



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee



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

President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

I hope you are keeping safe and warm. Winter is the time for crackling fires, cozy blankets and hot cocoa. The winter month of February is also the time of love. Did you ever wonder about Cupid? Well, watch out around Valentine's Day (February 14th) or you may be struck by Cupid's arrow. According to Time, the ubiquitous cherub can be traced back to 700 B.C. In Ancient Greece, Eros, the Greek god of love, was depicted as a handsome young man and had the power to make people fall madly in love. Over time, he was adopted by the Romans and became known as Cupid, his image changing to the little boy with the bow and arrow. Because of his love-inspiring powers, he became linked to Valentine's Day by the turn of the 19th century.

While reviewing the volunteer activities and hours for 2024, I came to realize that love has been the center of our Club; the love of serving our family, our Community, our Nation and our World. I appreciate how many wonderful things happen in our Club and let me say that you are all incredible and inspire me in my role as club president!

I am happy to say the annual reporting is complete and the forms were sent to GFWC-WI. I want to thank all members who reported on their committee and individual accomplishments. I also want to give a **BIG Thank You** to Nancy Niedziela who helped in this endeavor.

With Love, Christine Nevinski

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



Membership

Our Scholarship Recipient Joins Us

The 2024 Woman's Club's Scholarship recipient, Molly Thombs joined the January Membership meeting for lunch. Molly attends Belmont University in Nashville, studying nursing and is in her Sophomore year. Jean Miller explained the next



application due date is March 15, 2025. She asked members to encourage high school and university students to apply.

Thinking About a Rain Garden?

Just talk to Jayne Jenks, our January GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee speaker. Jayne is the Waukesha Land Resources Division County Conservation Specialist. Jayne knows a lot about Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens including the best location and plants for those gardens. After listening to Jayne, members understood why Rain Gardens are beneficial.



Our Legislation Task Force Makes a Difference in the Community

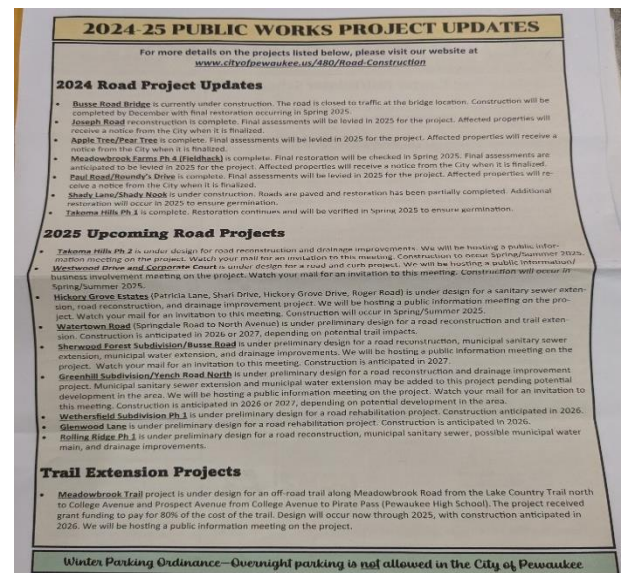
Three of our Legislative committee members attended a Pewaukee Legislative Community Meeting in the Spring of 2024. **Germaine McKenna** spoke on behalf of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee and expressed safety concerns regarding pedestrian pathways.

The Task force was developed in early 2023 where the focus was on pedestrian and bike rider safety after a deadly accident of a 12-year-old Pewaukee resident in 2016. The young girl was hit and killed riding her bike on a road without sidewalks or bike trails in Pewaukee.



The 2024-2025 Public Works Project Update included Trail Extension Projects.

Meadowbrook Trail project is under design for an off-road trail along Meadowbrook Road from the Lake Country Trail north to College Avenue and Prospect Avenue from College Avenue to Pirate Pass (Pewaukee High School), Thank you Legislation Task Force, for your diligence!!



Pewaukee Food Pantry

The Pewaukee Food Pantry reaches out to the Pewaukee Woman's Club for help on Saturday mornings from 9-11am with sorting food, removing outdated items and helping shoppers. Judy Risic (pictured on the lower left side) is organizing this task. Sandy Soria, Judy Litvin, Barb Wollner and Pam McCollow (pictured on the lower right) volunteer to help out. Please contact Judy Risic at 262-366-4410 or jamrisic@hotmail.com if you can help, or for any questions. There is a sign-up sheet available during our membership meetings for any times you are able to lend a hand.



Mark Your Calendars

Save the Dates

"Springtime in Paris"

Ladies, get ready to spend "Springtime in Paris!" Our annual Spring fundraiser will be held on **April 10, 2025 at the Western Lakes Golf Club**. Pull out your little black dress and fancy accessories, and enjoy an afternoon of French fashion, food and fun!

We would appreciate the following donations for this fundraising event:

- Gift cards valued at \$10 or more
- Raffle basket donations for specific themes: gardening, pampering, wine, sports, and international food and wine (French, Italian, Spanish, German, Portuguese, etc.)
- Gift certificates from local businesses or restaurants

We will have a collection box and donation forms at the next membership meeting. Thank you in advance!

Any questions, please call or email **Germaine McKenna**.

(There will be a collection for the Waukesha Woman's Center of small makeup bags, lip balm, body lotion and/or nail polish)

GFWC-WI Winter Bee Hive Chats (Virtual)-February 10-14 and 17-21, 2025,

GFWC Wisconsin Club Women Bee Hive Chats will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. At the end of January, you will receive an email with the link to log into the meeting. Below is a list of the individual meeting topics.



Erin Epping: Topic: "Being an Effective Club or District President"
Summary: Learn the key aspects of leading your club or district as president.
Feb. 12, 2025, 7:00-8:15 pm.

Missy Kimball & Kristina Higbee– Topic: "Wisconsin Director of Junior Clubs update and Advocates for Children: March of Dimes - past, present, future."
Summary: Sharing a personal story from the NICU.
Feb.13, 2025, 7:00-8:15 pm

Suz Hooser – Topic: "Membership Community Forum"
Summary: Live discussion with other club members on "What's Working" in recruitment
Feb.18, 2025, 1:00-2:15 pm

Deb Brossard – Topic: "Leadership"
Summary: Finding Leaders in Your Clubs
Feb.19, 2025 11:00-12:15 am

Heather Sturevant – Topic: "Arts and Culture"
Summary: Learning about small group/club art activities
Feb.19, 2025 11:00-12:15 am

Melisa Schmidt Zettle – Topic: "Environment"
Summary: Bees and Bee Life.
Feb. 19, 2025, 5:00-6:15 pm

Nancy Niedziela – Topic: "Health and Wellness"
Summary: Dental Health and Community Caring
Feb.19, 2025, 5:00-6:15 pm

Shari Berg – Topic: "Education and Libraries"
Summary: Helping in our schools and libraries
Feb.20, 2025 1:00-2:15 pm

Christine Nevinski – Topic: "Remembering Our Veterans"
Summary: New Ideas in Civic Engagement
Feb.20, 2025 1:00-2:15 pm

Note: If you want to ask a question during the presentation, please type it into the Chat area in Teams.

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

GFWC WI 128th Convention-May 1-3, 2025, Janesville, Wisconsin; Janesville Conference Center and Holiday Inn-3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, Wisconsin 1-608-741-1929

Room reservations will need to be made on or before April 1,2025 to receive the cost per night of \$139.00 per Queen or King room plus breakfast.

To make your room reservation for the **GFWC -WI State Convention call 1-608-756-3100** asking for reservations. If you are in need of a handicap room, please inform them at that time. (Mary Kaye Ernest, GFWC-WI Convention Chairman)

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>

[Book Your Room](#)

Community Service Programs and Special Committees Activities



Luck of the Irish Bunco

Everyone is welcome, easy to learn on the same day!

When: Monday, March 17th

Where: Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn

Time: 12noon-1pm-Pot Luck Lunch, 1pm-3pm-Bunco (wearing green is optional)

A sign-up sheet will be available at the February and March Membership Meeting

For further questions, contact Mary Dietz at 262-696-4948 or marydietz05@yahoo.com

Our Arts and Culture Committee is providing an Opportunity to Show Off your Baking Talents

Woman's Club of Pewaukee 2025 Great Bake-off Contest



Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 pm

At the Fox River Congregational Church
at N34 W23575 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee

Categories for Judging:

- 1) Pies
 - 2) Cakes (includes cupcakes & cheesecake)
 - 3) Cookies
 - 4) Brownies & Bars
 - 5) Other
- Find your favorite recipe(s) and bake from scratch!
 - Bring your entries at 2pm for anonymous judging.
 - Bring a copy of the recipe & your appetite to share the treats! Coffee and water will be provided.

(Contact Eileen Jarosz, Mary Ann Schmaling or Cam Strom for details)

Volunteer Opportunities



Pewaukee Park and Rec Winter Warm Up Event

Emcee-Wednesday, February 26th at Sienna Moon 213 W Wisconsin Ave beginning at 5:30pm for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour shifts. Contact Linda Kowalewski at 414-379-1641 or asaplk@aol.com for details.

American Red Cross Drive

February, 27th at Christ Lutheran Church (W240N3103 Pewaukee Rd, Pewaukee) from 1-6 PM. Volunteers will be needed to staff the event and to donate blood. Currently there is a huge need for blood donors. Contact **Mary Dietz** for additional information



Donation Opportunities

Chosen Foster Care

During our **March Membership Meeting** "Fostering Forever Families" Chosen Foster Care in Waukesha we will be collecting for Family Closet teens. The items they are requesting are **lotion, deodorant, hair ties, brushes and combs.**



Toys for Tots and New Books

During the **GFWC WI 128th Convention**-May 1-3, 2025, Janesville, Wisconsin; the **GFWC WI Juniors** will be collecting **new toys** for "Toys for Tots" and new books. During our **April** membership meeting we will be collecting for this "Christmas in May" event. Toys will be delivered to the



convention.

Pewaukee Food Pantry

During our Membership Meetings we collect for the **Pewaukee Food Pantry**. The pantry is in need of regular coffee, facial tissue, aluminum foil, Ziploc small sandwich bags and cookies. However, any donation is appreciated. For any questions contact Judy Risic.



Bubba's

In May, Bubbas will be donating a percentage of their sales to the Pewaukee Woman's Club again. Bubbas is located at 1278 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee Wisconsin. Come and enjoy a good meal while donating to the community! Look for the date!!!!



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

GFWC-Wisconsin Juniors Page Turning Book Challenge

Rules:

The Reading Challenge will run from February 15th – April 18, 2025.
Note: Saturday – Friday is the reading period.



Report the number of minutes you read and/or number of minutes listened to during the week by the following Tuesday – to Michelle Munoz (Jr. Fundraising Chair) via email (chellemunoz@hotmail.com), or text/ phone call at 847-910-8698

Minutes will be averaged over the 9-week period, with your lowest week thrown out. This is open to anybody!!! Friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Just make sure the club is marked on the entry form.

Cost = \$10 You can be a Reader or a Listener

Once we know the number of Readers, we will figure the exact prize money distribution before starting. The winning club/district will pick an organization with a literacy program in their area and receive part of the money raised.

*District must have 2+ clubs participating

*Clubs must have 2+ members participating

The money raised will be divided between prizes, new books for Toys for Tots, and Heifer International for the Bee Initiative.

Perk: Books read can be counted towards ESO and Director Kimball's Bee a Reader Book Club. Winners will be announced at the GFWC-WI State Convention in May 2025. Happy Reading!!

Return by February 15, 2025

Mail to: GFWC-WI Jr. Fundraising Chair ~ Michelle Munoz ~ 39129 N. Aberdeen Lane ~ Beach Park, IL 60083 – Check payable to: GFWC-WI Juniors

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Club: _____ Phone Number: _____

February Birthdays

Laura Christenson-Nix, Ruth Harken, Mary Hertel,
Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi, Val Tetzlaff, and Helen Valentinelli



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