



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

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A Monthly Newsletter for Members, **October, 2024**

President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

In October, Autumn in Wisconsin comes into full swing with extraordinary beauty. As I am writing this, I am thinking about the breath-taking joy that comes when walking in the woods, smelling the crisp fall fragrances and seeing the crimson colors. This year we celebrate our 120th year during this wonderful season and remember those women whose paths we trail.

I hope that you will participate in the commemoration activities throughout the coming months. You see, our Club is all about you, our dedicated members. I see and appreciate everything you do for the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee every day, the success our organization has experienced would not be possible without your contribution. I am truly grateful to our past women trailblazers; however, I want to extend my utmost gratefulness to you. Thank you!

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

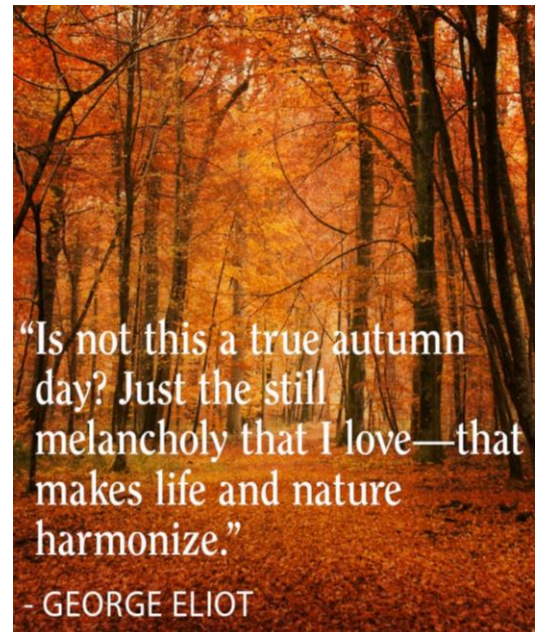
Yours faithfully,

Christine Nevinski

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The November membership meeting is Monday, November 4th instead of Thursday.

If you are not going to attend a meeting (which is scheduled the first Thursday of every month) it is your responsibility to call or email **Jo Ann Lawler** before noon on the Monday of the week of the regularly scheduled meeting. If you don't call and don't attend, you will be billed \$20.00 for the luncheon, for any questions contact Jo Ann Lawler at 714-337-0980 or Email; lawlerj22218@gmail.com . Don't forget your membership dues. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Membership

Friends and Forms



Nine members pictured above participated in the **Friends and Forms** educational opportunity on September 16th from 9:30-11:30am at the Pewaukee Library Community Room. Hartland President, Paula Decker pictured above left, 2nd person from the left and Pewaukee President, Christine Nevinski engaged members not only with reporting events or activities, but also in sharing thoughts and spirituality on the Collect.

GFWC-WI Fall Institute



Six members pictured above left attended the GFWC-WI Fall Institute Meeting from September 18-20 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Appleton/Kimberly Wisconsin, pictured above from the left are Sandra Potter, Kathleen Novack, Nancy Niedziela, Abby Lorenz, Christine Nevinski and Helen Valentinelli. Pictured above center are members making treat bags for our servicemen using the USO at Mitchell Field Airport. Pictured above right is Sadie Goettl, 2024 Wisconsin Honey Queen speaking about beekeeping. Our new State President is Linda Brown and State Director of Junior Clubs is Missy Kimball. The GFWC Wisconsin 2024-2026 theme is **Bee Busy-Volunteer** and GFWC Wisconsin Juniors is **BEE A READER**. Let's keep buzzing!

Environment Committee

A few years ago, the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee bought native plants for the Fox River. The Environmental group was doing water testing and saw the village had put up a sign to recognize our contribution.



GFWC Rolling Hills District Meeting



Twelve members attended the GFWC-WI Rolling Hills District Meeting on September 28th at the Red Moon Restaurant in Hartford/Rubicon. Pictured to the left standing in the back row are Ginny Lockman, Nancy Niedziela, Barbara Wollner, Christine Nevinski and Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi. In the center row from the left are Abby Lorenz, Claire Sedushak, Mary Dietz, Sherry Foyer, Sandra Potter, Nancy Ackley and Kathleen Novack, standing in front is our new GFWC-WI State President Linda Brown. Pictured on the right is our new Rolling Hills District President, Carol Wolfenden in action. The day included a speaker on scamming, how to become better leaders and learning about each other and our sister district clubs.

National Day of Service



The National Day of Service was a huge success! The Pewaukee Food Drive collected 403 food items and \$150 in monetary donations. Pictured above in the center are the first 2 people to donate items on the ends. There were 118 people who donated to the Pewaukee Food Pantry and 12 volunteers who donated their time and talents, including see above on the left, Judy Risic, Kathy Fulton, June Kinney and Mary Heim; not pictured are Dawn Wollenzien, Sue Goldstone, Jo Ann Lawler, Mary Anne Schmaling, Bob Fulton, Mary Dietz and Kris DeKarske. Kathy Fulton and Kris Dekarske coordinated the event and



Claire Sedushak met with our sister clubs of Hartland and Oconomowoc for publicity. (see flyer pictured upper right corner) Pictured on the lower right corner is Judy Litvin and Kris DeKarske loading her car to deliver food items to the Pewaukee Food Pantry.

Mark Your Calendars

GFWC Great Lakes Region Meeting-October 17-20, 2024- Michigan. "Living the Volunteer Spirit- Celebrating the Power of Positive Connections" the Wyndham Hotel at 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507. If you are planning to stay overnight, contact <https://gatewayhotelflint.com/gfwc> or 800-465-4329 or 810-232-5300. See the GFWC-WI Clubwoman August 2024 issue or <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LwvF2U45tYByqZQB5t4SnHj8ifM6zVkJTboB9dwBWo/edit?usp=sharing> for additional information.

GFWC Wisconsin's Own Library Open House- Lane Library at Ripon College 300 W. Seward Street Ripon, Wisconsin Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 1pm-3pm. Free admission!

- *Listen to live poetry readings featuring Poet-in-Residence Max Schleicher
- *Learn the history of the Collection
- *Enjoy refreshments
- *RSVP to Sue Bednarek at 920-295-6509 or sjbednarek@charter.net



GFWC-WI Winter Bee Hive Chats (Virtual)-February 10-14 and 17-21, 2025, additional information to come.

GFWC WI 128th Convention-May 1-3, 2025 Janesville, Wisconsin; Janesville Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express, additional information to come.

Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities

Message from Our Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

Dementia Friendly Pewaukee is hosting a Caregivers Workshop on Saturday, October 26, from 1-3pm at the Pewaukee City Hall. Registration is required if you plan to attend. Please email AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com or text: 414-350-8713 with name and number of guests for this free event. All are welcome!

A flyer for a "Having Those Difficult Conversations as a Caregiver" workshop. It features a purple lotus logo and the text "DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PEWAUKEE". The background shows a close-up of hands being held together. The text provides details about the workshop, including the date, time, location, and contact information for registration.

Having Those Difficult Conversations as a Caregiver
Caregivers Educational Workshop
Hosted by Dementia Friendly Pewaukee

Saturday, October 26, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Pewaukee City Hall • Community Room, Lower Level

There are many difficult conversations for family caregivers. This workshop will educate you on the most common ones including when to take the car keys away, copings with addictions, and how to deal with your feelings of ambiguous loss of your loved one with dementia. Join experts from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, addiction specialists and other professionals as we provide insight and comfort during your journey as a caregiver. Enjoy vendors, Kneading Time chair massages, take-home bags provided by the ADRC and GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, refreshments compliments of Azura Memory Care, and lively music to lift your spirits! This workshop is free and open to family caregivers on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is Required for this Free In-Person Event.
Please email AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com or text 414-350-8713 with name and number of guests.
More information at www.dfpewaukee.org

October Bunco

Spend Halloween, October 31st at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn from 12-3pm. Pot luck lunch from 12-1pm and Bunco from 1pm-3pm. (you are welcome to come in costume). If you plan on attending, please contact Mary Dietz at 262-696-4948, marydietz05@yahoo.com or a sign-up sheet will be available at the October Membership meeting. Bunco is easy to learn on the same day!



Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Information Meeting-Tuesday, October 8th at 6pm at the Pewaukee Library, for more information you can call: 262-691-5670 or www.pewaukeeelibrary.org . Registration is required.

Save the Dates

120TH Woman's Club of Pewaukee Anniversary Razzle Dazzle Gala Fundraiser

Thursday, October 10th Honoring our Heritage

The Commodore on Lake Nagawicka, 5:30 to 8:30pm

The Razzle Dazzle 120th Anniversary Gala is quickly approaching! Invitations were sent. **Razzle Dazzle is still looking for wine donations for the wine pull fundraiser. Please bring wine with a value of at least \$15 to the October luncheon, or contact Germaine McKenna to arrange a pickup.** And don't forget to fill out the donation form. Thank you!

Questions? Contact, **Christine Howard** at Cmhoward55@gmail.com or **Abby Lorenz** at abbylorenzGFWC.WI@gmail.com



High Tea

Thursday, November 14th

Honoring our Honorary Members and Past Presidents

Western Lakes Country Club, 2:00 to 4:00pm

Please contact Germaine McKenna at germaine.mckenna@gmail.com , **Nancy Niedziela** at nancyniedziela@gmail.com or **Sandy Potter** at spotter415@gmail.com for further information



Volunteer Opportunities

Canine Carnival

October 5th is the 2024 Lake Country Canine Carnival at the Kiwanis Village Park, Capitol Drive, Pewaukee. The Woman's Club of Pewaukee is a partner in this event. Our primary role is providing a significant volunteer team. There remains vacancies. If you are interested, please call **Kathy Novack** at 262-696-4187 or kthlnnvck@gmail.com or sign up at the October membership meeting.



Donation Opportunities

Homeless Veteran Collection

The Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the **HUD/VASH Program for Homeless Veterans during the October 3rd Membership Meeting**. Items needed include:

1. Cleaning supplies including: Laundry soap and softener, dish soap, cleaning products, brooms, dustpans.
2. Personal hygiene products including: body wash, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothpaste.
3. Misc. items including: can openers both manual and electric, crock pots, \$10 gas gift cards

For the October membership meeting you are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the **Pewaukee Food Pantry** collection as well as 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.

Requested food pantry items include: canned pinto beans, boxed oatmeal packets or oatmeal in cannisters, 6oz cans of tomato paste, 8oz cans of tomato sauce, 4lb. bag of flour, 4lb. bag of sugar, canned carrots, spaghetti sauce and jelly (any flavor). However, any item is appreciated.

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 **Carole Brinkman** at carole.brinkman@yahoo.com. or **Kathleen Novack** at kthlnnvck@gmail.com .

October Birthdays Karan Berg and Eileen Jarosz

