



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Member of GFWC

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



President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

It's December — that most wonderful time of the year with shopping, family, cooler temperatures, holiday music, Salvation Army red kettles, baking, and red and green everywhere — the holiday season and the beginning of winter. Amid the hustle and bustle of the month, we pause to think of the many blessings bestowed upon us during the year and remember those who are no longer with us as this 2024 ends — family, friends, and clubwomen. While we are enjoying the festivities of the season with family and friends, please remember the less fortunate in your holiday giving and prayers— maybe a few coins in those red kettles, a couple of cans of soup for a food pantry, a gift for a child, or a smile and hello to a stranger. Yes, December is that magical time for reflection, giving, and celebration.

A special thank you to **Sandy Potter, Pam McCollow, Germaine McKenna and Nancy Niedziela** for coordinating the 120th GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee High Tea at the Western Lakes Golf Club, and to all of our members who attended in both body and spirit and volunteered to help make this a wonderful event. The afternoon recognized our Honorary Members, past Presidents and GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee achievements.

Members wore High Tea apparel which included gloves and hats, sipped tea, heard a musical quartet, ate tea sandwiches and enjoyed fabulous desserts while visualizing days of yore. Proclamations given to our Club were presented by Nancy Niedziela (Honorary member and past President) and are added to the end of this newsletter. I am so grateful to be a member of this Club!



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

Season's Greetings from my family to Yours
with Love,

Christine Nevinski

(Pictured to the right celebrating our 50th Anniversary is my husband, 4 children, their spouses and 9 grandchildren, Graham age 2 is missing).

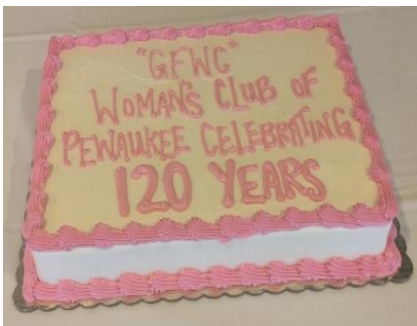


Membership

The 120th Anniversary High Tea



The 120th GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee High Tea, celebrated Honorees and past presidents including (pictured above on the right from the left) Nancy Koepp, Ruth Harken, Nancy Lee McIntyre, Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl, Nancy Niedziela, Ella Dzioba, Susan Goldstone and Kathleen Novack. Pictured above to the right are members listening to our speaker. Pictured below on the left is a beautiful cake commemorating the occasion; in the center is the Pewaukee High School band quartet with their director Kate Mitchell who played for all, and to the bottom right is the Tea Set which has been handed down from President to President.



Pictured above to the left are members Ella Dzioba and Susan Goldstone; in the center are Susan Taraska, Christine Nevinski and Claire Sedushak, and on the right Donna Truelove, Jean Oswald, Nancy Niedziela and Mary Heim enjoying the moment!

Signage



The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee is represented! It has long been the desire to have the presence of the GFWC in Pewaukee recognized. **Mary Dietz** was instrumental in seeing this through. Mary contacted the Village Board on several occasions with persistence and attended 2 board meetings to fulfill that goal. Mary also met with James Forester who governs the property on the corner of Highway 164 and Capitol Drive in Pewaukee where recognized organization plaques are placed. Pictured above is the signage pre-GFWC logo and post.



Protecting Yourself Online

Officer Larissa Hildebrandt of the Village of Pewaukee Police Dept., guest speaker, presented important information to members regarding online scams at our November 4th meeting. If you suspect any criminal activity on your phone or computer, report it to your local police. Several personal stories were also shared.



Shoebox Collection

Shoeboxes of Love

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes were returned on the General Membership November 4th meeting. Each box is

filled with toys, socks, hats, shoes, toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, combs, sunglasses, jump ropes and much more. They are then returned and delivered to a collection site during National Collection Week before they are sent off to over more than 100 countries for distribution to underprivileged children. Each shoebox is



accompanied by a \$10 donation to cover shipping and processing costs. Club members filled 18 boxes for less fortunate children. Pictured above on the left are Sandy Soria and Carole Brinkman. The collection of boxes didn't stop there. In addition, in the Pewaukee Area there is a "packing party" organized by local branches of Operation Christmas Child. Here anyone from the community can come and grab a box, get in an assembly line to fill boxes with donated items from the Waukesha Community. The local packing party was held on November 10 at the Oconomowoc YMCA. Over 2,400 boxes were filled. Two members of the club volunteered to spend the entire day working the bake sale at the event which raises funds to help with shipping costs. In addition, another member and two grandchildren spent 2 hours assembling and filling boxes. Pictured above right are Karen Berg, Nancy Niedziela, her 2 grandchildren and Sandy Soria.

Visiting Our Library in Ripon



Three members of our club visited the GFWC Wisconsin's own library Open House in Ripon Wisconsin on Saturday, November 9th. Pictured on the left from the left are Nancy Niedziela, Max Schleicher (Poet in Residence), Sandy Soria and Fran Holloway.

Environment Committee

The Environmental Committee is spreading the word. Pictured on the right standing from the left is Linda Klimowicz, Mary Heim, and Lori Seeboth, seated from the left are Nancy Ackley and Fran Holloway. The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee is partnering with the Pewaukee Library to present programs and speakers related to the environment and Pewaukee Lake.



Answering a call

Centerpoint, a local boat dealer, sponsored a "Fill the Boat" food drive for the Pewaukee Area Food Pantry. Three large recreational boats were stationed in various places and donors dropped off donations of non-perishable food. On the Saturday

before Thanksgiving, the three boats arrived at the Pewaukee Area Food Pantry filled to the brim with bags and boxes of donations. Every storage area in each of the boats was crammed with food. In addition to many other volunteers, six women of the Woman's Club of Pewaukee were on hand to help unload the boats, carry the items inside, and then sort them by expiration dates for future distribution. In addition, one husband and three grandchildren were on hand to help with the "muscle" and sorting. The volumes of food collected was amazing. This was a wonderful joint experience with a local business, a food pantry and many volunteers.

Happy Halloween Bunco

The ghosts and goblins may have been out on Halloween but that didn't stop Bunco. Twenty-six members met at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn to enjoy a potluck lunch and play Bunco. Some members dressed in costume for the occasion.



Mark Your Calendars

Save the Dates

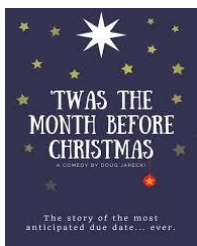
GFWC-WI Winter Bee Hive Chats (Virtual)-February 10-14 and 17-21, 2025, additional information to come.

GFWC Rolling Hills Meeting-April 26, 2025, Heartland, additional information will follow.

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

GFWC International Convention-June 6-9, 2025, Omni Atlanta Hotel, CNN Center with additional information to come.

Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities



Arts and Culture Committee Theater Show and Dinner-

Twas The Month Before Christmas (Comedy)

Sunday, December 8, 2024 (Show 2pm; Dinner at 4:30pm)

Sign up deadline for the show has passed, however, you can attend the

dinner at Bar Louie in Brookfield Square Mall. Please contact Eileen Jarosz;

co-chair at 262-720-9561 for further information or questions.

Seasonal Group

Jingle All the Way Bunco

Thursday, December 19, 2024 (Pot Luck lunch at noon, Bunco from 1-3pm.

Pewaukee Area Historical Society Steele Barn at 206 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Pewaukee. (Please park on the street). A sign-up sheet will be at the December Membership meeting.

Easy to learn on the same day! Please contact Mary Dietz at 262-336-4049 for further information.



International Volunteer Day-December 5th

Started in 1985 as an international observance mandated by the United Nations General Assembly, International Volunteer Day, commonly known as IVD, is celebrated on December 5th every year. It's a day where volunteers are acknowledged, and the spirit of volunteerism is promoted at the local, national and international levels.

When did volunteering begin? The first instances seem to date to medieval Europe, where religion and care for the sick went hand-in-hand. Hundreds of hospitals run by churches in countries like England tended to lepers and victims of the plague. By the 18th century (Revolutionary War period), volunteering had more to do with ordinary people showing love for their country and supporting the war effort than giving back to the community. Organized volunteering as we know it today began to take off in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In the 1820s, we experienced the Second Great Awakening, a rebirth of religion that inspired many ordinary Americans to take an active role in solving the issues around them.

Organizations like The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Way, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Y.M.C.A. started collecting donations, mobilizing volunteers, and doing charity work and community service. Then, as a result of the Great Depression in the 1930s, homeless shelters and soup kitchens became a standard part of life in the U.S. Today, there are many non-profit organizations, like our very own General Federation of Women's Club, that play a vital role in helping build a better world for all. Volunteering contributes to the economy and builds a safer, unified society. This, in turn, promotes civic engagement resulting in the socioeconomic growth of a nation.

Did You Know?

1. Volunteering eases stress.
2. Volunteers are happy people.
3. Volunteering, especially among the elderly, helps reduce mortality rates and helps people live longer, and more fulfilled lives.
4. Volunteering positively affects general health.
5. Volunteers are more likely to find employment.
6. Over 1 billion people volunteer worldwide, equally about 109 million fulltime workers.
7. About 30.3% of Americans volunteer.

8. Volunteer time in America is valued at \$28.34/hour.
9. People in U.S. spend an average of 52 hours a year volunteering.
10. 57% of volunteers are women

Volunteer Opportunities

Shop with a Cop



Get in the Holiday Spirit as our Club works with the Village of Pewaukee's Police Department for the "Shop with a Cop" program on **Saturday, December 7th at 8:30 am** at the **Horizon Elementary School, 358 Lake Street, Pewaukee.**

Here is how you can get involved. We need volunteers to either serve food or wrap gifts. It is a two-hour commitment from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Contact Claire Sedushak if available at 262-844-8858.

No time? Then consider making a potato casserole. We are looking for side dishes to serve with sandwiches. Or consider sharing homemade cookies or baked goods (no nuts please due to allergies). Please deliver to Horizon Elementary School at 8:30 am on Saturday.

Not a baker? No problem. Donations of Christmas wrapping paper are welcomed. Bring to the WCP Luncheon Meeting.

Donation Opportunities

On **Monday, Dec 2nd from 3-9pm**, **Bubbas** will donate up to 15% of their sales to the Pewaukee Woman's Club. Bubbas is located at 1278 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee Wisconsin. Come and participate by enjoying a good meal or in greeting customers and spreading the word about us, just tell them when you order that you support the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee! Help us out bringing your family, friends, and neighbors. Contact Mary Dietz or Claire Sedushak for additional information.



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.

The **Pewaukee Food Pantry** is in need of tomatoe sauce 6oz, canned mandarine oranges, canned mixed fruit in lite syrup, boxed pasta, mustard, canned pineapple in lite syrup, cereal, ketup, cookies, breakfast bars, coffee 11.3oz can and apple sauce in jars.

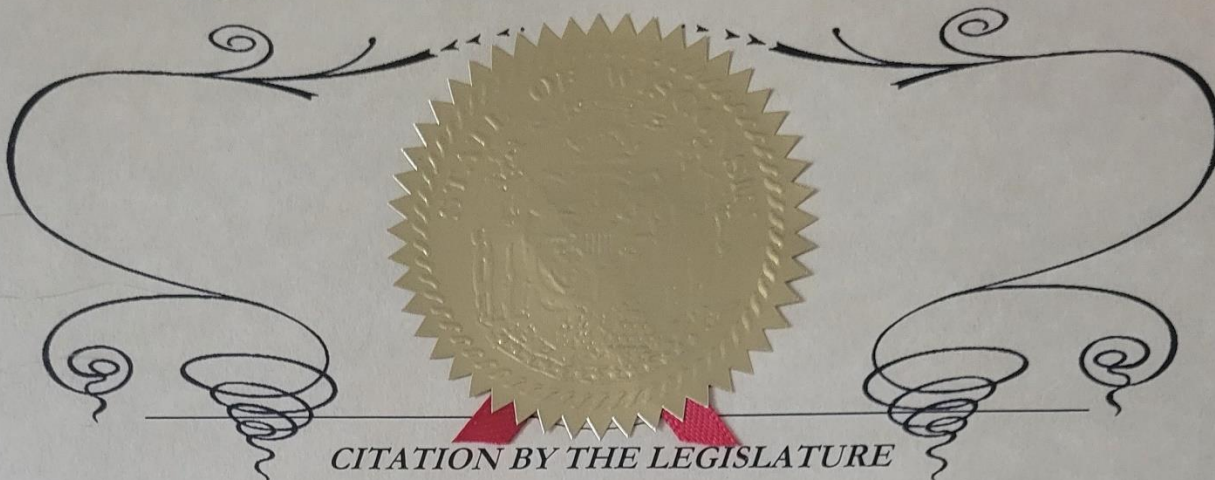
December Birthdays

Mary Benz, Deb Blasius, Carole Brinkman, Cynthia Day-Campbell, Pat Gallagher, Lana Jerabek, Debbie Koepf, Christine Krasovich, Jean Oswald.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_z-1fTlSDFo



THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

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WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Pewaukee's mission is to strive for community improvement and enrichment, to foster healthy family relationships, and to provide its members with opportunities for education, culture, fellowship and service; and

WHEREAS, The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee was instrumental in the Woman's Suffrage Movement resulting in Wisconsin being the first state to pass an Equal Rights Law for Women and in Wisconsin being the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote; and

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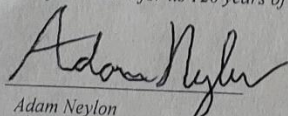
WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Pewaukee holds workshops for Dementia Friendly Pewaukee, organizes the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, offers local and state-wide scholarships, holds food drives for the Pewaukee Food Pantry, supports and participates in the Lake Country Canine Carnival, Positively Pewaukee's Halloween Fun Fest, rings the bell for the Salvation Army, holds a blood drive for the Red Cross, supports Pewaukee area schools, and financially supports more than twenty local non-profit organizations each year with monetary grants; and

WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Pewaukee received the Pewaukee Chamber's Non-Profit of the Year Award in both 2012 and 2019; and

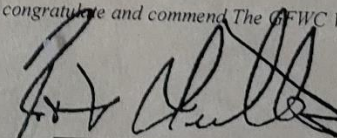
WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Pewaukee has continued to offer its members opportunities to grow intellectually and spiritually while serving their community; and

WHEREAS, The Woman's club of Pewaukee conducted itself with the highest level of professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, that State Representative Adam Neylon, and State Senator Rob Hutton congratulate and commend The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee for its 120 years of service to Waukesha County.


Adam Neylon
15th Assembly District

STATE CAPITOL
MADISON, WISCONSIN
October 3, 2024


Rob Hutton
5th Senate District

STATE OF WISCONSIN

VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE

WAUKESHA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB
OF PEWAUKEE

WHEREAS, the Women's Club of Pewaukee was formed in 1904; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the ensuing one hundred and twenty years the Women's Club of Pewaukee has faithfully served the community with many projects; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Club of Pewaukee founded the first public library in Pewaukee; and

WHEREAS, the Pewaukee Historical Society was formed as the result of the Women's Club of Pewaukee celebration in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Club of Pewaukee donated pediatric resuscitator bags to ambulances in the early 2000's; and


WHEREAS, the Women's Club of Pewaukee supports the Police Department by participating in and donating to National Night Out; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Club of Pewaukee is presently involved in beautification projects downtown and volunteering for school activities;

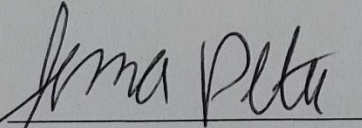
THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Pewaukee Waukesha County, Wisconsin, that it hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation for the dedication given to the Village of Pewaukee by the Women's Club of Pewaukee and salutes their celebration of one hundred and twenty years of service.

Dated this 1st day of October 2024.

VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE


Jeff Knutson, Village Board President

ATTEST:


Jenna Peter, Village Clerk



A COMMENDATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN



COUNTY OF WAUKESHA EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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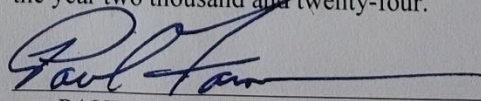
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee is to be commended for its 120 years of service to Waukesha County.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive, hereby sign this commendation and affix the seal of Waukesha County on the 10th day of October in the year two thousand and twenty-four.


PAUL FARROW
County Executive



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING

The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

120 YEARS OF SERVICE

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
I AM PLEASED TO COMMEND THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEWAUKEE
ON THEIR DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE.

FOUNDED IN 1904, FOR THE PAST 120 YEARS, THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF
PEWAUKEE HAS WORKED TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT
WAUKESHA COUNTY AND BEYOND WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT,
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP, COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND PHILANTHROPY.

ON THIS OCCASION, I EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PEWAUKEE UPON THE ORGANIZATION'S 120TH
ANNIVERSARY.

DONE ON THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER
2024.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

