



# GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

## Member of GFWC



A Monthly Newsletter for Members, **September 2023**

## President's Corner:

**Dear Woman's Club Sisters,**

Autumn is the time of hot coffee mornings, and toasty cinnamon bun evenings, best of all taking in the views of the beautiful fall colors. We greet September with exciting things happening in the GFWC Pewaukee Woman's Club. Let's kick off the month by supporting our September 30th GFWC National Day of Service through food donations and volunteering. According to the Census Pulse Survey in August 2022 there is an upward trend in hunger, with 12.1 million families with kids reporting not having enough to eat compared to 9.7 million in December 2021. Our GFWC is asking us to please do our part to help food insecure families in our community to have access to nutritious food. This drive serves people of all generations. (See below for details about this event).

September also sees members renewing their annual membership, the return of our membership luncheons, and the opportunity to reconnect with friends at our club. You can learn about our different committees and events through our GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Membership Yearbook or our Website and you can contact the chairmen, for any additional information about community Service Programs or events that you have an interest in. I am excited to have 94 members in our Club with such a varied set of remarkable skills and backgrounds. If you have any ideas or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me. We are rich with talent in our club.

With the September meeting of the new term closing in, I'm panicked, because this will be my first meeting as President, and I'm afraid that I am not going to remember everyone's name, know all of you, and my technology skills will falter. Please help me by saying hello, giving a helping hand and telling me to breathe. Thank you to the Board of Directors for accepting your positions and being the best at what you do and thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. I look forward to an exciting fun filled year.

Regards,

*Christine Nevinski*

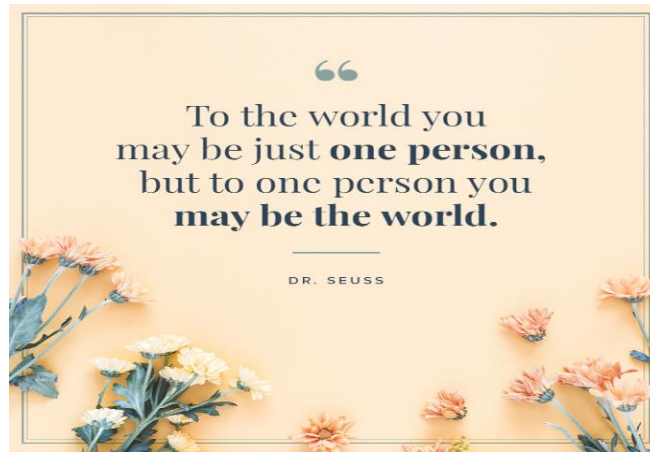


## Membership:

A lovely GFWC of Pewaukee Woman's Club Welcome luncheon was organized by **Linda Kowalewski, Jean Oswald and Jaynee Andree**. (membership committee). The Board of Directors assisted with providing additional food items. 30 women attended the event with 2 new members coming from Thailand and Columbia. There were also women born in States ranging from California to New Hampshire. How diverse and exciting!

**Nancy Niedziela** the Parliamentary Advisor for the GFWC of Pewaukee educated everyone on the meaning of the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Club) with its history and direction. Thank you to all!





## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

If you are not going to attend a meeting, it is your responsibility call or email **Martha Balfany** before noon on the Monday of the week of our regularly scheduled meeting. If you don't call and don't attend, you will be billed \$20.00 for the luncheon.

**Martha Balfany's contact information:** Phone: 608-780-914 or Email: [marthabalfany5@gmail.com](mailto:marthabalfany5@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation

## Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities

### Sunshine Committee

Are you or know of a Club member who is having surgery? Have you or know of a club member who has experienced a recent death in the family? Please inform **Mary Dietz** (Corresponding Secretary) who will contact our Sunshine Committee Chairmen, Sherry Foyer and Geri Coen.

### A Message from the Environmental Committee

Below is the date of Apple Harvest fest and other opportunities:

September 18, 10 AM water testing and invertebrate count

September 23, 2023 Apple Harvest Fest

<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/find-a-park/retzer-nature-center/specialevents/appleharvestfestival/>

You can contact Lori Seebooth or Malane Kunkel for additional information

### A Message from the Legislation and Public Policy Committee

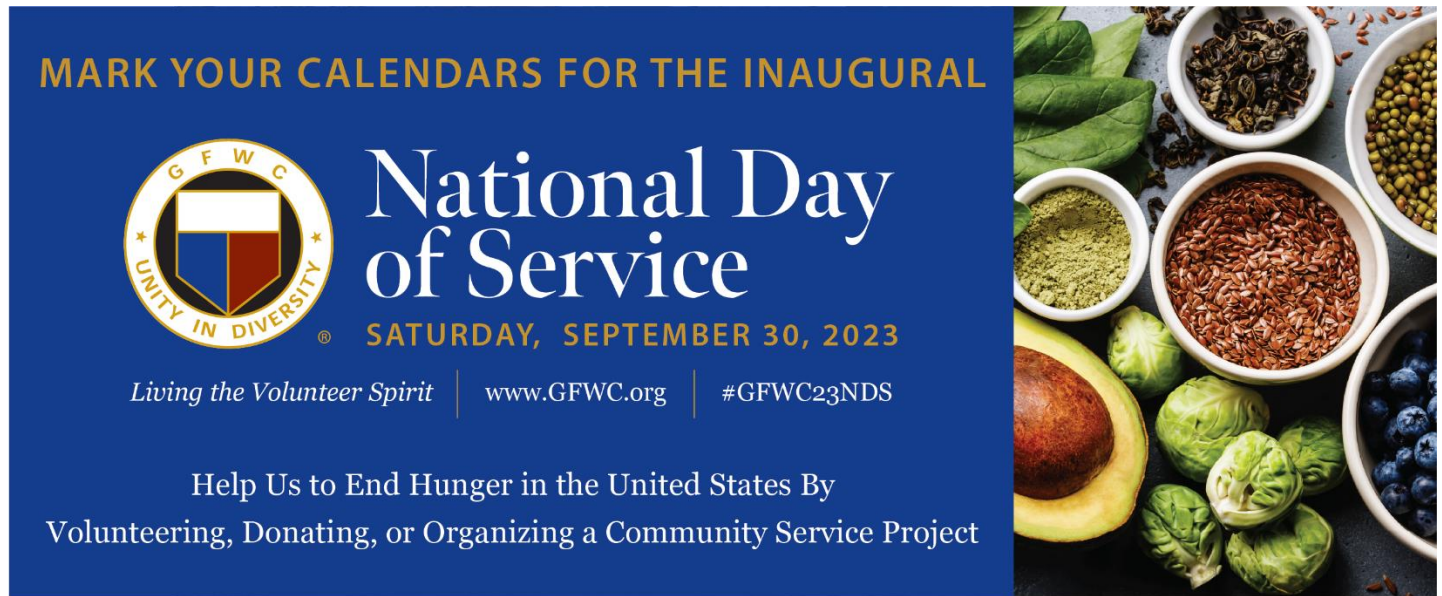
Our first meeting will be Sept 25 at 1:00 pm at Germaine McKenna's home. We are looking for more members! We have several projects to get started on and would welcome those interested in learning more about GFWC legislative priorities and the Scavenger Hunt, promoting bike and pedestrian safety in our local community, and becoming more familiar with the voter process.

--Susan Van Aartsen & Germaine McKenna



## GFWC National Day of Service

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community Service and has designated Saturday, **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. This year's NDS issue of focus is food insecurity. This year the GFWC of Pewaukee will hold a Food Drive for the Pewaukee Food Pantry outside the Pick and Save in Pewaukee at 1405 Capitol Drive from **8:30-1:30pm**. Please bring any food donations to this location. **At least 2 volunteers will be needed for 1 hour shifts to man the drive.** Please contact **Andrea Bartels, Kristine DeKarske or Kathy Fulton** if you are able to volunteer hours or have any questions. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting!

### Rolling Hills District 2023 Fall Meeting

The Rolling Hills District Meeting will be September 23, 2023. The theme this year is "Bountiful Driftless" and the speaker is Dena Nechkash, Grant County tourism and creative graphic designer and photographer. It will be held in Boscobel, Wisconsin. The registration fee is \$15.00 and lunch is \$20.00. We have money available for Educational Programming to cover the registration. We encourage you to attend!

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

The 2023 Annual Conference of the GFWC Great Lakes region will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville, Indiana from October 5 – 8,

This year's theme is "A Candle Loses None of its Light by Lighting Another"

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You are invited to attend, with money available to cover registration.



## Canine Carnival

October 7<sup>th</sup> is the 2023 Lake Country Canine Carnival at the Pewaukee Sports Complex, on the corner of Lyndsay Rd and County F (Redfield Rd.). The Woman's Club of Pewaukee is a partner in this event. Our primary role is providing a significant volunteer team. If you are interested, please email **Kathy Novack** at [kthlnnvck@gmail.com](mailto:kthlnnvck@gmail.com) or sign up at the September membership meeting.

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## The 64th GFWC-WI JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00am to 3:15pm

KENOSHA CIVIL WAR MUSEUM ([map](#))

For a copy of the Registration form and call please click [here](#). You are invited to attend, with money available to cover registration. To register online, please click [here](#).

## October Bunco

Bunco is an extremely easy game of dice that provides members time to come together for an afternoon of fun and frivolity!! All members are welcome to participate and it is a great way to learn more about members. Come and join us October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn from 12-3pm. Pasta lunch entree and beverage supplied, please bring a fruit, vegetable, dessert or appetizer to pass. A food donation for the Pewaukee Food Pantry will be appreciated, Happy Halloween!!!! (you are welcome to come in costume) Please contact Mary Dietz or Carole Brinkman if you plan to attend.

## GFWC- WI Wisconsin's Own Library Open House

Saturday, November 11, 2023

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Lane Library at Ripon College ([map](#))

All are welcome to enjoy our unique collection of books and poetry by Wisconsin authors and illustrators. Learn the History of GFWC-WI Wisconsin's Own Library Listen to Live Poetry Readings featuring Dr. Megan Gannon, Associate Professor of English, and Students of Ripon College  
Wisconsin's Own Library Open House is hosted by GFWC-WI. Funding is provided by the Gwendolyn M. Schultz Charitable Trust. Learn more [HERE](#)



## Fall Fundraiser

### Save the Date!

Thursday, November 16, 2023

11am-2pm

The Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee

The Razzle Dazzle Fall fundraiser committee is seeking additional volunteers to assist with center pieces and décor, reservations and more. Please contact **Karen Patrick** or **Abby Lorenz**.

## Pewaukee Woman's Club 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 120<sup>th</sup> Pewaukee Woman's Club will be held in the Fall of 2024. Please contact **Christine Howard** Chairman for further information and/or if you are interested in participating in the committee

### Education Opportunity

Are you considering leadership in the GFWC International, GFWC State and/or our GFWC Pewaukee club? The GFWC is offering a phenomenal opportunity to learn leadership skills virtually in the comforts of your home. Sessions are from 630pm to 830pm.

For more information please click. [here](#)

Please Note: Attendance to both Session #1 and #2 are required to complete mini LEADS 101



### Donation Opportunities

For the September membership meeting you are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Pewaukee Food Pantry collection as well as to bring items for our membership meeting raffle events. Please contact **Fran Holloway** or **Bezmi Kranick**. Fran and Bezmi are always glad to receive raffle items.

## September Birthdays

Nancy Ackley, Doris Adler, Pat Alters,  
Mary Boersma, Sherry Foyer,  
Margie Koehler-Sacharok, Linda Kowalewski,  
Judy Litvin, Abby Lorenz, Karen Patrick



The 75th Air Force Day will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States.