



# GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

Member of GFWC

A Monthly Newsletter for Members, **January, 2025**



## President's Corner:

**Dear Woman's Club Sisters,**

We have had a great year together. There were so many "firsts", as being involved with the Pewaukee Police Department in National Night Out and Shop with a Cop. There was an **evening 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Razzle Dazzle Gala** and an **afternoon High Tea**. We held a fundraiser at Bubba's Restaurant, partnered with our Hartland sister club, incorporated the General Federation of Women's Clubs logo signage entering the community of Pewaukee and spoke on Wisconsin Public Radio on behalf of the GFWC Women's Club of Pewaukee. But that is not all, in 2024 we walked the fields of Woods National Cemetery placing flags on graves for Memorial Day. Our Environmental Committee partnered with our Public Library to bring "environmental awareness". We wore newly designed GFWC buttons and aprons when going out into the community and added Quick Book to ease treasury functions. These were all "firsts" for our Club, besides being involved in many, many yearly collections and volunteer opportunities. You see, our Club is about involvement, including our Social and Art Expression activities, and I see 2025 as only continuing in that direction. I want to thank everyone for their eagerness in participating in countless charitable organizations and drives, for working in front and behind the scenes with fundraisers and to those organizing and coordinating **"ALL"** member opportunities.



So, let's have, "A toast to 2025, for continued "firsts". To remarkable women who empower and uplift each other, to the strength of community found in the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee - may our voices continue to ring loud and our impact be felt far and wide! **Cheers!**"

With Love, Christine Nevinski

Please feel free to email or call me for questions, suggestions, ideas or feedback, they are always welcomed.

## Membership



The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee was treated to a beautiful Holiday performance given by the Pewaukee High School Madrigal Choir during their December membership meeting. Under the direction of Director Tasha Igielski the choral group sang seasonal songs to put everyone in the Holiday spirit.

## Ring the Bells for Salvation Army



On November 29<sup>th</sup> 13 members rang the bell for the Salvation Army at the Pick and Save in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. During that time the bucket was emptied 3 times. The Salvation Army meets human needs without discrimination. Last year they served 134 countries around the globe and assisted over 27 million people in the U.S. Pictured above on the left ringing the bell are Pat Gallagher and Sue Atherton (coordinators); others pictured are our GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee volunteers. Not pictured are Jean Grossman, Carolyn Rose Geurin and Fran Holloway also gave their time and energy in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. It may have been freezing cold outside, but hearts were warmed with giving.





## Bubba's Fundraiser



On Monday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-9pm, Bubba's Restaurant held a fundraiser for the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee. Members participated by enjoying a good meal or in greeting customers. Pictured above center are Claire Sedushak and Mary Boersma with an interested customer in learning more about the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee. Mary Dietz (not pictured) and Claire Sedushak coordinated the event. Pictured below are some of the members who were greeters while others who enjoyed a wonderful Bubba's dinner. Bubbas donated \$425 to the Pewaukee Woman's Club from the proceeds of the day!



## Noah's Pizza

The Woman's Club of Pewaukee raised \$215.00 during the December membership meeting to give to the Delgado family. After the tragic death of the owner, whose wife delivered their 8th child after the accident, it was our hope that a gift card to Walmart would brighten their Holiday Season. The Club has appreciated the Delgado's business in Pewaukee and in providing the Woman's Club of Pewaukee with a wonderful luncheon meal during our past Spring Fundraiser.





## Shop with A Cop



On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> members were out wrapping presents, greeting guests and serving lunch to Pewaukee and area police and families. "Shop with Cop" in Pewaukee is a community program where police officers from the area take children shopping for holiday gifts for their families, aiming to build positive relationships between law enforcement and the community, particularly with kids who might be facing financial challenges during the

holiday season; essentially, it's an opportunity for children to shop with a police officer for presents for their loved ones. Pictured are some of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Volunteers. Claire Sedushak and Mary Benz coordinated the event. Notice the GFWC Women's Club aprons and buttons!!

## Twass The Month Before Christmas







On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, our Arts and Culture Committee offered members a chance to experience, "Twas the month before Christmas" at the Sunset Playhouse in Elm grove, Wisconsin. The play took a unique look at Joseph and Mary, the three kings, and the innkeeper during the month leading up to that magical night in Bethlehem. This "smart, funny, and sweet" production put everyone in the holiday spirit. After the play, members could dine and chat at Bar Louie in Brookfield Square.

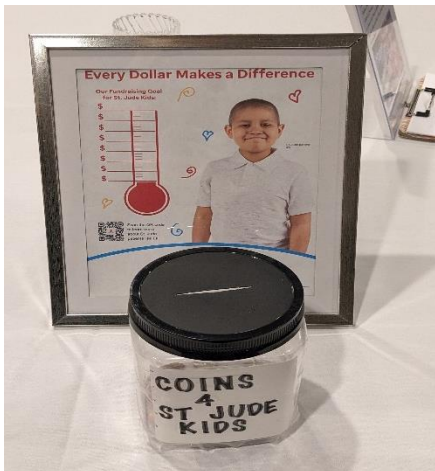
## Artists at Work



The Arts and Culture Committee gave members a chance to use their creative talents. Sue Atherton and Pat Gallagher (pictured on the upper left corner) demonstrated beautiful card making steps while Cam Strom, Eileen Jarosz and Mary Anne Schmalming the co-chairmen (pictured on the lower right) helped members with decorating wooden ornaments.



# GFWC Juniors' Special Program



Advocates for Children was designed to encourage all Woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette and International Affiliate Clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. The 2024 GFWC focus partner was St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

During January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-December 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee donated \$200 to St. Jude's Hospital through a monthly membership meeting coin collection. Thank you to Linda Klimowicz and Judy Risic who maned the collection and to all of our members who generously contributed to St. Jude's Hospital!

## 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 128<sup>th</sup> Convention**-May 1-3, 2025, Janesville, Wisconsin; Janesville Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express, additional information to com

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

Book your room now for the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia! Connected to the College Football Hall of Fame and one block from the World of Coke and Georgia Aquarium - this hotel is in the center of it all. Reserve your room for June 7-9, 2025, and don't miss out on the excitement of this Convention!

See hotel amenities and photos: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/atlanta-centennial-park/property-details>

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## Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Pewaukee Food Pantry has requested our help with donations and with providing volunteer coordination. The need is 2-3 people to assist on Saturdays from 9-11am. Please contact **Judy Risic** at [janrisic@hotmail.com](mailto:janrisic@hotmail.com) or at 262-366-4410 to assist in this worthy cause.

### Donation Opportunities

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. Please contact **Lana Jarosz** for updates.



**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 **Sandy Soria** at [csj21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csj21@sbcglobal.net), **Carole Brinkman** at [carole.brinkman@yahoo.com](mailto:carole.brinkman@yahoo.com), or **Kathleen Novack** at [kthlnnvck@gmail.com](mailto:kthlnnvck@gmail.com).

### January Birthdays

**Cheryl Enters, Mary Ann Gallun, JoAnn Lawler,  
Joan Marino, Sandra Soria, Susan Van Aartsen,  
Dawn Wollenzien, Barbara Wollner**

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