring with its capricious weather and beautiful blooms. Silent and live auction were well received and the dancing to live DJ music was invigorating to many. Our **Thanks go out to the Spring Fundraiser Crew** (Nancy Ackley, Jaynee Andree, Sue Atherton, Martha Balfany, Deb Bialozynski, Carole Brinkman, Kristine DeKarske, Mary Dietz, Sherry Foyer, Pat Gallagher, Susan Goldstone, Jean Grossman, Eileen Jarosz, Lana Jerabek, Linda Kowalewski, Malane Kunkel, Abby Lorenz, Germaine McKenna, Christine Nevinski, Sandra Potter, Rose Saad, and Mary Anne Schmaling) with Kathy Novack and Ginny Lockman as chairs, and all other club members who offered their time and resources to make this another successful event. Lana Jerabek did a wonderful job again preparing a nutritious and satisfying meal. Fasten your seat belts: According to Martha, we made over \$9300 profit with this event!



Rolling Hills District Meeting. Twenty eight club members joined the meeting and learned about Women’s Voting Rights from speaker *Jessica Michna* (see front picture), entered their artwork for the District Member Art Contest, and enjoyed the company of club sisters of the district.



Member Art Contest Winners at the District Level

Category	Prize	Winner
Cardmaking	1st	Pat Gallagher
	2nd	Sue Atherton
	3rd	Pat Gallagher
Knitting - hand	2nd	Karen Merz
Mosaic	1st	Julianne Garton
Natural Art	1st	Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl
Paint on	2nd	Carole Brinkman
Paper craft	1st	Sue Atherton
Holiday	2nd	Cam Strong
Glass Infusion	1st	Julianne Garton
	3rd	Carole Brinkman

*Congratulations
to our Winners!*

Local Writing Contest Winner

Once again, our Club organized the GFWC Youth Writing contest in our community. Unfortunately, it has been difficult to connect with teachers in local schools and the number of entries was limited. Nevertheless, we are happy to reward a Pewaukee student with the first prize in form of a \$25 Amazon gift card in the “Youth Poetry” Category. **Alexander Gaggl** won with his entry “Walking Through Cherry Blossoms”.

GFWC-WI Writing Contest

Winners of the Member and State Writing Contest will be announced during the 2023 GFWC-WI State Convention in Eau Claire at the beginning of May and the list of winners will be published in one of the Club newsletters over summer.

Hostesses Sign-up for the 2023-2024 Season

Keep your eyes open for a clip board that will be passed around during the upcoming May meeting. We are looking for volunteers to host one of the monthly meetings. It has been the practice to have a team of 2 co-hostesses per date. Enter your name and preference for the month (September 2023 through May 2024) and your offer will be considered by the Board of Directors. You will be contacted by Christine Nevinski, the incoming Club President, about your teammate and hosting date. Members, who are not able to attend the May meeting and are not able to enter their information into the sheet, can contact [Chris by email](#) before June 1st, 2023, to note their interest.

Committee Updates

Arts and Culture Committee: Susan Goldstone

The Woman's Club of Pewaukee's Helen Farnsworth Mears entries did very well at the Rolling Hills District Meeting. **Kate Bradford** (St. Charles Catholic School in Hartland) placed 1st Place in 2-D Class A Drawing and Painting. **Evelynn Nehls** (Homeschooled) placed 1st, **Ruby Rott** (Prairie Hill Waldorf School) placed 3rd and **Ellia Spiropoulos** (Prairie Hill Waldorf School) was awarded an Honorable Mention in 2-D Class B Drawing and Painting and **Bryce Schimelfenya** (Prairie Hill Waldorf School) placed 1st and **Langdon Coburn** (Prairie Hill Waldorf School) placed 3rd in 3-D Class B Sculpture. We had **nine entries and won six ribbons** at the Rolling Hills competition! Congratulations to all the participants and best of luck to Kate, Evelynn, Ruby, Bryce, and Langdon who will move on to the GFWC-WI State Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Competition!

Book Club: Nancy Niedziela

Book Club has had a great year, averaging 12 members in attendance at each meeting. All members are invited to join the group on the second Thursday of every month at Four Star Restaurant at noon to enjoy individual lunch and stimulating book discussion. Please come once a year, every month or anything in between. The books remaining on the schedule for this year include *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* (May), *The Violin Conspiracy* (June); *the Maid* (July) and *the Wedding Veil* (August). Join the group for fiction, mystery, non-fiction, historical fiction and more! Please contact Nancy Niedziela to be placed on the mailing list.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Abby Lorenz

Pup Patrol: To honor our local first responders, we are collecting new plush dogs for children who are victims of family domestic violence. Our Pewaukee Police will be able to comfort children during critical times of need. Please purchase new pups – any breed, color, or size – to bring joy to children and families experiencing frightening domestic violence calls. **We will collect the pooches at our May meeting and gather afterwards to take a photo of our collected plush “pack” and their generous donors.** We sincerely appreciate your bringing a cuddly canine for all to see!



Civic Engagement and Outreach (continued): Abby Lorenz

Dementia Friendly Pewaukee: Our **Caregivers Coffee** continues the last Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at Fox River Congregational Church in Pewaukee. If you know of someone who is caring for a person with dementia, they are invited to join us. For more information, please direct them to our website: dfpewaukee.org

We are **seeking volunteers to make and serve coffee and/or bring homemade treats or purchased baked goods** for guests who attend our monthly Caregivers Coffee. Please contact AbbyLorenzGFWC.WI@gmail.com or text/call 414-350-8713 if you can help out. Thank you in advance for your service to our community.

Health and Wellness: Sue Atherton & Karen Merz

We want to thank all members who helped sign a total of **960 greeting cards** from September through April for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter holidays in partnership with **Positively Pewaukee**. These cards warmed the hearts and put a smile on the faces of many people living in senior living communities, nursing home facilities and shut-ins throughout the Pewaukee area.

Currently, a group of twelve **walkers organized by Jean Oswald** meet two days a week, morning and/or afternoon for a one-hour walk around the Pewaukee Lake area usually starting near the beach. This **"Walk for Health"** group have logged 73 healthful hours of walking since January 2023. **All members and friends are encouraged to join these groups.**

Legislation and Public Policy Committee: Germaine McKenna

Current Projects:

Out of concern for the safety of Pewaukee residents and non-residents who frequent this area, we are working to **make the community more pedestrian and bike friendly**. These efforts include:

- Partnering with local and state organizations that support such efforts (e.g. Wisconsin Bike Federation, Rails to Trails Conservancy)
- Ensuring there is appropriate safety signage for all bike and pedestrian trails, both on the trails themselves and on any intersecting roadways.
- Supporting the connection of current and future bike and pedestrian trails to make areas of the village/town more accessible.
- Proposing new bike and pedestrian trails to further the safety of residents and non-residents who enjoy this area.
- Supporting legislation that encourages bike and pedestrian trails at the local and state level

Future Projects:

- Facilitating the education of members about voting rights and responsibilities and about current ballot issues.
- Facilitating the education of members about human trafficking in Wisconsin, including a presentation and an opportunity for a service project.

Scholarship Committee: Jean Miller

Our Scholarship Committee met on April 10 and we are very proud to announce that **Lydia LaPorte is the winner of our \$1000 scholarship**. Lydia carries a 4.154 grade point average and ranks 9th in her class. She is also President of the 2023 Senior Class at Pewaukee High School. She will be attending UW-Madison in the fall majoring in pre-nursing. She plans to become a Nurse Practitioner after her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She also is planning a double major in Spanish so that she can treat patients who only speak Spanish. Oh, yes - she is also the granddaughter of our incoming President, Christine Nevinski.

The Scholarship Committee's judging criteria included the applicant's essay on their career goals, their financial need statement, volunteer work, letters of reference and grades. This year we received 3 well-

qualified applications - it was a hard choice. We are planning to revise the application due date for 2024 to March 15, so that we can announce the winner at the April membership meeting.
Thanks to our great committee and to the WCP for budgeting for this scholarship. -Jean Miller

Bunko Committee: Chris Nevinski

Bunko Salad Luncheon. Members, you are invited to celebrate an afternoon of fun and friendship, an easy game to learn. When? Thursday, June 1st, 2023, from noon-3pm; Where? Pewaukee Historical Society, Steele Barn, 206 E Wisconsin Ave, Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass (you are welcome to bring a friend)
RSVP: Mary Dietz@ 262-696-4948 or Marydietz05@yahoo.com

GFWC-WI Events

Arts LIVE! Manikin Contest - 2022-2024 GFWC-WI President's Special Program

At the **2023 State Convention in Eau Claire (May 4-6, 2023)** the manikins will be auctioning off. The raised funds will be donated to the Arts LIVE project of President Dickman's choice. **Lori Seeboth** has graciously agreed to take on the creative process of designing our Club's Manikin. She will bring it to the May meeting and Carole Brinkman will bring it to State Convention. ***Thank you, Lori and Carole!***

Donation Opportunities

For the May meeting you are invited to **bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry** collection as well as to **bring items for future raffle** events. Fran Holloway and Bezmi Kranick are happy to take your items.

Spring reminds us that resilience is only a season away. ~ Angie Weiland-Crosby

