



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

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

President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

The Holiday Season is upon us and I am going to enjoy every minute of the preparations, activities and shopping that goes along with this time of year. The Holiday Season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us. During our December and January membership meeting, we will be collecting for our sisters who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. Please see below under "Donations". This is a General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Signature Program.

Our Fall Fundraiser was a great success. This year we honored our Armed Forces and collected peanut butter and jelly for our troops. Many thanks go out to the members of the planning committee and the many volunteers who make our events so wonderful and memorable.

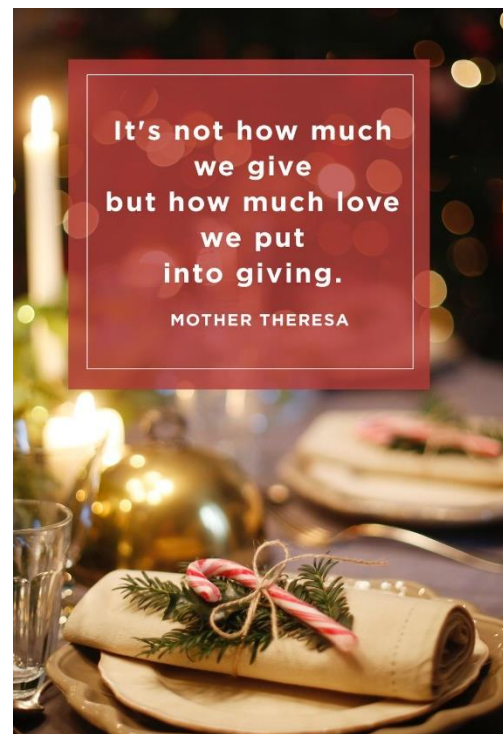
It is this time of year that I am requesting every member and committee chair for their hours and projects they volunteered in during 2023. Your hours reflect the wonderful work you do. I am requesting these hours by December 7th. Beginning in January, I will be asking you to give your volunteer hours and descriptions to Susan Van Aartsen either by email or hand written at our membership meetings on a monthly basis. This should make the process easier.

Always feel free to email or call me for questions, suggestions, ideas or feedback.

(Pictured with my granddaughter, Lydia)

With Sincere Love and Joy,

Christine Nevinski





GFWC -WI Wisconsin's Own Library Open House

On Saturday, November 11TH, 4 of our members traveled to Ripon Wisconsin to visit GFWC's own Library on the Ripon College Campus. They enjoyed the unique collection of books and poetry by Wisconsin authors and illustrators. Pictured on the left are Abby Lorenz, Karen Mertz, Nancy Niedziela and Carole Brinkman. Abby Lorenz is our GFWC-WI Library Chairman.



Serving Communities

Our guest speakers for the November Membership Meeting included Michele Olshanski (pictured on the left) and Melissa Songco, (pictured below.) Michele talked about her trip to Guatemala through International Missions and Melissa talked to us about Habitat for Humanity. Both Organizations build homes and better futures for those in need, internationally and in Waukesha.



Membership:

Health and Wellness Committee



Since October is known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Health and Wellness Committee collected items for the Women's Center. They extended the drive through November. The mission of the Women's Center, located in Waukesha, is to provide safety, shelter and support and to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking. (Pictured on the left are members with some of the items collected.)

GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Fund Raiser



Twenty of our members gathered to support and enjoy the GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club Fashion Show Fund Raiser, the fashions and the scenery were delightful! (Pictures above and to the left.)

GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Razzle Dazzle Fund Raiser- A Tribute to Our Armed Forces



Pictured on the left, our volunteer members who prepared for the beautiful and memorable tribute to our Armed Forces. Pictured below are uniforms displayed from the Armed Forces.



Approximately 200 guests enjoyed the luncheon at the Ingleside Conference Center in Pewaukee, both our GFWC-WI, President Nancy Dickman and GFWC-WI, President Elect Linda Brown were in attendance. (Pictured above left). Guests admired a picture board of Armed Forces Veterans and Active Duty Servicemen and women, along with Kathleen Novack, Rolling Hills District President. (Pictured above right). Women appeared emotional seeing their loved ones pictured in uniform and reliving memories.

Army



Our celebrated United States Army Veterans, the Veteran (pictured on the far left) served in Iwo Jima during World War II. He shared with everyone that on his next birthday he will be 100 years old.

Navy



Marines



Our celebrated United States Marine Corps Veterans, (pictured on the left) and our United States Navy Veterans (pictured on the right).

Air Force



Our celebrated United States Air Force Veterans (pictured above left). It was an emotional time for our emcee, Abby Lorenz, who celebrated her father (pictured third from the right). Over 250 peanut butter and jelly containers (pictured above right) were collected for deployed Servicemen and women.

Mark Your Calendars

GFWC-WI Winter Workshop-February 9-10, 2024, Middleton, Wisconsin. The registration information will be available soon and will be shared in an upcoming newsletter. There are funds in the budget available for registration of attendees.

GFWC Rolling Hills District Spring Meeting-April 6, 2024, Hosted by the Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club. It will be held at the Walker House, Mineral Point Wisconsin. More information to come!

GFWC -WI Annual Convention-May 2-5, it will be held at the Embassy Suites, Brookfield Wisconsin. More information to come!

GFWC International Convention-June 28-July 1, 2024, Sparkle, Shine, Succeed, Chicago Illinois. More information to come

Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities

Pewaukee Historical Society Tree Lighting Ceremony-Clark House Museum, Steele Exhibit Bldg.

12/2: 2pm-5pm- Visit Santa, crafts for kids, Santa's Gift Shop, singing carols with the Civic Broadway Singers and count-down to light the Christmas Tree. Hot Chocolate and cookies provided by the Kiwanis Club!



Pewaukee High School Fine Arts Events



The Pewaukee High School's Choir, Band and Drama Club; invite the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee:

12/6: Winter Band Concert 7pm

12/19: Winter Choir Concert 7pm

All events take place at the Pewaukee High School Auditorium.

Jingle All the Way Bunco Luncheon



Bunco is an easy game of dice that provides members time to come together for an afternoon of fun. All members are welcome to participate, you can learn that day and it is a great way to learn more about fellow members. Come and join us **Tuesday December 19th at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn from 12-1pm lunch and 1-3pm Bunco.** Sandwiches and beverages will be supplied. **Please bring a fruit, vegetable, dessert or appetizer to pass. (A basket will be available to donate items to victims of domestic and sexual violence, see page 8).** You can sign up for Bunco at the December

Membership Meeting or contact **Carole Brinkman** or **Mary Dietz** if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Pewaukee Woman's Club 120th Anniversary Celebration

The 120th 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 on the committee.

Volunteer Opportunities

Let your talents shine, the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee will be looking for a Director, Recording Secretary and Treasurer to serve a 2-year term beginning in May of 2024. Please contact Nancy Ackley, Abby Lorenz or Karen Patrick for further information.

Education and Libraries Committee

Pewaukee Schools

The Expert Listener program is back at the Pewaukee Schools. If you were interested in working with young students to help them build their reading skill and learn confidence, but missed the October 17th orientation training please contact Lisa or add a note in the [Volunteer Interest Form](#). After the Expert Listener program kicks off in November, there may be more teachers and students requesting additional Expert Listeners in the classrooms so additional spots may be added. If that happens, another orientation and training for new volunteers will be scheduled.

If you are looking for other volunteer opportunities at Pewaukee Schools [Volunteer at Pewaukee Schools](#). All volunteers must complete and submit a Volunteer Application. After the application is approved, volunteers are eligible to help in any of the schools and programs for 3 years. [Online Volunteer Application for Pewaukee School District](#). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Janssen Volunteer Coordinator Pewaukee School District. Her contact information: 262-701-5513 (office: Tuesday-Friday-Half Days or jannlis@pewaukeeschools.org). Please contact Ginny Lockman if you have not heard from Lisa Janssen and are interested in volunteering.

Education Opportunity



[Library Website](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

[Catalog](#)

Donation Opportunities

Legislation and Policy Committee

Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

The GFWC Signature Program is Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. The goal of the program is to increase awareness and help prevent the widespread occurrence of violence against women in communities across the nation—and the globe. Areas of focus include Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking.

One WCP club project underway focuses on Human Trafficking. To raise members' awareness of this modern-day form of slavery, we are hosting a speaker at our January 2024 meeting from Exploit No More, a Milwaukee organization that responds to sex trafficking through community education programs, safe and dignified housing options and many other supportive services.

In support of Exploit No More, we will be assembling "Move in Baskets" at our December and January meeting. Once sex trafficking victims have begun their healing journey, many are ready to move forward and find their own housing. Exploit No More provides each survivor with a "Move in Basket" when they move. To facilitate that project, we will be collecting donations in advance. Please consider donating the following:

- Laundry baskets
- Full size cleaning products** - glass cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, bathroom cleaner
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Microfiber cloths or dusters
- Full size toiletries** - toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener

** Please no travel size items, as many victims were trafficked in hotels and these items may be triggering.

Germaine McKenna and Susan Van Aartsen will be collecting the donations at our December and January membership meeting.

Looking ahead to the New Year

The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee is a service organization dedicated to supporting a range of community groups that contribute to the quality of life for those living in the Pewaukee area. Through year-long volunteer efforts, it raises and distributes funds every year to approximately twenty organizations. These groups support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy life styles, encourage civic involvement and outreach, and help men, women and children in need. If you know of an organization that would need our help, see our website: https://womansclubofpewaukee.com/wp/?page_id=553

The deadline to apply for funds for 2023-2024 year will be **April 1, 2024(postmarked)**.

Sunshine Committee

Are you or do you know of a Club member who is having surgery? Have you or do you know of a club member who has experienced a recent death in the family? Please contact **Mary Dietz**.

December Birthdays

Mary Benz, Carole Brinkman, Jidapa Buckley,

Cynthia Day Campbell, Pat Gallagher,

Lana Jerabek, Debbie Koepf,

Christine Krasovich,

Malane Kunkel, Jean Oswald



Wishing you Happy and Safe Holidays