



# GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

## Member of GFWC



A Monthly Newsletter for Members, **June/July 2023**

### President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

I hope you are having a wonderful Summer. It is my sincere honor in serving you as your new President. My theme is the Armed Forces with an emphasis on Friendship. My goals for the 2023-2025 are in line with our GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Mission Statement, to continue involvement in community improvement and enrichment programs, offer member education through suggested readings, speakers, workshops, and conventions, experience culture through offerings in the Fine Arts and abroad, offer fellowship through diverse activities, strive for community and environment safety and inform members of the concepts and programs of the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Club)

I am working with an incredible board to keep the GFWC Pewaukee Woman's Club in good shape-physically, fiscally and spiritually. We proudly continue to carry on the tradition of meeting together to share ideas, enjoyable programs and to promote good will in our community, started by the entrepreneurial women who launched the Pewaukee Woman's Club in 1904. We will be celebrating our 120<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024. I hope we can use this opportunity to share with Pewaukee and our local community neighbors-our history, information about our on-going programs, and our philanthropic work!

I would like to **thank** all of you who signed up to hostess our luncheons in the coming months. The request list was filled before it even went totally around to all the tables!

We now have over 85 members and are continually reaching out to be even more inclusive. If you know of someone who might enjoy our group, please invite them to attend a meeting! We will be hosting a welcoming luncheon/tea in the future.

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

Regards,

*Christine Nevinski*



From left to right: Abby Lorenz, (Past GFWC-WI State President), Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi (Past GFWC-Pewaukee President)

GFWC-Pewaukee 2023 new inductees: Claire Seduhak (Vice President), Mary Dietz (Corresponding Secretary), Sandra Potter (Director), Christine Nevinski (President)

## Membership:

Due to increased costs for food and services the Board of Directors voted to raise the yearly membership dues from **\$35 to \$45**. The monthly meeting luncheon dues will continue to stay at \$20. You will notice this year that you have an option besides the varied lunches to choose:

**Mediterranean Salad with grilled chicken (gluten and lactose free) and a dinner roll**

**Mediterranean Salad (vegetarian) and a dinner roll**

If you choose the salad options, you must continue with your salad choice for all lunch meals offered during the 2023/2024 term. You can pre-pay Martha Balfany our treasurer for your lunches using the attached lunch membership form. Complete and send the form with a check made out to "WCP" to Martha Balfany before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A downloadable version of the form can be also found on our website under "Membership".

You can call or email Martha Balfany with any questions

## Opportunities:

**Technology Position Open:** We are looking for a member who is interested in creating new technology for our club as in documentation of service hours, setting up zoom meetings and more. This is a new position so you would be on the ground floor development. If you are interested or would like to receive more information on this innovative position, please contact Christine Nevinski by phone or email.

## GFWC -WI Events Update

Five members of our Club joined the 126<sup>th</sup> GFWC-WI State Convention held at the Holiday Inn South in Eau Claire Wisconsin from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. Next year's 127<sup>th</sup> GFWC-WI Convention will take place in the Lakeshore District from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to attend!

Congratulations to our past President Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl in receiving her appointment as the GFWC Wisconsin LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar) Candidate. Each State in GFWC is allowed to send one candidate to this workshop at the GFWC International Convention which was held in Louisville Kentucky in June of 2023. The Woman's Club of Pewaukee has only ever had one other **LEADS** winner and that was Abby Lorenz.



## *GFWC-Wisconsin 2022 Awards*

Each year, GFWC accumulates the total number of reported projects, volunteer hours, and both in-kind and dollars donated for the work of its clubs. The most recent data is available in the 2022 Annual Program Statistics Report which provides more detail. See the News & Publications Statistics Report at (<https://www.gfwc.org>).

The statistical reporting and narratives become the recorded history of each state and of each club and aides in preserving the history of women in our society. These club reports and narratives are truly valuable! Pewaukee Woman's Club (Cat I having 30 members or more) for 2022 received:

Environment Best Overall Projects

Health and Wellness-Best Overall Projects

Fundraising and Development-Best Single Project

Juniors Special Program Advocates for Children-Best single Project

Leadership- Best Overall

ES0-Epsilon Sigma Omicron-Best Single

Linda Klimowicz-Pledge

Christine Nevinski-Pledge

Nancy Niedziela-5<sup>th</sup> Century

Alexander Gaggl-"Walking Through Cherry Blossoms"

Susan Vetrovsky-Goldstone "Fall, Pewaukee Lake"



MAY 19, 2023

A Proclamation on Armed Forces Day, 2023

On Armed Forces Day, we honor all the members of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard and Reserve forces. United by a common call to serve, these brave patriots not only comprise the finest fighting force the world has ever known but also represent the very best of our Nation.

# Happy Fourth of July!





## Community Service Programs and Special Committees Spring Activities

### Environmental Committee

Working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, beautify our communities and enjoy nature, GFWC Pewaukee Woman's Club Environment Committee continues to monitor Coco Creek and Pewaukee Lake. The group compares and contrasts the readings from previous years and reports findings. The Environmental committee is planning a fantastic summer. I understand that after the water testing and invertebrates count they occasionally stay in the village and have a snack or lunch at a local restaurant. Contact **Lori Seeboth** or **Malane Kunkel** if you have any questions or interest in participating to protect our environment. The Environmental Committee is part of Water Action Volunteers  
<https://wateractionvolunteers.org/resources/methods/>



### Arts and Culture Mosaic Event

Members met for fellowship and creativity on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn to design their own mosaic boxes. The results were individually astonishing and beautiful.





## Doggie Delivery

Police often get calls from citizens who need assistance and protection from abusive domestic situations. Recognizing the GFWC Domestic Violence and Prevention Signature Program, Abby Lorenz as Committee Chair of Civil Engagement and Outreach asked for plush dogs during our May membership meeting recognizing that plush dogs can provide comfort to children of all ages who are often innocently caught in the crossfire. GFWC Pewaukee Woman's Club members in May responded with a generous donation of three large plastic bags full of plush dogs. Sherrie Szombathelyi along with Abby brought the bags to the police Station. The Pewaukee Policemen were grateful for the donation and will be keeping them in their squad cars!



## Bunko Anyone!

GFWC Pewaukee Woman's Club ladies met for fellowship and fun at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn in June for a salad luncheon followed by the game of Bunko. Twenty-three ladies attended, each bringing a delicious appetizer or dessert to pass. Mary Dietz and Christine Nevinski hosted the event to determine future interest in this type of event. After receiving several positive comments, Bunko will be continued seasonally. Look for the next date in October!



## GFWC Event

### National Day of Service

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community Service and has designated **September 30<sup>th</sup>** as The National Day of Service (NDS). This is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, act to address the need, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs are encouraged to join in and organize community service programs (CSPs) in their communities as part of the NDS.

This year's NDS issue of focus is food insecurity. To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages clubs to contact local food banks and food pantries to find out how best to be of service. Some examples include, sponsoring a food bank, pantry, or food program to organize a volunteer activity. Include club members, family, and friends. Look for up and coming updates!



## Mark Your Calendars!

### Sun and Fun-Raiser

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer “**Sun and Fun-Raiser**” is scheduled for **Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>** from 11am-2pm. The cost is \$15 and covers lunch, dessert, and all beverages. Please contact Kathleen Novack ([kthlnnvck@gmail.com](mailto:kthlnnvck@gmail.com)) for additional information on this lovely summer event. The deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited

### Rolling Hills District Meeting

September 2023, more information to come

### OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION

at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville, Indiana

October 5 – 8, 2023,” “A Candle Loses None of its Light by Lighting Another”

### Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall fundraiser is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ingleside. Look for up and coming updates from Abby Lorenz-Chairman

**Pewaukee Woman's Club 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be held in 2024. Look for up and coming updates from Christine Howard-Chairman